

Attend Your Farmers' Institute.

Institute time is at hand. Farmers of North Carolina, if you are not perfect in your farming these institutes spell opportunity for you in big letters. Opportunity has taken a long journey in order to come near you and stand by your door for a whole day. Go out and see and hear; ask questions and learn. Your children go to school; in these Institutes the school comes to you. The distilled essence of the best farming knowledge that the colleges and experiment stations and the best practical farmers have discovered is brought to your very doors by the lecturers who come to speak at your institutes.

If you are not perfect in your farming, go hear them; if you think you have graduated in farming, go to your Institute and take a post-graduate course. Young farmer, old farmer, big farmer, and small farmer, attend your Institute.

There is no more hopeful sign of the State's genuine progress in the business of farming than the increased attendance at the Institutes. Five years ago the average attendance was 50; last year it was 150. Farmers, readers of *The Progressive Farmer*, make the average attendance 300 or 500 this year! Go and carry your neighbor who has not been in the habit of going. It would mean millions for the State in improved farms and farming. Yes, crowd the Institutes. Show to the world that you intend to do your part in learning how to make farming profitable and in raising the standard of Southern farm life until it is the best in the world. In this issue you will read about a model farm for every county. The idea is coming. You have been hearing and thinking about agricultural instruction in your rural high schools. That, too, is coming. But men, mark this: they are coming first to those who want them most, and you will show your interest in agricultural progress and register your desire for these agricultural schools and model farms by the large or small attendance you give to the Institutes. Go in larger numbers than you have ever gone before. There is no other way in which you and your neighbors can make so much money in a single day as by going out and learning better methods to farm by next year.

Farmers' Institutes for the Week.

Keep Up With the Dates and Places and Make Your Plans to Attend—
Don't Forget the Women's Institutes for the Wives and Daughters.

The dates and places for holding Institutes have already been published, but those for the week are given again, black type indicating that there will be Institutes for women as well as for men at those places:

FIRST PARTY.

(In charge of Dr. Tait Butler. There will be a special agricultural train at these places, and Prof. W. F. Massey will be among the speakers.)

Wednesday, 22—Lowell.
Thursday, 23—Pineville.
Friday, 24—Newell.
Saturday, 25—Thomasville.
Monday, 27—Jamestown.
Tuesday, 28—Pelham.
Wednesday, 29—Reidsville.
Thursday, 30—Brown Summit.
Friday, 31—Kernersville.

SECOND PARTY.

Wednesday, 22—Oxford.
Thursday, 23—Roxboro.
Friday, 24—Leasburg.
Saturday, 25—Yanceyville.
Monday, 27—New Bethel Academy, Rockingham County.
Tuesday, 28—Stoneville.
Wednesday, 29—Sandy Ridge.
Thursday, 30—Locust Hill Farm, near Walnut Cove.
Friday, 31—Mount Airy.

THIRD PARTY.

Thursday, 23—Snow Hill.
Friday, 24—Wilson.
Saturday, 25—Nashville.
Monday, 27—Woodland.
Tuesday, 28—Scotland Neck.
Wednesday, 29—State Test Farm, Edgecombe County.
Thursday, 30—Pinkney.
Friday, 31—Casey's Chapel, Wayne County.

FOURTH PARTY.

Wednesday, 22—Chadbourn.
Thursday, 23—Clarkton.
Friday, 24—Bethel.
Saturday, 25—Polkton.
Monday, 27—Carthage.
Tuesday, 28—Raeford.

Wednesday, 29—Ellerbe Springs, Richmond County.

Thursday, 30—Waxhaw.
Friday, 31—Dixie.

FIFTH PARTY.

Thursday, 23—Supply.
Saturday, 25—Whiteville.
Monday, 27—White Oak.
Wednesday, 29—Rowland.
Thursday, 30—Rockingham.
Friday, 31—Unionville.

Subjects for Discussion.

Here are some of them. But they are your Institutes and you can have such subjects discussed as you are most interested in. Think and talk over in advance the subjects you want to hear and the questions you want to ask.

A number of subjects are given in the Home Circle this week. Others are—

Care and Feeding of Work Stock; Harvesting the Corn Crop—Dr. Tait Butler, with the First Party.

Preparation of the Land; Commercial Fertilizers; Legumes; Farm Machinery—T. B. Parker, with the Third Party.

Insect Pests and Measures for Their Control; How to Improve the Farm Home—Franklin Sherman, Jr., with the Second Party.

Increasing Crop Production; Winter Farm Crops; Winter Gardening; Hog Crops; Hog and Forage; Preventing Surface Washing; Corn Breeding; Cotton Breeding; Fertilizers—Prof. C. L. Newman, Second Party.

Plant Diseases and Spraying; Agricultural Education, at night with lantern views—Dr. F. L. Stevens, with the Fourth Party.

The Losses to Gardeners and Farmers From Poor Seed; The Education Needed To-day; The Use and Misuse of Legume Crops; Planting, Pruning and Cultivation of Fruit Trees; How the Plants That Make Our Crops Grow and Feed; Two

Southern Farms, and the Reasons for Their Differences—Prof. W. F. Massey, with the First Party to July 3rd, then with the Fifth Party.

We failed to get the subjects of Dr. C. B. Williams, who will be with the Fifth Party until August 1st.

Oregon Vetch—What a Louisiana Planter Thinks of It.

Messrs. Editors: I am a merchant-planter and have been postmaster here for twenty-five years; have thousands of acres of land, so have no axe to grind, but write this article for the good it will do.

The boll weevil and low-class labor at a high price got me to raising things at home, and experimenting with things to improve the worn-out cotton farms and for something of merit for a winter pasture. For two years I have planted the Oregon Winter vetch, in my mind the greatest plant ever introduced here. There are about forty kinds of vetch, all imported, but easily grown in this country, as it is a winter pea and perfectly hardy anywhere; but there is one variety that excels all others, and that is the kind known as Oregon Winter, but since it has become so popular, many of the firms selling the old kinds have named theirs Oregon, and I wish to tell the difference. Hairy or sand vetch and several of the old varieties are good, but the pods are short and the yield of green or dry feed is nothing like the Oregon.

I planted the Oregon on land that had been in cultivation for seventy years; some of it covered with the worst kind of Bermuda sod. The vetch planted in the late summer grew fine all fall, winter, and spring, and when the other feed was available in the spring, the stock were taken off the vetch and in plenty time to plant the corn, cotton, or any ordinary crop. The finest and best hay ever fed was mowed, and the yield was simply immense, and enough seed popped out when the hay was curing to re-seed the land, and the following fall it again germinated, and the grandest sight ever seen in this section was in April, when the vetch was several feet deep all over the land, and when cut made more hay to the acre than anything I ever saw.

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