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POWER FARMING SHOWN AT DAVIDSON MEETING

Raleigh, N. C., April 13.—The value of power farming by improved machinery was demonstrated at a meeting held recently on the farm of Woodson McKay three miles out from Lexington on the Winston road. About 225 farmers of Davidson county attended the meeting which was sponsored by County Agent C. A. Sheffield and attended by A. T. Holman, agricultural engineer for the extension service at State College.

According to Mr. Holman, the meeting was held for the purpose of demonstrating the value of stump blasting, terrace building and the use of improved machinery on the farm. In preparation for the terracing demonstration 4,200 feet of terraces were staked out in five terraces and each terrace told a distinct story. One was staked but not plowed; the second had the stakes standing with the first furrow plowed; the third showed the first plowing completed; the fourth was about half finished showing the second plowing started and the fifth and last showed the completed Mangum terrace 20 feet wide with the crown 20 inches higher than the water furrow.

Using these terraces, as a demonstration, the work on each one was carried to full completion showing how a good Mangum terrace is made with power farm machinery and soil erosion thereby controlled. The farmers attending heard some excellent talks on the use of farm machinery from W. T. Hall, manager of the farm. Following this morning session, a barbecue dinner was served by Mr. McKay after which the use of pyrotol in removing stumps was demonstrated. Mr. Holman blew out five stumps of an average diameter of 18 inches with six pounds of pyrotol and at an average cost of seven cents per stump.

County Agent Sheffield stated at the meeting that soil erosion and stump removal are two main problems before the farmers of Davidson county. The county used 50,000 pounds of pyrotol this season in stump removal and more attention now is being given to control of soil erosion by terracing.

START THE GARDEN ADVISES MORROW

Raleigh, N. C., April 14.—April brings good gardening weather and it is important now to keep in mind some of the essentials of successful gardening. Of first importance is the art of careful planning. In this, nothing helps more than to have in mind some general vegetable classifications.

"A classification that is generally useful is based upon climatic requirements and includes two broad groups, namely, cool-season and warm-season crops," says E. B. Morrow, extension horticulturist at State College. "Among the more commonly grown vegetables, lettuce, spinach, radishes, turnips, garden peas, cabbage, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, celery, beets, carrots, parsnips, chard, New Zealand spinach, parsley, onions, and Irish potatoes are classed as cool-season crops. Of these, the last eight will withstand summer heat. The others must have the cool weather of spring or fall for their best growth.

"The principal warm-season garden crops are snap and lima beans, sweet corn, cantaloupes, watermelons, cucumbers, squash, tomatoes, eggplant, peppers and sweet potatoes. These crops require the heat of summer for their best development."

Mr. Morrow states that those who wish to enter the state-wide garden contest should enroll with the county home agent at once. Each county having as many as twenty-five entrants is eligible for one of the State prizes. In addition to the State prizes, many counties are offering attractive prizes to individuals having the best gardens.

FARM WORK ANIMALS DESERVE ATTENTION

Raleigh, N. C., April 14.—The cost of keeping one farm work animal for one year on the farm amounts to \$139.28 according to tests made by the North Carolina Experiment Station. Half the value of the State's cotton crop is needed to maintain the work animals on farms. It is important, therefore, that farmers find how to decrease the cost of maintenance or increase the efficiency of the work animals.

Prof. R. S. Curtis, of the animal husbandry department at State College, states that the supply of work stock is not meeting the needs and the condition is becoming more acute each year. To increase the efficiency of those animals now on the farms, every farm should have a pasture or paddock where the animals may run at nights, on Sundays and during idle seasons. Exercise and recreation are thus afforded. More home grown roughages are needed which will decrease the cost of maintenance. From one-half to two-thirds of the cost of shipped hay is in freight charges.

"Better rations for our work animals are also needed," says Prof. Curtis. "A good suggested grain ration can be made of nine parts of corn and one part of cottonseed meal, or five parts of corn and five parts of oats, or seven parts of corn, two parts of oats and one part of cottonseed meal. These rations fed at the rate of 1 1/2 pounds of the grain to each 100 pounds of live weight will be suitable during the heavy work periods.

"Our animals also need regular attention. The best plan is to feed three times daily and give water and salt regularly. It is detrimental to the animals to allow them to stand in box stalls over heated manure beds day after day. The animals should also be well groomed which will aid in health and vigor. The harness needs to be well fitted, and the feet looked after more regularly."

VALUE OF TRAINING

"Every time you make a boy a trained worker," a prominent banker remarked, "take him out of the unskilled class and put him into the skilled class, you more than double his earning and producing power. For that reason," he said, "the money we put into education is the best investment on earth."

We are spending more money on our penal institutions than we are spending on education. We are faced, too, with the appalling fact that nearly three-fourths of those confined in the penal institutions of our country are under twenty-one years of age, young people who should just be starting out on their life careers; and we must not forget that "the finest prison conceivable is only a monument to neglected youth."

Science Vainly Seeks New Sources of Silk

In spite of the enormous increase in the production of artificial silk, real silkworm silk is just as much sought after as ever, and is even more expensive than formerly. So much so that attempts have been made to find other insects to produce it. Spiders have been tried, and other caterpillars besides that of the silkworm moth, but without much success. The oddest source from which silk has been obtained is a shellfish, a sort of mussel, called the "pinna" and found in the Mediterranean. This creature fastens itself to the rocks with fine and very strong threads, which can be spun into lovely golden yellow silk. But it is not likely that sea silk will ever be a commercial proposition. The thread is very short, the filaments being not more than three inches long. Also, it takes more than three thousand of the fish to produce one pound of silk. Yet a little is produced and worked in Sicilian coast villages.

Work in improving the cotton varieties in North Carolina was begun fifteen years ago and from the great hodge-podge of varieties tested a few have been found to be worth breeding and improving.

NEW CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION ACTIVE

Old Belt Growers Planning to Secure Sign-Up in Caswell.

An organized effort will be made in Caswell for a sign-up of the tobacco growers to become members of the Old Belt Tobacco Growers Co-Operative Association. This decision was reached last Thursday when a number of representative farmers met in the court house with Henry T. Watkins, Blanch, a member of the Old Belt organization committee for Caswell, presiding.

It was indicated that the movement found general favor among the farmers present and it was agreed that a committee of three be named to receive and record contracts. This committee was thus constituted: E. A. Allison, chairman; W. L. Neal, secretary, and W. L. Miles.

The major part of the meeting was taken up in the discussion of the campaign in the Old Belt to secure a sign-up of the farmers. It is understood that it is the intention of the organization committee to wage an active and business-like campaign to inform the farmers of the necessity of the organization and at the same time feel the pulse of the tobacco growers as to whether or not they may desire to sell their tobacco in the co-operative way.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT

BAPTIST CHURCH
YANCEYVILLE FIELD
REV. C. W. HOOD, Pastor

Providence Church
Superintendent of Sunday School—Miss Bertha Wilson. Time—10 a. m., except on third Sundays, 2 p. m.
Preaching—First and fifth Sunday, 11 a. m. Third Sundays, 3 p. m.

Trinity Church
Superintendent of Sunday school—Mr. T. A. Boswell. Time—10 a. m., except on the first Sunday, 2 p. m.
Preaching—First Sunday, 3 p. m.

Baynes Church
Superintendent of Sunday School—Mr. B. F. Goodson. Time—10 a. m. each Sunday.
Preaching—Second Sunday 11 a. m.

Thompsonville Church
Superintendent of Sunday School—Mr. G. H. Faucette. Time—10 a. m., except second Sunday, 2 p. m.
Preaching—Second Sunday, 3 p. m. and 7 p. m.

Kerr's Chapel
Superintendent of Sunday School—Mr. J. L. Underwood. Time—10 a. m. each Sunday.
Preaching—Third Sunday, 11 a. m.

Yanceyville Church
Superintendent of Sunday School—Mr. E. F. Upchurch. Time—9:45 a. m. each Sunday.

Preaching—Fourth Sunday, 11 a. m. and third and fourth Sundays, 7 p. m.

The pastor would be glad to be of service to any and all within his reach. If he can be of service to you, don't hesitate to call on him. Let him know if any are sick or shut in, so he may visit, read the Bible and pray with them.

Yanceyville Charge—M. E. Church, South
Rev. W. C. Merritt, Pastor

Sunday school at all of the churches at the usual Sunday school hour. Preaching by the pastor, according to the following schedule:
First Sunday, Yanceyville, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Prospect, 4:00 P. M.
Second Sunday, Locust Hill, 11 A. M. Bethel, 4:00 P. M.
Third Sunday, Bethel, 11 A. M. Shady Grove, 4:00 P. M.
Fourth Sunday, Prospect, 11 A. M. Shady Grove, 4:00 P. M.
Fifth Sunday, Shady Grove, 11 A. M. Yanceyville, 7:30 P. M.

Presbyterian
(The Yanceyville Group)
Rev. W. W. McMorries, Pastor
Griers—1st Sunday, 11 A. M. Yanceyville—2nd Sunday, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
Bethesda—2nd Sunday, 3 P. M. Bethesda—4th Sunday, 11 A. M. Pleasant Grove—3rd Sunday, 11 A. M. and 3 P. M.

The Milton Group
Rev. N. R. Claytor, Pastor
Milton—Sunday school every Sunday morning, 10 o'clock. Preaching 2nd Sunday, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Preaching 4th Sunday, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Christian Endeavor Society 2nd and 4th Sunday afternoon, 3 P. M.

Red House—Sunday school every Sunday morning, 10 o'clock. Gilead—Preaching 3rd Sunday, 11 o'clock A. M.
Preaching 1st Sunday, 11 A. M. Community—Sunday school every Sunday afternoon, 2:45 P. M. Preaching 2nd Sunday, 3:30 P. M.

Lebanon Christian
Rev. C. E. Newman, Pastor
Preaching 3rd Sunday, 11 A. M. Sunday school every Sunday morning, 10 o'clock.

THE M. E., SOUTH
Milton Circuit
Rev. W. C. Jones, Pastor
Connally—1st Sunday, 11 A. M. Semora—1st Sunday, 7:30 P. M. Semora—2nd Sunday, 11 A. M. New Hope—2nd Sunday, 3 P. M.
Purley—2nd Sunday, 7:30 P. M. Milton—3rd Sunday, 11 A. M. Milton—3rd Sunday, 7:30 P. M. New Hope—4th Sunday, 11 A. M. Purley—4th Sunday, 3 P. M. Purley—5th Sunday, 11 A. M.

Gilead Church—Third Sunday morning, 11:00 A. M. Rev. N. R. Claytor, pastor.

Christ Episcopal Church
Milton, N. C.
Rev. W. I. Lillycrop, Rector
Worship and sermon every first Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

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