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Many School Improvements Being Made

MANY improvements have been made about the grounds and in the buildings of the Franklin schools during the past few weeks and many more are in contemplation.

A state sanitary inspector, who went over the school buildings a few days ago, gave his unqualified approval to the rooms and toilet facilities, which is something the school authorities have reason to be proud of, considering the condition of the buildings and the criticism which has heretofore been made by various people who have visited the schools.

The fence around the athletic field has been put in good condition, with the posts straightened up and the gaps all filled in with new material. This work was made possible by contributions of cash and lumber from public-spirited citizens and labor furnished by the NYA and the school boys. Permanent goal posts of heavy pipe, imbedded in concrete, are to be placed within a few days and more work done on the field.

A plan is under way to fill the deep ditch on the left side of the field and dig another through the center which will carry 24-inch galvanized pipe filled around with loose stone, the whole to be covered over and graded. This sewer would drain the section now served by the open ditch, and the loose stone would allow drainage of the athletic field. It is also planned to cut down and terrace the hillside on the left to provide seats, and to move the home plate of the baseball diamond near the upper left corner, giving more room in the outfield and providing an arrangement which will do away with interference between the football and baseball fields.

This project will not require as much money as it might seem at the first glance, and it is hoped that a small WPA allotment may be secured to cover the cash outlay, and that the work can be done by WPA labor.

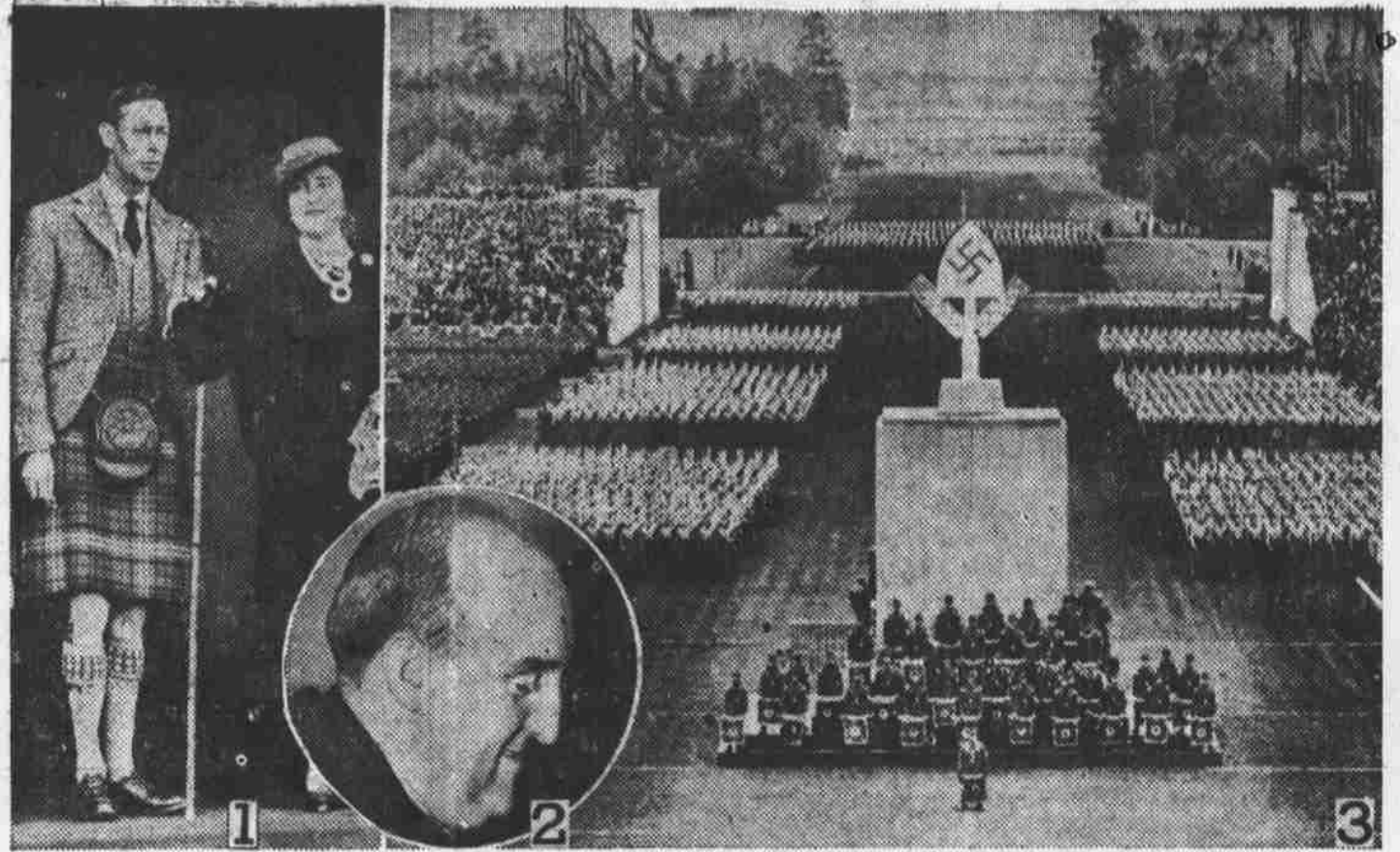
Local business men have contributed new outfits for the football team and money to install the goal posts, and the boys are working hard with Coach Shuford to build a team that will be a credit to the school and the town.

Another project which Principal J. R. Wells has in mind, and which will probably be accomplished, is the building of a number of artistic log shelters at convenient places along various roads where the children will be protected from the weather while waiting for school buses each morning. This seems a splendid idea, as these shelters would be ornamental as well as useful, and the material would practically all be contributed.

The schools over the entire county seem to have started the new year with greater enthusiasm than ever before, and are pushing for new records both in scholarship and athletics. They should have the hearty support of all citizens in their efforts to make Macon county's school system one of the best in the state.

The Munich agreement leaves only two powers of the first class in Europe—Germany and Russia—for England and France stepped down when they bowed to the will of Hitler. The Austrian sign painter is now the overlord of all the powers outside of Russia, and has an open road for his continued March to the East. But greater men than Hitler have been hugged to death by the Russian Bear.

People and Events in World's News



1—Their Majesties, King George and Queen Elizabeth, are shown as they attended the Braemar Highland gathering at Aberdeenshire, Scotland, recently. 2—James H. Fay, winner of the Democratic nomination in New York's Sixteenth congressional district over Rep. John J. O'Connor, last remaining member on President Roosevelt's "purge" list. 3—Bare-headed and bare-chested young men of the Labor Service corps march into Zeppelin meadow carrying their spades on their shoulders for the mass demonstration during the Nazi congress at Nuremberg.

North Carolina Leads In Oat Production

North Carolina produces nearly 5,000,000 bushels of oats each year, more than any other middle Atlantic state. Comparable figures for the 1937 crop compiled by the United States department of agriculture are as follows:

Acres in Oats	Bushels Produced
North Carolina.....	230,000 4,830,000
Virginia	80,000 1,680,000
W. Virginia	76,000 1,520,000
Maryland	38,000 1,083,000

Although the average yield for the state was only 21 bushels per acre, this yield could have been increased materially if treated seed had been planted and if the entire acreage had been sown with the improved variety known as Lee Cold Proof, which has yielded as high as 84 bushels per acre at the N. C. Piedmont Experiment station, and over a period of years has yielded about 27 per cent more than such popular varieties as Fulghum and Virginia Winter Turf.

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture Circular 110 reports the results of oat variety tests conducted at the Piedmont Branch Experiment Station Farm, Statesville, during the period 1925 to 1938 as follows:

"Lee led in yield consistently throughout the entire period. This oat combines nicely the winter hardiness of Winter-Turf and the good kernel qualities of Aurora. Due to its winter-hardiness and high yielding ability it is well suited for fall seeding. The principal objectives in breeding fall sown oats are winter hardiness, smut and rust resistance.

"Due to its winter hardiness Lee has made such a fine record at this station. Winter-hardiness tests are conducted annually in cooperation with the U. S. department of agriculture, planting 100 kernels of each variety and counting the number of seedlings which survive the winter. Lee has shown more hardiness than any other variety commonly grown in the state. It is not smut or rust resistant and the seed should be treated for smut."

Short-Feeding Seen As Harmful Practice

Animals are like machines—they must be supplied with a maximum amount of raw materials if they are to produce the greatest returns at the lowest cost.

E. W. Gaither, extension subject matter analyst at State college, said that even among the most experienced livestock men, the most common source of failure to make profits arises from short feeding. In making an analysis of records kept with dairymen and beef cattle feeders, it has been found that skimpy rations are more often the cause for diminished profits than poor quality or any other single factor.

The soil conservation program caused many farmers to divert some of their cash crop land to feed crops. Thus when feed began to accumulate, these farmers decided to add more livestock to their farms. However, many over-

estimated the number of animals which the feed would accommodate.

So, Gaither pointed out, instead of every animal receiving full rations, each had to be short fed so that the stored supply could be stretched as far as possible. In the case of dairy cows, milk production dropped, beef cattle failed to make proper gains, and hogs were unable to add pounds as rapidly as they should have.

"Many farmers have bought purebred animals, figuring that they would make substantial profits even if given the same fare that the scrubs received," Gaither said. "However, these producers apparently hadn't learned that the only difference between scrubs and well-bred animals is that the latter have more capacity to consume feed and give a larger return on the amount of feed consumed than scrubs."

Information on balanced livestock rations may be secured from county agents or directly from State college, Gaither pointed out.

October Busy Month For Home Gardeners

October finds the careful gardener with a multitude of tasks on his hands, according to Glenn O. Randall, of the State college department of horticulture.

Since this month is the time to plant hardy or spring flowering bulbs such as tulips, narcissi, and Dutch hyacinths, special attention should be given to the preparation of the soil. Most bulbs require that the soil be pulverized to a depth of eight to 10 inches.

Hardy bulbs respond favorably to commercial fertilizers, the formula most commonly used being 3-8-10. Such fertilizer should be applied at the rate of two to three pounds per 100 square feet of soil. Stable manure should not be used as a fertilizer unless it is thoroughly decayed and carefully mixed with the soil.

Randall also pointed out October is the time of year when many lawns show areas where the grass has made poor growth. A top dressing of thoroughly rotted stable manure and good top soil about two inches deep should stimulate more vigorous growth.

In the flower garden, annual seed such as sweet peas, poppies, pansies, and snapdragons may be planted now for spring blooming. The seed should be covered lightly with a mixture of screened rotted manure and garden loam soil.

All shrubs, especially lilacs and japonica, should be examined for scale insects. Those plants which naturally drop their leaves after frost and which show scale should be sprayed as soon as the leaves have fallen with an oil spray recommended for this purpose.

Evergreen shrubs can also be sprayed to advantage at this time. If they show serious infestation, it may be advisable to use dormant strength spray.

North Carolina's cultivated hay crop occupies about 15 per cent of the state's cultivated acreage and is one of the state's major crops, reports the state department of agriculture's statistics division.

Buck Creek

By RUTH WOOD

Rev. J. O. Nix, of Satolah, Ga., filled his regular appointment last Saturday and Sunday. His topic for Sunday was "Thou Shalt Have No Other Gods Before Me." A large congregation was in attendance.

Bulin and Lyle Tilson, of Walnut Creek, were in this community Sunday attending church and visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wardlaw and children, of Pendleton, S. C., were visiting Mrs. Wardlaw's mother, Mrs. Clara Stiwinters, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Tilson, of Maryville, Tenn., spent the week-end visiting Mr. Tilson's mother, Mrs. Incabo Tilson.

Canary Franks, who has been ill, is much improved and is able to attend Sunday school again.

Miss Edna Bolick, of Walnut Creek, has been visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Amanda Bolick.

Erastus Wood, of the Otto CCC camp, visited friends and relatives here Sunday.

Miss Onnie Rogers visited her grandmother, Mrs. Christy Rogers, Sunday.

Rev. Oscar Nix was a guest at Edcar Cabe's Saturday night.

Miss Lois Henderson spent the week-end with her parents, MA and Mrs. Charles Henderson, at Gneiss.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moss, of Franklin, spent Sunday with Mrs. Moss' mother, Mrs. Tom Wood.



What Visitors Learn

People generally should have a wider knowledge concerning funeral matters, because modern mortuaries are as necessary to the public welfare as tax-supported civic institutions.

VISITS TO OUR ESTABLISHMENT have aided many to better appreciate the services rendered by our organization. A better understanding of the exacting duties of our staff and of the expense involved, has not only convinced them of the high standards of our service but of the fairness of our charges.

THEY HAVE LEARNED that each family we serve controls the funeral's cost by deciding how much it can afford to spend. They have become convinced that we are not high priced and that it costs no more to call us.

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