

GOING STRONG

Johnston county farmers carried out more soil building practices in 1938 than ever before, and interest in the conservation program is still growing, reports Farm Agent M. A. Morgan.

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**SCOUTS HOLD
HONOR COURT**

Meeting Held On Monday
Evening; Attendance
Was Large

The monthly Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America for the Smoky Mountain district was held in the agricultural building in Franklin on Monday evening. There was a large attendance of scouts present from Sylva, Bryson City, Cherokee Indian Reservation and Cullowhee besides the local boys.

The meeting opened with an invocation by the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian church, after which A. W. Allen, scout executive of the Daniel Boone council, conferred the Tenderfoot rank upon Arthur Catway of Franklin, Moses Jumper, Maurice Steve, Phillip Martin, Aubrey Stewart, all of Cherokee; Clarence Brendell, of Cullowhee, and Glynn Elvin Poteat, of Sylva.

The Rank of Second Class Scout was conferred on John Allen Higdon of the Franklin Troop by B. W. Woodruff.

Layton Derty was advanced to the rank of First Class Scout, the promotion being made by the Rev. Frank Bloxham.

Merit badges for proficiency in various subjects were presented by the Rev. J. A. Flanagan to Albert Wilson, Charles Bird and Russell Ross of Cullowhee; John Wasilik, Jr., and Jack Angel of Franklin; William Harris and G. B. Hutchinson, of Cherokee.

The rank of Star Scout was conferred by the Rev. C. T. Heffner of Cullowhee upon Scout Ross Russell, of Cherokee.

In a very impressive ceremony the Scout Executive, Mr. Allen, conferred the highest rank in scouting, that of Eagle Scout, upon Herman Bailey, of the Sylva troop.

More interest is needed on the part of the local people in the boys and their work in scouting if much is to be accomplished in the way of turning out better citizens. The local Troop right now is in need of many things to carry on the work. If you are interested see the Scoutmaster, Mr. Jim Hauser. Boys from 12 years of age are always welcome as recruits and there are some vacancies for boys just now.

Basketball

Tournament To Be Held
Here Next Week

Macon county's first all-star basketball tournament will be held next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 13, 14 and 15, at the high school court in Franklin. This tournament will decide the championship of the county.

Invitations have been mailed to the following teams: Aquone, Franklin, Otto, Holly Springs, Highlands all stars, Highlands Christian Endeavor, Otto CCC Camp, Higdonville, Cowee and Franklin River Rats.

On the afternoons of these days an elementary tournament is being sponsored for the purpose of deciding the elementary championship of Macon county. This will be open to boys only this year, due to the short time in which the tournament must be run off.

Phil McCollum will officiate. The public is cordially invited to attend the games. A small admission fee will be charged to help cover expenses.

Gneiss

By MRS. F. E. MASHBURN

On the night of February 25 a box supper was held at the Walnut Creek school house. Owing to the inclement weather a very small crowd was present. There was perfect order. Mrs. H. Stiwinter and Mrs. Cook were the two candidates for the cake. The two ladies received the same number of votes, therefore the cake was divided between them. The cake for the most beautiful girl present was baked by Mrs. Gertrude Strain. It brought \$9.00. The boxes brought \$18.65. The total amount raised was \$27.65. This money is to be used to pay a teacher to conduct a singing school to begin March 20.

On March 20 Aunt Jane Jones will be 86 years old. She has been bedfast for over four years. On Sunday, March 19, she plans to celebrate her birthday by inviting all her friends and relatives to come spend the day with her. Don't forget to bring well-filled lunch baskets for the picnic dinner.

At the Walnut Creek school house on Sunday, March 19, Mr. Tom Tilson is to preach. The Gold mine singing class and their leader, Mr. Lee McClure, are scheduled to sing.

Mrs. Bulon Peek is confined to her bed with rheumatism, we are sorry to report.

Ennis Mashburn, of the Smoke-mont CCC camp, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Mashburn.

Dr. and Mrs. Furman Corbin, of New York City, have been visiting relatives in this section.

On Friday a baby was born dead to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Holland, of the Peek's Creek section. The baby was buried at Sugarfork Sunday at 11 a. m.

Clyde Moses is working at Cashiers Valley.

Arthur and Willie Moses are going to work on the Walhalla road.

On Saturday p. m. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Keener and four children and a friend of New York, left in a car for New York. Mr. Keener is returning to his work there.

Garland Jones spent the week-end with relatives on Ellijay.

Ellijay

By HAZEL AMMONS

There has been a lot of colds and flu in the community for the past month.

James N. Rogers, who has been on the sick list for the past two weeks, is somewhat improved.

We are glad to say that Grady Mashburn, who broke his leg some months ago, is able to walk around on crutches.

Miss Bertha Dunn left for Montana Monday where she expects to stay for a while.

Garland Jones, of Gneiss, was visiting his sister, Mrs. Lester Mincey, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Higdon, of Hiawasse, Ga., were visiting Mrs. Higdon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Haskett, recently.

Jack Berry, of Gneiss, was in the community Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peek and family visited Mrs. Zack Peek, of Gneiss, last week.

Miss Emily Bishop, of Gay, was visiting friends on Ellijay last week-end.

**Leaf Spot Diseases
Attack Strawberries**

Two leaf spot diseases periodically cause serious losses in North Carolina's strawberry crop, but both can be controlled by one of three simple practices, says Dr. Luther Shaw, plant pathologist of the State college extension service.

To explain these control measures, as well as symptoms and other valuable information about the diseases, Dr. Shaw has prepared a publication for general distribution to interested growers. It is Extension Circular No. 236, "Control of Leaf Spot and Scorch of Strawberries," and it is available free upon request to the Agricultural Editor at State College, Raleigh.

One of the diseases is known as common leaf spot, but sometimes is called "rust" or "bird's eye spot." It appears on the leaves in the form of spots with a reddish or purplish tint, but as they increase in size the center of each spot becomes paler, and finally gray or almost white.

Scorch appears on the leaves as minute purplish discolorations on the upper surface. They enlarge rapidly and become brownish. Lesions on fruit and leaf stems are similar in appearance and can be recognized by the presence of elongated, sunken reddish areas or streaks. The most serious manifestation of scorch is that on the calyx or "cap" of the fruit. This

is evident when the strawberry begins to turn brown in irregular areas and eventually dies.

Dr. Shaw lists the three control methods for both of these diseases as: (1) sanitation, (2) transplanting leaf spot and scorch-free plants or dipping the plants, and (3) spraying. He says strawberry plants sprayed with Bordeaux mixture in test plots of infected areas yielded 62 24-quart crates more than unsprayed plants.

40 PERCENT

Statisticians of the U. S. department of agriculture estimates that farmers received only 40 cents of every dollar paid across the counter in 1938 for farm products.

Electric power for every rural community of Balden county is one of the 1939 goals for that county, reports Farm Agent J. R. Powell.

WOMACK'S

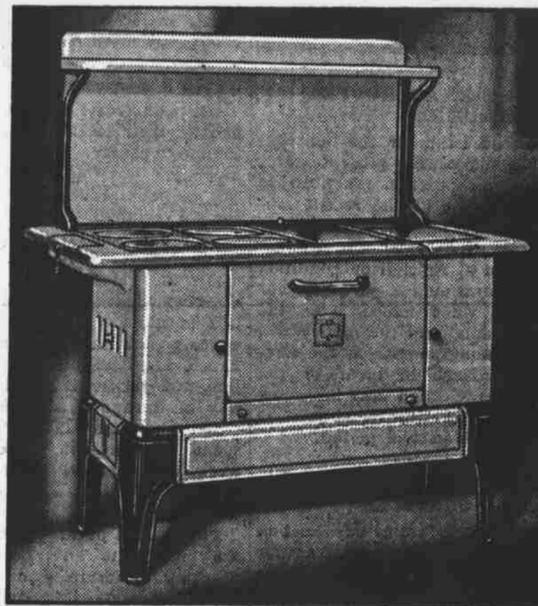
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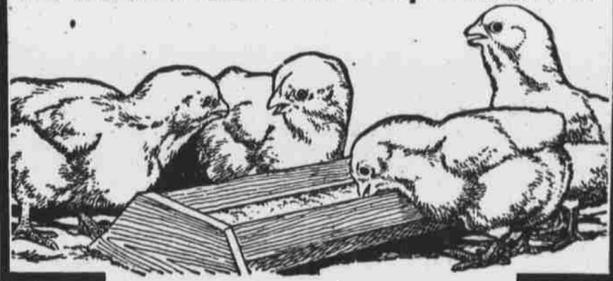
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