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CAMERON NEWS

Stormy March! With wind and cloud and changing skies. Rev. Herman T. Stevens and his singer, Mr. Carter will hold several services at the Cameron Baptist church, beginning Tuesday night, March the 27th.

Messrs. R. C. Thomas, I. F. Thomas, W. G. Parker, and Miss Margaret Thomas motored to Vass, Sunday, to attend services conducted by Rev. O. B. Mitchell.

Miss Bonnie Muse, who teaches at Roberdell, came home for over Sunday, bringing as her guest, Mr. Carlisle Gibson, of Rockingham.

Miss Blanche Coore, who is in training at the Mary Elizabeth Hospital in Raleigh, was a guest last week of her sister, Mrs. J. W. Cameron.

Mrs. W. G. Ferguson and little daughters, Jean and Nancy, spent Friday in Raleigh, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Kerr.

Mr. M. W. Harbour, of Rockford, is on a visit to Dr. and Mrs. Harbour on Breezy Summit.

P. G. York, of Sanford, spent Sunday at the Greenwood Inn.

Rev. R. F. Munns, of Parkton, was a guest last week of his brother, W. B. Munns, Cameron's chief of police.

W. O. Saunders, editor of the Independent, published at Elizabeth City, must be a writer of the "First Cult." His editorial "No Wonder we are Sick," published in the issue of March 2nd, should be broadcasted throughout the State. From this editorial, the State Board of Health might make some new laws as to health, that would be helpful.

Dr. C. D. Dawkins was in Hoffman for over Sunday.

Mrs. M. A. Snipes had the misfortune to fall last week, breaking her ankle.

Mrs. J. H. Fields, of Sanford, visited last week at the home of her brother, Ernest Harrington.

Mr. John Keith spent Monday in Raleigh.

The prize for the Home Improvement contest are on exhibit at the drug store of Crabtree & Co. 1st prize, fernery; 2nd, porch rocker; 3d, Jardiniere with flower pot. Prizes will be given by July 1st.

Miss Ella Underwood, of Sanford, spent the week-end with Miss Lucile Loving.

Miss Alice Johnson was a dinner guest Sunday of Miss Lucile Loving. Mrs. Maggie Omohundro, of Greensboro, was a week-end guest of Mrs. J. R. Loving.

Mrs. W. M. Rogers, Messrs. J. W. Rogers, C. C. Jones, J. R. Loving, and Rev. J. W. Hartsell attended the Regional Conference held at Sanford last week.

Mr. T. F. Johnson on route 1 cut down a large walnut tree at his home recently, from which he realized ten one horse wagon loads of fire wood, 350 feet of lumber, several of the boards 19 inches in width. The tree was possibly 100 years old. The walnuts had become faulty was the cause of its being cut down. Mr. Johnson says a part of the lumber from this ancient tree will be kept to make his burial casket.

Mr. Angus Currie and son, Mr. Ollie, of Jackson Springs, came over last week for a visit to Mr. Ab Vick.

Mrs. J. J. Irvin is at the C. C. Hospital to undergo an operation.

Mrs. Hemphill has an "ad" in this issue that will prove interesting to the fair sex. Call and see what she has to show you.

Saturday evening of St. Patrick's Day, Mrs. W. G. Ferguson very delightfully entertained at a music recital given in honor of her talented

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CO-OPS GRATIFIED BY DOUBLING CASH

Virginia Senate Passes Bill to Safeguard Contracts of Association

The payment of a million and a half dollars last Saturday by the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association to its members in the dark-fired belt of Virginia and in Eastern North Carolina brought satisfaction to thousands of growers in two states.

The dark-fired growers of Virginia at all of the co-operative markets have received more from their first two advances by the association than the price of average years would bring from their season's sales. Numbers of growers in the co-operative association have now averaged around \$20 per hundred on their two payments and reports from several points last Saturday stated that new signers were coming into the association, which is certain to make a third substantial disbursement to its members in the dark belt.

Among high averages reported from deliveries of dark tobacco to the association were the receipts of O. W. Parker & Bro., of New Canton, averaging \$26.25 per hundred in advances to date, C. W. Melton for \$21.75, R. B. Hudgins for \$21.40, and S. F. Fuqua for an average of \$32 per hundred on all deliveries to date.

The Eastern Carolina farmers were much elated over Saturday's cash payment and a number of growers stated that they were out of debt for the first time in years and were now in position to pay cash for their fertilizer. The merchants who have recently advertised their desire to help th marketing association in Eastern Carolina are enjoying a rush business, according to all reports, as the members of the association are said to be spending the money from this last disbursement freely.

Co-operative farmers of Virginia are much pleased by the passage in the Virginia senate of the bill to prevent the sale of tobacco contracted to the co-operative association upon auction warehouse floors, which imposes a fine of from \$100 to \$500 upon warehousemen who knowingly sell such tobacco. Another bill which passed the senate with a large majority requires the sale of tobacco only in the name of the true owner thereof, also a record of all sales, gives permission to representatives of either the co-oprative association or of warehousemen to inspect the records of the other and provides that any violations of the bill shall constitute a misdemeanor. The passage of these bills by the Virginia house of delegates is confidently predicted this week, and is regarded as a very important step by officials of the marketing association in the safeguarding of their contract.

All of the co-operative warehouses will close for the season during the next six weeks and officials of the tobacco association are urging the members to complete deliveries. The last bright markets of the co-operative association in Virginia and North Carolina will close on March 30th, according to the latest announcement of T. C. Watkins, Jr., director of warehouses for the association.

Members of the association in the dark-fired district must complete their deliveries before April 14th, when every co-operative warehouse for the receipt of the dark leaf closes for this year, while members in the sun-cured area of Virginia have until April 30th to complete their deliveries, according to F. D. Williams, manager of the association's dark leaf department.

STATE COLLEGE AGRICULTURAL CLUB ESSAY CONTEST

In order to stimulate interest in scientific Agriculture among the high school boys of North Carolina, the North Carolina State College Agricultural Club offers three medals for the three best essays on "The Value of Agricultural Education for Agricultural Leadership;" to be awarded under the following conditions:

- 1.—The contest shall be called the "State College Agricultural Club Essay Contest.
- 2.—It shall be open to all high school boys in North Carolina.
- 3.—The subject for the contest shall be "The Value of Agricultural Education for Agricultural Leadership."
- 4.—Competing essays must not exceed 1,500 words in length.
- 5.—Essays must be written on one side of paper only, and should be typewritten, although not required. Papers submitted should not bear identification marks, name and address of contestant being written plainly on a separate sheet.
- 6.—All essays must be in the hands of the Committee by May 10, 1923.
- 7.—The first prize shall be a gold medal; second prize a sterling silver medal; third prize a bronze medal.
- 8.—Essay must be submitted to the Chairman of the Essay Committee.
- 9.—Winning essays will be submitted to the leading agricultural papers of the South, as well as the newspapers of the State.
- 10.—Information can be had on the

BANQUET AT LAKEVIEW WELL ATTENDED

On Friday evening, in spite of the rain, the school auditorium at Lakeview was filled by a hungry crowd that attended the Father and Son, Mother and Daughter banquet. The tables were artistically decorated in green and white in honor of St. Patrick. Those who had no sons and daughters of their own borrowed from their more fortunate neighbors. After the banquet was served and the "fish pond" was opened for "fishing," the children crowded around. Soon there was so much noise from squawkers, whistling balloons, etc., that it sounded more like circus day than anything else. When everyone had finally gone home there was not so much as a piece of candy left. In fact it was the most successful thing the Ladies Aid have undertaken. The committee in charge were as follows: Supper—Mrs. Edward Burr, Miss Alice Littlefield, Mrs. Charles Worden, Mrs. Henry Vinton. Candy booth—Mrs. J. R. McQueen. Fish Pond—Miss Angie Newcomb. Ice cream—Mrs. E. Burr. Tickets—Mrs. William McNeill, Misses Maude Newcomb, and Katharine Williams.

subject free of charge by writing to the Chairman of the Essay Committee.

The essay committee will supply Dr. E. C. Brooks, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, with a list of the contestants from each high school. C. D. KILLIAN, Ch'm Raleigh, N. C. Essay Committee.

PINEHURST COMMUNITY CLUB

An old-fashioned spelling bee was a feature at the meeting of the Pinehurst Community Club meeting last week on its first anniversary. Francis Deaton and Mrs. A. J. Fry were captains of the two teams. The words were taken from Remington's old speller, and were given out by J. F. Cason. George Woods held the floor until all others were down, and won the prize. The crowd was large in spite of the rain, and half a hundred more than could be seated were on hand.

As the meeting was the end of the year new officers were elected, the new administration being H. F. Kelly, president; A. J. Fry, vice-president; Bert Wicker, secretary-treasurer, succeeding A. P. Thompson, H. F. Kelly and Floyd Medlin.

Following the spelling match the three musical Frys, A. J., John R. and Daniel Fry put on a fiddling number, the repertoire including those popular ancient favorites, Mississippi Sawyer, Arkansas Traveler, Old Molly Hare, Casey Jones, etc. Daniel Fry received the first prize for his skill with the bow.

After the fiddlers had completed their entertainment a number of boxes offered by the women of the association were sold at auction, the money realized to go to the benefit of the club.

WHY BUILD A SILO?

The reason why silos are growing in popularity in North Carolina is because they furnish a feed for winter use that comes nearest to giving the same results as a good summer pasture. Silage furnishes succulent food when pasture is not available, it makes possible a cheap feed ration and gives the grower a greater value for his corn. These are some of the reasons advanced by E. R. Raney, extension farm engineer for the State College and Department of Agriculture, for building a silo this summer.

Mr. Raney states that the man who is feeding from 10 to 12 cows without using a silo is not feeding as economically as he might. A cow will consume about 30 pounds of silage per day and under North Carolina conditions it is advisable to plan for at least two tons per cow which will carry her about four months. The size of the silo will depend on the number of cows to be fed, says Mr. Raney, and where a grower has less than fifteen head, his silo should be about 10 feet in diameter; from 15 to 25 head, not over 12 feet in diameter and for 25 to 40 head, not over 14 feet in diameter.

The most common types of silos used are concrete, wooden stave, modified Wisconsin, and wooden hoop. Tarheel farmers seem to like the concrete and wooden stave better than all others. The concrete silo can be built for \$3.00 to \$3.50 per ton capacity and will last indefinitely when properly constructed. The stave silo can be built for about \$2.00 per ton capacity and will last from 5 to 15 years.

Mr. Raney will be available for giving help and advice in silo building during the period extending from June 1 to September 15 and those who will need his assistance this summer should write him now so as to be placed on the list. At the same time, he suggests that those farmers planning to build a silo should also plan their corn acreage figuring one ton of silage for each five bushel yield of corn given by the land.

It might help some if every married man could make as much money as his wife thinks he's worth.