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SOW MORE CRIMSON CLOVER

Farmers Fail to Realize Importance of Clover-- Proper Soil Preparation and Inoculation-Should Not Supplant Cowpea.

Many farmers in the South do not seem to realize the importance of this valuable plant in their farming operations. In fact, many of them have never grown it and consequently are not familiar with the methods to be pursued to succeed with it.

Clover makes a slow growth during the winter months in this locality. Little grazing may be expected from it before the latter part of February or the first of March. About that time it starts up vigorously, and, if not grazed, it will be in full bloom about the last part of April, at which time it will be ready to cut. If intended for forage it should not be allowed to become too ripe before cutting. If used to turn under as a soil renovator, it will die down in plenty of time for the planting of corn or other spring planted crops. Probably nothing else will cause the crops following to give as big a yield at so little an expense. If cut over ripe, or after the seeds have formed, the hay has been found dangerous for horses, but if cut just before the full bloom and fed with other foods, there is no special danger in feeding it to horses.

The land intended for clover should have the same good preparation that an intelligent farmer gives land for other crops. The land should be broken to a depth of from 6 to 8 or even 10 inches, at least two or three weeks before planting, and in such a manner that the soil will not be turned bottom side upwards. It is often detrimental to turn the raw clay out on top unless it has been deeply broken two or three years, previously so that it has gone through a weathering process. Two or three good discings or thorough harrowings should be given as soon as the land is broken. This is absolutely necessary in order to secure proper planting and germination. Two or three good rains on lands thus prepared, settle the soil and make an ideal seed-bed. If the land had a good, deep breaking for the previous crop, probably the discings or the harrowings will be sufficient preparation.

Experiments have shown that, as a rule, early plantings have been most successful. The majority of farmers seem to prefer planting from early in August to September 15th. In some localities it has been known to do well when planted as late as the first of November, but late planting should not be depended upon. Of course the soil conditions will largely govern the time of planting. About 15 pounds of seed per acre is required. These may be sown by a seeder or by hand. They should not be put in deeply. Where possible to do so, we urge farmers to plant clover in corn or cotton at laying-by time or after the first picking of cotton. This will serve as a clover crop, and will add fertility and humus to the land and will also furnish some food for animals.

Clover, being a leguminous plant must have inoculation to do well on most soils. Inoculation produces the germs that enable it to get the nitrogen it needs from the air. This nitrogen from the air is not only necessary for the growth of the clover, but it is a rich fertilizing material which is left in the soil where such plants grow. There are three ways of inoculating soil. One way is to continue clover on

until it gets the soil well filled with the necessary germs. This is a tedious and rather slow and expensive way. Another way is to get the inoculation from a culture prepared and sent out by the United States Department of Agriculture. Still another, and by far the cheapest and surest method, is by spreading soil from a well inoculated clover field over the surface of a newly sown clover patch and harrowing it in. If only a poor stand of clover is obtained the first season, or if part of it fails to do well, seed should be sown again the next year on the same soil. By these repeated sowings the clover gets better every year and soon has the desired inoculation. The artificial inoculating material may be obtained free through any agent of the same land for a series of years the Farmers' Co-operative Demonstration Work or by applying directly to Dr. S. A. Knapp, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Full directions accompany each package.

Clover and other legumes do not succeed on lands that for any reason are sour or that are filled with water during a considerable portion of the year. Water excludes the air. Few plants will grow without air in the soil. Acidity may be overcome by applying from 500 to 1,000 pounds of lime per acre, or by the use of floats or ground shells. Acid soils usually have sorrel growing on them. An acid condition may also be determined by testing the soil with blue litmus paper. It is useless to plant clover on wet soil. Either a good form or surface drainage or under drainage should be the practice if clover is to be planted there.

Crimson clover promises to supply a long felt want in filling out a good system of rotation of crops. A rotation is needed on all farms. Until acquainted with methods of growing clover, farmers should plant only a small area, just an acre or two. This will not be expensive, the seed for planting an acre ordinarily costs little over a dollar. Clover should not supplant cowpeas. Both are valuable, one growing in the winter and the other in the summer, thus allowing the farmer two chances for soil improvement crops every year. Southern soils especially, need some such winter clover crop as clover to prevent washing and leaching and to add fertility and life-giving humus. The value of clover in preventing washing was well demonstrated during the heavy protracted rains which recently prevailed over a large part of the State. On rolling land, even where deeply plowed, but without vegetable matter, gullies were washed, carrying off tons of the best part of the soil which it will take years to restore. Humus also keeps the soil mellow and enables it to store and hold sufficient moisture to produce crops during the hot months of summer when they require it in enormous amounts. Farmers who expect to make good under the new conditions of Southern agriculture must try new crops. There are many valuable things about farming which we do not yet know. No progressive farmer will neglect this important crop.—C. R. HUDSON.

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A Negro Shot

Henry Griffin, colored, was shot Wednesday night of last week by Chief of Policeman Robinson of Edenton. Griffin had gone to Edenton on an excursion from Norfolk full of booze. When the officer attempted to arrest him, the negro showed fight and the policeman shot him in the stomach. Griffin died soon after and the body was brought to Williamston for interment.

ROBERSONVILLE NEWS ITEMS

J. C. Smith went to Greenville Friday.

Miss Essie Peel was in town Monday.

Miss Lillie Wynne was in town Monday.

W. R. Jenkins left for Baltimore Monday.

Mrs. J. G. Barnhill is very ill this week.

E. L. Conn, of Raleigh, was in town Friday.

J. W. Ferrell went to Williamston Wednesday.

Joseph B. Coffield, of Everett, was in town Monday.

Mrs. Claud Turner, of Rocky Mount, was in town Monday.

Mrs. A. S. Roberson spent Thursday in the country with her mother.

Miss Mary Bonner, of Aurora, is visiting Miss Lena Parker this week.

Mr. Thornton, of New York City, is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. D. Everett.

Miss Maud Peel, who has been visiting in Rocky Mount, is at home again.

J. E. Roberson is improving the appearance of his store by paving the walk in front.

Jesse Everett returned from Norfolk Friday where he has been in a hospital for several weeks.

W. W. Keel and wife, J. T. Brown and wife, R. T. Martin and Miss Maud Powell attended the meeting at Smithwick Creek Sunday.

The Robersonville ball team went to Bethel Friday and won the game by a score of 7 to 3. The interesting feature of the game was the batting of David Grimes.

On the evening of the twenty-fourth from seven-thirty until twelve, a most delightful porch party was given at the residence of J. C. Robertson. The guests, twenty-five in number, gathered on the porch which was lighted with candles. The beautiful parlor and hall, also brilliantly lighted, were thrown open. At ten-thirty cream was served. The hours were growing late before the crowd departed, and each one left declaring that he had had the the jolliest time of his life.

Prof. B. W. Allen, of Franklin, arrived Thursday, to succeed Prof. John D. Everett as Superintendent of the Robersonville Graded School, which will open Monday, August 30th. Prof. Allen is an enthusiastic teacher of long experience and who throws every energy of body and soul into the training of boys and girls. The entire community is greatly indebted to the trustees of the Graded School here for engaging a man of his ability. He has taught in several places, has always made friends and gained the love of those under his instruction. We hope to see all the old pupils present and many others at the opening of the term.

Chili Sauce

Peel and cut up together three dozen large tomatoes and a dozen onions. Chop into bits half a dozen green peppers and mix with the tomatoes and onions. Stir to gether a teacup of brown sugar, five tablespoonfuls of salt, half a dozen teaspoonfuls, each, of powdered allspice, cloves and cinnamon, two teaspoonfuls of ground ginger, and a saltspoonful of paprika. Put these spices into three quarts of vinegar, add the vegetables, mix thoroughly, and cook steadily for two hours. When cold, bottle and seal.

Hamilton Society

(Reported)

"Grandmother's entertainment" the most enjoyable events in the life of the Hamilton Book Club, was given by Mrs. C. H. Baker at her elegant home on Main street, Tuesday afternoon. Invitations were sent out requesting each member to come attired as a real old time grandmother. Each guest sent two days in advance, a baby picture of herself; as these were received they were arranged on a large easel and printed at the top of the easel, "Portraits of famous women we have known."

Miss Caddie Purvis received the prize for guessing the greatest number of pictures. Mrs. B. L. Long won the prize for being the best representation of a grandmother. While the guessing was being done, tiny bags were passed, each containing ten beans with the warning that any time the words "Yes" and "No" were said during the afternoon, the guests who was guilty would lose a bean to the one catching her. Mrs. Sherrod Salisbury won the prize for getting the most beans. Later all were invited outdoors, where a photographer took a number of pictures of the old "Grannies."

Delicious refreshments were served at the close of the contest. The visitors present were: Mrs. Tom Darden, of New York City, Mrs. Herbert Salisbury, of Atlanta, Ga., Misses Effie Waldo and Ruth Matthews.

Successful Entertainment

The ladies of the town under the supervision of Mesdames Lanier, Martin and Coffield gave a most successful ice cream supper on Thursday night of last week for the benefit of the base ball team. To render the evening more pleasant, a roaring farce, "From Puckin Ridge," was presented by some of the younger talent of the town. Every moment of the play was full of laughter and the "house came down" very often. There were pleasing specialties, the most charming of which was the singing of little Misses Martha S. Hassell, Martha C. Crawford. They were sweet little girls on their way to class singing "School Days" merrily and sweetly.

Refreshments were served till a late hour and the liberality of those present was characteristic of a Williamston crowd. Several delicious cakes were raffled and proceeds netted \$40.00. The manager of the ball team was loud in his praise of the ladies and very grateful for the patronage of the public.

The Laymen's Movement

The fifth Sunday in August is Missionary Rally Day under the auspices of the Laymen's Movement North Carolina Conference. Dr. Zollicoffer, the leader of the movement, is the originator of this plan which looks to a special service to be held in each church in the Conference, on the fifth Sunday in the interest of Missions. This plan is recommended by Mr. Pepper, the Lay Leader of Southern Methodism. And the fifth Sunday in August is expected to be a great day.

The address on this occasion will be delivered in the Methodist Church here next Sunday night at 8 o'clock by Hon. Garland E. Midgett, of Jackson, N. C. All are cordially invited.

The Crime of Idleness

Idleness means trouble for any one. It's the same with a lazy liver. It causes constipation, headache, jaundice, sallow complexion, pimples and blotches, loss of appetite, nausea, but Dr. King's New Life Pills soon banish liver trouble and build up your health. 25c. at All Druggists.

Miss Frances Knight Entertains

(Reported)

The home of Dr. and Mrs. J. B. H. Knight was ablaze with light and the merry sound of laughter on Saturday night, when their little daughter, Frances, received her young friends in honor of her twelfth birthday. The young guests began arriving at 8:30 o'clock, finding the lawn and house tastefully illuminated by Japanese lanterns, and the house decorated with palms, ferns, potted plants and candles. Games and amusements of all sorts were in engaged in until 10:30 o'clock when a delightful luncheon was served. The guest left at twelve o'clock reporting a most thoroughly enjoyed evening. Those present were: Misses Terry Mitchell, of Kinston, Majorie Aiken, of Durham, Josie and Emma Roberson, Louise Edwards, Sallie Hadley, Emma Graham, Elouise and Ollie Meadows, Annie Ward, Maud and Ella Wynn, Carrie Dell Blount, Glenwood Ellington, Fannie Biggs Martin, Louise and Sylvia Upton, Lettie Critcher, Messrs. Aikin, of Durham, Wheeler Martin, Jr., Maurice Watts, Jack Edwards, Sam Hadley, Settle Graham, Tom Smith, Edgar Blount, Titus Critcher, Leroy and Oscar Anderson.

BEAR GRASS ITEMS

W. H. Daniel was in town Wednesday.

Miss Loula Roberson is on the sick list this week.

Miss Ella Rodgerson is suffering with typhoid fever.

Mrs. A. C. Barnhill and children spent Monday in town.

Misses Ella and Carrie Peel were in town Monday shopping.

Mrs. Louise Harris has returned from a visit to Williamston.

Miss Belle Ayers spent Saturday night with Mrs. Calvin Ayers.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Rodgerson spent Tuesday evening in Robersonville.

Mrs. Edmon Harris is spending a few days in the country with her mother, Mrs. Jane Mobley.

W. S. Bailey and mother went to Statons Peel's on an automobile Sunday afternoon and spent the night.

J. H. Riddick, who has been spending some time with his parents here, returned home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Keel, of Robersonville, spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Rodgerson on Rodgerson street.

Quite a number of town people attended the yearly meeting at Smithwick Creek Saturday and Sunday. All report a fine time.

Messrs. H. D. Harrison and Alfred Roberson gave an ice cream supper Friday night at the home of W. R. Roberson. A large crowd was present and all had a good time.

Married in Norfolk

Miss Fannie Belle Timmons left here on Wednesday of last week for Norfolk, presumably to spend a few days with friends. Later it was learned that she had been joined by Mr. W. J. Francis, of Elizabeth City, and upon reaching Norfolk they were married by Dr. Starr. The bride is a sweet attractive woman, who has won much success as a teacher in the public schools of Martin and other counties. Mr. Francis is a lumberman, and enjoys the confidence of his business associates. They will make their home in Elizabeth City, where Mr. Francis is engaged in milling.

MRS. VICTORIA FAGAN MARTIN

Died Suddenly at Tarboro Monday Morning-- A Most Estimable Woman-- Greatly Beloved in Williamston-- Postmistress for Many Years

The interment of the body of Mrs. Victoria Martin, who died suddenly at her residence in Tarboro, early Monday morning, took place here Tuesday afternoon. The funeral party composed of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Watts Martin, Mrs. Martin Carstarphen, Mrs. Martha Williams, Mrs. Ashburn and Rev. Bertram E. Brown, rector of Calvary Church, arrived on the 1:16 train. From the station the casket, followed by a large crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives, was borne to the cemetery. The committal service was said by Rev. Bertram E. Brown assisted by Rev. W. J. Gordon. A number of voices sang "My Faith Looks up to Thee." The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful.

The death of Mrs. Martin removes from earth one of that type of woman to whom the world is indebted for the influence of a noble life. The greater portion of her married life was spent in Williamston, where she reared her family and with her husband, Hon. Joseph J. Martin, held a warm place in the hearts of all who knew her. No truer, sweeter woman ever dwelt here, and the years of absence have not dulled the esteem in which she was held in the town. Hers was a joyous Christian life, as attested by the daily acts and the devoted interest expressed always in the Church and its work. Since the death of her husband some years ago, she has held the position of postmistress at Tarboro, and was ever faithful in the discharge of every duty. For months her health had been declining, so the Death Angel came silently in the early watches of the morning and took her spirit to the God who gave it. Mrs. Martin is survived by the following children: Wheeler Martin and Mrs. J. K. Carstarphen, of Williamston; J. Frank Martin, of Tarboro; Joseph and Watts Martin, of Norfolk.

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Another Dance

A number of young people of the town and several visitors enjoyed another dance last Friday night at the Masonic Hall. Dancing began at 9:30 and ended at 12 o'clock, and those participating found much pleasure during the hours spent together.

The couples dancing were: Miss Nannie Smith with C. B. Hassell, Miss Cora Hunt with Irwin Coffield, Miss Hannah Vic-Fowden with J. A. Mizell, of Robersonville, Miss Rosa Hunt with H. Murt Stubbs, Miss Delha Lanier with John W. Hassell, Miss May Blount, of Washington, with Leslie Fowden, Miss Nora Fowden with Dr. J. S. Rhodes, Miss Louise Fowden with W. H. Gurkin, Miss Reba Shields with W. H. Everett, of Robersonville, Miss Irene Smith with Luke Lamb, Miss Isabel Morton, of Robersonville, with J. W. Watts, Jr.

Woman's Auxiliary

The September meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary will be held at 5 o'clock on Thursday afternoon of next week. Each member is requested to bring her united offering. A full attendance is desired. HATTIE K. THROWER, President.