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Spring Preparation on Southern Farms

In no section of the country does a well prepared seed-bed give better returns than in the Southern States. The best spring preparation of the soil is practically impossible unless it has been properly turned and deeply broken during the previous summer or fall. The necessity for deep plowing in the South is probably not realized by those who are not familiar with the heavy rainfalls in this section, which frequently packs and runs the particles of soil together so as to exclude air and sunshine. The absence of freezing prevents any loosening up of the particles, besides in many places there is an almost impervious hard-pan of subsoil, either natural or brought about from a continuous custom of shallow plowing. In other sections this deepening and loosening of the soil is done partly at least by the forces of nature but can only be accomplished by the plow in the South. Such are the findings of the Department of Agriculture. The best implement for deep breaking of the soil is the disc plow which turns, pulverizes and mixes at the same time. When properly adjusted the disc breaks the land deeply and thoroughly loosens it, mixing this soil and the subsoil to some extent but does not turn to the surface enough of the inert subsoil to injure the succeeding crop. The next best method for deep breaking is moldboard plowing, set to turn furrows on edge and this is followed by a subsoil plow in the same furrow as deeply as desired.

A Splendid Production

Two years ago, "Beverly of Graustark" was presented to a Williamston audience, and like all the dramatizations of George Barr McCutcheon's novels, gave delight to a large audience. For the second time it was presented here on Wednesday night under the management of Messrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr., and Leslie Fowden, who are lessees of the City Opera House, and who with careful attention to every detail, furnished an evening of pleasure to a large house. Many people were here from Robersonville, Everetts and Hamilton.

Those who saw the first presentation here were more delighted with the second. Instead of being a tiresome repetition, it was so charmingly interpreted that encore after encore was given the players. Miss Dorothy DeEcker as "Beverly Calhoun," a Southern girl from Washington City, was perfect in the role which furnished splendid opportunity for a display of talent inherent in her. As the mistaken "Princess," or the patriotic American girl in love with "Baldos," she was delightful, the rapid changes from tears to laughter or vice versa appearing to be the real thing. "Aunt Fannie," the old negro mammy, furnished loads of fun for the audience. The story of the play is the old one of love and honor, which were faithfully portrayed in the characters of Beverly and Baldos. "Gen. Mollaux" and the others sustained their roles easily.

The managers of the Opera House will present "Bought and Paid For" next. This is one of the strongest plays on the American stage.

Slight Acquaintance.

"Are you acquainted with Mrs. H. N. your fashionable neighbor?" "Only in a roundabout way. Her cat boards at my house."—Pittsburgh Post.

PERSONAL

John H. Martin was here from Hamilton Sunday.

N. S. Peel left Thursday morning for St. Petersburg, Fla.

P. H. Davenport and F. L. Gladstone were here Wednesday.

C. B. Clark, of Durham, spent Wednesday evening in town.

James Barnhill, of Everetts, was in town Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Pope and children spent Sunday in town.

A. R. Dunning went to Robersonville Tuesday.

Mrs. S. R. Biggs has been in Washington this week visiting relatives.

W. C. Manning left Tuesday morning for Southport on business.

Mrs. H. D. Cook went to Richmond Monday to attend the funeral of a relative.

Emil Guemphrey, of Philadelphia, is in town this week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa T. Crawford have returned from a visit to Baltimore.

Dr. and Mrs. James S. Rhodes returned from their bridal trip South on last Friday evening.

Mrs. Arthur Anderson and daughter, who have been visiting in Rocky Mount, are at home again.

Rev. Outlaw, pastor of the Christian Church at Robersonville, was a pleasant visitor on Tuesday.

Mrs. M. E. Bethea and children, who have been visiting relatives in South Carolina, returned Tuesday.

Mrs. J. H. Staton left Monday to attend a conference of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of East Carolina, which meets in Wilmington this week.

Miss Jennie Swanner, who has done much professional nursing in the county, has located here and is boarding with Mrs. Sue Ewell on Smithwick Street.

Mrs. W. R. Fowden went to Rocky Mount Wednesday to meet Mrs. C. B. Clark and little son, who arrived there from Durham and will visit here for several weeks.

Need More

The post office has undergone a much needed improvement recently—a large wire waste paper basket has been placed so that people who tear the wrappings off bundles and papers can deposit same within its depths, thus giving the office a cleaner and more-to-be-desired appearance. Some one placed another basket at the corner of the Bank of Martin County, hoping that all the paper which usually is thrown out on that portion of Smithwick Street in front of THE ENTERPRISE office, would be deposited in this basket. But alas, for human hopes, that basket has been removed and the street still looks like the dumping grounds of some city before the fire has been started. Strange that people care so little for the cleanliness of the town in which they live. The street commissioner, if there is one, should have the accumulation of paper and trash taken up, or enforce the law relating to the throwing of paper and trash in the streets. Let the town furnish baskets and see that the paper is thrown in them. Clean up!

Mr. Fagan Resigns

It has been known for several weeks that Mr. Frank F. Fagan had accepted the position of Cashier of the Bank of Rocky Mount and would leave March the first. Wednesday at the annual meeting of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, Mr. Fagan formally tendered his resignation, which was accepted with regret by the Directors of that institution.

This decision of Mr. Fagan is regretted by not only the patrons of the bank, but by a host of friends in Williamston and throughout the county. Mr. Fagan came here on the organization of the bank in 1905, and to his energy and strict application to business, the institution is largely indebted for its success, for he has helped place it among the first banking houses of the East.

Mr. Fagan has not only striven to enlarge the scope of business here, but has always interested himself in whatever stood for the betterment of the town. He is an enthusiastic Mason, one of the charter members of the Lotus Club, a vestryman of the Episcopal Church and for years the Treasurer of the parish, for the welfare of which he has been an earnest worker. The good wishes of the people of Williamston go with him, and the Bank of Rocky Mount is to be congratulated upon his acceptance of its cashiership.

Hamilton Items

Mrs. R. W. Baker, of Williamston, is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Sherrod and daughter with Miss Codie Purvis motored to Tarboro Sunday.

Mrs. E. B. Darden has returned to Norfolk after a visit to her mother, Mrs. C. H. Baker.

P. H. Davenport and C. D. Perkins went to Williamston Monday.

Frank Roberson, of Roanoke Rapids, is here with his grandparents.

Messrs. Harry Waldo, Asa Johnson, J. M. S. Salisbury, Tom Davis, F. L. Haislip and Dr. M. I. Fleming have been in Norfolk this week on business.

E. A. Council, of Morehead City, was in town Sunday.

Dr. M. I. Fleming, S. D. Matthews and Harry Waldo went to Tarboro Sunday.

Mrs. C. H. Baker entertained the Sewing Club Monday.

Miss Winnie Nicholson, of Washington, is the guest of her sisters, Mrs. Dan Taylor.

Oak City Items

Messrs. York and Roebuck left for Greenville Monday, where they have gone into business.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Weeks and children, of Scotland Neck, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Worseley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wiggins, Miss Suggs, Miss Lizzie Weeks and Joe Harper, of Tarboro, spent the week-end here.

E. L. Perkins left for Greenville Monday.

T. W. Davenport and Loomis Chesson have opened a store of general merchandise.

Grover Hardison, of Williamston, was here Tuesday.

Mrs. W. T. Hurst, of Robersonville, and Mrs. Bill Purvis, of Bethel, were the guests of Mrs. Charlie Hurst Tuesday.

I. S. Bowers, of Burgaw, was

Annual Meeting

The stockholders of the Farmers and Merchants Bank held their annual meeting on Wednesday afternoon, 195 of the 250 shares of stock were represented. The bank has just closed the most successful year in its history and all the stockholders are highly pleased at the continued growth of the institution. The same board of directors was re-elected for the ensuing year. After the stockholders meeting adjourned the Directors met and re-elected the following officers: President: John D. Biggs, Vice President: Chas. D. Carstarphen.

The election of Cashier and Assistant Cashier was deferred for two weeks. Cashier Fagan tendered his resignation effective Feb. 28th, 1914, at which time he leaves Williamston to become Cashier of the Bank of Rocky Mount. A committee was appointed to draft Resolutions of Thanks to Mr. Fagan for his efforts in the upbuilding of this institution.

Sneak Thieves

There is a set of sneak thieves here that hang about the post office and open the letters in such boxes that happen to be unlocked. The police have been asked to put a stop to the robbery, but have paid no attention to the request, or have not cared to look into the matter sufficiently. For some time, many of the letters in THE ENTERPRISE box have been opened, and often the papers are taken also. The thief evidently likes to read the news. Perhaps, he is looking for a reward to be offered for a sneak, and wants to be on the alert. He need never fear of being caught here, though he walked out with the contents of the office and the entire clerical force. The only thing to do is to ask the Department for a good detective—he could do the work in one evening. For the benefit of the sneak who searches THE ENTERPRISE box, the Postmaster has been asked to place the mail elsewhere until further arrangements can be made. If this sneak will look carefully, he probably will be able to locate it.

Griffin—Roberson

On Sunday afternoon, at 6:30, the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Roberson in Griffins Township, was the scene of a pretty marriage when their daughter, Gurthie, became the bride of Mr. William Griffin, Justice Edward Griffin performing the ceremony in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. They were attended by Miss Oia Corey with Hoyt Manning; Miss Leda Lilley with Henry Griffin; Miss Laura Griffin with Durward Roberson; Miss Letha Roberson with Donald Griffin. After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Griffin with the attendants and other friends drove to their new home, and held a reception at which delicious cake and wine were served. At a late hour, the guests departed after expressing many good wishes for the newly wedded pair.

the guest of Miss Hannah Long Sunday.

Dan Moore and family from near Fountain spent a few days here with friends.

Messrs. Van Taylor and Grady Smith from Robersonville, were the guests of the Misses Pearl and Jefferson House Sunday.

T. W. Davenport and wife and little daughter motored to Roper Friday and returned Sunday.

LOCAL

New moon on Monday at 12:34 a. m.

Watch for the opening of the moving picture show. It's surely coming.

Services at the Methodist, Baptist and Christian Churches on Sunday morning and night.

God willing I will preach at Holly Springs next Sunday at 3 p. m. The public is invited to attend.—J. L. Cherry.

LOST—One plain gold lady's watch. Finder will please return to B. A. Critcher, and receive \$5.00 reward.

Read carefully the bank statements in this issue. They show the financial condition of the county, and the strong institutions which the county contains.

STRAYED:—A spotted sow marked two spits in the right ear and over square in the left ear. Has been at my house about two months. Owner will please come and get her.—W. M. Perry.

An alarm of fire was given at nine o'clock Saturday morning, and soon a crowd of people with both engines rushed to the home of Mrs. Fannie Biggs, where the roof of the wash house was found to be on fire. Before the crowd arrived, a hose had been turned on the fire and it was held in check.

WANTED AT ONCE.—Three white families for one and two horse croppers to grow tobacco, cotton and peanuts.—Harrison Bros & Company, Williamston, N. C.

BOARDERS WANTED—Anyone wishing table board can secure same at Mrs. Ray's Boarding House on Main St. Reasonable Prices.

SALESMEN WANTED—To look after our interest in Martin and adjacent counties. Salary or Commission. Address The Victor Oil Company Cleveland, O.

Saturday afternoon, a mule belonging to Henry Williams stumbled and fell before the F. & M. Bank, and expired instantly. It is thought that he had just seen the fine mules at the stables of Ward & Co., and was so ashamed of his own condition that he died from mortification.

W. T. Ward & Co., brought the largest and best lot of mules here last week, which experts have ever seen in this section. They are the genuine Kentucky breed and will stand the test anywhere. Better and bigger crops can be raised with these mules than with the average animal. See this lot at the stables on Main Street.

Supt. B. J. Hughes, Travelling Auditor Fishel and Road Master Cobb were in town Tuesday looking over the A. C. L. Railroad. It is rumored that a new passenger station will be erected some time this year. The new yard made by the section force in front of T. C. Cook's residence is a "dream." Unless something better is done, it will become a "nightmare."

There are two things in Williamston which the police never seem to see—these are cows and "tigers." The one is a nuisance, the other a menace to every man, woman and child in this community. Sunday the cows had the town and little children were afraid to go home from Sunday School. Some people will propose to close the schools and let the cows roam at will, as other things do.

Seed Selection

This is the period in the life of the farmer when he must lay carefully the foundations for the raising of another harvest. Deep plowing and winter cover crops, perhaps, have put the soil in excellent condition, and the next step is the selection of seed to bring forth strong healthy plants. No one phase of farm life is more important than a proper selection of seed. Scientific farming has made it a stupendous factor in the production of any crop, and farmers everywhere are paying more attention to their seed beds.

In this county, where such splendid crops of tobacco are raised, the attention of the tobacco farmers is called frequently to the proper selection of the best seed for the plant beds. These beds are now being prepared, and the seed will soon be deposited therein, and it behooves each planter to look carefully after his seed. It is said by those who have made the subject a life-study, that home-grown seed are far preferable to foreign seed.

There are plenty of home-grown seed among the farmers, who have carefully selected the plants on which such seed matured. Those who failed to carefully select for this season's plant beds, should secure seed from some successful raiser, who has the best variety of the weed. This is a vital matter to the tobacco raiser, and unless careful attention is paid to the plants there will not be splendid curings this summer. The seed should be carefully cleaned so that all imperfect ones and all chaff are removed. With this done and the soil of the bed in good condition, there will be no lack of good, strong plants for the fields. Martin County farmers should plant for great crops for 1914.

Died This Morning

As we go to press, the death of Mrs. Samuel H. Ellison is announced. She was stricken early after midnight and death came about four o'clock. The funeral will probably take place tomorrow afternoon. A sketch of her life will appear later.

Martin County Cotton Crop

The final total and the corrected amounts of cotton raised in the State and different counties were made public by the Bureau of the Census on January 9th, 1914. The total for the State for 1914, 840 against 857,189 for 1912. That of the County of Martin was 8,050 against 9,899 for the previous year. Roberson County, as usual, raised more than any county in the State, the number of bales for 1913 being 50,325.

Mr. Arthur Keith Dead

The death of Mr. Arthur Keith occurred on Monday morning at his home on the Hamilton road. He had been suffering with Bright's Disease for some months though had been able to attend to his duties on the farm. But for some days prior to his death, he had been in bed under the care of his physician, Dr. W. E. Warren.

He was the brother of C. W. Keith and had never married, and for years had farmed for a livelihood, living quietly at home and attending to his duties faithfully.

Tuesday afternoon, the funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. T. Standford, pastor of the Methodist Church, and the interment was in Oakdale Cemetery.