

AGRICULTURE WILL BE TAUGHT MORE GENERALLY 1923-4

APPROXIMATELY EIGHTY-FIVE SCHOOLS OFFERING THE COURSE

The Federal Vocational Law, known as the Smith-Hughes Act, and passed in 1917 by Congress makes available financial aid for promotion of Agricultural instruction in the high schools of North Carolina.

The rapid development of Vocational Agriculture in North Carolina since its inauguration under the Smith-Hughes Act has attracted the attention of farmers and school men until now there are approximately 80 high schools in North Carolina offering this course of instruction, beginning with the opening of schools in fall. Martin county will have two schools giving a course in vocational agriculture.

Vocational agriculture is a course of instruction in high schools and special agricultural schools designed to prepare boys and girls for the business of farming, and for a happy and more useful life on the farm, to give farmers and boys who have stopped school training that will make them more efficient in the life work and to make the community a better place in which to live. It is also established with the idea of helping, especially those boys who do not expect to attend college and who expect to remain on the farm.

Unlike other departments in high school there are special requirements to be met in this department. There must be an average attendance of 20 pupils in the agricultural classes. A class room with suitable equipment and laboratory apparatus must be provided. All pupils enrolled in agriculture must be able to carry on practical work on their farms or other farms in the community under the direction of the teacher of agriculture.

One of the greatest values of the instruction offered in vocational agriculture is that the instruction in the class room is practical as possible and based entirely upon the needs of the community in which it is being taught. The boys put into actual practice the things they are taught in the school room. The instruction shall be less than college grade and designed for pupils between the ages of 14 to 21 years. Boys eligible for this instruction will be those in high school between the ages of 14 to 21 years, and preferably those boys actually living on farms.

Duties of a Teacher of Agriculture. The teacher of agriculture is not a farm demonstration agent, but instead his duties and activities are confined to the school and immediate community in which he is teaching. Much of his time must of necessity be spent in the high school and directing their farm projects.

He is expected to carry on at least two types of instruction, first of which is the day school in which regular high school pupils are enrolled. Secondly, part time or short courses in which boys out of school and adult farmers are enrolled.

These short courses are conducted by the teacher of agriculture and are for the purpose of giving special instruction to the farmer about agriculture based upon the needs of a group of farmers. These courses are usually conducted during the winter months.

The agricultural teacher will also be glad to give advice and assistance to individual farmers in the community concerning their farm problems.

A FREIGHT SERVICE THAT GIVES A REAL SERVICE TO WILLIAMSTON FIRMS

Those who have not as yet received freight via the Norfolk, Baltimore and Carolina Line have missed the satisfaction of a real service.

Mr. C. D. Carstarphen, the local agent for the line, has installed a delivery service for the line that is equal to any experienced anywhere. As soon as the boat arrives the freight is unloaded on the Ford truck and delivered as fast as possible. The first you know of your shipment is when it is delivered at your door.

This service is worth much to the busy business man who loses dollars when he loses minutes in getting his shipments delivered and should prove as big a drawing card for the line as the reduced rates obtained by ordering goods to be shipped by water.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all the kind friends who generously contributed funds to enable me to take treatment in a hospital. I am glad to say that I am improving and hope that I too, may soon be able to help others.
John A. Bevels, R. F. D. City.

President Harding Passed Away At San Francisco From Attack of Acute Meningitis

WORK ON STREETS OF TOWN GETTING WELL UNDER WAY

PAVED MAIN STREET IN 60 DAYS SMALL TOWN ATMOSPHERE FADING AWAY

Sure "stuff" real work is being done on the streets of our town now, getting them ready for the laying of concrete which will begin in the next few days. A glance down Main street will reveal to one about thirty men at a glance as toward the other end will reveal about twice thirty, and around the corner, why there are to be seen even twice as many as all the others combined. Mules and wagons are being used in grading, not to even mention the many excavating carts, scoops, pick axes and other similar tools. But to look at Main street now, why it appears to be a hopeless job, yet a foundation has to be laid before the road can be put on; so if any of neighbors should happen to ask us, while they are on a visit to us, all we can tell them is to return later.

The Union Paving company has the contract, which calls for the completion of the job in 60 days. This company completed the project leading to Washington 17 days before the time granted them expired, so far as time and contract are concerned the 60 days given them will be sufficient.

We are gradually losing the small town feeling and taking on that of a real city. If you can neither push nor pull for a better town, do pray don't slide and let someone push you along. Attend the meeting of the Williamson Chamber of Commerce and tell the Secretary what end you can push.

POST OFFICE SELLS MORE THAN QUOTA

POSTMASTER J. T. PRICE GETS NAME ON DEPARTMENT HONOR ROLL

The name of Postmaster J. T. Price will appear on the "Honor Roll" of postmasters of the Fifth Federal Reserve District to be sent to Washington, D. C., as a mark of distinction and merit for excellency in sales of Treasury Savings Certificates during the present year.

The quota of \$15,000, assigned the Williamson, N. C., office for twelve months, was reached and passed by this post office before July 1st, thus securing a place of distinction among similar class offices of this state and district.

This post office reported sales of these savings certificates to the amount of \$20,000 for the first half of the calendar year. When it is recalled that the limit of purchase for any one person during a single calendar year is \$5,000, the record made by the postmaster and associates is highly commendable.

Commenting on the attainment of this post office, the postmaster said "Our cooperation with the program of the government savings system, which has for its purpose the encouragement of thrift and the protection of the savings of the individual of limited means, has been successful. The movement is not at all an effort to compete with banks or other legitimate financial institutions, but solely to encourage savings on the part of a greater number of people and to protect them from unsound investment schemes by offering a government security, in convenient denominations of \$25, \$100, and \$1,000, which guarantees safety of principal, yields a good rate of interest, is not subject to market fluctuations, and is readily convertible into cash at values increasing every month. The fact that the new "baby bonds" have important tax exemption features, are insured, without cost, thus protecting the owner against loss or theft, makes them most attractive to many people. While our post office has already sold its quota for the year, we see no reason why we should not double our receipts before the close of 1923."

NO SESSION OF RECORDER'S COURT LAST TUESDAY

For the first time in its history the Recorder's Court of Martin county was called off an account of there being no cases on docket. This is some-

End Came Last Night at 7:30; Was Recuperating From An Attack of Ptomaine Poisoning

Warren Gamaliel Harding died in a hotel at San Francisco Thursday evening, August 2 at 7:30 Pacific time (10:30 Eastern time).

The President was taken sick a week ago aboard a ship from Vancouver. It was first stated that he had an attack of ptomaine poison caused from eating canned goods. He was taken to a hotel upon his arrival at San Francisco where he almost recovered and while remaining over for a little rest was taken with bronchial pneumonia, and according to the frequent bulletins, issued by attending physicians, was rapidly recovering, and was resting and eating very well.

The end came with no warning and he died instantly. The cause of death being cerebro spinal meningitis. Mrs. Harding was sitting reading to him when she noticed the attack, and before General Sawyer and other physicians could reach him life was extinct.

The President was born November 2, 1865 near Blooming Grove, Morrow county, Ohio. His ancestry was Scotch.

He was educated at Central College, Ohio and was graduated from there in 1884 at the age of 19. In 1891 he married Miss Florence Kling, of Ohio.

In early manhood he was engaged in the printing industry from which he drifted into politics and for some time he represented Ohio in the United States Senate. He held that office when nominated in the Republican convention in Chicago in 1920.

Religiously Mr. Harding was a Baptist, and was always respected as an honorable man.

CALVIN COOLIDGE, PRESIDENT

Calvin Coolidge became President of the United States this morning 2:47 o'clock, at the home of his father in Plymouth, Vermont.

Mr. Coolidge was spending some time at the old home, when the news of President Harding's death was received. As is required by law, Mr. Coolidge proceeded at once to take the oath of office which was administered by his father, a notary public.

Mr. Coolidge was born in Plymouth, Vt. in 1872, but moved to Boston and is now a resident of that city. Mr. Coolidge is not widely known, even in his own country, and as Vice-President nothing has brought him in the forefront to the extent of making him a national figure. He is regarded, however, as a very strong man.

His policies are unknown quantities to the mass of the American people.

ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. J. W. Watts, Jr. entertained at a most attractive bridge party in honor of Miss Mary Gladys Watts and her house guest, Miss Helen Mitchell. Her attractive bungalow was all thrown open to the guests and was decorated with red zinnias and red roses which were used in the dining room. For an hour the guests played bridge and rummy. Misses Watts and Mitchell being high scores in bridge and Miss Estelle Harrison and Margaret Everett in rummy. Misses Watts and Harrison being the lucky ones in drawing receive lovely red straw fans. Novelty earrings in red satin heart cases were given the guests of honor.

A pleasant surprise was then awaiting the guests. Two little girls, Jean and Gwendolyn Watts dressed as cupids entered the room bringing a red pillow with a white heart on it, which they carried to the hostess and she revealed the secret, reading the little love on the heart.

"The little God of Love looks down upon two waiting hearts, He nods and smiles and shoots the white straight into the hearts of two; so in the fall of the autumn time, two happy persons will mate. God speed to them, the Cupid says, for he decrees this fate Miss Mary Gladys Watts, Mr. Robt F. Heydenrich, fall 1923."

After the friends of Miss Watt had showered her with their good wishes dainty refreshments, consisting of fruit ices and heart shape cakes with red icing, were served. Each guest was given a miniature bride standing on a little card on which was written, "Heydenrich-Watts, fall 1923."

what a rarity in Martin county, but there is no reason why there can't be less cases than there usually is. It shows that the people of Martin are not so bad after all.

NEW PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN AT THE N. C. STATE FAIR THIS YEAR

Raleigh, August 1. Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt, president of the North Carolina Agricultural Society, is giving special attention this year to three contests which she has arranged for students in schools and colleges.

She is again offering a gold medal for the best specimen of clay modeling which is submitted by a pupil in a North Carolina graded school and for the best history of any North Carolina county by a high school student. Mrs. Vanderbilt offers a standard American history.

For the best short story submitted by a college student, Mrs. Vanderbilt is offering a copy of one of O. Henry's books.

Entries for the prizes must be made through the office of the general manager of the State Fair. The manuscripts will be judged at the University of North Carolina under the direction of Dr. Chase.

To compete for the prizes the contestant must be in attendance at some North Carolina institution, and the article or specimen must be prepared during the school year that opens this fall.

General manager E. V. Walborn will furnish particulars for entering the contest. Letters should be addressed to him at State College, Raleigh.

Preparations for making the State Fair more representative of North Carolina than ever before are now under way. The premium list is being prepared and will be ready for sending out in the next few days.

Every effort is being made to carry out the aim of the state fair, which is to show North Carolina. It is the purpose of the management to have a more varied line of exhibits than ever before in the sixty-two years that state fairs have been held in Raleigh.

DE ROOY-WATSON

Mr. K. de Rooy and Miss Margaret Watson, of Richmond were married in Norfolk Monday July 30th. The wedding was a surprise, but was, to a certain extent, expected by his close friends to take place early this fall.

Mr. de Rooy is accountant for the Union Paving company here and has made many friends since coming to Williamson in the early part of the year. He is a native of Holland, and speaks several languages fluently. He was official interpreter for General A. P. Crookette in France during the World war and had a large experience in many of the hot test campaigns during that great conflict.

Miss Watson is very popular in Richmond, and like Mr. de Rooy has made splendid progress in the literary and business world. Mrs. de Rooy is now in Richmond for a few days, and will then join Mr. de Rooy in Williamson.

MRS. CASHIE COWING, DEAD

Natural death, about 1000, Mrs. Cashie Cowing of Bear Grass died at her home place after a very short illness. Mrs. Cowing was born and reared in Bear Grass, dying at the same place where she was born at the age of seventy-eight years.

Before her marriage to Mr. John A. Cowing, she was a Miss Mizelle. In early life she converted herself with the Methodist church at Mt. Zion. She was the mother of ten children, but only three survive her. The three surviving her are Messrs. D. C. H. D. and John Cowing, all of them living in or near Bear Grass.

The funeral services were conducted at the home and the interment took place at the old family cemetery with Elder John N. Rogerson officiating on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

HENRY FORD WILL NOT PROBABLY BE CANDIDATE IN 1924

OUTSTANDING FEATURE OF POLITICAL STATEMENTS IS LACK OF SHARP ISSUES

Washington, Aug. 1.—Three pronouncements tend to clarify the national political situation today. Senator Oscar Underwood, of Alabama, expressed his willingness to be a candidate for President, the first in the field on either side by his own word, and defines the Democratic position as it strikes a conservative.

Henry Ford in an interview in Chicago Weekly takes himself out of the race for the Presidency rather more definitely than he did in the Christian Science Monitor interview, which was quoted in these dispatches a few days ago.

And President Harding reviewed the foreign policy of his administration at length in detail answering the charge that his was a do-nothing administration. Mr. Harding shows that he has done a good many things in the field of foreign relations, more than any other President has done except perhaps Woodrow Wilson, who had the world war on his hands.

The outstanding thing in all these statements is that no sharp issues are presented. There is not anything presented that clearly ought to be done that has not been done. Mr. Ford not being such a politician says frankly that President Harding has done very well and in effect that until the situation clears up perhaps it is just as well to leave the government in hands that would not attempt to do more.

Mr. Underwood thinks that the United States has not done everything it could in the field of European relations but he is not definite about what should be done. On prohibition the Alabama senator stands with the President. Though personally a "wet" he holds that the Volstead act must be enforced. Both Mr. Ford and Mr. Underwood are against the tariff.

CHAMBER COMMERCE MEETS MONDAY P. M.

There will be a meeting of the Williamson Chamber of Commerce next Monday, August 6th, at 8 P. M. at Dunning and Moore's office. This is a very important meeting and every member is requested to attend.

1923 TOBACCO SELLS HIGHER, LUMBERTON

OVER 100,000 POUNDS SOLD AT AUCTION ON LUMBERTON MARKET—\$29 AVERAGE

Lumberton, Aug. 1.—Estimate given out by officials of the Lumberton tobacco board of trade tonight show that more than 100,000 pounds of tobacco were sold at auction today at an average of nearly \$29 per hundred, which is double the pounds sold on the opening last year and a much better average. Accurate figures were not obtainable late tonight.

The Banner and Star warehouses were completely filled early this morning and it was necessary to hold two sales in the Banner. Streets leading to the warehouses were congested with wagons and trucks waiting to be unloaded.

The quality of the primings and lugs, which was the majority of the grades offered today is exceptionally good and farmers state that their crops are showing up better than expected. The tonnage is good and if the prices continue to advance with the grade, the farmers will lose that grouchy look in spite of the boll- weevil infestation.

Fairmont, the only market in Robeson county that sells more than 5,000,000 pounds during a season, opened today strong selling 91,218 pounds for \$15,969.41, an average of \$19.63 as compared to 54,848 pounds for \$7,896.63, an average of \$14.40 last year on opening day. The quality of the tobacco sold on this auction market was exceptionally good and in keeping with the prices received.

BOLL WEEVIL MUST BE FOUGHT ON ALL SIDES TO SUCCEED

LONG GIVES VALUABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING WEEVIL CONTROL

After having visited a number of farms in the immediate vicinity of Oak City I have found in several instances indications as to the presence of the boll weevil. It is therefore important that every farmer engaged in the growing of cotton be on the lookout for this pest weevil. Just at this time there are to be found in the cotton bolls fallen squares which upon being carefully examined are found to have been punctured on the side. It must be that the weevil may be recognized the farmer must know a little something about the life and habits of the boll weevil.

The adult weevil is less than 1-4 inch long, brown and has a bill or beak that is long as the body. The female first punctures the square or bolls and lays the eggs, which are situated inside the square or boll. These eggs will hatch to grubs from 10 to 15 days. The grub lives inside the square in which it is hatched, so white with brown head and lies curled. It becomes grown in one to two weeks, and is less than one half inch long. It then changes to the pupa. The pupa is white, stays in same square does not feed and changes into the weevil in 4 to 5 days. The insect then emerges from the square or boll and lays 100 or more eggs and then finally dies. Weevils themselves can live over winter.

Infested squares "flare" and fall to the ground while infested bolls remain on the plant, but do not open properly. From egg to weevil takes two to four weeks, averaging about three weeks. The question has been asked what does the boll weevil feed upon besides cotton. Cotton is the only plant in this part of the country upon which the insect can live, or its offspring mature. After the cotton is dead the weevil seek shelter in the wood, along fence rows, ditches, and other such places, coming out again in the spring.

CONTROL MEASURES

1. Practice diversified farming, which is the growing of several kinds of crops and the rotation of these crops from year to year, and the raising of more live stock on the farm, also consist in having orchards, or truck crops.

2. It is very important to have cotton crop mature as early as possible so as to miss the heaviest crop of weevils.

3. In planting cotton do not plant so near woods or ditch banks that have not been burned over.

4. Raise more poultry on the farm.

5. Poisoning weevil where damage is over 10 per cent of crop and where the yield of cotton will be more than 1 1/2 bale per acre.

The best poison thus far known is Arsenate of lead and when used is called the dusting method. The amount to use will depend upon the size of the cotton, varying from 4 to 7 pounds per acre, and for the entire season 20 to 25 pounds per acre.

The cost of poisoning will be from six to ten dollars per acre, but depends entirely upon local conditions.—Paul Long, Agricultural Teacher, Oak City High School.

HONOR ROLL FOR BEAR GRASS UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL

Honor roll for Bear Grass Union Sunday School for month of July. Bible Class—Enrollment 55. Mrs. C. T. Roebuck, teacher.

Bessie Malone, Leon Malone, Wilmer Malone, Melvin Bailey, James Wynne.

Junior Class—Enrollment 22. Miss Louise Rogers, teacher.

Lillian Coltrane, Ruby Malone, Oscar Peel.

Primary Class—Enrollment 50. Mrs. B. O. Cowen, teacher.

The/ma Lee Bailey, Elmer Taylor Malone, Clifton Malone, Blanch Cowen, Verna Cowen, Rogers Wilson, Urban Terry, Clyde Beacham.

WILMER MALONE, Supt.

LITTLE CHILD DIES

The thirteen months old little girl, Margaret Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Griffin, died on Monday at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Baker, after suffering cholera infantum for almost a week. The child had been ill a greater portion of its life and when this dreadful disease came on her she was unable to overcome it, death calling early Monday morning. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. J. Manning at the home at three o'clock Tuesday. Interment was made in the Baptist cemetery.