

Home and Club News

By Eleanor Pratt Covington

Mrs. W. G. Stancill, from Washington, has been in the county giving demonstrations on preparing and cooking a meal on the steam pressure cooker the past four days in connection with the foods work under the direction of the home agent.

Miss Helen Estabrook, state house furnishing specialist, attended the club meeting at Albemarle last Wednesday. Miss Estabrook made a talk to the club members on "home management." The clubs of the county will study home management next year as their major subject. The minor subjects will be yard improvement, with a free trip to the state short course for the winner; gardening and canning, with a free trip to the short course for the winner. The program of work is looked forward to with interest.

Mrs. Manning entertained the Wenona Club last Thursday and the crowd overflowed into two rooms. The Wenona club voted not to serve at their meetings, and the attendance has not fallen off—it has increased, if anything.

Mrs. W. H. Harrison, president of the federation, has been asked to attend the district meeting of farm and home agents which convenes in Edenton on the 8th of December.

Miss Estabrook looked over a set of questions in the home agent's office last week, which covered the work on house furnishings studied this year. She said, "If the women can answer those questions correctly, they will be entitled to college diplomas in that one particular line." Well, the home agent can say to any one, just come out and see for yourself—the members that have attended regularly can answer them easily.

Several people have been to the home agent's office to inquire if a demonstration club could be organized in their community. The only way one can be organized is to give up one that is already organized. This will not be done unless we happen to discover a "dead" club among our number. A club is considered dead unless the members are active and interested in helping put the work across and maintaining an average attendance of 50 per cent of club members enrolled.

38 Children in Schools Being Furnished Milk

Thirty-eight children in the Plymouth schools are being furnished milk daily, according to an announcement made today by E. H. Hicks, superintendent. These children are selected as undernourished and underweight, and this method is being used to bring them to physical normality. Expense of the milk is being borne by organizations and private subscriptions.

Mrs. Irene Jervis, of Philadelphia, Pa., has been compelled by law to give up her miniature zoo, which consisted of 100 white mice, 15 turtles, 10 dogs, 5 cats, 6 parrots, and 2 monkeys because one of the latter animals had beaten a neighbor's head with the banjo it had stolen.

The world's record for continuous Sunday school attendance—96 years, is claimed by 101-year-old W. B. Bowdler, of Lima, Ohio.

BLACK WALNUTS TO BE GROWN BY CLUB MEMBERS

More than 400 club members of North Carolina will plant black walnut seedlings this fall, in addition to a large number of adults, who have requested the trees so far this fall.

"Our 4-H club members are stepping to the front as planters of black walnut trees this fall," says R. W. Graeber, extension forester at State College. "So far we have orders from 400 club members who will plant 25 trees each and applications from several hundred more are expected before the season closes. The trees have been grown by the State Forest nursery near Clayton, in Johnston County and are being distributed by the county home and farm agents. Herford County has the distinction of organizing the first black walnut club among the girls, and Davidson is leading with orders from boys. County Agent P. M. Hendricks, of Davidson, has already placed orders for 2,750 trees to be planted by 110 club boys."

Mr. Graeber says that County Agent D. H. Sutton is also continuing the black walnut planting begun in Caldwell County last year by Mr. Hendricks. The Lenoir Chamber of Commerce is financing the boys. Catawba and McDowell Counties are also taking much interest in the new project. To date 19 counties have sent in orders to Mr. Graeber for their club members.

One adult who owns a farm in Chatham County has purchased 2,000 trees and began his planting on November 16.

The club members are keeping careful records on their trees for five years and will report the results of their work to the extension service for credit on their club projects.

CONSIDER THE SOIL FERTILITY

Now that North Carolina is closely approaching the production of needed food and feed crops, little expansion in this direction may be made by farmers looking for substitute crops for cotton and tobacco. The next step therefore is to fill the land with humus and organic matter so that it might be put into a high state of fertility looking to better days in farming.

"We do not think that cotton growers may turn successfully to the production of tobacco next season," says I. O. Schaub, director of the agricultural extension service at State College. "We do think, however, there is a great need to build up the fertility of the soil so that it may produce more profitable acre yields in the future. There is little cash to be obtained in producing cotton and tobacco anyway and the man who has grown all of his food and feedstuffs in a good position to plant legumes so as to add to the fertility of his soil. The beginning should be made this fall."

Dean Schaub believes the day when North Carolina can be counted as a leader in cotton production is gone. The state should continue to produce this staple but devoting its energies to growing only the highest quality which measures about an inch or an inch and a sixteenth, leaving to other areas the production of low grade lint. Cotton growers should not increase the acreage to tobacco next season.

This means that the thing to do is to plant soil improving crops in rotations that will continue to improve the soil and will provide plenty of food and feed. With pastures added,

Repairs to the dikes of Holland cost \$1,000,000 annually.

SPECIAL SERVICES

A preaching mission is being conducted here this week at the Grace Episcopal church by the Rev. Mr. Jackson. The services have been in progress for a week and will end this Sunday evening. Parishioners here will remember that Mr. Jackson was here about three years ago serving as rector during time away from the seminary.

NEGROES GIVE AID TO STATE'S FARM PROGRAM

Negro farmers in North Carolina adopted the live-at-home program this year and gave whole-hearted support to the agricultural extension service in all of its plans.

"Not only did the Negro citizens of this State grow food and feed crops to the limit of their resources this year, but they have been industrious in conserving these crops for use this winter," reports John W. Mitchell, district agent in charge of farm demonstration work with Negroes. "In visiting with the 16 local Negro farm agents throughout the State this year, I have been impressed with the efforts made by our colored farmers to follow the extension recommendations and to grow the food and feed supplies needed. We have secured a number of excellent records which tend to show the progress made. With so many of our people occupying the position of tenant farmers, they have not been able to do the things they wanted to do in every case; but, there has been a noticeable increase in gardens, in hay production and in the canning and drying of fruits and vegetables."

Soybean growing for hay increased very perceptibly this season, he says, and some growers report hay yields of two tons an acre and above. Many colored farmers report having from 80 to 100 chickens in flocks prepared for the winter. Fall and winter gardens have been planted and it is no uncommon thing to find families which have canned from 250 to 300 quarts of material, says Mitchell. The grinding and cooking of sorghum for syrup has been noted on many farms this fall, and there is a commendable activity in planting small grain and legumes for winter.

TENANTS HAVE SUPPLY OF SYRUP AND FLOUR

Wilson Brothers, of Craven County, have an average of two barrels of sorghum syrup for each tenant family and enough home-grown wheat to supply each family with flour this winter.

DODDER INJURES LESPEDEZA CROP

Control of Dodder or Love Vine Determines Value of Lespedeza Seed

The successful control of dodder or love vine determines to a large extent the building of a successful lespedeza seed industry.

"Dodder was no doubt introduced into this State through the importation of red clover seed and before a great lespedeza seed industry can be built, growers must learn to control the pest," declares W. H. Darst, head of the crop improvement work at State College. "The weed has been observed in piedmont North Carolina for many years, but had never given great concern until farmers began the attempt of growing certified seed for the market. In past years, where dodder was present, the growers used the lespedeza or clover for hay, pasture or soil improvement but

now when they want to realize on their seed, they have found dodder a serious and costly pest."

Dodder is an annual plant that spreads by seed. The seed germinate in the soil in early summer and if the plant does not find a host, it dies. If it does find a host, it twines about it, developing tiny wart-like suckers at the points of contact and lives on the food assimilated by the host plant. Dodder has no leaves because it does not need to manufacture food. It grows rapidly, branches freely and constantly reaches out to entwine other food plants. A broken bit of the dodder stalk will twine about a lespedeza plant and keep on growing. It exists from year to year by means of seed only and these are spread in manure, in hay and other ways.

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND FOR DRAINAGE ASSESSMENTS

The sale of the following property for the special assessment of the Pungo River Drainage District will take place at the Washington County Court-house door at 12 o'clock noon, Monday, December 14, 1931.

Table listing land parcels for drainage assessments, including names like J. F. Allen, R. W. Allen, and various acreages.

TELLS OF RECENT VISIT TO RUSSIA

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program and employs numbers of persons under the supervision of the Soviet government.

Government Versus Free People

Most of the people in Russia have long since been subdued by the government. They work for the government, and in turn the government furnishes them the necessities of life. All the profit made from the crops and other business enterprises is used by the government to dump into machinery. Wheat and barley, the chief crops are traded by the government for machinery, and the building program, with the aid of the government, continues unabated despite the sacrifices forced on the people.

There is a class of former merchants and a few wealthy people who have not submitted to the government's 5-year plan idea. These people have their business and trade in the free market. The government worker takes his ticket to the government store for provisions, while the free market person can buy at any of the independent stores. Usually these independent store prices are higher, but in the government store a customer must take what he can get and has little power of choice.

Fish on the free market sold for \$3 to \$4 for 2 1-2 pounds, with the same number of pounds of butter priced at \$5. Baloney sausage was priced at 2 1-2 pounds for \$3. Now, in the government stores the prices for these commodities are about the same as here in America, but the customers of these stores could not always get fish and seldom could he buy beef. So when a government worker wanted beef, he must enter the free market usually. These free market persons are gradually decreasing.

Taxes Very Low

The government advises the people to use their property in a community combine so that together these farmers could secure machinery. It would be utterly impossible for the peasant to purchase machinery on his small farm. Even the larger plantations, operated under the government, seldom have more than a single tractor at their disposal, while the horses still bear the brunt of the burden. Taxes are lower, as the government gets everything, and there is little expense to operating the Soviet.

In the village of Egorovka, where Mr. Pyshny's uncle lives, the people and the lands are divided into two large plantation systems with each one having only a single tractor, with brick buildings, silos, land beautiful stalls for the keeping of the machinery and teams. There are only six individuals in this town who are able to maintain themselves separate from the Soviet system. Most of the people are dressed in old clothes and have

just the ordinary food of the realm.

The peasant working for the government is like a young married man in America who has nothing when married, but together with his wife they work toward a better day when the government will have plenty of machinery and their land will be cultivated with mechanical devices so that they can live in the four-hour work day promised them at the end of the five years. Many of the people are dissatisfied with having to suffer now for the benefit of the future generations.

Everything is worked on schedule by the Soviet system. Crops are planted. A foreman and office force is maintained in every division to see that every person knows their place of toil. The buildings are constructed by contracts with American agencies with the use of Russian labor. But everything is outlined and all work is done according to schedule.

The Machine Craze

So crazy are the government officials to secure trained machinists that three times in Moscow and Leningrad every courtesy was shown Mr. Pyshny and offers ranging from \$200 to

\$350 a month were made in an effort to get him to stay home when they learned he was an engineer. American engineers are making money over there, but there is no possible chance for them to spend it, as inadequate railroad and other transportation facilities make things hard to get. Yet the officials live in pretty homes.

Mr. Pyshny went to visit Mr. Cooper, who built Muscle Shoals, but he was out, and his assistant, a Mr. Thompson, showed him around the huge power plant that is being built on the Dnieper River in the Southern part of Russia. Here another fabulous offer was made for his services as an engineer. Thirty American engineers were employed in this project. He had read of this work in American magazines and visited it solely from curiosity.

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An Immigrant

Mr. Pyshny first came to American soil 18 years ago. His father gave him enough money to come to America with \$25 over. Through an employment agency he came to work at the local plant and since has been taking a correspondence course in electricity and machine work.

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ernment ceased support the preachers and priests and are teaching the people that religion is only a superstition. Burdened with the support of their clergy and wearied from teaching against Christian worship, the people are gradually stopping church attendance.

A huge cathedral in Moscow is being used now as a museum. The priests and preachers who were once the wealthy class of a community are now forced to take care of themselves and thus furnish a new working caste. But with easy divorce and a decrease in the clergy, the morals there are as good as in America. Public schools are being well kept and education is urged on every child.

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This the 5th day of November, 1931. J. K. REID, Sheriff.

STATE THEATRE advertisement listing shows like 'YOUNG AS YOU FEEL', 'THE GREAT LOVER', 'BUSTER KEATON', and 'RICHARD DIX' with showtimes and matinee information.

PEANUTS! 5c per pound advertisement for a limited time, offering a 3-year subscription for 1 bag of peanuts at 5c per pound.