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Forward -- March!

Everybody Step Right Out--Join the Big Parade of Folks Who Are Planning to be In Franklin for this Big Celebration on July 3rd

The program is sponsored by the local troop of the Boy Scouts of America. Help these future citizens to fittingly celebrate the 150th anniversary of American independence. The program is published elsewhere in this issue of the Press.

A Dozen Cows Require A Silo

Raleigh, N. C.—The silo on the dairy farm is indispensable where the owner has as many as 10 or 12 cows and the cost is small as compared to the value.

There is an increasing use of silos in North Carolina because silage furnishes, during winter, that feed which nearest approaches summer pasturage at its best. Silage is a succulent feed when pasture is not available. It makes possible a cheaper ration, gives a greater feed value to an acre of corn and keeps up the milk flow in winter.

"Forty percent of the feeding value of corn is in the stalks and leaves and these are saved when converted into silage," says H. H. Gordon, extension agricultural engineer at State College. The average cow will consume 30 pounds of silage each day and the dairyman should have three tons of silage per cow or enough to carry her for six months. To figure the acreage required to produce this amount, one should figure a ton of silage for each five bushels of corn. Land producing 50 bushels of corn per acre will produce ten tons of silage.

Mr. Gordon states that when feeding from the silo begins at least two inches should be removed each day to prevent spoiling. Therefore the number of cows to be fed determines the diameter of the silo. Less than 15 head of cattle, will require a silo 10 feet in diameter; 15 to 25 not over 12 feet in diameter and 25 to 40 head not over 14 feet in diameter. It is not advisable to build a silo over 12 feet in diameter and should the herd require more silage another silo could be constructed.

A wooden silo costs about \$2 to \$3 per ton capacity; a concrete silo, from \$5 to \$6 per ton capacity. Bills of material and instructions for building silos are obtainable free of charge on application to Mr. Gordon at State College.

The Ritter Publication

The Ritter Lumber Company gets out a nice magazine filled with much valuable information concerning lumber and timber products in general. It is also profusely illustrated. The magazine is called "The Hardwood Bark" and the June issue has found its way to the Press Office. One of the interesting illustrations shows a picture of Smoky Mountain Section Crew with Mr. E. E. McCollum, a prominent citizen of Franklin, in the center of the group. Mr. McCollum is superintendent of the Ritter Lumber Company in that section.

Boy Scouts To Leave For Weeks Camping Trip To Smoky Mountain

Monday July, 5th, the Franklin Troop Boy Scouts will leave for their annual week's camping trip. This year the camp will be on the Smoky Mountains. All scouts are expected to be at the Scout Cabin at nine o'clock Monday morning. Mr. McCollum has co-operated with the Scoutmasters in securing a suitable camp in these mountains.

The following will be the daily camp schedule:—
Reveille 6:00 A. M., Setting-up exercise 6:15 A. M. Mess 6:45 A. M. Drill 8:00 A. M. Scout-craft 9:00 Recreation 11:00 A. M. Assembly 12:30 P. M. Mess 1:00 P. M. Recreation 2:00-5:30 P. M. Assembly 5:50 P. M. Mess 6:00 P. M. Lectures 7:00 P. M. Camp-fire talks 8:00 P. M. Taps 9:00 P. M.

The parents of the scouts are asked to co-operate with the Scoutmasters in seeing that their boys have the following articles:—

One blanket, one tooth brush, one plate, one knife and fork, spoon, two towels, soap, change of under-clothes and stockings, a flash-light or lantern, five handkerchiefs. No cooking utensils are required. Absolutely no firearms allowed.

The reason for this request is that there will be around fifty boys going on the trip, and we are going such a long distance that we want just enough baggage to get along comfortably without taking up too much space.

There will be certain rules and regulation in regard to leaving the camp going in swimming etc., that every boy will have to obey implicitly. The first refusal to obey one of these rules will result in dismissal from camp.

At the Fourth of July celebration being sponsored by the Franklin Troop of Boy Scouts the following exhibitions will take place:—

- Short drill, Hand-walking, Hoop-rolling, Hand-springs, Hand turnover-back, Shoulder-turnover-back, Hand shoulder-helper, Bar performance
- Contest for the prizes given by the stores of Franklin will be as follows:— This of course, open to all competitors.
- 1. Greasy Pole.
- 2. Rope-climbing, hand over hand, vertical and horizontal, Ladder climb, hand over hand, vertical and horizontal.
- Races, one hundred yards, fifty yards, and run.
- Handicap races, a, Both feet in sack, b. Three-legged race, c. Hands tied to feet, d. Feet tied together, Knees to neck, Swimming meet at Gils Boat House near Dept. Dives, distance swimming depth swimming, stroke form and distance swim.

How North Carolina Builds And Pays Highways

The fiscal year ends June 30. At that time the State Highway Commission will have paid all interest charges on bond issues; it will apply \$500,000 to the sinking fund; it will set aside \$250,000 to meet the overhead expenses at Raleigh, and it will then have a minimum of \$8,000,000 to be applied to the maintenance and construction fund. This means that the tax on gasoline and automobile licenses pays for building and maintaining highways in the State, pays the interest on the bonds, leaves \$500,000 for the payment on principal and \$250,000 for meeting expenses, after all of which the Highway Commission finds itself in possession of a surplus of \$8,000,000. And people who use the highways are paying for them—and do not know they are doing it.

There is a gubernatorial campaign on in Alabama and it seems that "good roads and bonds" is the issue. There has been considerable of a discussion in the columns of The Montgomery Advertiser on the North Carolina system and North Carolina's alleged "bad fix." Probate Judge Carney, of Elba, has been making quotation from an article in The Atlanta Journal, of February, last, and he has written The Observer at length asking for the truth as to the situation here, honestly desiring to be set right as to acts. Then there is a letter from Mr. H. B. Chase, Alabama, wanting to know if it is "a fact that the Old North State is in a barrel of trouble over her progressive road-building campaign the past few years?" It had been his understanding that the North Carolina plan was actually paying out according to schedule, and he was "disappointed to know that such is not the case" if an article enclosed from Birmingham Age Herald is correct.

The opening statement in this editorial is a condensed presentation of fact which is intended to answer to the misrepresentations that have been persistently circulated in regard to the highway situation in this State. This, in addition to the information the Montgomery Advertiser has presented from the editorial columns of The Observer, ought to prove sufficient to reassure the Alabama people that if they can organize an efficient Highway Commission like North Carolina has, and proceed on the same plan that has been effective in North Carolina, Alabama will be eventually provided with an adequate highway system and it will be paid for by the users of the highway without these users having become conscious of the fact that they

Scout News

Had a splendid meeting last Friday evening with nearly the whole troop out. There were around forty-five boys present. At this meeting plans were outlined for our Fourth of July celebration and for our weeks camping trip.

Dr. S. H. Lyle was scheduled to give a lecture on cleanliness of body and mind, but he postponed his talk in order that we could take advantage of the opportunity of hearing from Mr. Sutton who is an old Scoutmaster. Mr. Sutton gave us a dandy talk on the meaning of duty. He took the scout oath, "Duty to God, to country, and to self," and made it clear to the scouts just what that oath meant in the every-day life. Mr. Sutton was much impressed with the troop and especially with the scout cabin. He said the people of Franklin were to be lauded for these outward manifestations of their interest in the troop.

We are always pleased to have men like Mr. Sutton come and talk to us; for it gives us higher aims and more courage to carry out those aims.

Monday evening there was a special meeting called for the purpose of completing the plans for the camping trip. Gimer told each boy what would be needed and ordered that every scout have his pack all ready and at the scout cabin Friday evening. He showed how the packs were to be rolled to take up the least space and to be the easiest to handle. Also at this meeting different scouts were assigned to run cold-drink stands the Fourth. We still need money for the cabin.

are paying off a State debt.

And the outlook for next year's accomplishment in highway construction and financing is even brighter than the 1925-6 record, for as mileage is increased the number of automobiles, car-producers increases. At the present rate at which new highways are coming into use, there is fine prospect that the surplus next June 30, to be applied to maintenance and construction, will reach \$10,000,000, this after \$500,000 has been applied to the sinking fund, interest charges have been met and the overhead expenses cancelled. That is how North Carolina is building highways and paying for them. Any other State under efficient management, can do the same, for the automobiles swarm wherever new mileage is provided. The more roads the greater number of automobiles and the larger the revenue developed for meeting interest and principal and paying for the construction and maintenance bills.—Charlotte Observer.

Ram Furnishes Water For Farm

Wadesboro, N. C.—The farm home of Mrs. B. L. Wall of Pee Dee in Anson County is now fully equipped with an adequate water supply secured by installing a hydraulic ram at a spring near the house. Just below Mrs. Wall's home there is a branch with a miniature water fall about 25 feet high. At the foot of this fall is a fine spring flowing about two gallons of water per minute.

At the request of County Agent J. W. Cameron of Anson County, H. H. Gordon, farm engineer for the extension division at State College, studied the situation for Mrs. Wall. He found that the house was at an elevation of about 150 feet through a distance of 600 feet from the spring. The spring itself had too small a flow and too little fall to pump the water to the home but by using the branch nearby, Mr. Gordon found that the waterfall would make conditions ideal for using a combination hydraulic ram. The branch water could be used for pumping the pure spring water to the house.

A pneumatic tank was fitted to hold the water. This was fitted with a relief valve so that any excess water and air could be exhausted and allowed to escape through an overflow pipe. In this way the ram could run 24 hours a day and require no further attention. As a result of making installations, Mrs. Wall now has water in two bathrooms, the kitchen and about over the yard. According to Mr. Gordon the system is working beautifully and Mrs. Wall is much pleased with the convenience and the relief from the drudgery.

According to Mr. Gordon, this is but one of many similar installations that have been made about over North Carolina. For simplicity of operation and economy of use, they are hard to beat. When they have once been established in the farm home, the owner feels that never again would he be without such a water supply.

Poultry Sale

County Agent Arrendale announces that the next poultry sale will be held on Wednesday, July 14th, provided enough poultry is listed with him by July 8th, to justify a sale. Final announcement will be made in the Franklin Press on July 9th.

Poultry sold at Franklin June 23rd, Hens 1667lb, fryers 1970lb, Roosters 199 lb, Ducks 90lb, turkey 25lb. Total value \$1044.14

WOOL SOLD
Washed wool 194lb, unwashed wool 3004lb. Total value \$1202.66
Alex Moore's check was \$506.16.