

# FARM GRIT.

## GRIT GRINDS

Edited by  
COUNTY AGENT

Let us grow clover and grass on the hill;  
While intensely the levels and flats we till.  
The cows and hens will settle our daily bill;  
While the beebes, shoe and tobacco the coffers fill.  
And, when orchard, garden and sty the larder fill,  
Then, with a smile, will Mary greet her Bill.

**TOBACCO NEXT YEAR.**—We clip the following from the National Farm News: "Lexington, Ky.—Increased acreages have resulted from every rise in burley tobacco prices in the last 15 years, with two exceptions, say: the Kentucky Experiment Station. Eight out of ten good prices stimulated planting. A large increase in price is usually followed by a large increase in acreage. The station points out that the present tobacco situation is somewhat similar to that in 1923. The 1921 crop sold for prices 154 per cent higher than the exceptionally low prices for the 1920 crop. The 1922 crop sold still higher by 34 per cent, in terms of constant dollars, than the 1921 crop. In 1922 the acreage was increased by 62,000 acres and in 1923 another increase of 52,000 acres resulted in a total of 373,000 acres, the largest crop ever grown. Acreage in 1928 increased. Conditions in the last two years have been similar to those in 1921 and 1922. The 1927 crop sold at prices 110 per cent higher than those of the 1926 crop in terms of 1926 dollars. Prices this year have been 25 to 30 per cent higher than those of a year ago. The acreage in 1928 was increased about 36 per cent or 90,000 acres over that of 1927. If growers make another increase this year, similar to that of 1923, the result will be a total acreage even greater than

in that year. Average yields on such an acreage would produce far more tobacco than the normal consumption of burley. A crop which is greater than consumptive requirements can not be expected to sell at prices which are satisfactory to the growers."

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**COUNTY AGENT DID HELP.**—Bruce King reports that he followed the suggestion of the County Agent last year in the use of fertilizer for his tobacco and that because of this he is ahead many dollars. Bruce used 800 lbs of a high grade fertilizer to the acre and cut nearly 1500 lbs of tobacco to the acre. He is the only one he says on his creek that did not complain because of light weight tobacco. Bruce says his wife and children grew this crop and he might have made more if he had helped more. Well, we don't know!

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### America Had Monopoly

American farmers in colonial times had a world monopoly on growing tobacco. But after the Revolution, when war broke out in Europe and our own War of 1812 came along, exports were choked off for many years and other countries began trying to raise their own tobacco. Now the plant is grown around the world. British India produces about a fifth of the world's annual crop—but the United States, native home of the plant, still leads with more than a third.

"The farmers of the country are learning that they must use good fertilizer even on good land—and not be too stingy with the amount."—H. D. WILSON, Louisiana Commissioner of Agriculture.

"THE FARMER OF THE FUTURE will do more than keep books. He will be a farm budgeteer, a man who plans. He will look ahead."—RENICK W. DUNLAP.

### Exports Break Record

"The total exports of raw tobacco will pass well over 500,000,000 pounds for 1928 and make it the greatest export year since 1924. Bright cigarette tobaccos have broken the record. China's purchases amounted to more than 119,000,000 pounds, compared with 102,000,000 pounds sold to the United Kingdom, heretofore our leading market. The Chinese cigarette trade almost reached nine and a half billions—an increase of more than 50 per cent over last year."—Department of Commerce, December, 1928.

IT TAKES just about as much work to raise an acre of scrub cotton or sorry tobacco as it does to raise an acre of good crop. The difference is what you get besides with the seed and the soil and the fertilizer.

"On a 20-acre plot of Irish potatoes the entire crop graded 316 bushels of U. S. No. 1 to the acre. I used one ton of V-C 5-8-7 American Brand per acre. I am more than satisfied with your fertilizers."—Harold S. Tice, Deerfield, N. J.

Two things—yield per acre and quality of product—spell all the PROFIT in farming. V-C Fertilizers increase yield and improve quality. Therefore V-C and Profit are partners.

### Back Up the Scientists

Everybody can eat just so much and put on so many clothes—and he can't eat or wear any more, no matter how rich he is. But on other things his pocketbook is the only limit. The job is to learn how farm products can be used in making these



other things too. They hold big opportunities. Cotton seed used to be a big nuisance around gins, for instance. Now it is worth real money, thanks to the scientists. Scientific research must stay on its job of hunting for new values in old farm products. There ought to be a good use—besides just eating it or wearing it—for EVERY crop a farmer can grow. Let's back up the scientists with encouragement and money—and they'll dig up hidden markets all around us.

"Effective fertilization is not merely an agricultural requirement but a national necessity."—American Trust Co.

BLENDING AND PREPARING CIGARETTES has become an exact science, says a government report. Tobacco from at least five successive crops is used, the harvests of different years being blended to overcome variations due to seasonal conditions.

THE MAN who's too stingy to feed the crop that he expects to feed him is like the Scotchman Mized Goods tells about. He was leaving to visit kinfolks, and called back to his wife: "Dinna forget to take little Sandy's glasses off when he isna lookin' at anything."

### Cigarette Blends Won

According to tobacco authorities, the great increase in the use of cigarettes began with large-scale manufacture of the mild blended type of cigarette that has come to be recognized as distinctively the American. Turkish and others have given way before them.

"Ours is a new country, but much of our farming area is already crying for more commercial fertilizer."—American Farming.

### Tobacco Materials Costly

"The main problem in making tobacco fertilizers is what materials to use in making the nitrogen. There are many. The organic nitrogen materials are more expensive than the inorganic, but it has been found that the liberal use of organic nitrogen materials in a tobacco fertilizer is highly desirable. This of course increases the cost of making the best tobacco fertilizers."—J. M. Pardom.

"The progressive and intelligent farmer will get all he can from every source of knowledge and then, through common-sense trials, will find out just what will squarely hit his own conditions."—MODERN FARMING.

"FARMING IS UNDERGOING A REVOLUTION even further than new machinery, for it is introducing a technique of intelligent scientific practices which will displace those farmers who do not avail themselves of the new methods."—H. H. Heermann.

### The Fourth Ingredient

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# Clearance Sale

## At Hot Springs

In order to reduce our stock for Spring Merchandise, for two weeks, beginning

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1929

We are going to offer our entire stock of Merchandise at reduced prices for cash.

For instance:

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HARDWARE reduced 10 per cent.

DRY GOODS reduced 15 per cent.

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Hot Springs, N. C.

sorry he sold a couple. They want to sell cream. We hope that many will start this year. It is a safe bet to have some cows, and also some good hens, to help the expense account to stay of the right color. If tobacco fails, either in the crop or the price, you are safe then.

### FROM HECK CREEK

Would like to see the news from our place. (Heck Creek) in the N-R. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wallin were visiting Mrs. Emma Wild Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. James Wild were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harley Rice last Sunday. Miss Lois Wild and Mr. Cullis Rice were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dock Wallin Sunday. Little Eunice Wild is improving nicely at present. Winslow Reece and Naco Wallin were on Heck Creek Sunday. Mr. Marion Wallin is working on his house this week. Mr. Harley Rice is improving. Mr. Elisha Rice went to Laurel Sunday to visit friends and relatives. Mr. Manuel Massey was visiting Mr. Elisha Rice one night this week. Mr. Champ Rice called at the home of Mr. Shufford Wild Sunday. Mr. Jimmy Wild was a guest in the home of Mr. Rufus Wild Sunday. Miss Leona Rice spent the afternoon with Miss Lois Wild, Sunday.

### From ENON

Last Sunday was our regular meeting day. Our Sunday School is getting along nicely in spite of the mud. Mr. Bill Capps and son of Asheville were visiting in the community last Sunday. Master R. J. Rice is on the sick list. Miss Ada Bryan spent last Friday night with Mrs. Julia Brigman. Mrs. Z. V. Ammons has been visiting her son for the past week at Marion, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. Caney Cody of Brush Creek spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Walk Flynn. Mr. and Mrs. Polk Bryan and family spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Buren Price. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bryan have broken up housekeeping and are living with their daughter, Mrs. Loy Sprinkle at Woodfin. Mrs. Lee Ramsey spent Saturday night with Mrs. Bob Rice. Mrs. D. H. Price's health seems to be improving greatly. (By Another Writer)—Miss Crafton, Home Demonstrator, was unable to fill her appointment with the Enon Women's Club Monday the 25th at 2 o'clock, and the Walnut Creek Girls' Club at 10:30 because of a broken arm, but wishes to announce that she will meet with the Girls' Club at 10:30 March 11.

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Of Mrs. Gertha Shelton who departed this life December 17, 1925. All the time I am sad and lonely, Thinking of my angel sister, Who is up beyond the sky. Sleep on departed one, God has called You home to rest, I often wonder why, But God knows all things best. Her suffering here is now over, Her work on earth is done, A voice came down from heaven, Saying come home your life crown you have won. How I miss my precious dear one, Who has gone on home to God, And no one knows the bitter heart-ache. As she sleeps beneath the sod, I hope to meet that dear one, On the other shore, When death comes for me, We'll meet to part no more. Three years ago she left me, How my heart was filled with pain, For I knew no more I'd meet her, In this sinful world again. Only those who know can tell the pain Of partings and sad farewells, We'll meet again some day, Never to part no more. —By a loving sister and niece.

### From EAST FORK

Mr. James Ramsey of this place has gone into the sheep business. Messrs Theron Peek and Wayne Clark are on the sick list this week. Mr. John Ramsey has been seriously ill with rheumatism this week, but we are glad to say that he is somewhat improved. Mr. Glen Ramsey of Grapevine was visiting his parents of this place on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Moody Murray was the Sunday afternoon guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Ramsey. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Robinson had company Sunday night to hear the

### Victrola.

Miss Jencie Ramsey spent Sunday night with Miss Nancy Robinson. Mr. Roy Buckner who is spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Keith, was kept busy picking the banjo Sunday afternoon for company of the Misses Wilma and Bernice Keith. Mr. Wilmon Peek and Miss Kitty Grooms were quietly married Saturday, Feb. 9th. Miss Mary Hensley is the proud owner of a new Victrola. Mr. W. F. Murray has moved into his new home on the head of East Fork. Poor ole' Kat! Someone must have "rubbed" him the wrong way last week. Folks, please, be more careful about how you "rub" the "office Kat" for he cheers us up whole "lots".

### SPRING CREEK

Mr. Edd Askew has returned from Asheville where he went to get a job. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reeves had singing at their home last Saturday night which was enjoyed by all who attended. Mrs. Hester Ledford called on Mrs. Lou Reeves Wednesday. Mr. Eulas Askew is busy hauling lumber. Miss Nellie Askew and Clide and Frank Askew visited Mrs. Eliza Duckett last Sunday. Mr. Plato Duckett started back to Detroit, Mich., last Saturday. Mr. Millard Askew is very busy at work in the shop at present. Mr. Eulas Askew was joy riding Sunday. Mr. Clide Askew has been sick but is better now. Mr. Frank Askew called at the home of Mr. Robert Cargill Friday, trip to Raleigh. Mr. Roy Woody made a business Mr. Zeb Davis called on Mr. Millard Askew Monday.



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