

# FARM GRIT.

## GRIT GRINDS

Edited by  
COUNTY AGENT

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

**THE GRADEG MARKET**—According to schedule, the Gradeg Co. opened up their market in the Farmers Warehouse on Monday. Around 9 cases of eggs were brought in. The company gave the patrons a pleasant surprise by paying 26c for the Grade A eggs instead of 25c.  
Word has been received that the price the coming week will be advanced 27c for Grade A, 24c for Grade B, and 21c for Grade C eggs. We hope that the farmers will take advantage of this market for eggs. It is a good market. It is a market that will give a producer the opportunity to profit by any care he may use in handling his eggs. He will not have to take a price that is set to insure the purchaser against loss from bad eggs.  
The management wants eggs. They are not interested in buying eggs at the least possible price but rather are interested in paying as much for the eggs as they can.  
**LET'S TRY 'EM OUT.**

**COST OF EGGS**—This is a hard question to answer. There are many that enter into the cost of a dozen eggs. There is the investment, interest must be figured on this. We must allow for the labor for the farmer should receive pay for his labor as well as any other person. These various items of expense all vary with different farms and make it difficult to calculate costs.  
However the feed cost of a dozen eggs can be very closely approximated. And this cost varies, perhaps more than one would realize. Let us look at a few of the calculated costs.  
Mrs. W. O. Rector produced eggs at the lowest feed cost. According to her figures her chickens produced eggs for 6.85 cents per dozen. One reason for the low cost of these eggs was that a portion of the feed was produced at a bargain.  
Mrs. Jeter Bryan produced eggs for 10.36 cents per dozen; Mrs. Crawford Bryan's record shows that eggs cost, for the feed, 11 cents per dozen. Mrs. Dennis produced eggs for 12.6 cents per dozen. Mrs. T. A. Woody's records show that her eggs cost her 17 cents per dozen.  
But these figures do not show it all. The condition of the hens, something that is important, is not told. Are the hens being kept in condition to continue to produce eggs all summer and well into the fall? This is important. If feed is being withheld and the hens are losing flesh, future results may tell a different story. Time will tell.

**WINTER PASTURE**—One of the best examples of the successful use of winter pasture was found on a day's trip to Upper Laurel. Ed English has been using this method of feeding livestock with very good success.  
Mr. English gets ready for this success from the start. He sows his grass seed liberally, depending upon orchard grass chiefly for he finds it best. He uses orchard grass seed at the rate of about 2 bushels to the acre, mixing in with it red top. He lets this grow all the summer.  
The first of last November, Mr. English had 75 acres of such grass which was from about 10 inches to waist high. At this time he turned in 130 head of cattle. These remained here until about December 15th, when 50 head were removed. A few weeks later more were removed. There was an average of 80 head on this pasture up until April 10th. But very little roughage was fed except on stormy days when hay was applied in the barns. No grain was used until after Christmas when some corn or cottonseed meal was given. Most of this went to cattle under a year of age.  
Mr. English showed us the sod left from this grazing. It was thick and soft and not as closely grazed as one might expect. At the time we were at his place around 65 head of sheep were using the pasture and were finding their living from it. Mr. English states that this is the most economical way of caring for his cattle that he has discovered. He has about the same amount of grass growing for next winter pasture. He is saving the labor of 'making hay,' of throwing it to the cattle, and of hauling the manure. Besides eliminating these items of expense the standing grass is more palatable to the cattle. The orchard grass continues to grow all the winter, especially in the places where it is thickest and most rank. This method of caring for cattle should receive serious consideration by every Madison County farmer.

**THAT WAREHOUSE**—Last week we called attention to the Farmers Warehouse at Marshall. This building must be replaced. The old has accomplished its purpose. The farmers should get together on this proposition and put it over.  
It is proposed by those backing the proposition to give every farmer an opportunity to have a part in replacing this building with a modern brick building. When this opportunity is presented it is to be hoped that no farmer will consider that his neighbors can do the job and that he is immune from aiding.  
We hear much about federal legislation to help the farmer. It has been our opinion that the largest aid to the farmers will come thru themselves. It is altogether probable that any legislation that helps the farmer will help, most especially, those farmers who are organized, who are in position to receive the help. It is almost, if not entirely, impossible for the government to help each individual farmer in a country as large as the United States. Madison County farmers should prepare to receive any aid that may be offered. They can take a big step in this direction by offering to help with the proposed warehouse.

**From WHITE ROCK**  
County Demonstrator, Earle Brintnall, and Mr. Bryan were at White Rock meeting house in the interest of the Farmers Warehouse on Monday.  
The game between White Rock and Hot Springs baseball teams resulted in a score of 15-1 in favor of Hot Springs. This was the first game of the season for White Rock. Mason Banks is manager and dates for games should be arranged with him.  
Mrs. Hester Stanton has been on the sick list for a week or so.

Mr. Cos Thomas is progressing nicely at the Laurel Hospital.  
Dr. Eva M. Locke was in Greensboro for several days last week.  
The Christian Endeavor Society, under the presidency of Miss Illian Roberts is making great progress.  
Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Crafton, and Mrs. Ellis were in the community on Wednesday examining homes and yards in Home Improvement Week.  
Mrs. Fowler Shelton was a visitor at the home of her father, Mr. Jamieson Tweed last Thursday. Mr. Tweed with his eighty-three years of age, still is always cheery in greeting his friends.  
White Rock lately has lost two of its well known families—Mr. Luther Tweed, who has moved to Tennessee and Mr. Bryant Wallin, to Bull Creek section of Madison.  
Mr. N. B. Tweed and family spent a recent Sabbath with his father, Mr. Jamieson Tweed.  
Deputy Sheriffs Charlie Hensley, Sams and Mitch Gentry captured a still near Alleghany last week.  
Preacher McFall was at Middle Laurel last Sunday.  
Sunday School and preaching service are held regularly every Sabbath at Laurel Presbyterian church.  
The Alleghany Sunday School is progressing nicely under the superintendency of Mr. Clark Shelton.  
Mrs. Warren T. Davis of Hot Springs was a visitor at White Rock on Saturday.  
The surfacing of the highway by Allamstead is approaching the Tennessee line and is in fine condition.  
Mrs. Togo Tweed spent the week-end with Mrs. Ray Frankan.  
The Woman's Society of Alleghany had an all-day meeting on Thursday, April 18 at the home of Mrs. George Landers.  
Announcements are out for Hospital Day, May 12. The Laurel Hospital will have open house on that day.  
Mr. Joe Shelton, quite seriously ill, was brought to the Laurel Hospital last Saturday.  
Mr. Shady Franklin and Bartley Gentry are trucking lumber from Spilcorn to Hot Springs.  
Fruit trees were hurt some by the heavy frost last week.

er motored to Hot Springs Saturday evening.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Silvers were called to Swannanoa to see their mother, Mrs. Silvers, who is very ill.  
Mr. Woodrow Brown of Fletcher is visiting relatives of Spring Creek.  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lusk visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fowler Sunday P. M.  
Mr. Charlie Moore visited Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brown Sunday.  
They are getting along nicely with the new school building, which is being built on Spring Creek.  
There is prayer service at Liberty church every Wednesday night and Sunday night. Everyone is welcome to come and help make our service a success.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jeter Riddle returned to Craggy Saturday.  
Mr. Mermon Gillespie motored to Craggy Saturday.  
Mr. Harry Martin motored to Hot Springs Saturday evening.

**HOME DEM. AGENT'S COLUMN**  
**YARD IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN**  
The Yard Improvement Campaign which is County-wide project, is being started this week, as this is "National Better Homes Week" and is being observed by about 250 homes in the County.  
Mrs. Sarah Porter Ellis, District Home Demonstration Agent, is in the County this week scoring the yards for the first time. Quite a bit of interest is being shown in this campaign. Mrs. Ellis is very enthusiastic over the interest being shown at the beginning of the campaign, and thinks more will enter later as the campaign does not enter until November, 1930.  
The score card is as follows:  
1. Clean up ..... 25  
2. Lawn ..... 25  
Walks ..... 5  
Drives ..... 5  
3. Trees and Flowers ..... 20  
Shrubby base ..... 10  
Shrubby border ..... 10  
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**SCHEDULE FOR WEEK**  
Monday, April 29—2:00 o'clock—Beech Glenn girls.  
Tuesday, April 29—2:00—Mars Hill Women—Mrs. J. R. Owens' home.  
Wednesday, May 1—11:10—Walnut girls. 2:00—Walnut women.  
Thursday, May 2—10:30—California Creek girls. 2:00—Pioneer women.  
Friday, May 3—10:30—Little Pine girls.  
There will be a meeting of the County Council at the Court House Saturday, May 11 at 10:00 o'clock. Mrs. Sarah Porter Ellis, District Home Demonstration Agent, will meet with the Council.

**MRS. JAMES HARKLEROAD DEAD**  
Mrs. Emma Harkleroad, wife of James Harkleroad, of near Tenneslina, passed away at the home of her son, Mr. H. C. Harkleroad, about one o'clock A. M. April 17, 1929, age 74. She had been ill about two weeks, suffering from pneumonia following influenza. Funeral services were from the son's home at 11 o'clock Thursday morning, conducted by Rev. A. A. Angel, interment following at the Antioch cemetery. The deceased is survived by the following sons and daughters: Mrs. Frank Roberts, of the community; Mr. Emmett Harkleroad, of the community; Miss Bessie Harkleroad, of the community; Mrs. Jim Freshour, Marion, N. C.; Mrs. Jack Hunter Philadelphia, Pa.; H. C. Harkleroad, of the community; Ben Harkleroad of Hot Springs; Mrs. Fred Smelser, of near the community; and Mrs. Fred Stevens, Marion, N. C.  
She was a member of the Antioch Free Will Baptist church and is said to have been a faithful member and good neighbor.

**From SPRING CREEK**  
Mr. and Mrs. Tison Worley spent the week-end with their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brown.  
Mr. Lloyd Coward and Dayton Riddle motored to Hot Springs Saturday evening.  
Mr. and Mrs. Tison Worley are going to Detroit, Mich., this week.  
Miss Nora Meadows of Spring Creek is in Brass Town, N. C., where she will spend some time with her grand-parents.  
Mr. Harry Fleming and father

**From BLUFF**  
There were church services at this place Sunday and Sunday night.  
Mr. Walter Roberts called on Miss Rosa Waldroup Sunday.  
Mr. Ernest Thomas called on Miss Delia Waldroup Sunday.  
Mr. Thelmer Waldroup called on Miss Mae Finley Sunday.  
Mr. C. W. Henderson has moved back to this place.  
Misses Lizzie and Delia Waldroup visited relatives at Cripple Creek last Saturday.  
Mr. Tillman and Miss Bonnie Williams motored to Bluff Sunday.  
I hope the Office Kat catches a rat as large as he is, for he shure is a good old Tom.

**From SANDY MUSH**  
We are having a good S. S. at Chestnut Grove. There were 93 present Sunday and we were glad to have so many people from other places with us.  
Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, Rev. B. B. Plemmons filled his regular appointment at Chestnut Grove and preached wonderful sermons that were enjoyed by all.  
Miss Mae Hannah was visiting on Sandy Mush Sunday and called on her sister, Miss Ruby Hannah.  
Messrs Floyd and Lloyd Suttles called at the home of Mr. Riley Surratt Sunday.  
The guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. King Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Wiley King and daughter Novella and Ruby Freeman, Miss Mamie Surratt, Mr. Chester and Bill Freeman, Mr. Ambers Teague.  
Miss Dorothy and brother Jesse were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Boyd Sunday for lunch.  
Mr. M. O. King was visiting at the home of his son, Mr. J. H. King one day last week.  
Mr. Clyde and Floyd Boyd were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley King Saturday evening.  
Mr. T. C. West and several other folks did some clever singing at Chestnut Grove church Sunday afternoon.  
Messrs Brit Ward and Hubert Worley of Turkey Creek were here Sunday.  
Miss Lois Whittier called on Mrs. R. J. Boyd Saturday evening.  
Mr. Richard Duckett was the guest of Miss Ora King Sunday.  
Mrs. Edd King was visiting friends here Sunday.  
Mr. Oliver King took dinner Sunday at the home of Miss Ruby Hannah.  
Mr. and Mrs. Fulmer Duckett were guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Hannah Sunday.  
Miss Nola Freeman was the guest of Miss Geneva King Sunday.  
Mr. Floyd Boyd called on Mr. Lee Harris Saturday evening.  
Mrs. W. A. Hawkins is getting on nicely after an illness of several days.  
Misses Ora and Geneva King were guests of Misses Bettie, Annas, and Maggie Boyd Saturday afternoon.  
Yes!! Yes!! Yes!! O, yes sir, Mr. Office Kat, we sure want to see your real picture at the head of your Kolumn. We sure will vote on this, we don't think your old picture is pretty enough so send in your real picture at once. I think it would be nice, and we are tired of looking at your old picture, besides, we'll be looking for your new picture in the next week's paper. Be a good old Kat and don't catch so many mice.

**From BIG LAUREL**  
We are all glad to see the fresh spring showers. They are great helps to the freshly cultivated soils.  
Mrs. Jane Hensley of Cleveland, Tennessee, has been on Laurel with friends and relatives for several weeks.  
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rice spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Rice.  
Mr. and Mrs. Luke Griffin have gone back to their home on Walnut Creek. We were sorry to see them leave.  
Messrs. Arthur and Mack Rice and Pascal Bishop of Crewe, Va., were visiting on Laurel last week.  
Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Rice were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rice Sunday afternoon.  
Mr. and Mrs. Woodard Holland spent Saturday in Tennessee.  
Mrs. Mary Davis spent Saturday night with her parents on Shelton Laurel.  
Mr. and Mrs. Zade Rice went to Asheville Sunday.  
Mr. Henry Wild is improving slowly. His many friends would like to see him well again.  
Mr. Steve Lewis went to Marshall Saturday.  
Mr. Noah Rice and daughter, Aury Rice, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Massey Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rice Sunday.  
Mr. Ernest Capps was the guest of Miss Thelma Rice Sunday.  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Lewis a fine baby girl, Friday, April 19, 1929.  
Misses Robena and Atlas Buckner spent the week-end on Walnut Creek.  
Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ramsey and Mr. Tom Rice of Grape Vine were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rice Sunday.  
Mr. Pete Rice and Claude Rice went to Marshall Saturday.  
Mr. Tom Rice of Laurel was the guest of Jack Rice Sunday.  
Sure, Mr. Office Kat, we are looking forward to seeing your real picture at the head of your Kolum. Somehow I can't believe you are as monstrous looking as your present photo. Let's see that new picture by next print.  
Twenty-two contestants have entered the Polk County farm-naming and yard beautification contest to be held this season.  
Friend—This is your fourth daughter to get married, isn't it?  
McTight—Ay, and our confetti's gettin' awfu' gritty!—Pathfinder.

**From SPRING CREEK**  
We are having a good S. S. at this place.  
Mrs. Fanchen Moore visited Mrs. Emma Price Sunday afternoon.  
Miss Alice McCarter visited Miss Noda Price Sunday.  
Miss Bettie Smith spent the week with her sister, Mrs. Maggie Long.  
Mr. Roy Beasley was the pleasant caller at the home of Miss Geneva Moore, Sunday.  
Miss Mozal Moore visited Miss Noda Price Sunday.  
Mr. Elijah McCarter visited Mr. Robert Price Sunday.  
Miss Luis Bell Price spent Sunday evening with Mrs. Artie McCarter.  
Our prayer meeting is going on nicely at Liberty. Next Saturday and Sunday is our regular meeting days so let's all be there. Everybody invited. We have a good christian man for pastor, one that is doing everything he can for the upbuilding of this church, and we should do our part as well as he, and while he stands by the church we ought to stand by him. Let's everyone try to do more for God in the future than we have in the past, and see if our community does not get better.  
Mrs. John Price called on Mrs. W. R. McCarter Sunday.  
Mrs. Maggie Long has gone to Tennessee to visit homefolks.  
Mr. Jim Lindsey was turning up ground for Mr. W. R. McCarter last Saturday.  
We are glad to have Mr. Buden Handy for our S. S. superintendent.

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