

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 beebes, shee and tobacco the coffers fill.
And, when orchard, garden and sty the larder fill,
Then, with a smile, will Mary greet her Bill.

EGG MARKET.—We wish to call attention of the readers to the egg market which has been opened in the Farmers Warehouse in Marshall. Monday was the start of the third week for this market. On this day more than 270 dozens of eggs were bought. The price paid was 28c for Grade A eggs; 26c for Grade B eggs; and 23c for Grade C eggs. Compare these prices with the price you now receive. We believe that you will find that there is an advantage to be found if you market with the Graded people. Just bring your eggs to town when you come and receive the money for them.

We have come to look upon California, especially the Petaluma district as the best egg district in the United States. Mr. Brownell, who is manager of the Graded Company and who is a recognized authority on eggs, tells us that Western Carolina is equally good as Petaluma as regards its natural conditions for poultry growing. Let's take advantage of these natural conditions and of the market offered us and give the old hen a chance.

FARMERS WAREHOUSE DOING BUSINESS.—Saturday the Executive Board of the Farmers Warehouse met and received the report of Raymond Eller as to the business done. Since opening the house in February over 2100 bags of fertilizer have been received and nearly 1700 sold. Raymond reports that nearly \$6,000 worth of business has been done.

A certain Madison County farmer informed us that he was returning from Asheville and desired to bring a sack of 8-4-4 fertilizer with him. Some one told him he could purchase as cheaply at the Farmer's Federation as any place. He stopped and inquired the price and was told that the 8-4-4 grade sold for \$3.75. This was 80 cents above the price asked at the Farmers Warehouse in Marshall. Another farmer gave us the same information. There is no place in Western Carolina that fertilizer can be purchased at a lower price than in Marshall at the Farmers Warehouse.

The Executive Board also learned that nearly \$3700 has been subscribed toward the new warehouse. The Board was much pleased at the progress made in securing the funds for a new building. This building means much to the Madison County farmers and every farmer should consider it a privilege to help out. If you don't understand all that you want to know about this project ask about it.

POULTRY SPECIALIST HERE.—On May 20, 21, and 22, Mr. Parrish,

Poultry Specialist, will be in the county. A partial schedule of meetings has been arranged. These meetings will be held at the homes of some of the most interested poultry growers in Madison County and we want all those living in the vicinity of each of these homes to come at the time scheduled.

Monday morning, County Agent's office.

Monday afternoon, Mrs. Bryan Teague, Sandy Mush.

Tuesday morning, Mrs. Harry Murray, California Creek.

Tuesday afternoon, To be arranged.

Wednesday morning, Chapel Tweed White Rock.

Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Dave Ferguson, Spring Creek.

OTHER SPECIALISTS TO VISIT COUNTY.—On May 13, Mr. C. L. Sams, Bee Specialist, will be with the county agent. On May 28, Mr. C. E. Blair, Agronomist, will be in the county and as many of the lime and clover plots will be visited as is possible. It is hoped that the neighboring farmers may meet Mr. Blair at these plots and discuss the important place the ground limestone has in building the soil.

On Wednesday of this week Mr. E. Y. Floyd, Tobacco Specialist, will come to Marshall. The purpose of this visit is to place the burley tobacco demonstration plots. This year there will be nine of these plots. They will be located as follows: T. A. Woody, R. 4, Marshall; Harry Martin, Spring Creek; Garland Hutchins, in Mars Hill; Z. F. Payne, Little Pine; James Wallin, White Rock; W. E. Hawkins, California Creek; Allen Bros., Gabriel's Creek; Nate Jervis, Middle Fork; and Winston Rice, Walnut Creek.

Besides these Mr. Floyd is conducting two tests with the view of learning more of the value of nitrogen from different sources for tobacco growing. These tests will be placed with Otis Chandley, White Rock, and Roy Forester, Mars Hill.

We hope that the farmers of Madison County will watch these demonstrations. They are conducted both for the purpose of showing the value of a high grade fertilizer in liberal amounts for growing tobacco and also, in some instances, to learn more regarding the value of fertilizing materials from different sources for growing tobacco of high quality. Mr. Floyd is much interested in the tobacco crop of Madison County and is very sincere in his efforts to aid all he can. Let's help him by cooperation with him.

REPORT OF HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK

MADISON COUNTY—APRIL, 1929

I have held meetings of nine women's clubs during April, these being at California Creek, Little Pine, White Rock, Hot Springs, Skyland, Laurel Branch, Walnut, Mars Hill, and Spring Creek. At Little Pine, Hot Springs, California Creek and Walnut, I gave a demonstration in the drafting of a foundation pattern, in order that each woman might know how to make a pattern for use in her home dressmaking, without need of alterations. At the next meeting of each club each woman will make a pattern for herself, or will use the information gained at these meetings to alter the commercial pattern which she has been making so that she can use it in the making of all types of dresses. This ought to mean a saving of money to the club women, since they will be able to use one pattern for all dresses and since it will save them the price of about 45 cents on each pattern. At Laurel Branch the time of the meeting was devoted to the making of hats. Six hats were completed, and one made over. Each of the new hats cost the women 37c, the price of the felt and thread. No one of these could have been purchased at a store for less than \$4.00 each. This means that for \$2.22 the women had hats for which they would have had to pay at least \$24.00. The meeting at White Rock was given over to the election of officers, and to a review of the possibilities in home demonstration work. Because of a great deal of sickness in the community, the club had not had a full enough attendance before to perfect their organization. The club voted to take the work in clothing and dressmaking. At Spring Creek I gave the women a demonstration in the preparation of milk dishes, to give them new ideas for including as much milk as possible in the daily diets of their families. The club asked for a demonstration of various ways in which to prepare potatoes for the next meeting. The other meeting was an organization meeting at Mars Hill. The women had requested me to organize this club. 17 women joined the club and voted to study clothing and have a program at each meeting lead by a local woman on some subject she was especially skilled in that the club is interested in.

I have held 12 meetings of Girls' Clubs during the month, these being at Beech Glenn, Walnut, California Creek, Hot Springs, Enon, Big Laurel, Little Pine, and Center. The Beech Glenn Club was a new club organized with 25 members. I had to miss the meeting of 3 Women's clubs and 5 girls' clubs because one week of the month had to be devoted to the first scoring of the yards in the County-wide yard improvement campaign. I shall attempt to make up these meetings as I have time to do it. At Walnut and Hot Springs the groups of older girls worked on the cotton dresses which they had started, and 18 of these were finished and graded. The others are to be finished by the next meeting and coats will be started then as their work. The other girls' clubs have completed the sewing bags on which I gave them the lessons in the mak-

ing of simple seams and stitches and have started the making of night-gowns as the first articles in their undergarments project.

To date there are 10 women's clubs with a total enrollment of 142 and 12 girls' clubs with a total enrollment of 255. Besides these club meetings, I have made 28 home visits during the month, 27 of these being in company of Mrs. Ellis, District Home Demonstration Agent, scoring the yards. This yard improvement campaign was selected as the county-wide project by the county council at the February meeting. It begins now and ends November 1930. At the first scoring suggestions were given for cleaning up the yards such as mending porches, steps removing of rubbish, etc., that needed to be done and for the planting of shrubs, trees, lawns and flowers. Prizes are to be awarded in the fall of 1930 to those making the greatest number of points of improvement. This fall we plan to have Mr. H. R. Niswonger, Extension Horticulturist from State College, here, to assist with this work, and, at that time, we hope others shall be interested enough to join the campaign.

I have sold rugs amounting to \$23.47 for the women and have placed some more handwork in Asheville to be sold.

The County Council voted to observe Better Home Week and about 250 programs were given out but we have not had a complete report of the results.

LEADERS SCHOOL.—There will be a Leaders School Tuesday, May 14, at 10:00 o'clock, conducted by Miss Willie Hunter, Clothing Specialist from State College, Raleigh, N. C. Miss Hunter will discuss patterns and lines. Will the leaders please bring their muslin patterns with them?

COUNTY COUNCIL.—The County Council will meet Saturday morning at 10 o'clock in the Court Room. Mrs. Sarah Porter Ellis will meet with us, and as there is some very important business to transact, please every member come.

SCHEDULE.—Monday, May 13—10:30—Enon girls Tuesday, May 14—Will not meet Center girls on account of Leaders School, but will meet them the 28th of May. Wednesday, May 15—9:00—Walnut girls. 3:00—Mars Hill women. Thursday, May 16—10:30—California girls. 1:30—California women. Friday, May 17—10:30—Little Pine girls. 1:30—Little Pine women.

From ALEXANDER

The number present at S. S. last Sunday was 127. Everybody is cordially invited. Come. We want you, we need you, and you are welcome.

The singing class, day by day, in every way, is getting better and better. We practice every Wednesday and Sunday night.

We reorganized last Sunday night. Mr. Charley Haney and Mr. Claud Parris were elected as leaders, and Mr. Dagnis Parris as assistant. Mrs. Mae Williams was elected as organist, and Miss Lillian Parris as assistant. Mr. Will Parris, Mr. Carl Burnett, Mr. Charley Haney and Miss Ethel Johnson compose our quartet class. The class will sing in the Presbyterian church in Marshall Wednesday night, May 15th.

Everybody is invited to meet at the church Thursday morning for the purpose of cleaning off the cemetery.

Miss Ethel Johnson has been requested to prepare a program with the children for Children's Day and decoration. The date has not been decided.

Mrs. Etta Buckner was the guest of Mrs. Delia Parris Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Ervin Parris is very ill from having several teeth pulled.

We were very glad to see Mrs. Nancy Johnson, who has been ill for some time, out to church Sunday.

Next Sunday is our regular preaching day at French Broad. Everybody come out. There will be a Sunday School organized at the Methodist church here next Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Will Parris and Mr. Claud Parris motored to Asheville Monday.

Mrs. Jessie Parris was the guest of Mrs. Delia Parris Monday.

(By Another Writer)
Mrs. Charles Collins of Volga was visiting her sister, Mrs. Dela Myers, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ward have gone to Paint Rock to see her mother.

Mr. Lee Carter was out visiting Mr. Ervin Parris and also Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Buckner, Sunday afternoon.

Little Richard Keys is on the sick list. Hope he will soon be well again.

Mrs. Carter of Flint Hill is spending the week with her son Lee Carter, and daughter, Hattie Warlick.

Mr. Sam Austin went to Marshall last Saturday to get lumber to build him a new house.

Mr. Marion Buckner was at Alexander Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Haney spent last Tuesday night with her sister, Mrs. Mae Williams.

Hope the Office Kat will not get drowned this rainy weather, out chasing rats, for we would miss his column.

FROM LAUREL VIEW

Among those who called at the home of Miss Lela Cook Saturday evening were Mrs. Alex Payne, Mrs. Shelt Norton and children, Mrs. Buf-fer Gossell and children, and Mrs. Kenneth Gentry. Eugene Franklin, Bartley Gentry, Arlie Shotton, Hill-hart Blair, Arthur Cook, Fred Payne, Florence Gossell, Ruby Payne, Miss Cook entertained them with a sup-



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From ODESSA, N. C.

Mr. Charlie and Miss Ida Waldroup motored to town Thursday.

Mr. Wayne Wells of Canton called on homefolks Sunday.

Mr. J. M. Capps was out Friday getting men to help cover the brick church.

Mr. and Mrs. Letcher Clark spent last week end on Spring Creek.

Mr. Herbert Garrett was guest of Mr. Hardie Ferguson Thursday.

Mr. Jess Clark is still on the sick list.

Mr. Berry Duckett is very ill. Mr. Hardie Henson of Marion is spending a week with his sister, Mrs. Annie Clark. Miss Annie and Hilda Duckett went to Little Sandy, Saturday. Mr. Roy Caldwell passed through this section Wednesday. Mr. Less Black called on Mr. Ernest King Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Jerome King have moved to Mr. Edd King's farm. Miss Nola Freeman called on Mrs. Edd King Friday. Mr. W. E. Waldroup motored to town Saturday.

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From BUCKNER

Mrs. A. C. Gentry attended the funeral of Mrs. Wesley Brown Sunday.

Mrs. Sam Shelton visited her daughter, Mrs. Chester Gentry last Sunday.

Mrs. Shelt Norton and Mrs. Alex Payne and daughters called on Mrs. Claudia Cook Sunday.

Mrs. Shelt Norton and son Oliver were in Marshall Saturday.

Mr. Blake Gentry spent Saturday night in Marshall with his sister Beatrice.

Mrs. C. A. Rice is spending a few days with her son on Bald Creek. Miss Myrtle Roberts spent Saturday night with Miss Alma Roberts. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hensley and two children, Charles and Billy spent Sunday afternoon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Hensley. Miss Mae Penley took lunch with Mrs. Walter Briggs Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Roberts and son Harold spent Saturday night with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Andy Roberts.

FROM BEAR CREEK

The farmers are about through planting corn.

Miss Louise Hensley was visiting Misses Stella and Gertha Griffin Sunday afternoon.

Misses Bonnie and Temple Freeman and Maguire Roberts were out walking Sunday.

Miss Louise Hensley was visiting Miss Stella Griffin Saturday.

Miss Stella Griffin was visited by Mrs. Elmer Ball Saturday evening.

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