

FARM GRIT.

GRIT GRINDS

Edited by
COUNTY AGENT

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

A GOING THING.—Saturday, at a meeting of the paid-in-stockholders of the MADISON FARMERS, Inc., the organization of the corporation was completed, by-laws were adopted, and a Board of Directors elected. This board is composed of John F. Bryan, J. B. McDevitt, R. A. Edwards, Floyd Cassada, and James Wallin. These members were selected from different sections of the county giving every part of the county, as nearly as was possible, representation of the Board.

This board met after the regular meeting and decided to meet again on Saturday, Aug. 10, to organize themselves. They will continue to meet each Saturday until the building is completed.

Mr. Sprinkles has a half of the concrete base for the building poured and is pushing the work as fast as he consistently can. The members of the Board of Directors agreed to each give a day during the week to overlooking the work, representative of the corporation.

Those who have not made arrangements about their subscriptions to the work should do so at once. The business year of the corporation was set for from July 31 to July 31, giving the annual meeting at a season when the work of the farm and the condition of the roads will permit most of the members to get together. How about having an annual picnic at the annual meeting date? Mix fun and business.

MOUNTAIN STATION PICNIC.—The State Mountain Experiment farm is located in the Swannanoa valley above the town of Swannanoa. Each year they hold a picnic at this farm to which all the residents of Western North Carolina are especially invited. At this picnic there are talks by the workers of the State Experiment station, telling of their work. Also, generally outside speakers are brought in to address the body. This year we understand that the principal speaker of the occasion is to be Congressman A. F. Lever, Columbia, S. C. We understand that Congressman Tilson, Connecticut, brother to our Dr. Tilson, will also be at the picnic and will address the gathering.

The visitors are also given opportunity to inspect the experimental work in crops, in livestock, and in poultry and horticulture that is being carried on at this farm. There is some one at each kind of work being done who will explain it to the visitors. Every farmer in Western North Carolina should make it a point to visit this farm at least once each year and the annual picnic day is fine time to do so.

This year the 15th of August, Thursday, has been selected for the picnic. Every one should take with them a well-filled lunch basket. We hope that there will be a large representation from Madison County. The county agent and the assistant county agent are both going to be there.

ROOT-ROT RESISTANT TOBACCO RESISTS.—J. A. Leake purchased some root-rot resistant tobacco seed last spring. Monday he stepped into the office and said, "Well, that root-rot tobacco is growing. When I put it out one of my neighbors told me that it might do it but he would have to see it growing. It is on ground that would not grow tobacco last year." This is but another proof that the tobacco is resistant to the disease.

SELL YOUR MOLTERS.—Every old hen that molts during

this month or that has molted any time before this month should be sold. Keep those for breeders which molt during September or later. Of course in order to make this rule more applicable the flock should have received an egg making ration during the season. The hen that has not been fed to produce eggs will stop laying much sooner than she would had she received the proper ration.

WHAT IS ROOT-ROT RESISTANT TOBACCO.—Mr. J. W. Willis, Mars Hill, has asked us for information regarding the root-rot resistant tobacco. We are going to take his questions and answer them as well as we can.

Question 1. How can farmers of Madison County grow their own tobacco seed till they will be true to original stock and not mixed up?

Answer. This is a pertinent question. Home grown tobacco seed is preferable to imported tobacco seed. It is more adapted to the soil on which the crop is to be grown and to the climatic conditions of that section. When growing his own seed the farmer should select the seed plant with extra care, choosing that plant which most closely approaches the type desired. Then, when the blooms start to open, this plant should be bagged. A No. 25 paper bag or poke is best for this. It is well to punch some holes in this poke with a large needle.

After first plucking off any blooms that may have opened slip this poke over the head of the plant and tie it with a cord around the stalk, not letting the poke rest upon the bloom stalk. Before placing the poke over it is well to dust the head with a mixture of arsenate of lead and corn meal mixed 1 part of arsenate of lead to 75 parts of cornmeal by weight. This will destroy the worms. Leave the poke on the head until all seed pods are formed.

Question 2. How can we grow seed that will be root-rot resistant?

Answer. The best method will be to secure root-rot resistant seed to start with. Grow this seed on sick ground and select your seed stalks as directed in answer to Question 1. This seed can be secured from the county agent.

Question 3. If plant or seed must be treated of what does the treatment consist?

Answer. There is no treatment. The root-rot resistant tobacco is a selection of plants that have resisted the disease. This resistance has been gradually increased by continual selection, year after year.

Question 4. When and how should treatment be applied?

Answer. See answer to Question 3.

NOTE.—We are glad that Mr. Willis sent these questions in. We will be glad to receive questions from other farmers and will try to answer them.

UNITED STATES FORESTER HERE.—On Monday, August 12th, Mr. W. R. Mattoon, United States Forest Service, and R. W. Graeber, Extension Forester for North Carolina, will be in Madison County. A meeting will be held on Walnut Creek, on the farm of Winston Rice, in the interests of forests. This will be at 2:30 in the afternoon. We want to ask that all the farmers who can will attend this meeting. Forestry must be understood to a much greater extent in the future than in the past if we are to get the most from our mountain lands.

be in Madison County. Look in next week's paper for schedule of meetings.

TO HAVE FAMILY REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Chandler and family are preparing to have a big family reunion Sunday, September 1, 1929. More about this will appear later.

Written by a grand-daughter,
VONALEE REVIS,
Walnut, N. C.

FROM HOT SPRINGS

Miss Edna Mae Honeycut of Walnut is the guest of Mrs. Dennis Church.

Mrs. McDaniel and daughter of Asheville are spending a while in Hot Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Grubbs and daughters are spending their vacation in Knoxville and Bristol, Tenn.

Dr. and Mrs. Kimberly spent Tuesday in Asheville.

Mesdames G. W. Corbett, L. A. Gernell, Margaret Bryant, C. C. Brown, Craig Ramsey, O. S. Brooks, G. M. Rhodes and Miss Marie Odell all motored to Marshall, N. C., Monday.

Fifty-five ladies were present from all over the county. We will have our home demonstration work again this year and let's every woman and child make it the best year we have ever had in this work.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown and son of Knoxville, Tenn., spent part of Sunday in Hot Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Foy Lusk of Fletcher were in town Saturday.

Mrs. Geo. Lippard was taken to the Biltmore hospital Sunday and operated on for appendicitis. She is getting along very nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lusk of Bluff spent Sunday afternoon in Hot Springs.

Mrs. Geo. Stevens, who has been in the French Broad hospital, was taken to the home of her sister Tuesday and will be there several days until she is able to go to her home near Tennala.

The Methodist Sunday School held their Sunday School and annual picnic Sunday at Lake Junaluska.

Mr. and Mrs. Jared are moving in their new home the last of this week.

Mrs. Edd Huley is the guest of relatives in Gainesville, Ga. Mr. Huley will spend the week-end and they are expected home the first of next week.

Mr. C. G. Paris spent Tuesday in Asheville, N. C.

HOME DEM. AGENT'S COLUMN

Report for Madison County During the Month of July.

During the month of July, I have held 13 girls club meetings, these being at Hot Springs, White Rock, Enon Sandy Mush, Beech Glen, Spring Creek, Walnut, Little Pine, and nine women's clubs, these being at Walnut, Spring Creek, Hot Springs, Pioneer and Enon.

The women's clubs during July have been studying canning. At each of these meetings I have given a demonstration in the canning and making of jelly. Carrots, tomatoes, beans and blackberry jelly have been demonstrated. The women have been interested in canning and have asked to continue this work at their next meeting.

The girl's clubs have continued their clothing and most of them have completed their nightgowns and are ready to begin on their slips at their next meeting, however some have already begun their slips. They have checked their minor projects and their health is emphasized at each meeting. This was made clear in our district health contest and the girls were scored lowest on their posture.

In addition to my club work I have held a four day encampment with 19 girls, at the Western North Carolina 4-H camp at Swannanoa. We combined the girls of Madison, Buncombe, Rutherford and Henderson Counties, there were 89 girls at camp. We studied arts and crafts, making a wool handbag, athletic contest, vesper services each night, hike to the test farm where Mr. Clapp explained some of the different projects the State is running on the farm for this section of the State, hiking and swimming and lectures on "Manners" were given by Mrs. Ellis. Also I have spent another day and night at camp helping with the boys camp of Madison, Swain and Jackson Counties. Mr. Goodman asked the home agents in this district to do this as there were to be no home agents with them.

I have spent one day making mattress covers for the camp, held a county health contest and took my best girl to Asheville for the district health contest which was won by Polk County, who represented this district in Raleigh at the girl's short course.

I have made five home visits and spent one afternoon with Mrs. T. A. Woody as I am helping her with a plan to remodel her house this fall.

One night I attended a community meeting at White Rock and helped with a box supper at Beech Glenn.

MUCH BUSINESS DONE AT FARM CONVENTION

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 5.—Governor Gardner's agricultural program was endorsed, a state-wide plan for agricultural development adopted and a start made in promoting the plan for pure bred crop seeds and pure bred livestock at the 27th annual session of the State Farmers' Convention meeting at State College, July 22 to 26.

The work in preparing a state-wide program for agriculture was said to be the most outstanding piece of work done by the Convention. At the sectional meetings, the delegates worked long and hard in studying the needs of the State and the best solution of its agricultural problems. The result of this labor was embodied in a series of reports made on the last day and adopted by sections. These reports will be condensed in a publication of the Agricultural Extension Service and published as soon as it can be made ready.

In the resolutions, the farmers called for a further study of rural taxation, encouraged the work of the Federal Farm Board, endorsed the county government advisory commission, asked again for further financial aid in securing an eight-months term for public schools, recommended better research facilities for agricultural problems, and called for more respect for law. The ladies also endorsed the Governor's agricultural program and put forward Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon to receive national honor because of her work.

Officers of the Convention for the coming year are B. B. Everett, Palmyra, president; D. J. Lybrook, Advance, first vice-president; O. J. Holler, Rutherford, second vice-president; I. O. Schaub, State College, Secretary and treasurer; C. A. Sheffield, Assistant secretary and treasurer and F. H. Jeter, editorial manager.

Officers for the State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs are: Mrs. W. C. Pou, Iredell County, president; Mrs. Dudley Bagley, Currituck County, first vice-president; Mrs. Paul Oliver, Robeson County, second vice-president; Mrs. Charles L. Coble, Alamance County, Secretary, and Mrs. D. A. McCormick, Robeson County, Treasurer.



THAT years ago lots was said about "trusts" and "trust busting." All such opposition seems to have passed if you can judge by the popularity of Investment Trusts. The exception seems to be the mythical "power trust." From the best information obtainable, the Electric Bond and Share company is the largest owner and operator of electric utilities in the United States.

From the best information available, one group of newspapers controls over 18 per cent of the daily circulation in the United States. Therefore, if there is a "power trust" there certainly is a "newspaper trust."

My personal opinion is that combinations tend to better and cheaper service. Certainly no class of business in the country gives more for the money than do newspapers, and yet I'm inclined to believe that the newspaper business is more closely controlled than the electric utility business. Think of the large number of municipal electric plants in the United States. Then think of the large number of small isolated electric companies, and then think of the number of large utility companies of which there are some thirty-five in the United States. Not all of the owners or operators of businesses are perfect nor do they always forget their own selfish interests and the same thing is true of owners and operators of utilities, but after all these people are simply ordinary human beings with the same thoughts and impulses and good and bad ideas that all other human beings have, and whether they are in the utility business, newspaper business, grocery business, or any other business, their individuality is not a great deal different.

If all of the people in the United States were pulling together for better service in every line that exists and helped the other fellow whenever it was possible, and would quit this eternally trying to pull down the other man by false or ignorant statements, this great country of ours would not only excel every other country in the world, but would improve so much that it would be so far



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ahead of any other country that there would not be any chance of any other country overtaking us, and I'm sure that none of us would recognize it as the same dear old United States after such a policy had been in force by all of the people for a period of a couple or more years.

TO EMPLOY LARGE NUMBER FOR CENSUS

Washington, D. C.—The taking of the fifteenth decennial census will furnish employment for about 100,000 throughout the country as enumerators, it has been announced by the Director of the Census, William M. Stewart. In employing these, war veterans, their wives and widows will be given preference. The applicants will be subject to an examination but not to civil service requirements.

The Census Bureau now is engaged in organizing the force of supervisors who will be required, a task which will be well advanced by the coming autumn. It is then the intention of the Bureau, Mr. Stewart said, to take up the selection of the big army of enumerators for the nation-wide task of canvassing the population, agricultural and other statistics. At least one enumerator will be required in every political subdivision. The examination will consist of the answering of a number of inquiries to enable the Bureau to decide upon the qualifications of the applicant.

—Scottish Rite News

Interesting Notes

Miss Helen Willis recently won the British women's singles in tennis for the third consecutive year.

Daffodil bulbs exhibited at a London show were valued at \$100 to \$150. Roof signs must be in letters about 15 feet high to be read by aviators two miles up.

Great Britain exports about twice as much leather footwear as the United States, or \$25,000,000 worth a year.

General Bramwell Booth, late head of the Salvation Army, left a personal estate of less than \$5,000.

The deepest hole ever drilled in the earth is at Long Beach, Cal., which was down 8,932 feet a few days ago and still being drilled deeper for oil.

The Escurial, near Madrid, is the largest royal palace in Europe.

About 61,000 persons paid \$7,525 to see King George's Sandringham palace last year, the money going to charities.

The population of South America is growing faster than that of any other part of the world, showing an increase of 40 per cent in 10 years.

Average express train speeds in Great Britain are slightly greater than in any other country, being 41.9 miles per hour, compared with the United States 41.3; France, 40.8, and Germany, 36.6.

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