

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

NO ARTICLE LAST WEEK—Owing to the annual report to the officials in charge of the Extension work in the state and in the United States, which had to be made last week, we were forced to omit the column in the News-Record. We intend to print sections of this annual report from time to time in our column believing that it will be interesting to our readers.

MONEY FOR TURKEYS—H. W. Freeman, who lives at Doggett's Gap, sold \$560 worth of turkeys this year. He started with 11 turkey hens. He has 20 turkeys left on his farm.

LOTS OF TOBACCO—H. B. Woody, who lives near Joe post office, used 200 lbs. of 12-4-6 on an eighth of an acre of tobacco last spring. He told us the other day that he had cut 265 lbs. of tobacco from

this plot or at the rate of 2120 pounds to the acre.

BEST TOBACCO IN COUNTY—Residents of No. 16 Township claim that they have the best tobacco in the county, taken as a whole. Best crop that they have cut in years, so they say. They are strong for high analysis fertilizer.

NUMBER OF OFFICE CALLERS GROWS—During the year ending November 30th., 1220 different farmers called at the county agent's office for information. This was an average of 8 1/2 callers for every day spent in the office. Aside from attending to these callers the county agent wrote 570 individual letters and 54 articles for the papers, besides several circular letters.

During 150 days spent in the field 790 farm visits were

made, an average 5 1/4 farms for each day in the field. There were 380 different individual farmers visited, and average of 2 1/2 new farms for each day in the field.

THESE CHICKENS DO LAY

—The Woodys started the year November 1, 1928, with 207 White Leghorn hens. They finished with 107. They averaged for the year 154 laying hens in the flock. These hens laid 29,361 eggs during the year, an average to the average number of hens in the flock, of 190 eggs.

This same flock averaged a net return to the owner of \$3.06 per bird for the 207 birds in the flock at the beginning of the year.

This is the sort of hens that should be in the flocks on the farms in Madison County. It is the sort of hens that the Madison County Slogan calls for, "CRACKING GOOD HENS." They are receiving the care that is enabling them to build the bank account of their owners.

THE TOBACCO DEMONSTRATION PLOTS YIELD WELL

—Our report reads: "Of the five one-half acre plots under which the synthetic nitrogen product, nitraphoska (30-15-15) was used at the rate of 200 lbs. to the acre (equal to

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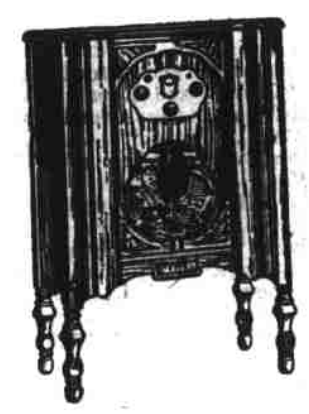
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Mars Hill, N. C.

800 pounds of 8-4-4), the results of only three were secured. One of these five plots was destroyed by wet weather and another had no report made as the cooperators failed to keep his crop separate, in other words, did not cooperate. The other three plots gave an average yield of 1300 lbs. to the acre.

"Of the eight one-half acre plots under which a 12-4-6 fertilizer was used four failed to report, two because wet weather damaged the crop and two 'just failed to cooperate.' The four crops reported gave an average yield of 1439 lbs. per acre. One of these four crops was injured by weather and disease and the yield cut. However, the average yield of the tobacco crop in the county as given in the statistical report by the Department of Agriculture was more than doubled.

"The best tobacco plot of the year was that made on the farm of R. P. Forester, Mars Hill, R. 1. Mr. Forester had a half-acre over 12-4-6, a half-acre over nitraphoska (30-15-15), and an acre over 8-4-4. The last acre was fertilized in the manner that most of the growers have used fertilized tobacco, 400 lbs. to the acre. The yield of these three plots, all calculated to the acre basis, was as follows: 8-4-4, 786 lbs. of tobacco. Sold for \$259.36 above the cost of fertilizer. 30-15-15, 1456 lbs. of tobacco,

Sold for \$496.08 above the cost of fertilizer.

12-4-6, 2096 lbs. of tobacco. Sold for \$680.56 above the cost of tobacco.

The 12-4-6 acre yielded 2-2-3 times as much as the 8-4-4 acre.

There are 11 tobacco demonstrations that will go on to the market this winter. The yields given above are for the plots grown during 1928, the returns for which came in too late for our 1928 report. It pays to use a good grade of fertilizer, liberally, in growing tobacco. It not only increases the number of pounds but also the quality of the tobacco.

DAIRY CATTLE—Those selling cream to the Biltmore Dairy increased for the year from 50 to 100. For the year ending November 1 there were 33,000 lbs. of butterfat sold, bringing to the county from \$15,000 to \$16,000. This is an increase of 50% over last year's sales.

At the peak of the season this year the cream sales amounted to \$2514 per month. The average sales for a five months period, beginning May 1, were \$2019. This is comparable with the average with the average for the same five months of the previous year, which was \$1227. During the five months mentioned, for 1929, the total sales of cream were equal to the total sales for the entire year of 1928.

We hope that during the season of 1930 there may be an increase over the cream sales of 1929 or even larger than the increase of 1929 over 1928.

LETTER TO SANTA

Flag Pond, Tenn.
Route No. 1.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl four years old. Please bring me a big doll that can sleep, and a little cook stove, a little set of dishes and some oranges, candy and nuts. Please remember my little cousin, Ernestine, up in West Va., and bring her something nice.
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