

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

WANTS SAME FERTILIZER—“Are the farmers going to handle the same brand of fertilizer again this year,” was the question asked by W. W. Metcalf, Waverly, one day last week when the county agent saw him in J. S. Brown's store. Mr. Metcalf went on to say that in 1927 he used save that in 1927 he used 8-3-3, in 1928 he bought 10-4-4 and used under his tobacco, and in 1929, he advanced another step and used the new tobacco fertilizer made after formula suggested by E. Y. Floyd, tobacco specialist for North Carolina. “My tobacco,” continued Mr. Metcalf, “was the brightest, more uniform, and of better quality in 1929 than in either of the other years. I want the same kind of fertilizer again.”

Joe Brown reports a yield of 2700 pounds of burley from the two acres fertilized with 12-4-6 and an average selling price on this of 32c per pound. Looks like Mr. Floyd has come pretty close to the right fertilizer for burley considering

all the reports had this year.

PROGRAM MEETING—There will be a meeting in the county agent's office on Monday, January 27, at 10 o'clock in the morning, to consider a program for the agricultural work in the county for the coming year. All interested are invited to attend the meeting. The district agent will be present to offer suggestions.

LET'S HOLD STEADY ON TOBACCO—This seems to be a good idea for the Madison County farmer for 1930. It is the farmer who keeps to a constant line of activity, whether it be livestock, fruit, or some cash crop that wins out in the course of time. The fellow who rushes in when the price of what he makes to sell is high and drops out when the price is low usually loses in the end.

Everything points to an increased acreage of burley next year. A report from the county agent of Jackson County says that the farmers are preparing to grow tobacco. A few tried it this year and made

good. Henderson county reports an intended acreage of around 400; they have not grown it before. Buncombe intends to grow about 2000 acres. In 1928 their acreage was about 400. Other counties which have never made a practice of growing burley are intending to plant some. And then there is that great bright burley section around Lexington, Ky., which lost its crop this year because of dry weather—they will be back again. And our own farmers are enlarging their acreage, at least some of them. Can't we expect Greene county to grow more? The low price of milk for the condensery plant there will no doubt tempt many to grow more burley.

Mr. Farmer, think this matter over carefully. Don't you believe the best plan will be to grow the usual crop of burley, grow that the very best you can, and provide for the family expenses from other sources? We hope that most of Madison county farmers are not like one farmer who replied when asked if he was going to increase his acreage of burley—“Yes, like all the rest of the fools, I'm going to put more acres in tobacco.”

HORTICULTURIST HERE

Mr. Niswonger, Extension Horticulturist, spent January 16 and 17 with the county agent. Visits were made to the orchards of Chapel Tweed, Clyde Brown and Clyde Holcombe. At these places those interested in orchards met Mr. Nis-

wonger and he told them of the needs that must be met if orchards were successful.

THIRD B. W. D. TEST—Monday and Tuesday of this week Mr. Kennet of the Department of Agriculture, made the third test for B. W. D. on the flocks of Mrs. J. E. Bryan, Mrs. A. J. Dennis, Mrs. J. E. Carter, Mrs. H. L. Murray, Mrs. E. G. Jarvis, Mrs. T. A. Woody, Emmet Davis and the county agent. These people are preparing to raise chickens at a lower cost and of more sturdy stuff because of the elimination of the bacillary white diarrhea.

GIVE FERTILIZER NEEDS OF DIFFERENT CROPS

A series of eight circulars containing fertilizer recommendations for the various types of soil of North Carolina and the leading crops has been prepared by C. B. Williams, H. B. Mann and A. S. Cline of the North Carolina Experiment Station at Raleigh. Copies of the circulars may be had free of charge by writing C. B. Williams, at State College.

Circular 41 deals with Cherokee, Graham, Macon Swain, Jackson, Madison, Avery, Clay, Haywood, Transylvania, Henderson, Buncombe, Jones, Mitchell, Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany counties.

It should be noticed that parts of some counties are included in more than one circular.

“WORLD NEWS” IN BRIEF

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Italian Rayon Production Increasing.—Italian rayon production totaled 23,517,210 kilos during the first nine months of 1929 as compared with 20,173,177 kilos during the corresponding nine months of 1928, an increase of 16.6 per cent.—Trade Commissioner Humes, Rome.

Guns Used As Currency in Northern Rhodesia.—Guns are used to a considerable extent as local currency in Northern Rhodesia.—Assistant Trade Commissioner, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Automobile Pawn Shop Established in Czechoslovakia.—A pawn shop which lends money on automobiles, trucks and tractors has been established in Prague, Czechoslovakia.—Automotive Division, Department of Commerce.

German Forests Occupy 27 Per Cent Of Country's Area.—The total area of German forests is 31,258,000 acres or 27 per cent of the total area of the Empire, according to latest available German figures from American Consul R. W. Heingartner, Frankfurt-on-Main, Germany.

New Labor Organization Planned For British Entertainment Industry.—A move has been made by the London Trades Council to stabilize and bring together the many unions and affiliations of employees throughout the entertainment industry in general and in the film studios in particular.—Trade Commissioner Cauty, Paris.

Indefinite Extension of Present German Tariff.—The present German tariff schedule, which was to expire on December 31, 1929, has been extended indefinitely beyond this date.—Lawrence Groves, Commercial Attache, Berlin.

Rapid Growth In Use Of Wood Flour.—The increasing demand for wood flour in the manufacture of various articles, including phenol-resin products, linoleum, and dynamite cartridges, is reported to have resulted in an increase in consumption from 7,000 tons in 1924 to 40,000 tons in 1928. During the latter year, 14,490,449 pounds of wood flour, valued at \$94,723 was imported, although many American operators are said to be spending money to dispose of sawdust and shavings which could be converted into wood flour equal in every way to that produced by foreign mills. True firs, white pines, and spruces are reported to be the chief woods available in the United States for high grade wood flour. Observations are said to indicate that the wood of maple, ash, white birch, and basswood also should be capable of producing a good grade of wood flour, since they are devoid of resin and have the necessary light color.—Lumber Division.



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More Than 41 Million Dollars Paid In Automobile Insurance Premiums in France During 1928.—According to figures collected from the various insurance companies and published in the *Journee Industrielle* of November 26, 1929, automobile insurance premiums in France amounted to approximately 1,030,590,000 francs or \$41,223,600 during the year 1928.—Trade Commissioner Finger, Paris.

Canadian Government Proposes New Steamship Service.—The Canadian Government may establish new steamship services to Africa and India, in order to stimulate Canadian exports to these countries.—Department of Commerce.

New 28 Passenger Hispano-Suiza Motored Airplane Ready For Flight In France.—The all metal, 28 passenger tri-motor, 1,800 hp Hispano-Suiza transport monoplane known as the “DB70” has recently been completed at Bordeaux. In the construction of this plane is found the principle of the habitable wing, according to the design of deMonge, engineer. This same principle is partially applied to the Junkers “J38”. The plane is so constructed that the motors are accessible during flight. Its cabins are well equipped for the easy carriage of 28 passengers. If necessary, 20 wounded or sick may be comfortably carried and given immediate aid.—Paris Office, United States Department of Commerce.

Not All Bad

Thomas Hughes, author of *Tom Brown's School Days*, once said: “The real fact is that nations, and the families of which nations are composed, make no parade or fuss over that part of their affairs which is going right.” This is a familiar truth, but we need to recall it often that we may have courage and hope in daily service.

Our daily newspapers, of which we are all such constant and omniverous readers, deal largely with abnormal

things. Whether necessary or not, it is inevitable that the journalist, however careful and unsensational he may be, shall make prominent mention of the murders, collisions, burglaries, arsons, divorces, domestic and social infelicities, labor troubles, church quarrels, and the like, to say nothing of wars and all forms of international strife. But these things, after all concern comparatively few people, and do not disturb the great ongoing of the Nation's work. They are numerous enough—far too numerous, but they are in a decided minority, as we may remember with signal comfort.

New York city, for example, is largely thought of as a huge and wicked city. There is much wickedness here, and much wretchedness, much profligacy, and much ostentatious vice. There is iniquity in high places and low. There is unspeakable need of the gospel in the hearts and lives of men. And yet the majority of the people here are living orderly, sober, industrious and peaceful lives. Think of the multitudes of business establishments, large and small, the great transportation companies, the numerous churches, the hundreds of schools, libraries, art galleries, helpful societies of all sorts, and the tens of thousands of happy homes! These do not figure in the newspapers, but they constitute the basis and strength of the city's life.—Watchman-Examiner.

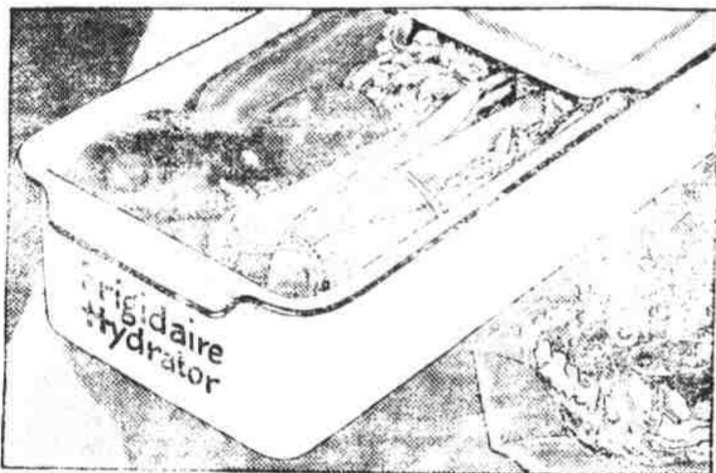
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