

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

THAT BURLEY CROP—We advise you to read the article in last week's Record by Walter Bernard, Greeneville Tenn., again. Please note what he says about producing quality tobacco. It seems as tho too many of our farmers are intending to go after pounds rather than quality next year.

Another authority writing in the Southern Agriculturist makes some statements that bear pondering. Writing before the market opened, he gave the crop estimates as reported by the Federal Crop Reporting Board. They calculated that one-fourth of the acreage was badly damaged by drouth and would not yield over 400 lbs. per acre. The drouth was most severe in the heaviest producing sections. The crop estimate was slightly over 300,000,000 pounds. There is no telling what it would have been without the drouth.

The average annual production for the five years, 1924-1928 inclusive was 267,000,000 pounds. This amount permitted the manufacturers to keep ample reserves and the holdings of burley are only slightly smaller than at the beginning of the period named. This year's crop would, surely, give the manufacturers all the tobacco they need. This writer believes that the demand for burley leaf will take care of production in excess of about 280,000,000 pounds per year for several years unless there is a heavy price reduction. He advises that no grower is justified in expanding his acreage the coming year, rather some

reduction is advisable. He believes that the effort should be made toward, not more tobacco, but rather toward better tobacco. The growers must use those methods in growing and handling the crop that will increase the quality as well as the yield per acre. His suggestions are right in line with the suggestions of other authorities. We believe that it will profit the Madison County farmer to consider this advice and to follow it.

A GOOD CROP OF BURLEY—James Ramsey, Mars Hill, had a profitable crop of tobacco in his garden last year. He set about 3200 plants and the tobacco from these plants sold for \$196. We venture to say that this was more than many farmers made on their acre. A case of good methods.

A LITTLE WORK: GOOD ROADS—Most of the country roads, other than the state highways, have to be taken with a great deal of care. Not at all with the Farm Truck road. From the Burnsville highway to Brown's store the Ford went in high with never a murmur. The road was good.

We were on our way to inspect Clyde Brown's orchard and remarked the good road when we got there. We were told that Clyde Brown with a home-made contrivance had pushed all the snow from the road before it had opportunity to melt and soak in. The road surface was not injured in any way.

We believe that good roads

are one excellent sign of progressive communities. It is not necessary to wait to secure aid, always, to keep up a road. An hour or so with a team and a road drag will do wonders. Just try it out.

POULTRY FLOCK GOING FINE—Our county poultry flock, as we like to call it, is doing nicely. During January there were in this flock 1255 pullets, 511 old hens, 31 male birds. The flock produced 21,114 eggs that sold for \$706.88. The feed cost was \$325.56, leaving a nice profit of \$381.32.

The average cost of eggs per dozen was 18.5 cents. The average sale price was slightly over 40 cents per dozen. It would be interesting to compare the record of this flock with that of the average county hen. We venture that there would be a difference of some import in favor of this flock.

One flock produced eggs for about 13.5 cents per dozen; another for around 15 cents per dozen; still another about 14.9 cents per dozen. The birds are eating less every month per dozen eggs produced. It is evident that eggs can be produced at a profit even tho the selling price is around a quarter.

AN IMPORTANT MEETING—On March 13th., Mr. Farnham, Extension Dairy Specialist, and Dr. Grinnell of the State College at Raleigh, will hold a meeting at Marshall at 10:30 in the morning for those interested in cream and milk production. Especial emphasis will be placed on economic production of milk and milk products and upon some of the

diseases that are common to dairy cattle.

On the afternoon of the same day there will be a meeting at Mars Hill for the farmers of that section at which meeting the same subjects will be considered. All farmers who are interested in cattle are invited to attend.

THE RIGHT SORT—Wiley M. Roberts reports that he has purchased a new sire to head his herd of Aberdeen Angus cattle. This bull came from the French Broad Farms near Dandridge, Tennessee. He is sired, so Mr. Roberts says, by Imported Perinthian, the highest priced bull of the breed ever brought to this country from Scotland. Imported Perinthian was Supreme Champion of Scotland and Grand Champion of the International Show at Chicago in 1920.

The dam of the young bull is Blackbird of Rosengift 4th., a good producing cow of Dr. Higgins, owner of the French Broad Farms, and a cow which has dammed calves that have stood well in the show ring.

Mr. Roberts has aimed to keep up the quality of the cattle on his farm by introducing new blood thru the sires used. He has been breeding purebreds for several years. His herd should form a source of good blood of the Aberdeen Angus breed for those in the county who wish that strain of beef cattle. The county agent is glad to have this herd in the county. There is a place for more purebred beef herds, as well as of other stock, in Madison County from which herd stock can be secured to build the beef stock of the county.



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FROM HOT SPRINGS

Mesdames W. T. Davis, D. B. Duckett, Rhodes and Miss Beulah Duckett all attended the cooking school in Asheville last week.

Prof. and Mrs. Farmer spent the week-end with her home folks near Charlotte.

Mr. Stamey was called to Spartanburg, S. C., last week to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law.

Miss Ena Drennon spent the week-end with her sister, Miss Olivia Drennon, the 7th grade teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Buquo of Black Mountain spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Plemmons.

Mrs. Jack Farris is still on the sick list, after having flu, and her sister of near Craggy is with her this week.

Mrs. Hugh Lance, whose illness has been mentioned heretofore, remains about the same and her many friends and relatives feel very uneasy about her.

Mr. Thos. Frisbee, who has been right sick, is able to be up again.

Mr. Jared spent Monday in Knoxville, Tenn.

Mrs. C. C. Brown, Mrs. Rhodes and her mother, Mrs. Kilgore, attended the business meeting of the Demonstration Club in Marshall last Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Davis motored to Asheville Tuesday afternoon.

Phil Brown of U. T. and his cousin, Wayne Brown, who were on the motorcycle going to their schools, were struck by a car from a side road in Knoxville last week. Wayne was bruised up some, while Phil's foot was hurt and he had to be in a hospital several days, and now is getting along as well as could be at the home of his uncle, Mr. Joe Brown.

Mrs. Henry Plemmons is on the sick list this week.

Hot Springs welcomes a new store in town. The firm name is Lawson Feed and Grocery Co.

From BELVA

Mr. Enoch and Douglas Shelton are guests of their brother Mr. Sam Shelton.

Mr. Eugene Franklin and Mr. Ben Gentry called on Miss Lela Cook and Miss Mabel Shelton Sunday.

Miss Marie Shelton spent Sunday night with her sister, Mrs. Chester Gentry.

Mrs. Scott Cook had as her guests Sunday, Mr. Grady Cutshall, Frank Gosnell, "High Pockets", Ben and Neal Gentry, Eugene Franklin, Polly and Mary Tweed, Grady Tweed, Ernest and Spot Gosnell, Bob Cook, Mitchell and Seaf Gentry and Zible Sections.

Mrs. W. M. Cook called on Mrs.

Sam Shelton Sunday.
Mr. John Gentry and son Dewey were at Belva Sunday.
Miss Lela Cook was the guest of Miss Mabel Shelton Sunday.
Mr. Ernest Shelton spent a few

days of last week with his uncle at Knoxville, Tenn.
Mr. Bartley Gentry and Hilliard King motored to Washington College Saturday.
Those calling on Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shelton Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Bula Tweed of Marshall, Mr. Erve Gosnell, Arthur Cantrell, Miss Zifley Section, Bartley Gentry, Hilliard King, Eugene Franklin, Ben Gentry and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Gentry.
Miss Mabel Shelton and Miss Vinca Gentry called on Mrs. Dan Shelton Friday.
Mrs. Sam Shelton and son Robert took dinner with her daughter, Mrs. Chester Gentry, Sunday.
Mrs. W. M. Cook called at the home of Mrs. Sam Shelton Monday night.
Best wishes to Shakit Sam.

BIG LAUREL

We are glad to report that our Sunday school is improving. There were several in attendance last Sunday.
Miss Ethel Wild and Miss Beatrice Rice took dinner with Mrs. Reo Bishop Sunday.
Miss Zula Wild is spending a few days with friends on Big Laurel.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Norton spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Lewis.
Miss Nona Lewis spent Sunday night with Misses Rogena and Atlas Buckner.
Mr. Reo Bishop took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wild Sunday.
Mrs. N. H. Griffin visited Mrs. Mary Buckner Sunday.
Miss Portia Griffin took dinner with Mrs. Ralph Griffin Sunday.
We are glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Bulo Rice moving back into our community.
Mr. and Mrs. Luke Griffin visited friends on Walnut Creek Sunday.
Mr. Isten Griffin spent Sunday night with Mr. Foch Buckner.
Miss Leado Holland, Mrs. Jim Chandler and Mrs. Hattie Buckner went to Chapel Hill Sunday.
Miss Cleta Griffin is staying with Mrs. Charlie E. Rice.
Misses Erna and Eula Wallin visited Misses Robena and Atlas Buckner Friday.
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Holland visited Mrs. R. C. Buckner Sunday.

B. Y. P. U. PLAY

"THE WREN"

Walnut High School Auditorium
February 14, 1930 at 7:30 o'clock

Sponsored by the B. Y. P. U. of the Missionary Baptist church, to be given at the Walnut High School Auditorium Friday, February 14, 1930-7:30 P. M.

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CAST OF CHARACTERS:

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| Mrs. Julia Danna, A Soldier's Mother | Bernice Payne |
| Robert Danna, The Soldier | Paul Hensley |
| Jane Danna, "The Wren" | Margaret Leake |
| Sarah Woodston, Jane's Friend | Agnes Brigman |
| Donald Drews, Another Friend | Raymond McDevitt |
| Mammy, That's All | Pearl Brigman |
| Mrs. Harriet Greenston, A Business Woman | Gypsie McDevitt |
| Reginald Greenston, Her Spoiled Son | Roy Thomas |
| Mrs. Cecelia Danna Fordston, Jane's Aunt | Winona Allen |
| Corinne Fordston, Jane's Cousin | Marie Hutchins |
| Binkie, Mrs. Fordston's Maid | Beatrice McDevitt |
| Rodney Blake, Sr., A Foster Father | Dr. Hutchins |
| Mrs. Rodney Blake, A Foster Mother | Miss Mamie Whitesides |
| Rodney Blake, Jr., An Adopted Son | Hubert Davis |
| Judge Gray, A Lawyer | Mr. W. M. Rice |

- ACT I. Living room in home of Mrs. Danna down on the farm.
- ACT II. Reception room in the luxurious home of Mrs. Fordston in Chicago—next morning.
- ACT III. Same as Act II—two weeks later.
- ACT IV. In home of Rodney two weeks.
- ACT V. Same as Act I. Next day from Act IV.

Quartet from Buncombe County, consisting of Messrs. Curtis Rice, Bill Penley, Robert Allen and Clyde Williams, will be at Walnut Friday night, Feb. 14, and sing Negro spirituals. They will sing between acts of the play.

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