

# FARM GRIT

GRIT GRINDS  
EDITED BY THE 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 beeves, sheep and tobacco the coffers fill.  
And, when orchard, garden and sty the larder fill,  
Then, with a smile, will Mary greet her Bill.

**THE HEN.**—The barnyard hen's a good old bird; she supplements the dairy herd, and makes the farmer's wife more mon' than hubby earns from sun to sun. Where'er this queen of birds is found, delights of rural life abound, and farmer folks in touring car, bring chicks and eggs from near and far. Here in Dixie Biddy thrives; she works each day 'till dusk arrives. She disregards all labor law, and pecks away to fill her craw; she lays an egg in tufted nest, then cackling forth to work with zest. She thus a good example sets to folks who labor with regrets. Her eggs and chicks are sold for pelf to buy some chow for pantry shelf. No better food has e'er been tried than eggs on toast or chicken fried. 'Tis said a chicken dressed just right, imbues e'en preachers with delight. In every clime the hen is met; her sun, in truth, does never set. So here's to Biddy, barnyard hen, the greatest bird God gave to men.—T. M. Jeffords.

**TOBACCO PLANTS.**—The tobacco plants, for the most part, are looking fine. Seems as tho nature, at least in Madison County, is helping to break the

market. Seems as tho there will be plenty of plants to set all the land the farmer intends to set. Why not use the very best plants and use more land for food crops?

**FLEA BEETLES.**—We hear complaints of flea beetles. Better watch your tobacco bed. Be ready. The State Department of Entomology recommends the following and advises that no change be made.

"Keep entire bed covered with poison. Use 'one-in-six' mixture, which is 1 pound of Paris green with 5 pounds of Arsenate of Lead. Use at the rate of 1-2 pound of the mixture to 100 square yards as a dust. Cover the plants well. "If you desire to use a liquid spray, use 1 1-2 pounds to 2 pounds of the 'one-in-six' mixture in 50 gallons of water or 1 1-2 to 2 tablespoonsfuls to 3 gallons of water. Cover the plants well."

**USE HIGH ANALYSIS FERTILIZER LIBERALLY.**—There is a whole lot in five words.

Why use high grade? A farmer asked us a similar question the other day. Let's take two tobacco fertilizers. The State tobacco specialist recommends 12-4-6 for tobacco at

the rate of 800 to 1,000 pound to the acre.

Let's try 1,000 lbs. This means that on every acre 120 pounds of phosphate is being used; 40 pounds of nitrogen; and 60 pounds of potash. This will cost at the prices sold, \$18.25.

How about 8-3-5 in comparison? If we get 120 pounds of phosphorous on an acre we will have to apply 1500 pounds of an 8-3-5 fertilizer. This will give us 45 pounds of nitrogen and 75 pounds of potash. A little more of the last two ingredients. This 1500 pounds of 8-3-5 will cost us \$23.25, or \$5.00 more than the 1000 pounds of 12-4-6. Using the figures used by chemists in calculating the value of a fertilizer the extra ingredients secured in the 1500 pounds of 8-3-5 are worth \$2.05. The farmer paid \$5.00 for \$2.00 worth of plant feed.

Why use it liberally? Let us compare figures again. The average rate of using fertilizer in the county has been around 400 to 600 pounds to the acre. The average yield about 660 pounds. Taking 500 pounds of fertilizer of the high grade it will cost \$9.13 per acre, or at the rate of 1 1-2 cents per pound.

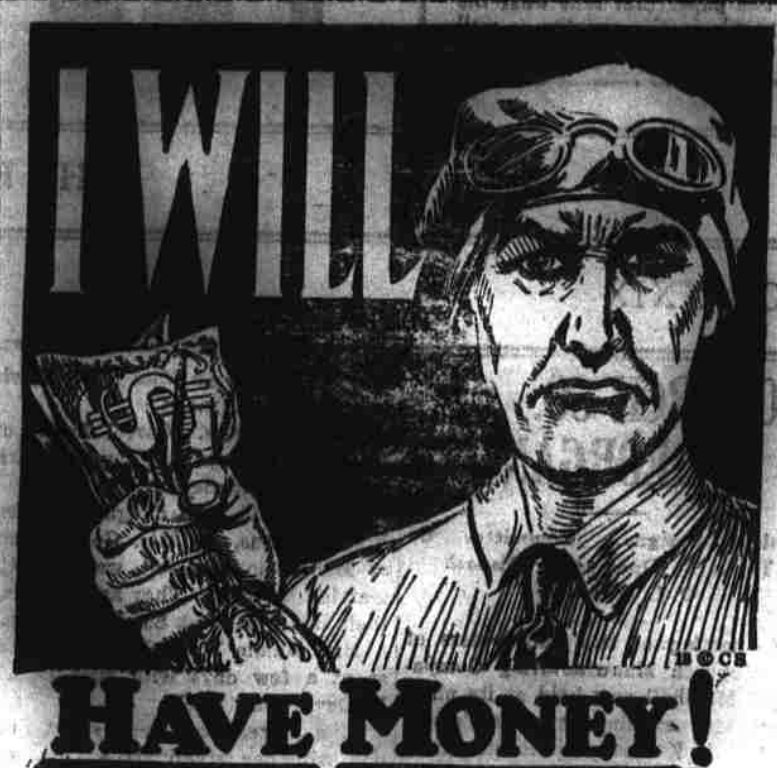
On the demonstration plots where 1000 pounds of fertilizer was used the average yield secured was 1439 pounds to the acre. The 1000 pounds of fertilizer cost \$18.25 or about 1 1-4 cents per pound for fertilizer. The labor was about the same. The fertilizer cost per pound is less with the increased amount.

Suppose we get 13 cent tobacco, as the Federal Farm Board predicts if the growers

are not disappointed in their crop. The low fertilized plot will bring \$85.80 at a fertilizer cost of \$9.13; a gain of \$76.67. The high fertilized plot will bring \$17.07 at a cost of \$18.25 a gain of \$168.82. The taxes are the same, the interest on the land is the same, the labor is not different until handing the tobacco. Which is the most profitable?

**ONE GOOD DEED DESERVES ANOTHER.**—There is a little store and lunch room at the upper end of town. Jack Thompson operates both of these. We pass this place each day. We have been noting the things taking place. On the lower side of the store a plot of ground has been fenced off and the soil dug up. In this plot is a pile of rock; not an ordinary pile but one built in an attractive manner by man. We do not know what will happen to this plot of ground or what will come from the pile of rocks. But we are expecting much. We can see bright flowers growing in the little garden. We can see a fountain of water gushing from the pile of rocks or perhaps plants suited to growing among rocks springing from the sides and blooming. What ever comes in the future the appearance of the upper end of main street has been decidedly improved. Jack Thompson reserves a large credit mark.

Another place, the railroad riverside, between the station and the river is about to break out in bloom. A solid row of Iris is in the bud. It seems to us that the lower end of main street must take a sprint to catch up with the other end of town.



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**WOOL POOL.**—There will be a representative of the State Marketing Division, who will also represent the Federal Farm Board, at Marshall on May 23 and 24 to receive wool. He will be authorized to issue payment for all wool received. More complete information about this pool will be available in a few days and we hope to get this to every sheep owner in the county. If we miss anyone we hope that we can be notified of it. Inquiries are already being received and there should be several thousand pounds of wool sold on the two days named.

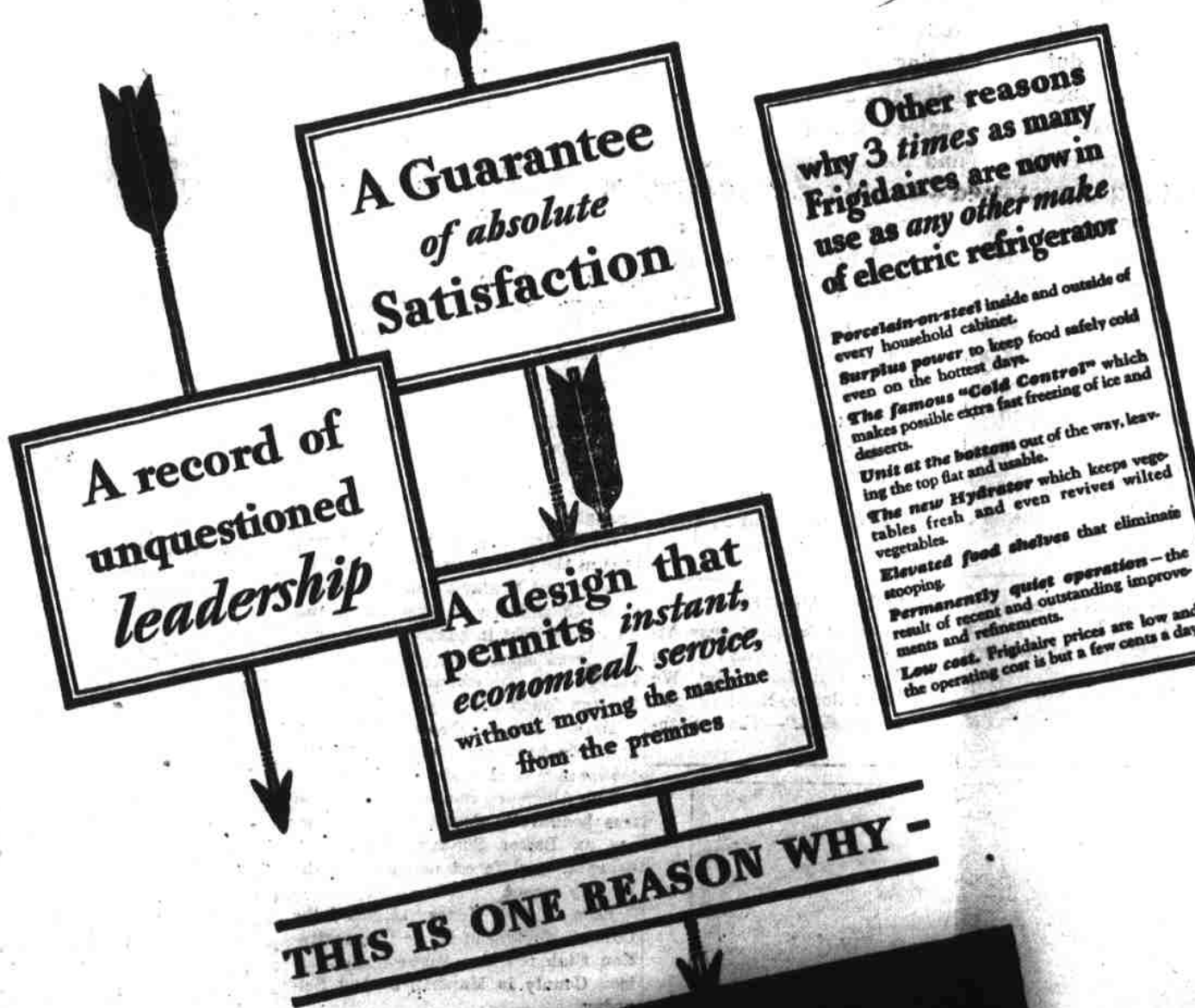
Great Plains." R. A. Turner, field agent in club work for the Central States, will announce the numbers representing club members will be with and discuss them.  
The time for the program is given below:  
Eastern Standard Time, 12:45 P. M. to 1:30 P. M.

**SELL LAMBS.**—It is the intention of the county agent, in cooperation with the representative of the State Marketing Division, to ship a carload of choice lambs as early as possible. It will help move this shipment at an early date if those having early lambs that they wish to consign will get in touch with the county agent at once.

**From SANDY MUSH**  
Mrs. Bob Boyd and daughter, Mrs. W. A. King, called on Mrs. Richard Duckett Monday.  
Messrs. Dock and Weaver Boyd of Canton were the guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. King Sunday.  
Mrs. K. Hannah and Mrs. M. M. Hannah and Mrs. T. T. King were guests of Mrs. Richard Duckett Sunday evening.  
Mrs. Nerva Sprouse of Little Sandy Mush was in this section Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Duckett and Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Duckett were out on a visit Sunday evening.  
Mr. Fred Hannah accompanied Mr. Richard Duckett to Little Sandy Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Surratt had visitors Sunday.  
Miss Nola Freeman took dinner Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. King.  
Mrs. Mont M. Hannah and Mrs. K. Hannah called on Mrs. Richard Duckett Monday evening.  
Five Sandy Mush men, all charged with manufacturing whiskey, were found guilty and were given fines and suspended sentences. Orville Garrett and Charlie Surratt were fined \$15. Perry Bryant was fined \$25 and costs and given a suspended sentence of six months. Jim Suttles was fined \$75 and given a suspended sentence of twelve months. Gaston Surratt was fined \$50 and given a six months' suspended sentence. A delegation of residents of Sandy Mush appeared at the Asheville court room to plead for the five distillers.  
Mrs. Clyde Duckett and little daughter, Mabel, called on Mrs. Richard Duckett Tuesday.  
Mrs. W. A. Hawkins was out on a visit last Sunday.  
Mr. Roy Caldwell of Little Sandy passed thru here Tuesday evening.  
Mr. Robert Boyd was in the Roberson Cove Tuesday on a little business.  
Mr. Richard King, who is in an Asheville hospital, is getting along fine, and is expected to return home soon.  
The stork flew over and thought it had too much of a load and left a baby girl with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Duckett last Sunday evening, April 13th.  
There was an egg hunt at the home of Miss Lois Garrett April 19th.  
Sorry to report that our Sunday school services died out at the Chestnut Grove church.  
Miss Annie Hawkins called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. King Saturday evening.  
Mrs. C. L. Baldwin was the guest of Mrs. Richard Duckett Thursday.

**HOME DEMONSTRATOR'S COLUMN**  
**COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**  
The County Council met Saturday afternoon at the court house. They elected the following officers: Mrs. Crawford Bryan, President; Mrs. J. M. Rhodes, Vice-President; Miss Nellie Carter, Secretary and Treasurer. They decided to have regular quarterly meetings and the fourth Tuesday of the month as their regular day.  
They voted to join the State Federation of Home Demonstration clubs and discussed sending a delegate to Pinehurst, N. C. May 14, to the State meeting, but no definite decision was made, as they have no funds. Mrs. Oscar Brooks, chairman of this district, may attend.  
The discussion of opening a shop for the Home Industries of the County was discussed and a motion was put before the house and carried to begin immediate work on the shop.  
**SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK**  
Monday, 10:30 o'clock, Enon girls.  
2:00—Enon women.  
Thursday, 10:00—Beech Glen girls.  
2:00—Pioneer Club.  
Friday, 1:30—Ebbs Chapel.

The tenth of a series of national 4-H club programs to be broadcast over a national hook-up of 43 stations is scheduled for Saturday, May 3. The United States Marine Band will furnish the musical numbers and background, continuing the series of music-appreciation periods. The theme for the day will be American music in review, and the numbers chosen are "Yankee Doodle," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "Old Kentucky Home," and "A Chorus From the



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