

Faison News, Features, and Ads

'A LOOKIN' UP

By: A. M. DAVIS

This, without a doubt, has been, and is in the process of being, one of the most disappointing truck crop years since the end of World War II. The truck crop farmers in this area are having a hard time trying to get enough out of their produce to even pay expenses much less make any profit for themselves.

The low prices for produce has been explained by the fact that our crops became ready for harvesting at the same time those in South Carolina and Georgia were being harvested. We hope this explains the situation. If it does we probably will not have to face the same problem any time soon and will probably have a good truck crop year next spring.

A number of local farmers, unless they change their way of thinking, will not raise truck crops next year. We can hardly blame them after observing the disheartening prices that they are receiving this year.

At a glance we hardly know whether this situation is good or bad for the Coastal Plain Vegetable Research Farm just established in the edge of Faison. With many people threatening to go out of the produce business, it would not do them much good other than the experiments on corn, is our

way of thinking but there is an entirely different point of view that we should consider.

Good produce is bringing, as a rule, good prices and to help us grow good grades of produce is what the station is for. The local farmer's problems in being able to grow high grades of produce is the station's problems.

Mr. Banadyga, the station manager, assured me this morning when I was out there that he wanted all the farmers in this area to feel that the station was for their benefit and that it belonged to them and that he wanted them to feel free to visit the station and ask questions pertaining to their crops, and that he would do all he could to answer them. Many farmers are making use of the station and more will be welcome.

An example of how a farmer was helped came up only a few days ago. He was administering a poison recommended for a certain kind of bug. He thought he knew the kind of bug that was destroying his crops. The poison did not seem to take effect as it should. He went to the station and asked for help and it turned out an entirely different type of pest was attacking his fields and that the poison he was using had no effect on it at all. Another kind of poison was recommended and results were attained.

Mr. Banadyga showed me about 30 different kinds of bugs that attack our crops. Poisons are made for most of these and it would be

Hicks Reunion Held Faison Sunday

Members of the Hicks family, who can trace their ancestry back to the Hon. Thomas Hicks and Mrs. Elizabeth Williams Hicks of the Revolutionary War period, gathered in Faison last Sunday for their annual family reunion. Mr. John Hicks of Goldsboro, the retiring president, presided. There were 100 members of the family present for this year's reunion.

The program was as follows: Devotional, J. B. Stroud of Faison; Music, Miss Elizabeth Williams of Baltimore, accompanied at the piano by Graham Newton of Faison; Mrs. Annie Witherington of Faison, was in charge of the music; Mrs. Mary Lyde Williams spoke on the Hicks ancestor, Thomas Hicks; Dr. Dexter Witherington spoke on Okinowa; Mrs. Annie Witherington called on Miss Sallie Hill who read a poem written by Mr. John Sprunt Hill of Durham; Mrs. Witherington read a poem on success, written by Mrs. Bessie Hinson Hines.

Mr. S. Spears Hicks paid tribute to Mrs. C. Beems of Goldsboro. For the second successive year, Mrs. Beems has been awarded a cup by the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs.

In 1949 she won the Caldwell Cup for the best short story, her entry being "One Thursday Night" and this year she received the N. C. Federation Poetry Cup for the best creative poetry in the verse

form of a sonnet which is one of the most difficult of poetry forms.

After the program a business session was held and new officers were elected for the coming year. They were: President, Mrs. C. Beems; vice-president, Mr. R. S. Witherington; secretary, Mr. A. R. Hicks; treasurer, Mr. C. Sparks Hicks.

Officers for the past year were: pres. Mr. John Hicks; vice-pres. Mrs. C. Beems; secy. Mr. Faison Witherington; and treas. Mrs. C. Spears Hicks.

Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Tom Hines, Miss Jennie Middleton, Mrs. Isham Faison and Mrs. J. B. Stroud.

NOTE....

There has been so much written about the death of Mrs. Lester Kornegay since this paper was last published, that we feel it hardly necessary that we go into details in this section this week. It is hard for us to believe that so horrible an incident could take place here in our community. We often read about such happenings in other places but this was brought home to us.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. Kornegay and the family. We certainly hope that the party or parties guilty of such gross violence will be apprehended and given the punishment they have earned for themselves.

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FAISON WINS ONE FROM SUTTONTOWN

Faison, of the Produce League, won a ball game over Suttontown at Suttontown last Saturday by a score of 7 to 1. The double-header in Faison was cancelled due to the funeral services for Mrs. Kornegay. Faison plays Saturday at Rones Chapel and a return game will be played in Faison Sunday.

BIRTHDAY

Friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Crow gathered at their home last Sunday for a barbeque dinner on the lawn in celebration of Mr. Crow's 64th birthday.

Those attending the dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. Buck Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Flowers and children, of Smith Chapel; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Knowles and children and Bill Martin and daughter of Wilmington; Misses Lillian and Myatt Kornegay of Mt. Olive; Mrs. Maggie Barfield, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Casteen and children, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson, Mrs. Vernon Crouch and children, Misses Rachel and Gene Martin of Faison.

LIONS' QUEEN

AT PINELAND

Salemberg — Pineland College is justly proud of one of its Summer School students from Kenansville, who has attained the distinction of being one of the candidates for Queen of the North Carolina Lions. She is Miss Anise Kelly, who will finish high school at Pineland this summer. The attractive brunette is in Charlotte this week competing for the honor in the State District 31-C Lions International Convention. There are 14 contestants from all over North Carolina, one of whom will replace last year's Queen, lovely Janice Horvell from Carolina Beach. Miss Kelly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett E. Kelly, of Kenansville.

advisable if a farmer has trouble with some kind of bug, that he call by the station and find out what kind of poison he should use, and thereby save himself some money by buying the right kind of poison to start with.

Experiments are being carried on with lettuce, carrots, beets and tomatoes. They have shown good indications of being suited to this climate and soil, have been bringing good prices on other markets and have not been grown commercially here. They have been picking tomatoes at the station for three weeks.

Experiments will be made with fall crops of cucumbers, tomatoes, beans, cauliflower, broccoli, and others. These usually bring a good price in the fall and would prove profitable if insect control can be carried on without too much cost to the grower.

Next Monday the first Field Day will be held at the station. Every farmer in this area, whether he grows truck produce or not, should make a special effort to be there. An attempt is being made to control corn ear worm. This worm presents a serious problem to us with our local corn and control of this pest will be discussed at the field day.

It is worth a trip out there to see the irrigation system they have at work. The station belongs to us and it is up to us.

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