

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

After this date we will not accept, from the retail trade, orders for bread for delivery before noon later than 11 a. m. or for evening delivery later than 5 p. m. We are obliged to make this rule in order to fill all orders with satisfaction to ourselves and our customers. We hope all of our patrons will take note of this change and act accordingly as it will not only assist us greatly but will insure the housewives getting their bread in plenty of time for their meals.

Todd's Bakery

Phone 63

MAKES REPORT FOR YEAR

COUNTY AGENT GRAY GIVES MANY FACTS

Gaston Farm Demonstrator in Annual Report to Board of County Commissioners Tells of Things Accomplished During 1916 — Large Increase in Pure-Bred Cattle and Hogs Shown—Raising of Legumes Received Impetus—Work Done in Variety of Lines.

County Farm Demonstration Agent J. M. Gray yesterday submitted to the board of county commissioners his report for the year 1916. It is a valuable and interesting report and we give it to our readers below in full:

To the Board of County Commissioners, Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my annual report of work done from January 15, 1916, to December 15, 1916. This report is merely a summary to give you some idea of the work and what is being planned for another year. More details can be furnished.

I have made 1972 official visits during the time, traveling 5450 miles. I have held 576 consultations in the office and 37 over the telephone concerning more than one hundred agricultural subjects. There have been 54 meetings held under the auspices of the extension work and I have addressed 81 meetings with an attendance of 4250. Five field meetings have been held with an attendance of 75. Thirty per cent of my time has been spent in the office divided as follows: Correspondence 25 per cent, conferences 50 per cent, miscellaneous 25 per cent. Seventy per cent of my time has been spent in the field work divided as follows: supervising regular demonstrations 30 per cent, other farm visits 50 per cent, organization 15 per cent, and miscellaneous 5 per cent. Seven hundred and ninety-three official letters have been written and mailed out; 569 bulletins have been distributed among the farmers of the county; 12 articles prepared for publication, and 6,045 circular letters written and mailed out, 51 school visits have been made and a talk given at each visit.

During this time I have had 25 visits from specialists from the State and Federal Departments of Agriculture to give instruction on special subjects. These men work almost entirely in those counties which have county agents because of the necessity of "follow up work" that can be had in no other way.

VARIETY OF CROPS

Work has been carried on with the farmers with corn, cotton, wheat, oats, rye, alfalfa, crimson clover, vetch and oats, red clover, lespedeza, bur clover, mixed grasses and clover, cowpeas, soy beans, velvet beans, burndown grass, sudan grass, peanuts, millet, rape and cane. With all these crops instructions have been given as to the best soil suited to them, soil preparation, fertilization, cultivation, harvesting, seed saving and marketing. Inoculation for all the legumes has been furnished free where desired and advisable. The most important results of the work are a hundred per cent increase in the amount of cultivated grasses and clover sown for hay and pasture, the saving of more than 15,000 pounds of crimson clover seed, and 12,000 pounds of vetch seed. I have no idea as to the amount saved due to the indirect influence of extension work. Velvet beans and soy beans have been sown this year for the first time in any considerable amount. Every farmer who did work with these crops is exceptionally well pleased with the results and the acreage will be materially increased another year.

Considerable work was done among the orchards of the county.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, it acts internally and acts thru the blood on the Mucous surfaces of the system. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Cure fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Three spraying outfits were purchased on my advice and the results this year will more than pay for the outfits.

More than 200,000 feet of terraces were located by me. This was reterracing and putting in terraces where there had been none before.

PURE-BRED CATTLE

Seven pure-bred Jersey bulls and two pure bred Holstein bulls have been placed with the Dairy Breeders' Associations which I have organized and one Holstein and two Jersey bulls have been bought by individuals on my advice. This means that at least 750 cows will be bred to registered bulls of good qualities that have hitherto been to grade or scrub bulls. All these bulls have been purchased because of the high producing qualities of the cows behind them. Not one of the nine bulls placed with the associations but whose mother was in the advanced registry. It is hard to estimate the good that will result to the dairy industry of the county from the introduction of such sires as these. Five registered cows and heifers have been placed in the county also.

Work with beef cattle has not been carried on as extensively as that with the dairy cattle. This is because the county is primarily a dairy county. Yet there are a number of farms because of their situation and the labor conditions are much better suited to the beef cattle than to the dairy cattle. There are several farms on which pure bred beef bulls will be placed this winter and spring. Already plans have been made for the pastures and next spring the cattle will be bought. Fifteen head of pure bred Angus cows and bulls have been brought into the county this year. These purchases were not all directly due to the Extension Work, however, and I mention them to show the growth in the beef industry, mainly.

INCREASE IN HOGS

The most decided increase in pure bred stock has been with the hogs. Eighteen pure bred gilts have been placed with the Pig Club members during the past eight months, and seven gilts and sows and three hogs have been placed with the farmers. This means that there will be a large increase in the number of pure bred hogs in the county within the next few months, because all the sows and gilts were so placed that they will be bred to registered boars of the same breed. A number of farmers are breeding high grade sows to registered boars at my suggestion and it looks as if there will be a very decided increase in the number of hogs raised in Gaston county within the next year. I have arranged with two sources to handle all the advertising the farmers may want of livestock free, and I hope in this way to be able to place to advantage any excess that may occur in the number of hogs. I am now working on the details of marketing the grade and meat hogs with some of the packers and when these plans are completed I hope to engage a large number of hogs for this purpose. I believe that when properly handled more profit can be made from hogs than from any of our domestic animals and it requires less capital and acreage to handle hogs than either the beef or dairy cattle. I believe there are many small farmers struggling to make ends meet with poor land and cotton who can turn most of the land into crops that will grow a profitable bunch of hogs with less labor and less fertilizer and will give greater returns in the improvement of the soil and the farmers pocket book than any other crops he may grow. Many farmers are so situated that they cannot successfully handle beef or dairy cattle or large acreage of crops, but they can grow a few acres of sweet potatoes, peanuts, soy beans, etc., and put a number of hogs on these crops to grow in bank accounts.

MUCH LIME USED

During the fall there was purchased and placed on the farms 250 tons of lime due directly to extension work. There was considerably more purchased that I have no record of. More would have been purchased but for the car shortage.

Much other work has been done such as plans furnished for farm home and buildings, buildings painted.

THIS—AND FIVE CENTS!

DON'T MISS THIS. Cut out this slip, enclose five cents to Foley & Co., 2325 Sheffield Ave., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for colds, coughs, and croup; Foley Kidney Pills, and Foley's Little Tablets.

YOU ARE WELCOME -

AS OFTEN AS YOU'LL CALL

WE TURN A HOUSE INTO A HOME

GASTONIA FURNITURE CO.

STOVES & RANGES - 23 - CARPETS & RUGS

ed. grounds improved, sanitary conditions improved, water systems improved, etc., that would take too much time to enumerate.

When I came here there was no organization other than a few Farmers' Union Locals through which a good work. In county agents work it is absolutely impossible for one man to do all the work if the best results are to be obtained. To reach all the farmers by individual visits is impossible. The county agent must have some means of reaching the people collectively. Knowing this I began at once to look for local organizations through which I could work. The Farmers' Union was all that I could find. This was splendid as far as it went but only a small per cent of the farmers were members. I realized that I must have a broader organization, one whose meetings every man, woman and child would feel an interest in and would feel free to attend. I went to Mr. Lloyd, Secretary of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce, and told him I thought that a county wide organization would be to the advantage of both his and my work. He agreed with me and we drew up plans for organization almost identical with those finally adopted by the Greater Gaston County Association. We planned to start a campaign for this work the last of July or first of August. Before this time arrived Mr. Lloyd resigned and Mr. Roberts, the present Secretary was employed. He came here with more working knowledge of the plans of such an organization than either Mr. Lloyd or I had and entered into the work with a zest that has gotten him a well deserved place as an organizer and Gaston county the best organization that can be found anywhere. With this organization and its branches it is possible for me to have a meeting most any where in the county without much effort and it makes it possible for me to carry my work to the farmers collectively, thereby reaching more people and saving much time. Besides this organization I have organized nine Dairy Breeders' Associations, one Berkshire Breeders' Association, and given considerable time and aid to the Gaston County National Farm Loan Association and a similar organization at Cherryville.

The need I felt when I came here for better organization has been pretty well filled. The work for the coming year, then, is to work through them. Briefly stated my plans for doing this are something as follows: Plan to work with the Farm Loan Association in helping lift every burden one debt that now hinders progress on the farms and to give such aid as I may to each member, and to get him in touch with those who can give him better aid. In spending this money to the best advantage to him and the farm. One of the objects of the Greater Gaston County Association is to greatly increase the number of livestock in the county—beef, dairy, hogs and poultry. By working in co-operation we plan to considerably more than double the number of productive milk cows. There is an unlimited demand for dairy products, and with a little management, most of the farms can be made to produce the best of crops and pastures for handling this kind of livestock. There are a number of farms so far from market and so handicapped by labor conditions that the dairy cattle would be a burden there. On such farms we plan to encourage the placing of beef cattle and hogs.

Through all the local organizations I plan to work for the betterment of the sanitary conditions on the farms, the improvement of the community life and spirit, and to work with the farmers in the furtherance of the objects of the organizations. Work with the general farm crops will be continued with the idea of producing as much cotton and more of the other crops at a smaller cost

and on fewer acres. By introducing live stock and new crops I hope to see many acres that are not now paying turned to some economic use. An acre that is not producing an economic crop is producing one that is harmful and practically every time these acres represent the difference between farming at a profit and farming at a loss.

With the increased population of our towns and villages the farmers will be afforded a market for every thing they can raise. And if I do nothing the next year but get some of these thousands of non-economic acres to doing their part towards feeding this non-producing population it will be worth much to the farmers and to the county.

With the hearty co-operation that I have been given by the County Superintendent of Public Schools and his efficient and enthusiastic teachers, I hope to greatly further the work of the Corn, Pig, and Poultry Clubs in the county. The work and objects of these different clubs can be summed up in their motto: "Training the Heart, the Head, the Hands and the Health". The training that these boys and girls are getting is of incalculable worth in producing a generation of farmers and farmers' wives that can stand four square to the world and take their places among the mighty forces that are making this the greatest and best nation of the world. We can not afford to neglect such work.

CO-OPERATION OF BANKS

I feel that my report would be incomplete without mention of the hearty co-operation the First National Bank of Gastonia, the First National Bank of Cherryville, The Bank of Belmont and the Mt. Holly Bank have given extension work. This co-operation was not only their good will, but with their money they have made it possible to place much of the pure bred livestock which has been brought into the county. The one regret I have is that the farmers and the club members did not avail themselves of all the money that was placed at their disposal for such purposes. I feel that the crowning feature of this year's work is the hearty spirit with which these prominent bankers of the county responded to the invitation to show the good fellowship which they wish to exist between the farmers of the county and the business men, and the willingness of other business men to do likewise when the opportunity is afforded them. With the extension work as a working medium between these two great forces of the county much can be done to make this indeed the greatest county in the world.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. GRAY,
County Agent.

Death at Clover.

Mr. Appleby, father of Mrs. Thomas T. B. Williams, of Clover, died at his home in that town Sunday afternoon following a long illness, aged about 75 years. He made his home with Mrs. Williams. His only other surviving child is a married daughter who lives in Baltimore. Funeral services were held at the Williams home yesterday morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. A. A. McLean, pastor of the Clover Presbyterian church. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery, Clover.

It is astonishing how much asininity poses as individuality.—Desert News (Salt Lake City.)

WHAT TO DO FOR BAD COLDS.

If you want a rough medicine that gives quick and sure action in healing colds, coughs or croup, get Foley's Honey and Tar. It heals inflamed membranes in throat, chest or bronchial tubes; breaks up tight coughs, loosens phlegm, makes breathing easier, stops tickling in throat. Contains no opiates. J. H. Kennedy & Co.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Gastonia Mutual Building & Loan Association will be held at the City Hall in Gastonia on Thursday afternoon, January 4, 1917, at 3 o'clock. You are requested to be present. Report of the management will be made and officers elected for the ensuing year. Stockholders who are unable to be present will fill out and return the proxies which have been mailed to them. E. G. M'LEIRD, Sec. & Treas. S. A. ROBINSON, President. J-2c2

GASTONIA LODGE NO. 369

A. F. & A. M.

Called Meeting, Jan. 5, 1917. Work in the 3rd Degree.

POCAHONTAS LODGE NO. 19

IMPROVED ORDER OF RED MEN

Regular Meeting Thursday Night, January 4, 1917, 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to be present.

GASTONIA NEWS

This Case Has a Hint for Many Gazette Readers.

A Gastonia woman has used Doan's Kidney Pills. She has found them as represented.

She wishes her neighbors to know she publicly recommends them. No need to look further for a tested kidney remedy.

The proof of merit is here and can be investigated. Profit by Miss Gardner's statement.

Miss Lillie Gardner, 117 S. Highland St., Gastonia, says: "I have taken Doan's Kidney Pills on several occasions for kidney disorders and have always found them beneficial. Others of the family have tried Doan's Kidney Pills for kidney trouble and have been cured. I consider Doan's Kidney Pills an excellent kidney medicine."

Price 50c. at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Miss Gardner had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

The Citizens National Bank

GASTONIA, N. C.

For Seven years this Bank has successfully operated a Savings Department in which we have hundreds of despositors. 4 per cent is paid and compounded quarterly. \$1.00 will start an account.

Begin the New Year by starting a Savings Account with this bank and add to it each week. You will be surprised to learn how the account will grow if only a small amount is deposited each week. Deposits made by January 5 will draw interest from January 1.

In our Savings Department we also have a "Citizens Savings Club." This is provided for people desiring to put aside a certain amount each week for fifty weeks and to be withdrawn at the end and to be used for some purpose, such as Christmas. We also pay interest on deposits of this kind.

25c deposited weekly amounts to \$12.50
50c deposited weekly amounts to \$25.00
\$1.00 deposited weekly amounts to \$50.00

Interest at 4 per cent per annum will be added to the above.

To those opening a Savings account between this date and January 6 we will present a nice souvenir.

Capital and Surplus \$150,000.00

THE Citizens National Bank

ANDREW E. MOORE, President,
A. G. MYERS, Vice-President,
W. H. ADAMS, Cashier,
JOHN A. HUNTER, Jr., Asst. Cashier
GASTONIA, N. C.