

# Farmers' Institutes

**Four Parties Will Cover Every Section of State During July and August--Every Farmer in North Carolina Should Attend at Least One.**

Capt. T. B. Parker, who has charge of the work of the Farmers' Institutes under the Department of Agriculture, has just announced the schedules of the four different parties which will cover every section of the State during the coming two months, conducting these institutes for bettering the conditions of North Carolina farmers.

The Farmers' Institutes as it has been conducted in the past, needs no words of introduction or commendation, every farmer of standing in the State knows something of its value and the large place the Institute deserves to hold in improving the agricultural and rural conditions.

One of the leading features of each appointment given below is the Women's Institute and as this is really the more important of the two, we especially request every woman reader of this paper to attend. As an inducement to the farm women, the Department is offering a prize of \$1 for the best loaf of bread baked and exhibited by a woman or girl living on the farm. Town women can not compete for this prize. The following conditions are to be observed: The exhibitor may use any kind of yeast she prefers, but salt rising bread will not be given a premium. Not that it is not good bread, but we want to get our women in the habit of making bread easier than by the salt rising process. That process is too slow, laborious and uncertain.

The following score card will be used in judging bread: Flavor, 35 points; crust,—color, depth, texture, 20 points; lightness, 15 points; grain and texture, 10 points; crumb,—color, moisture, 10 points; shape and size, 10 points. Size recommended: 7 1-2x3 1-2x2 3-4 inches. This size is not obligatory.

Institutes will be held as follows:

**PARTY No. 1.**

- July 22—Littleton.
- July 23—Warrenton.
- July 24—Floyd's School House.
- July 25—Stovall.
- July 26—Creedmoor.
- July 27—Epsom.
- July 29—Louisburg.
- July 30—Franklinton.
- July 31—Apex.
- August 1—Pittsboro.
- August 2—Lee Court House.
- August 3—Cameron.
- August 5—Aberdeen.
- August 6—Hoffman.
- August 7—Rockingham.
- August 8—Morven.
- August 9—Polkton.
- August 10—Monroe.
- August 12—Waxhaw.
- August 13—Matthews.
- August 14—Iron Station.
- August 15—Lincolnton.
- August 16—Cherryville.
- August 17—Shelby.
- August 19—Ellenboro.
- August 20—Union Mills.
- August 21—Marion.
- August 22—Glen Alpine.
- August 23—Connelly Springs.
- August 24—Dr. Foard's Store.

**PARTY No. 2.**

- July 19—Goldston.
- July 20—Siler City.
- July 22—Liberty.
- July 23—Carthage.
- July 24—Raeford.
- July 25—Eagle Springs.
- July 26—Star.
- July 27—Troy.
- July 29—Mt. Gilead.
- July 30—Norwood.
- July 31—Albemarle.
- August 1—Richfield.
- August 2—Rockwell.
- August 3—China Grove.
- August 5—Concord.
- August 6—Mt. Pleasant.
- August 7—Harrisburg.
- August 8—Mt. Ulla.
- August 9—Morresville.
- August 10—Huntersville.
- August 12—Pineville.
- August 13—Dixie.
- August 14—Gastonia.
- August 15—Casar.
- August 16—Reepsville.
- August 17—Lowesville.
- August 19—Holly Grove.
- August 20—Denton.
- August 21—Farmer.
- August 22—Asheboro.
- August 23—Randleman.

**PARTY No. 3.**

- July 18—Bilboa.
- July 19—Roxboro.
- July 20—Leasburg.
- July 22—Ruffin.
- July 23—Bethany.
- July 24—Dan Valley School House.
- July 25—Danbury.
- July 26—Walnut Cove.
- July 27—Franklin School House.
- July 29—Pilot Mountain.
- July 30—Westfield.
- July 31—Tobaccoville.
- August 1—Trap Hill.
- August 2—Wilkesboro.
- August 3—Boonville.
- August 5—Elkin.
- August 6—Winston-Salem.
- August 7—Summerfield.
- August 8—Pleasant Garden.
- August 9—McLeansburg.
- August 10—Jamestown.
- August 12—Kennedy's School House.
- August 13—Wallburg.
- August 14—Arcadia.
- August 15—Clemmons.
- August 16—Kernersville.
- August 17—Elon College.
- August 19—Friendship.
- August 20—Mebane.
- August 21—Hillsboro.

**PARTY No. 4.**

- July 18—Old Fort.
- July 19—Swannanoa.
- July 20—Weaverville.
- July 22—Mars Hill.
- July 23—Marshall.
- July 24—Dana.
- July 25—Columbus.
- July 26—Horse Shoe.
- July 27—Selca.
- July 29—Penrose.
- July 30—Candler.
- July 31—Bethel.
- August 1—Rock Hill School House.
- August 2—Murphy.
- August 3—Brasstown.
- August 5—Hayesville.
- August 6—Bryson City.
- August 7—Cullowhee.
- August 8—Higdonville.
- August 9—Franklin.
- August 10—Otto.
- August 12—Mocksville.
- August 13—Woodleaf.
- August 14—Statesville.
- August 15—Eupteptic Springs.
- August 16—Taylorsville.
- August 17—Newton.
- August 19—Sherrill's Ford.
- August 20—Denver.

**PROFIT FROM PIGS.**

Ideals are not always to be immediately carried out when the person of limited means is raising hogs for market and profit. Some old boards made into an ample sized A-shaped house without floor may be more profitable for some pig raisers than an ideal, painted, floored hog-house. A water tight roof is rather to be chosen than a floor and portability is more desirable than a tight floor. Good ventilating windows are necessary. But first have plenty of portable houses and add as many of the other improvements as can be had without hardship.

Cement floors are to be avoided as they are liable to sweat in spring and always tend to chill even if a fair bed is provided. Pigs vary as to the age at which they begin eating and it is easiest to teach them to eat by feeding the mother as close to the bed as possible. By this means, the pigs get the odor of food two times a day and soon begin to investigate for themselves as to the taste of it. Then it is time to provide a shallow vessel nailed or staked down in a little corner fenced off. It is better to place this in the exact spot where the mother has been eating and at each feeding place a very small quantity of the mother's food in the vessel and if not eaten remove and cleanse the vessel and give a new supply.

Pigs like warm milk and tankage as well as men like hot toast and beef-steak and there is equal danger of their eating too much for their own good. Vary the pig's food as often as you do your own if possible. Watch the sow's digestion and feed the kind and quantity of food that makes her contented and in good health. Nothing seems to make the sow happier than a clover or blue-

grass run and clean water in addition to regular rations of corn and protein. Alfalfa and cowpeas are the finest of foods for pigs and mothers.

Bran and shorts are good for the pigs if they prefer them to the feed, but watch their digestion closely. Watch carefully their water supply and see that it is ample and pure. A barrel with a faucet on the handy

side of the fence arranged to drip in a large trough is a luxury for them where a clean spring branch is impossible. We find it most profitable to raise pure-bred pigs and sell as soon as they will bring three or four dollars apiece.—Exchange.

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