

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—Creedmore.
- 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—Gastonla.
- 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—Selica.
- 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.

HAY IN ROTATION.

(Prize essay of Southern Ruralist of Atlanta, Ga., written by Mr. C. W. Beam, Cherryville, N. C., Route 3.)

Farmers of the Piedmont section of North Carolina, generally speaking, are not at present trying to raise stock as a business, but, like most of the Cotton Belt, just plowing and planting nearly all lands in cotton. The red hills are washing away and at the same time we are buying hay and corn from other sections less favorably located perhaps than ours.

We have been growing red clover, peas, cane, vetch and soja beans for twenty years with almost perfect success. We sow one and a half bushels of oats with one-half bushel of vetch about September 20th on good land which will cut six to eight loads of fine hay early in May. Two days of sunshine with one turning is the only requirement to produce the finest hay ever seen.

Red clover that is sown on last year's wheat land is ready to cut at about the same date and requires about the same time to cure into hay. The clover land, after cutting the first crop, is allowed to grow a second crop and is followed by wheat, but the land where oats and vetch grew, is immediately sown in peas and sorghum cane, one bushel of the former to one-third bushel of the latter per acre. These are first mixed together and sown by hand and either disced in or shallow plowed and rolled. The crop is ready to cut by September 15th, when we almost invariably have dry weather.

After cutting this crop, after dew is off, we let it lie two days and then rake in windrows and let it thus remain another whole day; after this, it may be stored either in barn or stacked in open field.

The writer well knows that this is

in conflict with much that has been written on the subject of hay-making by those who are considered "good authority" on this very important subject. He has fed hundreds of tons of moldy hay for the simple fact that he had confidence in the professors who told him to mow it away still limp and let it "heat and cure in a tight barn." To the wind with all such nonsense.

In years when there is no weather for haying—and such will sometimes come—we cut the poles eight feet long, and with a stake and hammer, drive holes and insert stakes eighteen inches in ground, and stack around these poles immediately after mowing, and be sure and not make stack more than four feet in diameter, and if possible, put two or more pieces of cord-wood under each stack, then, in finishing stacks, put two large forksful of hay over top of pole, which is but six and a half feet tall, and this makes an umbrella over balance of stock.

In addition to the hay we make, as outlined above, we shredded all our corn last year, which doubled our stock-carrying capacity. So well pleased were we with the experiment that we are planting increased acreage to corn for the sole purpose of increasing our forage supply.

TEN THOUSAND MILES APART.

Bride in Holland by Proxy Weds Sweetheart Who Faces Texas Notary—The Reason Assigned.

A ceremony which, extending across 10,000 miles, is to unite Harry Von Tenbrink of Wichita, Texas, and Miss Helen Swartz of Amsterdam, Holland, was begun June 15, giving Tenbrink claim to the title of champion long distance bridegroom.

Tenbrink remains in Wichita while the bride is nearly on the other side of the world, but their lives are to be linked none the less securely because of the vastness between them.

The strange ceremony began yesterday when Tenbrink stood before a notary in the presence of witnesses and made a declaration of his intention to wed Miss Swartz by proxy. This declaration, duly signed and authenticated, is to be forwarded to the Danish consul in Galveston, who will

send it to Queen Wilhelmina of Holland.

If it meets with her approval it will go to Miss Swartz, who will stand before the lord mayor of Amsterdam and make a similar declaration. Then she will be, to all intents and purposes, married to Tenbrink.

Mrs Tenbrink will sail for Texas in July. One reason for the ceremony being performed by this long distance method is that the duties law make it very difficult for an unmarried woman to get a passport out of Holland. This duty will be circumvented by the absent treatment wedding.

Von Tenbrink will have another ceremony performed by a minister when his proxy bride reaches Texas.

WEEK END AND SUNDAY EXCURSION FARES TO NORFOLK AND VIRGINIA BEACH VIA NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILROAD.

Round Trip to Norfolk.		
From—	Week End.	Sunday.
Raleigh	\$4.75	\$2.50
Zebulon	4.75	2.50
Wendell	4.75	2.50
Middlesex	4.25	2.50
Bailey	4.25	2.50
Wilson	3.75	2.50
Farmville	3.75	2.50
Greenville	3.75	2.25
Washington	3.75	2.25

Rates to Virginia Beach 25 cents higher than fares to Norfolk.

Week-end ticket sold for Friday night and Saturday morning trains good to return leaving Norfolk Monday following date of sale; Sunday tickets sold for trains Nos. 6 and 16 Saturday night good to return on train No. 5 leaving Norfolk at 9:00 p. m. Sunday following date of sale.

For particulars, ask any ticket agent.
W. W. CROXTON,
General Passenger Agent.
Norfolk, Va., June 28, 1912.

WEEK END AND SUNDAY EXCURSION FARES TO BEAUFORT AND MOREHEAD BY THE SEA.

Round Trip to Morehead City.		
From—	Week End.	Sunday.
Goldsboro	\$2.25	\$1.25
LaGrange	2.00	1.25
Kinston	1.75	1.00
Dover	1.65	1.00
New Bern	1.25	.75
Oriental	1.75	1.25
Bayboro	1.50	1.00
Vanceboro	1.50	1.00
Washington	2.25	1.25

Rates to Beaufort 20 cents higher than fares to Morehead City.

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