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DEMONSTRATION WORK.

Much Good Has Been Done by This Work in Caldwell County.

The farm demonstration work that is now being carried on over the country with the aid of the United States Department of Agriculture, is producing the greatest results and the benefits being derived therefrom by those interested are even greater than expected.

Caldwell County, in Mr. G. M. Goforth, has an agent who comes up to the full requirements of the head men of the Department and the results he is producing over the county are being very much complimented by those in charge in this State.

The Department has been paying more than half the expense of the work in this county, which is an exception, mainly because of heavy losses last year by the county on account of washed away bridges and other damages done by high water. The work has been of incalculable benefit to the county and the fact is being realized. Many counties in the state are making increases in their appropriations and putting their agents on full time. In Guilford County the man in charge of this work has been offered a salary of \$1,500 per year. Caldwell County is very fortunate in having a man of Mr. Goforth's worth and ability who is willing to work on a moderate salary.

As a matter of fact the Department is willing to put more money in this work in Caldwell County, providing the county will meet them half way. The rule being to pay one-half the salary. The Department is willing to put \$500 in the work if the county will do as well and it is plainly the best policy the Commissioners could follow to accept these terms. This would enable the agent to give his full time to the work and would be the means of producing much greater results.

We do not believe the people of the county would allow the work to stop now after seeing its benefits. It is worth too much to the county. One county in the state has already used 500 bushels of crimson clover seed, practically all traceable to this work. The corn crop is increasing in the state as a direct result of the work. It took 50 years to increase the corn crop 4,000,000 bushels before the beginning of this work, and it has only taken 4 years to increase it to 16,000,000 under demonstration methods, and as yet not over 20 per cent of the farmers have been reached. During the same time the wheat crop has been increased 2,000,000 bushels, and cotton 500,000 bales. The outgo of money for supplies has been reduced from \$60,000,000 to less than \$40,000,000 annually. And many millions of dollars have been added to bank accounts, yet the work is not really doing what it should on account of the lack of financial support, but the old North State is getting rich any way. The average income per year for farm work was \$146, but the next census will show much better.

There are a great many things that might be said in regard to this work but it seems unnecessary at this time to dwell further on its beneficial results in this county. We trust the commissioners will take this matter up and go over it carefully and

COLLEGE OPENING.

One of the most favorable openings in the history of Davenport Female College at Lenoir was held Wednesday morning. Besides the large number of students present there were quite a number of local people on hand to witness the exercises.

President J. B. Craven presided and made the students an interesting and instructive talk on college work and faculty. Rev. W. L. Sherrill, secretary and treasurer, followed with a well received talk on the character of the work of the college.

Hon. W. C. Newland, the newly elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees, made one of his usual strong and interesting talks, dwelling on the present efficiency and equipment of the faculty and predicted that the school was just entering upon its most useful term.

Davenport College ranks well up with the other female colleges of North Carolina as is fully testified by the large and satisfactory attendance at the opening.

Two Lives Lost In Storm.

The worst wind and rain storm in the history of this section of the State swept Eastern North Carolina Tuesday night and Wednesday. At Farmville two boys were killed by the falling timbers of a tobacco ware house.

A conservative estimate of the damage in Edgecombe county is \$300,000, while the damage to crops is estimated at from 20 to 30 per cent. In Greenville the loss was estimated at about \$50,000. In Wilson the loss was figured at one million dollars. While Washington is said to be the heaviest looser with a loss of from one to two million dollars.

For more than 48 hours the telegraph and telephone lines were all out of commission and communication with the outside world was out of the question. The railroads also suffered severe losses and in many cases the tracks were swept away.

Tariff Bill Passes.

Washington, Sept. 9. The Democratic tariff revision bill passed the Senate at 5:13 o'clock this afternoon and a burst of applause that swept down from crowded galleries, and found its echo on the floor of the Senate. Its passage was attended with surprises in the final moments of the voting, when Senator LaFollette, Republican, cast his vote with the Democrats and was joined later by Senator Poindexter, Progressive.

The Democrats had counted throughout the long tariff fight upon losing the votes of Senators Ransdell and Thornton of Louisiana, Democrats, who voted against the bill today because it would put sugar on the free list. Until the names of Senators LaFollette and Poindexter were actually called, however, no one knew definitely the stand they would take and their votes were greeted with enthusiastic applause.

make just as liberal an appropriation for the work in the county as their finances will allow them to do. It is too good a thing for the county to let go and we have too good a man in charge not to give him the right kind of support so that he may give his whole time to the work in Caldwell County.

FARMING OPPORTUNITIES.

The Difference Between The Western Farmer and The Southern Farmer.

(Charlotte Chronicle.)

In the Central West and in some sections of the North one farmer or farm laborer will cultivate 40 to 50 acres of land, planted in small grain, hay or corn. The product of the farm is either sold for shipment to the South, or as is more generally the rule, is fed to cattle and hogs, the final product of the farm being dairy products, hogs and cattle. In this section of the country 25 acres is a large acreage for one man to cultivate and this one man will work much harder handling that much than will the Central Western farmer who handles twice as much land. The Western farmer uses two or more horses. He uses labor saving farm machinery and does the work sitting down. He does better work and gets larger yields and he expends a fraction of the physical energy that the Southern farmer uses, so that he is not too tired at night to read or visit or enjoy himself.

Southern farmers have allowed the one crop system to almost ruin them and it is to be noted that the successful farmers in this section are getting away from it. In fact, the most successful farmers in this section have adopted the Westerners' system and are accomplishing more results with less work than they would have dreamed possible a few years ago. The cost of labor even on remote farms has reached that place where it must be reduced to a minimum and the only substitute is modern farm machinery. Labor must be more efficient to earn its price and the greater efficiency and greater results from the labor must be secured through machinery. Before the farmers of this section reach the maximum of prosperity they must devote a greater acreage to hay, corn and small grains and must double, treble and quadruple the number of heads of live stock they have at present. And this does not necessarily mean that they will grow less cotton, for on land that has been used for grain and peas and if properly prepared and cultivated the same amount of cotton can be grown on one-half or one-third the area devoted to it at present.

Thaw Forced Over Border.

Colebrook, N. H., Sept. 10. Harry K. Thaw slept on American soil barricaded in a hotel room here after one of the most exciting days in his career. Thrust unexpectedly over the Canadian border early today despite the writ demanding his production before the King's Bench in Montreal on Monday next, he was for three hours a free man, and drove madly in an automobile for 50 futile miles through the hills of Vermont and New Hampshire. Near noon he ran into the arms of a New Hampshire sheriff and was brought here where he retained counsel to resist extradition.

Wm. T. Jerome will assume charge for the State tomorrow seeking to have Thaw as a ward of the state, returned to Matteawan.

No doubt that Jacksonville (Fla.) man was ripping mad when he was hurled by an elephant through a circus tent.

LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

Items of Interest to The People of Lenoir and Caldwell County.

Mr. Philip Stine visited his daughters in Greenville, S. C., this week.

Mr. J. C. Anderson of Hobart, Okla., is spending some time in Lenoir and vicinity.

Miss Annie Ervin left Tuesday for Philadelphia, where she has a position as teacher.

Mr. B. H. Bohlen has moved his tools from this place to Kings Creek and will reopen his shop at that place.

Miss Lizzie Kincaid of Washington, D. C., arrived in Lenoir Wednesday for a few weeks visit with friends and relatives.

Houses for rent seem to be in demand in Lenoir and to meet this condition there should be more built for this purpose. We should be able to take care of all the people who wish to come here.

The News will appreciate your phoning any news items to this office and will give it the proper attention. It is our aim to give the people of Caldwell County and Lenoir a good readable newspaper each issue and you can aid us that much.

We regret to announce that it was necessary to move Miss Eleanor Clarke to the Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte on Wednesday of this week on account of her serious condition. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Louise Clarke, and by her cousin, Mr. H. C. Martin, Jr.

Miss Emma Teague entertained a number of her friends at her home Monday evening in honor of her birthday anniversary. During the evening the young people enjoyed all kinds of good music and games and a course of delicious refreshments. All attending report the evening a most pleasant one.

In the case of E. C. Green against the Watauga & Yadkin River Railroad, tried at Boone this week, the jury gave Green a verdict for \$10,000 damages. It will be remembered that Green was seriously injured by a blast while working on the road in Wilkes county over a year ago. Both his eyes were blown out and he was otherwise injured.

The members of the Baptist church at Collettsville have called Rev. J. O. Fulbright pastor of the First Baptist church of Lenoir, to preach for them on Saturday before the first Sunday and on the first Sunday afternoon in each month. Rev. Fulbright has decided to accept the call, in so much as it does not in the least interfere with his work in Lenoir.

One of our leading merchants informed The News man one day this week that he had closely figured up his shoe business last year and had found that he had sold 3,500 pairs of shoes, mostly in women's and children's shoes. This may not sound very large to some, but 3,500 pairs of shoes is some shoes when you come to think of it and it goes to show very forcibly the great volume of business that is being done by the merchants of this live and growing town. As a trading center Lenoir can't be beat in Western North Carolina by towns even larger than it is.

SCHOOL OPENS MONDAY.

The Lenoir Graded School will open Monday, 15th, and the term gives promise of being a good one to judge from the names of the teachers who have been selected to look after the departments of the school. The list is as follows:

G. O. Rogers, supt.; Miss Mary Coffey, instructor of Latin; Miss Willie Brown, 1st grade; Miss Sarah Jones, history and science; Miss Ada Vole, mathematics; Miss Dora Tuttle, 6th grade; Miss Celestia Brown, 6th grade; Miss Lucy Abernethy, 5th grade; Miss Swanme Hester, 5th grade; Miss Lucille Middleton, 4th grade; Miss Helen Shell, 3rd grade; Miss Mary Marshall, 3rd grade; Miss Cornelia Miller, 2nd grade; Miss Sallie Sumner, 2nd grade; Mrs. Susie W. Fuller, 1st grade; Miss Ethel Keeter, 1st grade; Miss Annie Link, music.

Miss Middleton will teach a course in French and Miss Brown in German. Rev. C. T. Squires will teach Business Methods providing a sufficient class is made up. Supt. Rogers will have a class in Civics and possibly mathematics. Dr. C. B. McNairy will assist in lectures in physiology.

Children in the 1st grade must enter before the first two weeks expire or wait until the spring term.

CLASS MEETING.

Class No. 6 of the First Methodist church met with their teacher, Miss Helen Shell, Monday evening to reorganize. Fred Robbins was elected president, Arthur Courtney vice president, Edgar Bisaner secretary and Garland Hoover treasurer. A name was next discussed and it was decided to call the class "The Hustlers." A committee consisting of the officers and Miss Shell was appointed to draw up a constitution and present it at the next meeting. Donald Kanoy and Fletcher Tate were appointed to look after absent members. The Hustlers will meet the first and third Tuesday nights of each month with their teacher. After the business meeting Miss Shell assisted by Mrs. C. C. Shell, served delicious ice cream and wafers.

The Hustlers are Fred Robbins, Arthur Courtney, Edgar Bisaner, Garland Hoover, Herbert Ivey, Donald Kanoy, Fletcher Tate, Harold Coppening, Billie and Roy Seehorn, Wiley Grist, Waightstell Dysart, Jay Sudderth and Smith Clifford.

Killed Instantly.

Asheville, Sept. 8.—After cutting and fatally wounding George Kuykendall with a razor near Marshall yesterday, T. B. Curry was shot and instantly killed by Deputy Sheriff H. B. Barnes, while advancing on the officer with the same bloody weapon used on Kuykendall. He immediately tried to place Curry under arrest, and when the latter started to attack him fired four shots, all of which took effect. Barnes was given a preliminary hearing at Marshall today and placed under bond of \$2,500 for his appearance at court. He made the bond.

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NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Interesting Reading Matter of Local and National Affairs in Condensed Form.

Fayetteville, Sept. 9.—County Physician J. W. McNeal was called to Landon this afternoon to make an autopsy of the body of a woman who died Sunday with convulsions and who it has been charged, was poisoned. It is not known here who the woman was, but Sheriff McCall has gone to Landon tonight to arrest her husband, whose name is reported as Smith.

The executive committee and advisory council of the North Carolina Farmers Union held busy sessions in Charlotte Wednesday and many matters of importance were considered. Among them being the plan for a great Farm Life Conference and the buying of fertilizers. These matters will be further considered at the State Farmers Union meeting at Shelby in December.

Salisbury Beach, Mass., Sept. 10. A chill northeast wind whipping in from Massachusetts Bay at sunrise today found 200 homeless vacationists shivering under scanty covering on Salisbury Beach. Clad in thin clothing men, women and children had stood guard all night over the few belongings they were able to rescue from the sweep of the fire that devastated the Summer resort.

A Robeson county jury has convicted a white man of first degree murder and he has been sentenced to the death chair. While we believe that cases are rare when the death penalty should be inflicted, many opportunities to enforce law and punish men for killing their fellow men are getting by in North Carolina. We need a good strong sentiment in the State which will demand a sufficient punishment for murdering men and a start in that direction is sufficient for congratulation.—Salisbury Post.

The authorship of the following prose poem on "Good Roads" is unknown, but the Kansas City Star says it is getting "Amen." "Did Caesar put the iron heel upon the foreman's breast, or did he try to make them feel the Roman rule was best? What did he try to make them glad he'd come their midst amid? He built good roads in place of bad that's what old Caesar did. He built good roads from hill to valley, good roads from vale to vale; he ran a good roads movement till old Rome got all the kale. He told the folks to buy a home, built roads their hills amid, until all roads led right up to Rome—that's what old Caesar did. "If any town would make the town the center of the map, where folks will come and settle down and live in plenty's lap, if any town, its own abode of property would rid, let it get out and build good roads—just like old Caesar did."

The New Policy As To Roads.

(Asheboro Courier.)

Guilford is all out with macadam roads and is building nothing but sand clay or gravel roads. That county is also experimenting on the repair of macadam roads with what is known as sand-clay roads. It is a well known fact that it is almost impossible to repair a macadam road except by digging up the road and building it anew.