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OUR COUNTY AGENT'S DEPARTMENT

Some Timely Talks to Polk county Farmers, and others, on Timely Subjects, by County Agent, J. R. Sams.

N. C. Agronomy Division Gives Five Reasons for Growing Legumes in 1921.

North Carolina farmers now have the best opportunity in years to improve their land by growing legumes and turning them under, according to the N. C., Division of Agronomy, which lists five reasons why soil improvement is desirable this year.

1. It is not safe to plant "Money crops" on as many acres as last year. 2. Cutting the acreage of "Money crops" will leave lots of land idle unless some soil improving crop is planted on it. 3. Cow peas, soybeans, red clover and other legume seeds are cheaper now than they have been in years. 4. They can be planted with smaller expense for seed, labor and fertilizers. 5. The land then will be in good shape to make decidedly larger yields when times get better.

When a crop of peas, beans or clover is turned under much nitrogen that the plant has taken from the air, and which costs nothing but the expense of growing the crop, will be added to the soil. Acid phosphate or potash applied to such a crop is taken up, then turned back into the soil and used over again by the next crop. The fertilizing values of one ton of roughage are: soy bean vines, (whole) \$18.65; soy bean vines (beans removed), \$15.63; red clover, \$15.62; crimson clover \$13.54; cowpeas, 19.35; velvet beans \$13.35; peanut vines, \$9.53; corn stover, \$6.20; wheat straw \$4.02; rye straw, \$4.76. These are figures at the wholesale price of fertilizers, exclusive of freight charges and retailers' profits with soy beans, red clover, crimson clover, cowpeas and velvet beans thoroughly inoculated, about fifty to sixty per cent or more of their fertilizing values are due to the nitrogen which these crops take directly from the air.

Merchants May Help Woo Prosperity Back

Supply merchants throughout the state are being offered a chance to help bring prosperity back by cooperating with the North Carolina Animal Industry Division in its effort to put a "brood sow on every farm, and take care of her."

Letters from Raleigh are being sent to thousands of merchants explaining how they can help themselves, as well as their communities, by getting behind the one brood sow on every farm idea. One of the letters says: "When the farmer has money business is good."

"A carload of eighty 200 pound hogs is worth, at ten cents a pound, \$1,600. Few individual farmers can ship by carlot. Only a few more hogs on the farms in your section would make carlot shipments possible.

"There's your outlet for a farm product that will bring more money into your territory". Besides contributions, will be used entirely to purchase paid advertising space, merchants can help by running short sentences about hogs in their regular advertisements "Copy" for these is being furnished by the Animal Industry Division.

More milk much less medicine.

Hobson's Choice

If the small towns of North Carolina, towns with less than 2,500 inhabitants, want to survive and grow, they must do one of two things; according to Roy M. Brown, of Watauga county, speaking before the North Carolina Club, which is this year studying the state from an urban and industrial point of view. These small towns, said he, must either move forward into the class of manufacturing centers, which a few of them have been able to do; or they must by community effort become attractive local trade, high school, and residence centers.

Mr. Brown cited figures showing that small towns of North Carolina were not increasing in population, but that 93 of them in the past decade actually dwindled in size and 40 of them surrendered their charters of incorporation and quietly faded from the map, disappeared, lay down and died.

He thinks the same fate is coming to others unless they do something to prevent it. Country people leaving their farms do not stop in these little towns, he said unless they are especially attracted to them and see in them a chance for themselves and their children. They jump over them and go to the larger cities.

Here is the great place of chambers of commerce or other community bodies, said Mr. Brown. Membership and activities of such bodies should extend throughout the trace area of the town. In predominantly rural counties the chambers should be country-wide.

Lenoir Chambers.

Coast to Coast Tour

Dr. Roy Z. Thomas, of Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C., is getting up a coast-to-coast tour personally conducted tour. It is planned that this party will leave Columbia on Wednesday, July 27, going from Asheville to Cincinnati, Chicago, Denver, Colorado Springs, Salt Lake, Yellowstone Park, San Francisco, Yosemite Valley, Los Angeles, Grand Canyon, Kansas City, St. Louis, Louisville and returning to Asheville, Spartanburg and Columbia.

This is known as an all-expense paid trip, the party occupying the same sleeping cars from the time they leave home until they return, and considerable interest is being expressed by a great many throughout Western North Carolina in regard to this matter, and it is thought quite a number of school teachers and others will spend their vacation in this manner.

Farm work not planned is often never done.

Oh cotton and tobacco, I give you notice now; on some land where you grew last year, I'm putting in a pasture, for I have bought a sow.

Farmers who carried on corn growing demonstrations last year with the help of county farm agents report an average yield of 48 bushels to the acre, the state average is about 22 bushels.

The wonderful farming country of eastern North Carolina still struggles under the curse of the cattle tick. The whole state would gain if the ticks were cleaned out.

Jim Berry Killed.

Last Saturday night about ten o'clock Alonzo Rhodes shot and killed Jim Berry. A .38 caliber automatic pistol being the instrument of death.

At the inquest held Sunday the evidence produced showed that there was no previous trouble between them the day of the killing and that Berry tried to avoid a fight and get out of the way.

After hearing the testimony of three eye witnesses to the shooting the coroner's jury returned a verdict that Jim Berry came to his death from a pistol shot, in the hand of Alonzo Rhodes and recommended his arrest and trial for the crime.

Rhodes is still at large and a reward of \$200 has been offered for his capture. Rhodes is a man about 44 years of age, about six feet high, weight about 195 pounds, rough looking and dangerous man. When last seen was wearing dark coat and corduroy pants, smooth face, raw boned, auburn hair.

Berry's body was taken charge of by the Junor Order, of which he was a member, on Monday, and conveyed to the Tryon cemetery where they held short services, after which Rev. Mr. H. N. Bowne, Rector of Tryon Episcopal church read a short service. The funeral was attended by a large number of people.

Law and Order Meeting

Monday afternoon about 75 of the citizens of Tryon met in Missidine hall for the purpose of organizing a law and Order League.

After listening to a number of interesting talks and suggestions from Geo. H. Holmes, A. L. Hill, W. T. Lindsey, H. A. Wilkie and others it was decided to have a secret committee to be under the direction of A. L. Hill to police the town and see that the laws were enforced and obeyed.

It was also decided by resolution to place a subscription list at the drug store to be signed by every man in Tryon who stood for law and order to sign, signifying his willingness to aid this committee of Mr. Hill's and help to maintain law and order in Tryon.

Next week we expect to publish this resolution with the names of all signers and let all our people know just who is and who is not in favor of upholding our laws and backing our officials in their enforcement. Where do you stand?

On Monday February 14, at the meeting for Law Enforcement League two resolutions were unanimously passed. One of these was as follows: Resolved that a Chairman be appointed to choose half of his confidential committee of as many citizens as he sees fit, to work together in upholding the law in assisting the officers of the law in every way possible and especially regarding the unlawful selling, making, or using liquor, and in carrying concealed fire-arms.

Live communities and live newspapers are found together be a "bull" on your community and show it by subscribing for the community newspaper.

"Safe and sane" farming has a new meaning this year.

"Cooperative marketing" sounds a lot better than "economic slavery," doesn't it?

Even fertilizers can't overcome the handicaps of poor seed bed and poor seed.

"But They Rode"

Last spring when cotton was selling so high, You could see some farmers "Floating" in the sky. (But they RODE!)

They rode in sun, They rode in rain, Some even rode In an aeroplane. (But they RODE!)

They rode all night, They rode all day, They kept on "riding" Till the devil's to pay. (But they RODE!)

If it wasn't an auto, It was a blamed old mule, They kept on "riding" Till they've cut the FOOL. (But they RODE!)

Some rode hard, Some rode well, But they kept on "riding" Till they've sure played h— (But they RODE!)

Some doctors spent the whole year Distributing pills, And can't collect enough money To pay their gasoline bills. (RODE!)

Some rode fast, The dust rose like a morning fog, They tell us his true name Was old RENT HOG. (RODE!)

The real estate business Was the best of all, But blame my skin If it didn't fall. (RODE!)

Some bought Fords, But carried them back, And (promised) the difference For a Cadillac. (RODE!)

The farmers and merchants And broke, that's true, (And it looks mighty like The banks are too). (RODE!)

The above was written Just for a joke, But darn my hide If the country ain't "BROKE!" (RODE!)

Shady Dale Ga.

We are having some nice weather after a spree of rain. Grady Phillips, of Columbus, is visiting relatives here.

Virgil Skipper and Frank Whiteside, passed through this section Sunday.

Rev. E. P. White filled his regular appointment, at Pea Ridge Baptist church. A nice crowd attended.

James Phillips and wife, spent the week-end with the latter's parents Mr. Carswell and wife.

E. L. McDade and wife, were the guests of Collitt Fowler Sunday.

Russel Newman was the pleasant caller of Therman Taylor Sunday night.

Luther Phillips and wife, were the guests of Vance Newman Sunday.

Miss Ruby McDade spent one night last week with her friend Miss Clifford Davis.

Clarence Newman was in Rutherfordton one day last week.

Mrs. Frisco is still in the hospital at Rutherfordton.

Mrs. Colitt Fowler was taken ill at her home Saturday.

Mrs. J. R. Phillips spent the week-end with her son, James Phillips.

Bone Russell's mills were destroyed by fire Friday night, also a threshing machine, tank each of gas, and kerosene. Lost about \$2,000.

Ganges Changing Channel. The Ganges is constantly changing its channel.

FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY

Items of Interest Gathered From Various Sections of Polk County by Our Corps of Faithful Correspondents.

New Hope

Rev. S. L. Blanton filled his regular appointment at Sandy Springs Sunday morning. Also Singing Sunday afternoon led by John Scoggins.

Misses Cecil and Lillian Splawn, also Messrs. George and Bomer Davidson, motored up to Greens Creek Sunday.

Miss Annie Westbrook and Craton Painter were out for a ride Sunday afternoon.

Born to Carrol Splawn and wife, a daughter, February 1.

Mrs. Tommie Roach and Miss Cecil Splawn, spent the day Feb. 8, with Misses Gladys and Virgie Strickland.

Miss Lillie Morrow gave a party at her home Saturday night.

Mrs. J. H. Hines is suffering with tonsillitis.

Mrs. Claud Tate, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Blanton, at present.

Miss Annie Splawn and Jessie Morrow, were at Sandy Springs Sunday.

Columbus

Rev. Gentry, of Landrum, preached a very interesting sermon at the Baptist Church Sunday a. m. His text was found in Judges 7:21, "Every man in his place."

Miss Mattie Phillips is suffering with an attack of appendicitis.

Captain McEntyre, Mrs. Lynch's father, is quite ill.

Mrs. L. H. Cloud was sick Sunday.

Mrs. J. H. Hughes is visiting friends and relatives in New Jersey.

Mrs. J. L. Smith and daughter, have returned to their home in Gaffney, S. C.

Mr. Wingo, visited his son, who is in college at Columbia last week.

Mrs. Hill is visiting friends in Lynn.

Misses Eva and Estella Pace and Elma Newman, visited relatives in Landrum.

Mrs. Emma Hutcherson was shopping and calling in the village Saturday.

Melvin Hill.

We are glad to see some fair weather after so much rain.

Messrs. Huntley and Branscom, made a business trip to Spartanburg Sunday.

Frank Edwards, of Brooklyn, S. C., attended church here Sunday.

Ransom Horn, of Mill Creek, visited relatives here last Sunday.

Professor Kreider has been quite poorly for the past week, with cold and hoarseness.

Mrs. C. B. Sanders, of Green River, also Bob Sanedrs, of Winston Salem, visited at the home of Mr. Stacy and wife one day last week.

Some cotton remains to be picked in the fields. To cheap to fool after.

Mrs. Emeline Henderson is still very low, not expected to live. She has been very sick three weeks or more.

J. W. Stacy made a visit to the dentist at Spartanburg, last Monday.

St. Valentines day dawned bright and beautiful. The birds and little frogs are singing to beat the band.

Claud Gilbert and wife, called on the Branscoms Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. E. J. Huntley visited Mrs. J. W. Stacy Sunday.

Quite a number enjoyed singing at the Stacy's Sunday afternoon.

Mill Spring

We were all glad to see the beautiful sunshine again, after it being so rainy and cloudy.

The people of Mill Spring churches, both Methodist and Baptist, gave Rev. J. W. Hackney a surprise birthday dinner at his home Sunday. Everybody reported a good time.

The people of the Mill Spring district, had another meeting at the school house here Saturday night about our graded school. Lets all get busy and make our little town grow.

C. F. Smith, from Greenville, is visiting home folks, J. R. Foster and wife.

J. T. Barber, wife and children, were the pleasant afternoon guests of Twitty Jackson and wife, Sunday.

There was preaching at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon, Rev. Davis, from Rock Springs, delivered a good sermon.

Mrs. Lelia Dalton has returned home after spending a few feeks with her father, Will Splawn.

J. C. Walker, from Shelby, is spending a few weeks with home folks here.

J. R. Splawn, wife and daughter, Bertha, were supper guests at Chap Turner's Friday.

Jocelyn Walker and J. C. Walker, called at T. D. Whiteside's Sunday.

Johny Splawn and family called on Archie Culbreath Sunday.

Ernest Smith was a pleasant caller at Miss Bertha Splawn's Saturday night.

Wade Whiteside was a pleasant caller at N. G. Walker's Sunday.

We are sorry to hear of Mrs. Lee Johnson being sick at this writing.

We are glad to know that Mrs. Sallie Walker is improving after being sick.

Mrs. Nora Walker and little daughter, Naomi, were pleasant callers of Miss Letha and Carrie Barber Saturday afternoon.

N. G. Walker and wife visited Twitty Jackson Sunday.

Beulah

The many friends of Mrs. J. T. Waldrop will be glad to know that she is improving.

Mrs. J. W. Fowler spent Sunday with Mrs. W. C. Waycaster.

Jeter Thompson was a pleasant visitor of Roy Jones last week.

Roy Jones and sister, Miss Nora, attended church at Silver Creek Sunday.

Otis Waldrop and family, spent last Sunday with his parents J. T. Waldrop.

Will T. Green, wife and little daughter, Dorris, seemed to be enjoying themselves out driving Sunday.

Miss Nora Jones spent Sunday evening with Miss Jessie Green.

Negroes Came Before Pilgrims. Twenty negroes were brought to America in 1619. So the negro has been an American one year longer than the Pilgrim.