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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.

Successful Hog Raising Depends on the Man.

North Carolina is strewn with the wrecks of hog raising ventures because the man himself did not understand the successful methods of feeding and marketing his swine, says W. W. Shay, swine extension worker of the State College and Department of Agriculture. Mr. Shay finds that the prospective swine grower should study in a small way the best methods of feeding and selling his swine before attempting to go into the business on a large scale. The man who experiments or accepts promiscuous advice in lieu of knowledge is very apt to meet with his disaster before his education is complete, and such action is entirely unnecessary because the whole ground has been thoroughly covered by his experiment station.

Mr. Shay has been conducting a number of swine feeding demonstrations in different parts of the state. The farmers who have taken these demonstrations have uniformly secured good results and demand has increased for this kind of work. Before enlarging the number of demonstrations, Mr. Shay believes that those who wish to take it up should ask themselves a few questions as follows and states that if questions 1, 7, and 10 are answered "yes" that the swine extension office will be glad to render assistance to the grower so replying:

1. Do I honestly believe that this venture is worth time and attention on my part?
2. Do I realize that I do not know all that has been learned about the business?
3. Do I know at what time and weight my hogs should be ready to hit the highest prices of the year?
4. Is my understanding of housing and sanitation sufficient to insure the life and health of a large percentage of pigs farrowed?
5. Do I understand the principles of feeding sufficient to enable me to produce a hog weighing 200 pounds at an age of seven months?
6. Can I produce such a hog at feed cost two to three cents per pound under the highest two months average market price of the year for such hogs?
7. Am I willing to go to the trouble of weighing my hogs and their feed occasionally in order that I may know what gains are costing?
8. Do I know the kind and amount of feed necessary to carry a weaning pig to a weight of 200 pounds?
9. Am I in position to see that these hogs receive intelligent care and attention, either from myself or competent man?
10. Am I willing to start in a small way and study the results of authentic experiments and be guided by them?

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING, NOVEMBER 21, 1922

The County Council met in Miss Padgett's office on Tuesday, November 21, and were served a delicious luncheon by members of the Columbus Club. Those present were Mrs. E. W. S. Cobb, Mrs. H. H. Edwards, Mrs. J. W. Jack, Mrs. W. W. Dedmond, Mrs. Voorhies, J. T. Camp, Miss Frances Camp, Mrs. E. M. Salley, Miss Salley, Mrs. H. P. Corwith, the Corwiths, Mrs. M. O. Earle, Mrs. Earle Grady, Miss Earle Grady, Mrs. R. B. Beatson, Mrs. R. B. Beatson, Miss Flentye, Miss Flentye and Mr. Sams. After the luncheon the afternoon was given up to talks

and discussion. Miss Padgett told us that she would be obliged to be in Raleigh part of December, that she expected to put on work with bread stuff in Jan. and plain sewing in February and asked for a free discussion and advice as to the desire of the different clubs.

Mrs. Jack made a speech of welcome for the Columbus Clubs. Mr. Sams spoke of the good work of the Lanier Club in getting a Home Demonstration agent in the field. He told how he had been asked to speak to the club on the needs of Polk County and how when he found they were considering putting a nurse to work in Polk County he advised a Home agent instead, who would teach the people such things that it would not be necessary to have a nurse.

Mr. Sams further spoke of the value of service and said he and Miss Padgett were here to serve the people of Polk county although his years were beginning to rest heavily upon him and he might not be with us long.

Miss Padgett asked that a secretary be elected to keep a record of the meeting and Miss Flentye was chosen as Secretary of the Council.

It was said that some slight effort was made to displace Mr. Sams in order to make a saving to the county and it was voted that Miss Flentye draw up petitions and mail them to the different club presidents for signatures from each section. These petitions were simply to endorse the work of the agents and ask that they be continued.

Mrs. Grady thanked the women of Columbus for their hospitality and hoped they would soon visit the women of Tryon on a like accostion.

Miss Glueys told of the work of the household economics department of the Columbus High School.

The winter's work was gone into very thoroughly and it was decided to begin the bread contest by taking up the making of biscuits and muffins. A contest was to be held in each township and really worth while prizes, something the girls would work for. The women were to go back to their respective communities and see what money they could raise and report to Miss Padgett. One condition of the contest was to be that at least 1-3 of the girls above ten years in each school must join in order to entitle that school to compete. It was also suggested that in the matter of light bread entire wheat and graham flours should be used as well as white flour. Mrs. Camp also asked that classes be warned against alum baking powders.

After the matter of bread Miss Padgett was to take up the matter of plain sewing and perhaps gardening in the early spring. She and Mr. Sams have already organized poultry clubs.

Mrs. M. O. Kelly was elected Honorary Pres. and Mrs. Voorhies Pres. of the Council. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Council should meet every three months in different parts of the county.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned with many expressions of having enjoyed a delightful afternoon.

Respectfully submitted
MAE IRINE FLENTYE.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF TRYON.
John L. Yandell, Minister.

Sunday School at 10:00 A.M.
Morning worship at 11:00 A.M.
Services will be at the Methodist Church. All are welcome



Clover Increases Corn Yield.

C. M. Foy, who lives four miles from Trenton in Jones County, has found that it pays to use a legume in building up his crop yields. In a demonstration conducted in cooperation with County Agent E. F. Fletcher this past season, an acre of land which was planted to corn gave some interesting results. This entire acre was fertilized with 125 pounds of an 8-3-3 fertilizer before the corn was planted on May 16. All of the land in the acre was the same type. On one-fourth of the acre, crimson clover was plowed under before the corn was planted; one-fourth had the clover grazed and the stubble plowed under; one-fourth was given a top dresser of 200 pounds of an 0-9-2 and one-fourth was used as a check lot with nothing added except the regular fertilizer used over the whole, corn was planted.

Here are the yields:
Plot with clover—41.5 bushels per acre.
Plot with clover stubble—37.7 bushels per acre.
Plot with top-dresser—34.6 bushels per acre.
Plot used as check—26.4 bushels per acre.
This demonstration proves that clover will help to increase

the yields because the plot which was fertilized with an 8-3-3 mixture gave only 26.4 bushels, while the plot on which the clover was plowed under before the same fertilizer was added gave a yield of 41.5, an increase of over 15 bushels per acre. E. C. Blair of the Division of Agronomy assisted Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Foy in conducting this demonstration and the result show that the farmers of this section should begin practice of using more legumes in their crop building and land building operations.

He who would look with contempt upon the farmer's pursuit is not worthy the name of man.—Beecher.

From 50 to 100 hens on every farm in the boll weevil district is mighty good insurance for three square meals a day. Sometimes a cooperative carlot shipment can be made of the surplus.

Make plans now to grow a few hogs next season. The neighbors can help you make up a car lot for a sale co-operatively. This affords a surprisingly good cash income when money is tight.

Write a card to the editor, agricultural extension service, Raleigh, N. C., for a copy of circular 193. It tells how to feed hogs for profit. W. W. Shay prepared it from the results secured by farmers in hog feeding demonstrations.

Not until a man has run a business for himself can he discuss business problems intelligently and sympathetically.

Many a fellow has made a success in business forthright success in business in order to meet the expense of a big family and the troubles there of.

Our idea of perfect self-control is a husband who can let his wife drive the automobile through congested traffic without making suggestions.

A household budget does just one thing: It convinces man he must increase his income.

The popular method of committing suicide is to get in the way of a speed maniac. That insures appropriate newspaper mention.



Mill Spring

On November seventh bright and early children were seen at the school building for it was "The first day." The school has an able corps of teachers this year. Prof. Brite Principal from Troy, N. C., Miss Carrie Raburn, Grammar grade work, from Lattimore, N. C., also Mrs. Briscoe local, Primary work. County Supt. Cobb County demonstrators Sams and Padgett were pleasant visitors. Each delivered a splendid educational talk, we were glad to see the Polk County Banner and delighted to know the progress the County is making in fairs. A number of patrons were also out for the opening, their spirit of co-operation is good. There is no reason why Mill Spring should not have a successful school year. The out-of door sports are already organized—Basket Ball, Volley Ball.

We are glad to welcome our new Methodist pastor. Rev. Mr. H. C. Freeman and family. Every one is heartily enjoying and receiving help from his splendid sermons.

Rev. Mr. Yandall Presbyterian, delivered an interesting sermon to a large congregation Sunday afternoon at Methodist church.

The M. E. Conference will hold a quarterly meeting at Mill Spring M. E. church, Saturday and Sunday Dec. 9, 10. The public is invited.

We were sorry to learn Joe Dalton son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dalton has been in bed with cold but is improving. Also little Miss Margret Whiteside daughter of Mr. Taylor Whiteside has been low with pneumonia also.

Opossum hunting seems to be an enjoyable nightly sport. Success is generally the case. A small crowd caught two on the mountain Saturday night.

Get in your water and your coal; Place your head out the window and feel the breeze blow—"Cold we ather—cold weather." we enjoy it!

Thanksgiving services will held at the Methodist Church Thursday by the school children and parents. Come all.

The all day singing was enjoyed Sunday at the Methodist church. The Page Quartette from Saluda being present. Plans are being made for another singing in the near future.

We have a new visitor, the snow. Welcome to it.

READING CIRCLE.

The Tryon Reading Circle met Friday afternoon at 3:15, November the 17, with only the teachers of The Tryon Graded School present.

Prof. D. W. Simmons was elected chairman, Miss Hamlin secretary, and Mrs. Watson treasurer, and Mrs. Preston delegate to the North Carolina Teacher's Assembly to be held during the Thanksgiving Holidays in Raleigh.

After the business meeting chapter's 4, and 5, and 16 of Successful Teaching in the Rural Schools by Pittman were studied and discussed.

The next meeting will be held Friday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, December the 8th. The assignment is chapter 8 and 17.

It is hoped that each member of the Reading Circle will be present at this meeting.

NOTICE

Preaching by the Methodist pastor at the Tryon M. E. Church, South on

First Sunday of very month at 11:0 a. m.
Second Sunday of each month at 7:00 p. m.

Third Sunday of each month at 11:00 a. m.
Fourth Sunday of each month at 7:00 p. m.

R. P. Fikes
Pastor.

A strike is a loss no matter who wins.