

Pollocksville News

By Mrs. Mabel Bell

WOMANLY MEETINGS

Among those from Pollocksville who attended the Methodist Youth Fellowship and district meeting last Monday in Jacksonville were the following:

Lady Parker Simmons, Jo Ann Simmons, Suzanne Bender, Gretchen Davis, Sam Davis, Osborne Carver, Leon West, John Frank, M. Murphy and Mrs. Bruce Simmons.

JOINS METHODIST CHURCH

After the regular worship hour Sunday conducted by Pastor P. C. Yelverton members received into the church were Richard Parker Jr., Joseph Ward, Emmett Williams and K. G. Strawbridge.

Busy Session For Pollocksville WSCS

Last Friday the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Pollocksville Methodists Church held its regular monthly meeting in the assembly room of the church. Mrs. Van Harriett, president, was in charge of the meeting.

Following the worship program given by Mrs. Vance Griffin, Mrs. Jeff Booth, program leader, presented several of the members

who gave the program for the month.

After the program Mrs. Harriett asked for reports from the various secretaries who in turn gave some outstanding reports on the different lines of work. Those reporting were Mesdames, Garland Morton, Elva Morton, Frank Chapman, Milton Askew, Vance

Griffin, Robert Bender, Garland Morton, James B. Simmons and Richard Parker.

Following adjournment the group was served strawberry short cake topped with whipped cream, nuts and coffee. Mrs. Richard Parker, Mrs. Fursay Mullard and Mrs. Van Harriett were Hostesses.



Anyone who tries to grow tomatoes in the South is concerned with the problem of wilt. There are two kinds of wilt which commonly affect tomatoes — fusarium and bacterial wilt — two different organisms which are quite common in garden soils of this state. They are both carried over in the soil from year to year.

Fusarium wilt can be effectively combatted by the use of wilt resistant varieties such as Homestead, Southland, Jefferson and other new introductions. Marglobe and Rutgers are still very popular varieties but seem to have little resistance to the present strains of fusarium wilt. There are at present no variety recommend-

ed to you as wilt resistant, the plants may all die of wilt. Bacterial wilt is commonly known as Granville wilt where tobacco is grown.

It is a well-known fact that the early tomato blossoms or blossom clusters often fail to set fruit. This may be due to a number of factors but is usually due to cool temperatures early in the growing season when the first two clusters

of blossoms appear. It has been found that applications of certain plant hormones to the blossoms will cause fruits to set. In many cases these fruits are seedless or almost seedless. Experiments have shown that, in the case of tomatoes, it is only worth while to spray the hormones on the first two or three clusters. These hormones are available at any seed store under trade names such as "Blossom Set", "Sure Set" and "Fruitone". They should be used according to the directions given by

the manufacturer, otherwise they may cause damage or heavy wrinkling of the tomato fruits. The material should be sprayed on the open blossoms with an atomizer or fine spray. Shake all the blossoms on a cluster do not open at one time it will require at least two applications for each cluster. Many commercial growers are now using fruit setting hormones successfully and there is no reason why they should not be successful in home gardens, especially in cool growing seasons.

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