

FARM NEWS

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(Editor's Note: The Times herewith begins the publication of the annual report of the County Farm Agent. This report will be published by installment each week. It should be to the interest of every farmer to read thoroughly and assimilate the facts concerning farm work in the County. Today farming is a big business, and every farmer should have all the facts about his work possible and apply this knowledge to the work ever before him.)

1. Form of organization changes and development. The only organization in the county for forwarding extension work is the County Agricultural Advisory Board. This Board consists of two leading farmers from each of the seven townships of the county, the three County Commissioners, and three leading farmers and business men of the county. This Board passed on the extension plan of work for 1933 and assisted the agent in carrying out the plan. Ten more men were added to the Board this year, making a total of twenty men on the Board.

On January 28 the agent called a meeting of the County Agricultural Board to make plans for carrying on the extension work in the county during 1933. Only five members were present on account of bad weather. These members discussed the plan of work with the agent, but we decided to call another meeting of the Board later when more members could be present.

On February 18 the Board was called together and sixteen members were present. The plan of work was taken up by the agent and discussed by the Board. Changes were made where the Board thought necessary. One important feature of this meeting was the discussion of results obtained with the 1932 demonstrations. This discussion helped to inform all the members of the Board of the results obtained and this has been a great aid in conducting extension work during 1933.

2. Functions of local people, committees, or project leaders in developing the program of work. Local people have served as demonstrators in their communities. Committees have served in organizations for selling farm products, and buying farm supplies. They have passed on U. S. Seed and Fertilizer loans. They have served as officers and directors of the Alleghany County Agricultural Fair.

3. General policies, including relations to other organizations. The general policies of the extension organization has been to work out a plan of farming best suited to the needs of the farmers of the county. Results from demonstrations, and different types of farming, are analyzed and the methods found best are recommended to the farmers. Cooperative buying and selling projects are carried on to aid the farmers financially as well as to teach them to properly prepare their products for market, and to buy the seeds and fertilizers they should use.

Program of Work 1. Factors considered and methods used in determining program of work. The factors considered in determining the program of work were the methods used by a majority of the farmers of the county and the results obtained by them, compared with the methods and results obtained by the best farmers of the county. The methods used in determining the program of work were an analysis of the results obtained from all demonstrations and records obtained during the previous year, and those most successful were adopted. Goals to Be Accomplished in the County During 1933.

- 1. Place 10 purebred best type bulls in the County; No. placed, 5.
2. Place 15 purebred rams in the County; No. placed, 14.
3. Place 10 purebred ewes in the County; No. placed, none.
4. To have 100% of the lambs docked and castrated; per cent, 90.
5. To have as many farmers as possible to drench their sheep at least three times during the year; yes.
6. To assist farmers in vaccinating calves against blackleg and give medical care to livestock. 875 calves were vaccinated and 87 livestock were given medical care.
7. To have more farmers growing legume hay for livestock; yes.
8. To have 10 farmers following a definite crop rotation; 8 farmers did this.
9. Get 25 new farmers to growing soybeans; yes.
10. To have two farmers growing certified seed corn; no.
11. Increase the acreage of certified seed Irish potatoes; yes.
12. Increase the acreage sown to barley; yes.
13. Get 50 farmers to sow Common Lupeseda on old pastures; No. 68.
14. Get 20 farmers to sow Korean Lupeseda for soil improvement; No. 17.
15. To have more farmers sowing certified seed wheat; no.
16. Increase the acreage sown to abruzzo rye for winter graze; no.
17. Get the Alleghany Farmers Mutual Exchange in active operat; yes.
18. Get 90% of the wool and 50% of the lambs sold through the Township Pools; 95% of wool sold in Pools, and 25% of the lambs sold in Pools.
19. Make up a list of stocker and feeder cattle and assist farmers in selling; 89 farmers and 1094 head.
20. Pool orders for fertilizer and assist farmers in buying; No. 400 bags.
21. place five cars of lime in the county; 3 cars placed.
22. Pool orders for all seeds and assist farmers in buying good seeds at wholesale prices; yes.
23. Assist farmers in selling potatoes cooperatively; No. 364 bushels.
24. Assist farmers inselling truck crops and poultry; no.
25. To have two farmers to keep poultry records; yes.
26. To have two farmers to keep farm records; yes.
27. To hold a County Agricultural Fair; yes.
28. To assist farmers to secure necessary credit; 114 farmers secured \$5755 credit.

PEDEN NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Taylor visited Mr. Kenley Taylor Sunday night. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Leckey of North Wilkesboro visited at Geo. Perry's Sunday night. Berdie E. Weaver, who is teaching at Turkey Knob, spent the week-end with homefolks. Little Paul Allen made a business trip to Sparta last week and was accompanied by Bill and Nellie Williams Mary and Hazel N. Vandyke. Fred Johnson Weaver, who has been very ill with Scarlet Fever is very much improved. Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Edwards visited at George Black's Sunday. Mrs. J. F. George, and Lib Allen of this place went to North Wilkesboro Saturday. George Weaver spent Sunday night at Chestnut Hill. Martha Weaver visited Mrs. Lillie Williams one night last week. The baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Black is very sick.

New Views

ALL who at this period attempt to follow the rapid flow of new opinions and theories must be aware of a mental flurry comparable to the sensation of being out of breath. Diverse phases of the complex human problem are engaging the attention of thinkers in many lands. As one glances over the fields of art, medicine, theology, and what is termed science, amazing changes of outlook may be noted. Premises once considered immovable are veering; positions long tenaciously held are being proved untenable; conclusions regarded as final are being overturned. Long-established forms of government have in some instances been swept away, and some notable changes in the social order are manifest. Many today feel themselves in a changing world and are inclined to fear the strangeness.

a solid basis for its hope, until it finds rest in God. But what of the future, to which many may be looking with apprehension? Mrs. Eddy, who foresaw Truth's destruction of error, and the disturbance incident thereto, in conditions such as are now testing the course of mankind, had so clear a vision of the verities of being that she could write in "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" (p. 66): "Trials are proofs of God's care. . . Each successive stage of experience unfolds new views of divine goodness and love." So the forward look should not be a fearful peering into imaginary darkness, but an upward look of joyous anticipation. Travelers cheerfully brave rough roads and hard climbing in order to win a vantage point from which to behold a beautiful view; and pilgrims on the ascending road of experience will find themselves more than compensated for any seeming hardship by the loveliness of spiritual views, constantly being revealed to their clearer gaze. This is true in its most practical sense, as many grateful hearts can testify. Some who in recent years have encountered hardships previously undreamed of declare with sincere gratitude that in every situation, no matter how difficult, there has come to their awaiting thought, a fresh and sweet realization, a new view of the divine care which is far more tender than that which we associate with the protection of earthly parents. This has resulted from the better understanding of the nature of God brought to them by Christian Science.

Future Farmers of America Entertain at Banquet

Piney Creek—Our chapter of Future Farmers of America held its Annual rather and "Sons" Banquet Wednesday night December 6. There were fifteen Dads, two members of local school board, one member of County Board of Education, one member of County Board of Commissioners, Sparta Agriculture teacher, four members of the High School faculty and twenty boys present. Due to the rough weather other guest were unable to attend. We had short interesting talks from Mr. John C. Halsey, Mr. Jackson and members of the school faculty. The food was prepared and served by the Home Economics Department. Good string music was furnished by Messrs Sanders, Carpenter and McCann. Percy Douglas, Reporter.

Christmas Pageant At Glade Valley Dec. 17

The annual Christmas Pageant, They Presented unto Him Gifts, will be given at the school auditorium on Sunday night, December 17th at 7:30 P. M. The public is invited to attend. Come and bring your gifts as this is a very impressive Pageant. Miss Margaret Dowdie spent the weekend with Miss Ruth Bowlin at Low Gap, N. C. Miss Bowlin is teaching in the high-school at Low Gap. Honor roll for the high school for November: Second year, Evon Eldridge, Third year, Ruth Richardson, and Ruth Sheets, the above made an average of 95 of 100. Honorary mention list, with average of 90 or above: First year, Gladys Bare, Josie Rolen, Dora Miller, Una Newman, Brigit Wyatt, Third year, Rebecca Darnell, Cupid Ledwell, Georgia Winger, Ruby Wyatt, Annie Blair, Mary Smith, Theresa Blevins, Richard Osborne, and Fred Dancy, Fourth year, Mayb Warden.

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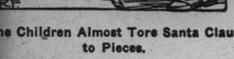
Santa Claus

By Alice B. Palmer

TOMMY MOORELAND was a pitiful sight as he sat upon the hard rough bank of the railroad tracks, covered with Christmas snow. He never bothered to remove. Tommy had been the eldest of a family of brothers and sisters had always played a most important part in the Christmas festivities of being Santa Claus. It was this very thing that he was now dreading so deeply and reverently. The sudden crunching of footsteps in snow behind him caused him to quickly, expecting to hear "Ho, ho, ho!" Instead, he saw a little the sky blue of her coat speckled with snowflakes. She truly looked as if she might have emerged from fairy-

land. She stood weeping before him. "Mother says there is to be no Santa Claus tonight," she wailed. "I'm linking through the mist of now falling snow he looked at her grimly, all the years of his tramping dropping from him at that moment.

When with an effort to keep back tears from his own eyes, he tried to persuade her that Santa would surely come. "Where do you live, little girl?" said Tommy. "There's the house, right over there, one with the big yard around it." "You had better skip home now and get ready for Santa, for I am sure he will come!" "How wonderful!" thought Tommy, the Santa Claus instincts aroused within him, "if I could make this little girl happy by being their Santa just tonight!"



The Children Almost Tore Santa Claus to Pieces.

Tommy had gone far when he was stopped by a kindly gentleman who asked if he were in need of work. Tommy was delighted, for the job made him a Santa Claus for the Salvation Army Christmas tree, and for which he was well paid. Later, with permission to borrow the outfit and after some Christmas shopping, he hurried over to his adopted home. With Santa's pack upon his shoulders, he joyously rapped upon the door. To his surprise it was opened by the little girl, herself.

"Amidst great shouts of glee the children almost tore him to pieces. But what was it all about? Mother and father came rushing in. Before they could speak Tommy pulled the mask from his face and shouted, "Mother! Father!" He had found his own home and parents and brothers and sisters in the "House with the big yard around it!"

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For Christmas Feasting Apple cider has earned a rightful place at winter feasts. If you are going out to Christmas dinner, you might send your hostess a jug of cider; if you are entertaining yourself, you will want to make it part of your Christmas menu. Another typically American accompaniment to holiday feasting is oyster dressing or oysters served "on the half shell." Spicy things seem to fit especially well into holiday menus. Chutney adds a pleasant zest to the Christmas dinner. It also is a good addition to any combination of Christmas dainties you may be planning as a gift.

Mrs. Callie Heckard, of Winston-Salem, who has been visiting friends here for sometime will leave Monday for Henrietta, N. C.

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For Christmas Cheer

WHAT is the jolliest color? Red. And which is therefore the most cheerful of vegetables? Why, the tomato, of course! So what can be more appropriate than to make full use of its festive spirit and color at Christmas time? Here's a good soup to start off any dinner during this holiday season: Tomato Broth with Asparagus Tips: Simmer gently for fifteen minutes the contents of a No. 3 can of tomatoes, one slice onion, one-fourth teaspoon peppercorns, one-fourth teaspoon allspice berries, one teaspoon salt and one-half teaspoon sugar, and then press through a sieve. Add two and one-half cups chicken stock (or two and one-half cups water with one chicken bouillon cube), the liquor from a No. 1 can of as-

paragus tips and the tips themselves cut in pieces. Heat to boiling and serve. Serves eight. A Good Luncheon Salad And here's a hearty salad that has the advantages of tasting delicious, looking cheerful and costing less than fifty cents. Jellyed Tomato and Egg Salad: Dissolve one package of lemon jello in one cup boiling water, and add one can of tomato soup. Cut three hard-cooked eggs in halves, and set one half in each of six individual molds, cut side up. Pour enough tomato mixture around to hold egg in place, and let harden. Then add the rest of the gelatin and let set and chill thoroughly. Unmold onto lettuce leaves, and garnish with mayonnaise. Serves six.