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Kershaw County Farmers Planting Flax

Preparations and correspondence relative to the new venture, the flax program are now coming to a successful conclusion. On Monday morning, W. H. Ramsey gave the first demonstration of planting on the farm of Mr. J. L. Guy, at Stockton, twelve miles from here. On that same afternoon Ramsey held the second demonstration at the plantation of L. I. Guion, in the vicinity of Lugoff.

Mr. Ramsey, the manager of this department for the Champagne Paper company, has been conducting plantings at Estill, S. C. and research has been carried on at Camden. This land near the Wateree river has been chosen for trial plantings because the fertility and soil texture seem ideal for this new crop. The moisture holding lands cleared in the swamps and the upland clay loams are of the quality which this plant requires for proper growth and development.

Local farmers are of course not acquainted with any phase of preparing the land, or of growing and harvesting and Ramsey has laid much stress on having the land properly broken up and in the right condition for seeding.

The Champagne Paper Company, a New York concern, has arranged contracts with the planters, in that they have agreed on the acreage area to follow the corporation's instructions with regard to preparing the soil, sowing, fertilizing, cultivating and harvesting. The crop, if of the highest grade, is to be bought at a figure of over \$20.00 per ton. Grades of medium quality will be purchased at a lower price, and those which are inferior or contain excessive amounts of trash or other foreign matter can not be accepted. If a binder or other suitable machinery can not be procured, the flax must be pulled by hand and like the machine, must be tied in bundles about twelve inches in diameter. They are to be left in the fields to dry until the condition suitable for storage is reached. Careful attention is necessary in handling these shocks for the seeds as well as the fiber is of value and they must not be shaken off by rough handling. For the best results the rate of seeding has been set at ninety pounds per acre, and many hundreds of bushels have arrived lately, to be planted during the present week. The Champagne company will have a plant or warehouse in this city and the deliveries of the dried products will be made there. The bags of seed delivered by the Seaboard Railway Company, contained two varieties, first, those raised in the State of Oregon, and the other from Estill, South Carolina. The farmers are cautioned to put each variety in a separate part of the field in order to check on the crops and figure which type is best suited to the soil in this neighborhood.

Another consideration is the problem of frost. Young flax cannot stand long spells of freezing weather, although it is rather a cool weather crop. Fortunately its growing season is only about ninety days, at which time it must be immediately cut and not allowed to stand. A method telling when it is ready to be harvested is by a change of color which is easily discernible.

At Estill last year, the thermometer went as low as sixteen degrees without damage to the young plants, showing that it is able to withstand cold weather, and should be planted as soon as possible, as long as there is no danger of long periods of cold. The short growing season is also an advantage with regard to the intense heat experienced with the South Carolina summers. An early start also helps the young seedlings to get a start over the weeds. Cured flax with over five or ten percent of grasses and weeds is regarded as a low grade product.

The development of this project is creating a great deal of interest among the farmers and business men in this vicinity. There are many acres in the county in which a good yield is cut short every year due to the boll weevil and corn borer. If successful, this experiment will furnish another money crop for the farmers.

Many large landowners in this section have contracted with this French-American concern and are soon to plant from two to fifty acres apiece. They are: H. G. Carrison, Sr., Henry D. Green, L. I. Guion, Vicotr Ward, Bolivar Boykin, Wade Seagle, C. P. Emanuel, Mrs. Bessie T. Bolneau, David R. Williams, K. S. Smith, J. L. Weeks, J. L. Guy, L. O. Punderburk, H. S. Zeigler, C. M. Leonard, J. M. Glenn, and Fred P. Abbott, of Hamlet, N. C.

Liberty Hill News

Liberty Hill, S. C., March 4—Grim visaged winter reassorted itself very forcibly last week, after heavy rains early in the week. The mercury tumbled to the low reading of 20 degrees on Thursday morning and hard ice and frozen ground held sway for a couple of days. But this is March and Sunday was a beautiful spring-like day.

Surveyors have been lining up and driving stakes along Highway 97 in preparation for the hard surface treatment which is expected to be started at an early date.

Considerable repairing and improving of out-buildings and dwellings has been done of late in our section. Mr. R. C. Jones has had the residence occupied by Mr. J. L. Mack, highway foreman, improved by the addition of a new roof.

Mr. R. C. Jones, Jr., fishing in the Beaver Creek branch of "the big pond" one day last week caught a trout or bass which weighed 7 lbs. and 11 ounces. Some fish! The largest we have heard of being caught in these waters.

Mr. J. T. Nettles, prominent Camden citizen, was a business visitor here on Friday last.

Miss Callie Jones of the Columbia City Schools spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clements and children were visiting friends near Great Falls on Sunday.

Mrs. John M. Croxton and son were here on Saturday to see her aunt, Miss Laura Matheson who has been sick for several months and does not improve. A nurse or attendant is kept with her continually.

Mrs. Harry Hines and another lady of Lancaster, relatives of Miss Matheson were here on Friday to see her.

The Lancaster News of February 28th says: "An attractive addition to the FERA office force is Miss Sophie Richards recently appointed director of Lancaster County." Miss Richards spent Sunday at home with her mother, Mrs. C. E. Richards.

Mrs. M. C. Wilson and baby of Darlington spent the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Richards. Mr. Wilson came up on Sunday.

We are sorry to hear of the death on Friday of Mr. H. W. Mobley of Heath Springs, prominent citizen, former magistrate and good friend of the writer. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Mr. W. D. McDowall and sisters of Camden were recent visitors of relatives here.

Miss Ann Thompson, student at Columbia College, spent last weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Thompson.

Mrs. Chas. Cunningham entertained on Washington's Birthday in honor of her daughters home from Winthrop College for the weekend. Games and a contest consisting of questions answered with names of "trees" were enjoyed. Miss Jennie Jones and Miss Sara Cunningham won and were presented with a "Cherry Tree." The hostess served bonbons and nuts. Those enjoying the evening were Misses Jennie Jones, Charlotte Wardlaw, Ann Thompson, Sarah Cunningham, Edith Richards, Annie Jones, Mary Cunningham, Johnnie Byrum of Great Falls and Charles Cunningham.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker Warren and baby of Allendale came up Sunday for a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Wardlaw. Mr. Warren returned late in the evening, but Mrs. Warren will spend a longer visit.

DR. HUMPHRIES ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Dr. G. S. T. Peebles of Charleston is acting health officer of the county while Dr. Humphries is away taking a public health course in Baltimore, Md. Dr. Humphries will return in May and resume his duties as County Health Officer.

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The Sand Hills Agricultural Project

The Land Planning Committee of the National Resources Board expresses the opinion that if we husband our natural resources, we shall not experience the severe deprivations associated with the extreme population densities of other countries. This committee is of the opinion that while we have no land to waste we do have sufficient land to provide an ample food supply for our maximum probable population and to make relatively abundant provision for forests, wild life, recreation and other necessary uses.

The recent report of the Land Planning Committee recommends a 15 year program for Federal purchases of about 75 million acres of submarginal farm land, including more than 20 million acres of crop land. This report also proposes an active program to control land settlement with the cooperation of the Federal Government and the states.

Agricultural economists have for years studied and written on the subject of better land-use policy. The program which the Federal Government is now carrying out in cooperation with South Carolina and local agencies known as the Sand Hills Agricultural Demonstration Project, is an attempt to demonstrate through an actual project the benefits to be derived by States and local communities from a more economical utilization of land. This demonstration project is in an area in which most of the land is unsuited to the growing of crops and in which most of the farm families are unable to make a decent living. The Federal Government proposes to buy 150,000 acres of land too poor to grow profitable crops, even under normal conditions, and to devote the land purchased to forestry, wild life preserves, public recreation ground, regulated grazing, etc. The farm families now living on this poor land will be given an opportunity to sell their land to the Federal Government at a fair price and to buy very productive, well improved, and well equipped farms at a fair price from the Government in near-by districts.

Monies received from the purchase of poor land should be applied, as far as reasonably possible, to the purchase price of the resettlement farm. The balance due on the resettlement farm may be paid in a period of about thirty-five years.

No family will be forced to sell their home to the Government against their will. The Government is just simply offering these families a chance to escape from land poor to make a decent living on, and to buy very productive, well improved, well equipped farms on long term credit.

Should a resettled farmer move from the resettlement area before the expiration of his contract, he is entitled to all his equity in his resettlement farm.

Farmers moving to resettlement areas and eligible for work relief will be employed within the resettlement area on the same basis as other persons eligible for work relief.

A family may retain its improvements on the submarginal area, and if practical, move these improvements to the new property in the resettlement area.

People too advanced in age for rehabilitation may be left in the submarginal area under special arrangement, or they may be assisted in finding suitable relocations.

A man cannot be rehabilitated if there is the possibility of a judgment against him. Some satisfactory agreement with creditors must first be worked out.

For further information see or write G. H. Alford, Project Manager, McBee, S. C.

BAPTIST CHURCH SERVICES

The following services are announced at the First Baptist Church for week beginning March 3:

Sunday school at 10 o'clock with C. O. Stogner, superintendent in charge. Public worship conducted by the pastor, J. B. Caston at 11:15 A. M. and 8 P. M. Morning subject: The One Book, evening subject: How Excuses Hinder Growth, B Y P U Tuesday evening at 7:30.

The public is cordially invited to attend all the services of this church.

Gov. Johnston to Attend Ass'n. Meet

The Kershaw county chapter of the Fish and Game association has received word that Governor and Mrs. Olin D. Johnston, the chief game warden, Alfred Richardson, Zan Heyward, president of the association, and West Jacobs, the secretary, have accepted the invitations and will be present for the program of this branch of the association.

This rally is to be held the 12th, 13th and 14th of this month. The festivities will begin the afternoon of the 12th, with a polo game and a skeet shoot. Next on the program will be a dog show at the armory ball. This will be immediately after the polo game.

The dog show is open to any who wish to make entries. It is divided into the following classes: (1) Pointers and setters, both grown dogs and pups; (2) spaniels (3) fox hounds (4) police dogs (5) bulldogs (6) fox terriers (7) miscellaneous.

That night there will be a banquet in one of the hotels here, Zan Heyward, the president of the state association, will be in charge of the banquet. The governor will be present for the whole of the first day's program and will award the prizes for the skeet and the dog show.

The next two days will be occupied with the field trials for pointers and setters. They will be held at Borden, about 12 miles from town. The whole program is being kept on a reasonable basis and should prove to be good entertainment. The closing date for entering dogs has been set at March 9th.

DEATH OF MRS. LEWIS STRAK

Mrs. Ellen Wolfe Strak, 84, died at her home on South Lyttleton street Saturday afternoon after an illness of three months.

Mrs. Strak was born in Budapest, Hungary, and came to Camden 53 years ago with her husband, the late Lewis Strak. They reared a family of three sons and one daughter.

Surviving children are Steve Strak of the Southern Railway, Charleston, Mrs. Elizabeth Brasington, Camden.

Mrs. Strak made many friends in her adopted home. Several years ago she suffered a broken hip and due to her advanced age had never recovered.

Funeral services were held from St. Mary's Roman Catholic church, Camden Monday morning.

Lyttleton Street Methodist Epworth League

The young people of the Methodist church, with the assistance of the pastor, organized an Epworth League Sunday evening. There were 20 members present, and the organization was completed.

President, Wilbert Reeves.

Vice-president, Regina Goodman.

Secretary, Sadie Freitag.

Treasurer, Ben Mikrod Sowell.

A membership drive will be put on for the next six weeks. Those present were divided, and the captains are:

Captain of the "Bound To Win" group, Edward Holland.

Captain of the "Can't Be Beat" group, W. L. Jackson.

The league will meet each Sunday evening at 7:15 and close at 7:50. Let us have a big turn-out next Sunday evening.—Wilbert Reeves, President.

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT

Whereas An All Wise Providence has called from us Mr. George T. Little and his passing The First National Bank of Camden has lost one of its Directors, and the Community a valued and outstanding citizen.

Therefore be it resolved that the Officers and Board of Directors of The First National Bank extend their heartfelt sympathies to the family of Mr. Little, a page of our records be inscribed to his memory and a copy of this resolution be sent to his family.

Greatest Use of Silence
But silence never shows itself to be great advantage as when it is made the reply to calumny and defamation, provided we give no just occasion for them.—Addison.

Basketball Contests Being Held Here

The High Schools of Kershaw County are holding their annual basketball tournament in the Armory Hall on Wednesday, March 6th, Thursday, and Friday, the last two days will be devoted to the contests of the winners.

It is interesting to note that each high school in the county has both a boys and girls team entered in the competition and during the three days fans should witness some very good play.

The series begins at 2:30 p. m. on Wednesday and 3:00 p. m. on Thursday, and the tournament of winners at 7 p. m. on Friday.

The schedule for Wednesday:

2:30 Antioch vs. Mt. Pisgah—girls.

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4:30 Blaney vs. Baron DeKalb, girls.

5:30 Blaney vs. Baron DeKalb, boys.

6:30 Bethune vs. Midway, girls.

7:30 Bethune vs. Midway, boys.

8:30 Camden vs. Charlotte Thompson, girls.

9:30 Camden vs. Charlotte Thompson, boys.

Thursday's program:

3:00 Winners of Wednesday's matches (1) and (3) to play, girls.

4:00 Winners of Wednesday's matches (2) and (4) to play, boys.

5:00 Winners of Wednesday's matches (5) and (7) to play, girls.

Friday's program:

7:00 Winners of Bethune-Midway vs. winners of Camden-Charlotte Thompson to play, boys.

8:00 Winners of the two girls' games played Thursday.

9:00 Winners of boys game played Thursday vs. winners of game played at 7:00 o'clock Friday night.

AUGUSTA POLOISTS TO BE HERE THIS WEEKEND

Two of the Camden Polo Teams made the trip to Augusta, Ga. last weekend and were defeated by very close scores, one goal in each game. The Junior outfits held the first match which was scheduled on Saturday afternoon. Until the last chukker the Camden horsemen were in the lead and in the final the Augustans made a fine rally and tied up the scores. It was then necessary to begin the seventh period in order to settle matters and Bill King, playing number 2 for the Georgians, ended the game by driving the final tally between the posts, leaving the scoreboard 7-6. The Camden players were-Tupper, Boykin, Little and Smith, while the Augustans were, Wilcox, King, Wagner, Cornog, and Samuel.

On Sunday afternoon came the tournament of the Seniors, and a crowd of several thousand persons watched Jim Minnick's riders nose out the Camden foursome by one goal. This time the Augustans led throughout the play, and in the last period the members of the local polo club made the comeback, by scoring two goals, but missing tying up the board by one tally. Players in the senior contest were: Camden, DuBose, K. Little, Pomeroy and Bates; Augusta, Baker, Nichols, Minnick, Jr. and Minnick, Sr.

This coming Saturday and Sunday will see the same two pairs of riders on No. 1 field at 3 p. m. Fans will be here from many nearby South Carolina cities as well as a host of followers of this sport from the home town of the visitors. In these return matches, the local teams will do their best to avenge themselves, and will probably slight odds on their side as they are well accustomed to the field and this is always an advantage. Plans for several entertainments and parties are being made by the Camden polo team.

Methodist Church Next Sunday
Watchman, What of the Night? This will be the theme next Sunday morning at 11:15. We are in the blaze of prophetic fulfillment. This message will give us something to think about. We invite all the members and friends to worship with us.

Theme of the evening service at 8 o'clock. "The Power that Conquers" We hope that more and more, our night congregation will continue to grow.—C. F. Wimberly, Pastor.

Forestry Units Start Essay Contests

In Elementary Grades of White Schools. Cash Prizes Offered

In line with their program to protect the woodlands of Kershaw County and to stimulate interest in forest fire prevention and control, the Liberty Hill and Camden Units of the Kershaw County Forestry Association are sponsoring an Essay Contest starting on March 4th and closing on March 18th. Any pupil (white) in the public elementary schools of Kershaw County, in the 5th to the 7th grades, inclusive, is eligible to participate. The subject of the essays is, "What Shall I Do to Stop Forest Fires". Prizes amounting to \$15.00 will be awarded the winners as follows: First prize, \$5.00; second prize, \$3.00 third prize, \$2.00; and 5 prizes of \$1.00 each. All essays are to be forwarded to Forest Rangers, W. E. Cunningham, Liberty Hill, or W. C. Perry, Camden, not later than March 19th. The following will judge the contest: Mrs. Hallie Weller, Westville, S. C., Arthur Stokes, Cassatt; and Miss Annie Ruth Davis, Blaney. In awarding the prizes, consideration will be given to grasp of the subject, logical and convincing presentation and composition and appearance of manuscript.

According to H. Y. Forsythe, District Forester, Florence, the two Forestry Units above named are cooperating with the State Forest Service in fire control activities and the contest is being conducted for the purpose of interesting school pupils in better forest protection and growth.

FLOWER SHOW POSTPONED

The Flower Show of the Camden Garden Club has been postponed from March 7th to March 12th. It will be held at the Parish House of Grace Episcopal Church and will be open to the public at 2 p. m.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, That we, farmers of Kershaw County assembled at the Court House this 4th day of February, do hereby express our sincere thanks and appreciation to and confidence in each and every member of the original and present County Cotton Committee and County Bankhead Committee and to the County Agent for their untiring labors and faithful performance of duty in handling the many problems that came before them pertaining to the acreage and production of our 1934 cotton crop and the handling of the Voluntary Cotton Contracts and the Bankhead allotments. We feel that the Committee and County Agent referred to above handled these matters fairly and without favor or prejudice, and we further feel that the farmers of Kershaw County are indebted to them for the patriotic service they have rendered. The members of the above committee were or are: Mr. L. I. Guion, Mr. G. C. Welsch, Mr. N. P. Gettys, and Mr. H. Granade.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, properly engrossed, be mailed to each member of the County Committee and County Agent. Also a copy to be mailed to the State Director of Extension and each of our Legislative Delegation, and to the county newspapers.

Committee on Resolutions:
J. P. LEWIS
W. D. McDOWALL
C. C. WHITAKER.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

"Can We Depend Upon the Bible?" We invite all the men of the Methodist church to come and hear this most vital theme discussed by our pastor, Dr. Wimberly, at the Methodist church next Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock. Our class grew with a fine increase last Sunday—with 44 present. Big contest is now on. Leaders in the membership drive are as follows: Captain of the Hustlers, William Nettles; Captain of the Hustlers, Grady Parsons.

The class has been divided, and the Captains will name their lieutenants next Sunday morning. The goal—100 men. Say, fellows—Let's go.—Jack Moore, Secretary.