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FARMERS WILL HOLD INSTITUTE SESSIONS

In the City of Shinnston the Coming Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

(By Paul Laux.)
SHINNSTON, Mar. 20.—The subjects to be discussed at the farmers' institute school have not been arranged in program form. However, the general topics have been decided on and I am going to give them here so that all can know what to expect when they attend these meetings. Let us remember the date of the meetings, March 24, 25 and 26. These days are given for these meetings, and there will be two sessions, the morning sessions taking up at 9 o'clock, and the afternoon sessions beginning at 1:30. The place of the meetings will be in the basement of the Methodist Episcopal church.

First Day's Program.
Wednesday, March 24, will be given over to the discussion of horticulture problems. All discussions will be upon the subject of bringing trees from the time of planting to the time of bearing. It will not be long until the oil and gas derricks in this section will be replaced by fruit trees. We have considerable old orchards, but their character, whether for better or worse, is fixed. The making of the young orchard as in our hands, and it, no doubt, will be greater area and value than the old orchards are. During the time before bearing is the time to make the orchard either a paying investment for a lifetime, or a lifetime failure. The importance of this phase of orcharding cannot be overemphasized. The supplies which will come up for consideration are: 1. Selecting the orchard site; 2. Selecting and handling the nursery stock; 3. Preparing and planting of the plot chosen for the orchard; 4. The care of the young trees, their training, pruning, spraying, etc.; 5. The care of the soil, i. e., the method of cultivation, fertilization, growing of legumes and other clover crops, etc. All these things are of great bearing on the future of the orchard, and the talks ought to be instructive and interesting to every farmer in Clay district.

Thursday's Program.
Thursday, March 25, will be dairy day, and several phases of this proposition will be discussed. One can hardly mention dairying these days without being drawn into a discussion of the cow's good and bad points, which will be considered. I assure you that its good points will take up most of the time for it has so many more good points than bad ones. The raising of the feed for the dairy cow will also be considered, under this we will include the growing of alfalfa, clover, and other legumes, and the raising of crops for the silo. If we would reap profits from the dairy cow we must feed her properly. The importance of this subject is self evident. The dairy farmers throughout the country are beginning to realize that the keeping of accounts and records is very important if success is to be attained in dairying. If we have not learned it we are going to learn it. At this meeting we will endeavor to tell you the advantage to be derived from keeping these records, how to keep good records, and what to do with them. I believe that the value of a cow testing association ought also to be impressed upon your minds.

Besides these subjects we wish to consider topics of general interest to the farmer. The commercial fertilizer problem is a great one to the farmer of today. What kind to buy, what price to pay, how to be protected from fraud, home mixing, and many kindred topics are all of prime importance. The use of lime, the kinds to use, how to obtain it most economically, the results of using it, all these are subjects we might be able to get some more information on if we attend these meetings. There are so many things we can learn. Why not take advantage of these meetings?

Additional Features.
Another thing that is of importance to us is the bringing back to life of our old pastures and meadows. How to do that is indeed a great problem, and one we ought to discuss very thoroughly. Not only the rejuvenating of importance, but also to keep them there ought to be studied and practiced. If it is not crowding too much into three brief days, we will try to consider these topics in connection with this work. The growing of alfalfa, and the raising of clover ought also to be of great interest to us, either as stock feeders, dairymen or general farmers. We all ought to be interested in these crops.

I have tried to show you what we will try to give you at these meetings in the line of agriculture in which you are interested. Surely each farmer in Clay district could get great good out of each and every talk and discussion. We are going to do our best to help you out. All the men are specialists in their line, and can give you first class advice. Let me urge

you to attend these meetings from start to finish, and profit by them. These men are paid from your taxes. They are willing and ready to help you; now it is up to you to make them of service to you. Come to the lectures next week and bring all your neighbors with you. Remember the time, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week, March 24, 25 and 26. Also do not forget the place, the basement of the Methodist Episcopal church, and above all do not forget to come.

Before I close I want to acknowledge the kindness of Fred W. Sturm in suggesting topics for discussion. The ideas are his, and they are all good ones.

Insects Are the Worst Foes of Men in West Indies

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20.—Surveying parties from the United States ship, Paducah in the West Indies, encounter just one grand round of contentions with cockroaches, stinging scorpions and sandflies. So bad at times is it, says the Star, that the surveying parties are driven into the nearby waters to protect themselves from annihilation.

Writing from aboard the Paducah, at Jamaica, Assistant Surgeon E. E. Woodland, United States navy, said: "Cockroaches breed on board the ship and barge and seem almost impossible to exterminate in this region. Flies do not bother us, except those coming from barge No. 1 at certain times. Sandflies, which abound on most of the keys, along with mosquitoes, make the lives of the tower and camping parties miserable, being so bad at times as to force the men into water for protection.

"The sandy bite produces an intensely itching papule about one to three days later, an addition to the immediate discomfort, the papule last about a week, and is often associated with ecchymoses. Immunity can be obtained to the effects of these bites. Oil face and hands, carefully avoiding the eyes, seem to give the best results toward prevention of the pests.

"The insects are so isolated from inhabitation that they are not considered infectious, nor have any cases occurred that could be attributed to these bites. Scorpions sting the men sometimes while working on the manilaud, but the stings does not amount to much more than that of a wasp."

Judge Likes Girl with Hot Temper

"When Your Wife Gets Mad Just Roll Your Thumbs," He Says.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Mar. 13.—Although Mrs. Julia Nardy appeared in the supreme court at White Plains today to secure a decree of separation from Vincent Nardy, from whom she has been separated for three years, Justice Joseph Morschauer brought the couple together by expounding a few ideas on marital harmony.

Mr. Nardy said that he could not live with his wife because she was continually nagging him and because she had a fiery temper.

"She has a habit when she is real mad of throwing dishes and articles of furniture at me and it keeps me busy dodging," he continued.

"I wouldn't give anything for an American woman who hasn't any temper," interposed Justice Morschauer. "And I think they are going to have more when they get the vote. You look big enough to look after yourself. Suppose she is a little fiery. That will do you little harm. All you have to do is roll your thumbs one way and then roll them back again. Just sit still and she will tire out. Now you both go in my chambers and talk this matter over. I think you will come together all right."

Man and wife went into the private room of the justice, but they were back again in five minutes.

"Your honor," said Nardy, "we can't get together. My wife insists on talking about things that happened five years ago."

"But your honor," said Mrs. Nardy, "my husband wants to go to dances

HOUSEWIVES ADVISED AS TO FLOWERS

Department Tells What Plants Will "Make Good" in the Garden.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Many people at this season of the year are considering what flowering plants they shall put in their gardens. The average housewife, who has not much time to spare on the matter, and the teacher, who is laying out a school garden for the benefit of her pupils will undoubtedly welcome some simple suggestions along this line. The United States Department of Agriculture's specialist particularly recommends as satisfactory and easily grown flowers, the ageratum, the nasturtium, the petunia, the California poppy, and the zinnia. There are a few pointers on each of them:

Resembles Heliotrope.
Ageratum—The ageratum is one of the few blue flowers we have. In its form it somewhat resembles the heliotrope but has no odor. Ageratums grow well upon almost all soils and through a wide range of climate. For that reason many combinations with them are possible. The plants are neat, bushy and erect, and produce a profusion of brush like flowers throughout the season. The dwarf blue sorts make fine borders and are much used where contrasting color effects are desired. For early bloom the seed should be sown in cold frame or in boxes in the house early in the season (March), but for summer and fall bloom the seeds may be sown in April or early in May in well prepared beds in the open. Seeds sown in August will produce good plants for winter flowering.

Nasturtium—The large seeds of the nasturtium require to be planted much deeper than the fine seeds of the petunia. Sow them in rows where the plants are to grow, placing the seeds about six inches apart in the row and cover them about an inch deep. When all plants are up, thin so that they stand a foot apart if the soil is rich; if rather thin, it will be as well to allow them to stand at the planting distance. The plants should be given careful cultivation to induce rapid growth. If planted in the open at the same time that beans are planted, very satisfactory results will follow. For earlier bloom plant in advance of this date in hotbeds, cold frames or window boxes.

Use Window Boxes.
Petunia—While the petunia grows readily and rapidly from seeds sown in the open about corn planting time, earlier bloom can be secured by sowing the seed in window boxes or hotbeds and transplanting the plants once before placing them in the open. For localities north of New York the most satisfactory method of handling these plants will be to start the seeds in window boxes about April 1, and to transfer the young plants to the open when the weather permits—about the middle of May. The seeds are very small and should not be covered with earth in the ordinary way. They should be sown on the surface and brought in contact with the earth by firming it with a board.

California poppy (Eschscholtzia)—The eschscholtzia is an annual of striking character both as regards the form and color of its flowers, which are bright and rich in their tints of yellow and orange. The plants average about a foot in height, have attractive silvery foliage, and produce their large poppy like flowers quite lavishly from early spring until frost. The seeds of eschscholtzia may be sown in window boxes in a hotbed in March, or in the open where the plants are to bloom as soon as the soil is in fit condition, in April or May in the latitude of New York. In latitudes south of New York the seeds may be sown in the autumn for early bloom. The plants enjoy a rich loam and should be allowed about 5 or 6 inches of space in the row. When sown in beds they may be sown broadcast.

Zinnia—The zinnia is easily grown with other women.

"These new style dances are causing a lot of trouble I know with some families," said the justice, "but you just go back in my room and talk the matter over seriously. I feel sure that you will find it will be wiser to live together than to be separated."

Mr. and Mrs. Nardy went back to the justice's chambers and one hour later they emerged with smiles. "Well what happened?" asked Justice Morschauer.

"She has agreed to take me back," answered Nardy.

"Good!" said the justice, and the couple left the court room arm in arm, for their home in Yonkers.

from seed sown in the open ground. When sown in April the plants will bloom abundantly and continuously through the entire season. During the month of August zinnias are at their best. To secure large flowers and a profusion of bloom the plants must be given ample room for full development as well as an abundant supply of food. Strong, rich soils suit the zinnia. If the seeds are sown in a dwelling house or in a hotbed in March and the young plants are pricked out once or twice before being placed in their permanent situations, more satisfactory results will be secured than from outdoor sown seeds unless equal care in thinning or transplanting is given. In addition to their use in the school garden, zinnias can be used for groups, beds, borders, garden lines, and summer hedges. Their average height is 1-2 feet. The zinnia is a rather large, formal flower whose colors range through the shades of red and yellow. Their season of bloom is through the late summer and autumn, and the individual bloom lasts for a long time both on the plant and as cut flowers.

TEMPERANCE WORKERS ARE AROUSED NOW

At Fairmont over Circulation of Liquor Petitions in City of Wheeling.

FAIRMONT, Mar. 20.—The circulation of a petition in Wheeling which is being signed by hundreds of persons asking for an election in the near future to determine whether the state shall continue "dry" is arousing much comment among the ministers and other temperance workers in Fairmont.

The petition was started following the adjournment of the legislature without passing the revenue measures asked for by Governor H. D. Hatfield and it requests the governor to include the liquor question in his call for another session of the legislature which it is expected will be either in June or September.

The sentiment in Wheeling is very strongly in favor of the sale of liquor, the Fairmont ministers point out, and the petition is being signed without hesitation by leading business men of Wheeling, many of whom are influential in state politics. These advocates claim that the state prohibition of the sale and manufacture of liquor is to a large extent responsible for the million dollar deficit which the Republican administration has been compelled to face.

The annual loss of revenue to the state, the liquor men say, by the passing of 600 licensed saloons is \$500,000. The liquor men declare that on account of the difficulty with which Governor Hatfield met in getting the necessary appropriation measures through that he may be inclined to listen to the petitioners who wish the privilege of asking the people of the state to vote again on the question of whether the state shall be "wet" or "dry."

A number of Fairmont anti-saloon workers have declared they are in favor of the circulation in Fairmont and in other cities where there is a strong sentiment against the saloon counter petitions urging the governor to ignore the Wheeling saloon men's petition and refuse to include the liquor question in the call for any special session of the legislature which he may deem wise to issue.

NEW INVENTIONS

A drag to stop a skidding automobile has been invented. It is thrown under the wheels by a handle which is within easy reach of the driver.

A combination mirror, comb and identification card to be carried in a person's hat has been patented.

A holder for a spool of silk, combined with a pocket to contain fancywork, the whole to be fastened to a woman's belt, has been patented.

A combination tool has been patented which serves as a shovel in one position and a hoe in another, the handle being adjustable.

In the interest of cleanliness, a Iowa inventor has patented a wire frame to hold a milk pail up from the ground.

One of the newer railroad signaling devices, a Massachusetts man's invention, lights a series of torches along a track automatically if an engineer passes a danger signal.

A device consisting of jointed sections of veneered wood has been patented for pressing trousers without the danger of using hot irons.

To cool fever patients a Misourian

BIBLE STORY ENACTED ON TURKISH SOIL

All Great Empires of the East Products of What Has Been Ottoman.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20.—In a paper telling something of the wonderful history of the lands over which Turkey has ruled for many generations, prepared for the National Geographic Society, William Joseph Shorwalter gives some interesting facts which ordinarily escape attention. He reminds the reader that except when Paul and his associates crossed the Hellespont to Athens and Rome, the entire Bible story, from Genesis to Revelation, was lived in what has been Turkey, and calls attention to the fact that the great empires of the East, the civilizations of the Egyptians and the Phoenicians, the glories of Byzantium—all were planted on what has been Turkish soil. He also shows how King Sargon, ruling at the very dawn of history, congratulated his empire upon his success in bringing down the high cost of living. He says, in part:

"Historic Interest.
"No other people possess lands of such wonderful historic interest as the Turks. Occupying a region only a third as great in area as the United States, they have yet a territory within whose boundaries the greatest, the most influential events in human history have occurred."

"The Bible, with little exception, is an account of the doings of people who never got beyond what have hitherto been the confines of Turkey. From a single corner of the Ottoman empire across the Babylon that in its days all but ruled the world. From that same region envy and famine conspired to send the children of Abraham into Egypt, which until recently was embraced in the empire of the Ottomans. Thence, as they marched back from Africa to Asia, through the Wilderness of Sin to the Promised Land, they never once set foot off of what came to be Turkish soil. And when the Star of Bethlehem arose it stood over a manger, on land that is now Turkish soil."

"In Asia Minor once dwelt Croesus, whose name to this day expresses the last degree of wealth. Here was Pergamus, whose library in its period was the finest in the world, waking such demands for papyrus that Ptolemy was led to prohibit the exportation of that commodity from Egypt. Under the reign of the Cæsars, Asia Minor alone contained 500 populous cities, enriched with all the gifts of nature and adorned with all the refinements of art.

Born in Turkey.
"The civilization of the Hittites, whose lands finally were occupied by the hosts of Israel; the civiliza-

tion of Tyre and Sidon, the greatest colonizers of ancient times; the civilization of Egypt, rival of Persia and Chaldea in the value of the heritage it bequeathed to the future; the civilization of Constantinople and the Byzantine empire in its days more gorgeous than any that had gone before—all found their home within the boundaries of what afterward came to be the land of the Turk. Mohammed, and the religion which bears his name, and now claims several hundred million adherents, were also born in the Ottoman empire."

"The greatest of these ancient empires was the Babylonian. The Babylonians built their civilization upon an irrigation ditch and made Babylon a land teeming with people, the seat of magnificent cities, and the home of a world conquering empire. Babylonian rivaled the valley of the Nile in production. Every Greek traveler who wandered that way marveled at the luxuriousness of the crops of Mesopotamia. Even Herodotus hesitated to tell the story in its fullness lest the people for whom he wrote history might regard him as a nature faker. The hanging gardens of Babylon stirred the admiration of the travelers out of the west, so that they wrote them down as one of the seven wonders of the world. Nebuchadnezzar built them for his wife, Amytis, the beautiful Mede, to rescue her from her homesickness for her native Median hills."

"Babylon's fortifications are said to have had a circumference of 55 miles, the outer wall of which was 350 feet high and 85 feet thick. The palace of Sargon II covered about 25 acres, and its front was twice as long as that of the United States capitol. Forty-eight great winged bulls guarded its entrances, and upon its walls were more than two miles of sculptured slabs telling the story of the king's reign."

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)
GLASGOW, Mar. 20.—Twenty-five militant persons of the church of Scotland, the United Free church and the Congregational church have organized a minister's corps for home defense. A clergyman, who is an old volunteer, is engaged as drill instructor. The members are thoroughly in

Charleston Woman is Chosen Vice President

For This State of the Ellen Wilson Fund for Education of Mountain Youth.

CHARLESTON, Mar. 20.—Mrs. Ernest Thompson, wife of the pastor of the First Presbyterian church, has been appointed vice president of the West Virginia branch of the Ellen Wilson fund for the Christian education of mountain youth, and will have charge of the work of the organization in Charleston.

Resolutions Passed.
After the death of the late Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the president of the United States, a number of ladies of the south assembled to carry on a certain educational work which had been started, financed and managed by Mrs. Woodrow Wilson in her lifetime, and it was determined to proceed with this work under the name of "The Ellen Wilson Memorial for the Christian Education of Mountain Youth," and at the conference the following resolutions were unanimously passed:

"Therefore, be it resolved by this conference representing the church in which she was born and reared, remembering her purpose to forward a movement in behalf of the mountain people of the south whom she loved and personally aided by her gifts: First, that we undertake to carry out her desire by establishing in her name a memorial to be called 'The Ellen Wilson Fund for the Christian Education of Mountain Youth.'"

Second, that her friends everywhere who wish the fulfillment of her purpose be invited to aid in the creation of this memorial.

This movement on the part of these patriotic women was presented to President Wilson and received his approval. The wife of the vice president of the United States is the honorary president of the association. The plan of organization is the selection of a lady president in each state, who has the power of appointing an executive committee of that state and vice presidents in the various towns and cities of the states.

Christian Work.
Mrs. Stuart W. Walker, of Martinsburg, was invited by the association to become its West Virginia president, and has accepted, and will at once begin the work of organization under the direction and control of the parent association at Atlanta, Ga.

It is needless to say that this undertaking will receive the hearty cooperation and approval of the American people. It is to be non-sectarian, and was designed to further a great Christian work by the late Mrs. Wilson, whose character and Christian life and charity was becoming well known at the time of her recent death.

Ministers' Corps is Organized

Scotch Parsons Are Drilling with a View to Home Defense.

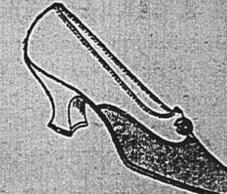
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