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### THE FARMERS' CLUB.

#### A Large Meeting of Representative Farmers.

#### The Subordinate Clubs Represented and a County Organization Effected.

A large assemblage of representative farmers of Forsyth county met in the Court House Saturday at 1 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of organizing a Farmers' County Club, Mr. E. C. Dull being called temporarily to the Chair, and Mr. J. M. Jarvis acting as temporary Secretary. At the request of the Chairman Col. L. L. Polk explained the object of the meeting, briefly showing the objects to be attained by such organization.

The members of the Press were invited to take seats at the Secretary's desk.

On motion a committee on credentials, consisting of the secretaries of the respective subordinate clubs, was appointed by the chair, which committee, after consultation, reported the following clubs and the votes they were entitled to as follows:

- Cedar Grove, 39 members—8 votes.
- Sandy Ridge, 42 members—8 votes.
- Mount Tabor 24 members—5 votes.
- Pleasant Ridge, 31 members—6 votes.
- Spanish Grove, 26 members—5 votes.
- Salem Chapel, 15 members—3 votes.
- Kernersville, 27 members—5 votes.
- Boyer's School House, 9 members—2 votes.
- Rural Hall, ————
- Harmon's Grove, 14 members—3 votes.

It was then moved that a committee of one from each subordinate club be appointed on constitution and by-laws, which the Chair appointed as follows:

G. W. Elliott, Joshua Ketner, J. N. Nifong, E. T. Lamon, Thomas Ring, T. J. Valentine, W. J. Peace, A. E. Pfaff and W. T. Warner, which committee, through its Chairman, T. J. Valentine, reported the following constitution and by-laws, which were unanimously adopted:

#### CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

##### CONSTITUTION.

This Club shall be known as the Forsyth County Farmers' Club.

Its object shall be to improve the condition of the farmers and to promote the interests of agriculture.

This Club shall be composed of regular members of township or subordinate clubs, the ratio of representation from each of the said clubs to be as follows: One for every five regular members, or fraction thereof, when such fraction shall exceed two members.

Its officers shall be a President, one first Vice-President, one second Vice-President, one Secretary, one Corresponding Secretary, and one Treasurer, who shall be elected for a term of one year.

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all regular or called meetings of the Club. In his absence, it shall be the duty of the first Vice-President to preside, and in the absence of both it shall be the duty of the second Vice-President, and in the absence of all these, then the Club shall elect a temporary chairman.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep, in a book kept for that purpose, a correct record of the proceedings of each meeting of the Club, and also a correct record of the number of regular members of each subordinate club.

It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct such correspondence as may be required by the Club or the Executive Committee, and keep a correct record of the same.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive such moneys as may be entrusted to him, and to expend the same only in such manner as may be directed by the Club or Executive Committee.

The books of the Secretary, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary shall be open at all times for the inspection of any regular member of the Club.

The Executive Committee shall be appointed for a term of one year, and shall consist of one member from each subordinate club, five of whom shall constitute a quorum. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to transact such business as may be required by the

Club, and to make a full report at the next meeting of the Club.

A Committee on Credentials shall be appointed to consist of three members, who shall examine and report on the eligibility of members.

No special meeting of the Club shall be held unless the subordinate clubs shall have been duly notified at least ten days before the day of such meeting.

The President, the two Vice-Presidents, the Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, shall be *ex officio* representative members of the Club, to the Farmers' State Association, when such Association shall have been formed, and shall have power to vote and act for the Club, unless the Club shall decide to elect other members as such representatives.

The Club shall have full power to draft by-laws for its government.

Special meetings of the Club may be called by the President, whenever in his judgment it shall be necessary. This Constitution may be amended, but only at a regular meeting of the Club. Any proposed amendment must be submitted at the meeting next preceding the one at which the vote is to be taken, and must receive a majority vote of not less than three-fourths of the subordinate clubs.

##### BY-LAWS.

I. The regular meetings of this Club shall be held at Winston on the fourth Saturday in March, July and October of each year, at such hour as may be designated by the Club.

II. The following shall be the order of business:

- I. Calling the roll.
- II. Reading minutes of preceding meeting.
- III. Reports of Committees.
- IV. Reports of subordinate clubs.
- V. Unfinished business.
- VI. New business.
- VII. Election of officers.
- III. Elections shall be by ballot, the tellers to be appointed by the President, and the names receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected.
- IV. After the regular order of business the Club may hear discussions, essays, or addresses on subjects pertaining to agriculture, but the discussion of no religious or political questions will be permitted, or anything calculated to mar the harmony of the Club.
- V. One-fourth of the entire membership of this Club shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, provided that not less than one-half of the subordinate clubs shall be represented.
- VI. Each member of the Club will have the right to express his views on all questions before the Club, but he must observe proper courtesy and decorum. Breach of courtesy will subject the offender to reproof, and if persisted in he may be expelled by a vote of the Club. An expelled member cannot regain admission to membership under one year.
- VII. These By-Laws may be amended by a two thirds vote of the members present, provided two-thirds of the subordinate clubs be represented.

It was then moved and carried that the Club proceed to the election of permanent officers. The delegations having retired for consultation, the following were put in nomination for President: E. T. Lamon and T. J. Valentine. The ballot stood, E. T. Lamon, 29, T. J. Valentine 13, and Mr. Lamon was declared elected.

For First Vice-President there were four names put in nomination: E. C. Dull, J. H. Cox, T. J. Valentine and P. A. Cox. T. J. Valentine received 21 votes, J. H. Cox 10, E. C. Dull 8 and P. A. Cox 3. Mr. Valentine was declared elected.

For Second Vice-President Mr. A. W. Bevil received the unanimous vote.

For Secretary Mr. E. C. Dull was unanimously elected.

Three candidates were put in nomination for Corresponding Secretary: F. C. Hasten, J. H. Cox and J. S. Armfield, Mr. Hasten receiving 21 votes, Mr. Cox 10 and Mr. Armfield 8.

C. E. Harper was the only nominee for Treasurer and received the unanimous vote.

The permanent officers were then announced as follows:

- President, E. T. Lamon;
  - 1st Vice-President, T. J. Valentine;
  - 2d Vice-President, A. W. Bevil;
  - Secretary, E. C. Dull;
  - Corresponding Secretary, F. C. Hasten;
  - Treasurer, C. E. Harper.
- The Chairman then invited the

President, Vice-Presidents and Secretary elect to take seats, whereupon the President and First Vice-President made brief speeches thanking the Club for the honor conferred and congratulating those present on the happy beginning as indicated by the large gathering, and interest manifested in the work before them.

Resolutions were introduced by Mr. J. H. Reich and unanimously adopted, as follows:

*Resolved, 1st,* That a Committee, composed of one member from each club here represented, be appointed to prepare an address to the farmers of our State, presenting the object and purposes of this organization, to the end that we may secure their co-operation in promoting the same. Adopted.

*Resolved, 2nd,* That the Committee be instructed to furnish a copy of said address to the papers of our State, and to the *Southern Cultivator*, Atlanta, Ga., and respectfully request the publication of the same. Adopted.

The following preamble and resolutions were then offered and adopted:

WHEREAS, Through the operations of the Signal or Weather Bureau, in printing and circulating through the mails and other mediums the forecasts of weather changes from day to day, by the Signal offices in the cotton belt, cotton planters have saved vast amounts of money by the timely warning given to them of approaching frosts and storms; &

WHEREAS, Such warnings would enable the farmers of the tobacco region to so arrange in a single day as to prevent the loss of many thousand dollars worth of tobacco; and

WHEREAS, We believe the establishment of a Station to print and circulate the reports each day of the week in Winston, N. C., would be of great benefit to us; and

WHEREAS, Such reports mailed from Winston early each morning would reach the principal tobacco centres before 12 o'clock the same day; therefore,

*Be it Resolved by the Farmers of Forsyth County in Convention assembled,* That we respectfully request and urge the Chief Signal Officer at Washington, D. C., to extend to the farmers of the Piedmont belt of North Carolina this protection, by immediately making provision for the establishment of a Signal Station at Winston.

*Resolved,* That a copy of these resolutions be furnished to Gen. W. B. Hazen, the Chief Signal Officer, and also to the Hon. James W. Reid, our Representative, with the earnest request that such Signal Station be established at this point. Carried.

The President then appointed the following committee to draft an address to the farmers of the State:

- A. A. Carter, John D. Waddell, Jr., A. E. Pfaff, John Holder, Edgar Lineback, J. H. Reich, W. C. Lassiter, R. L. Cox and Thomas Ring.

On motion the President, Vice-Presidents and Secretaries were added to this committee.

The following executive committee was then appointed:

- Samuel Alspaugh, S. L. Marshall, R. C. Lineback, R. B. Flynt, G. W. Elliot, C. E. Harper, B. L. Biting, M. H. Ogburn and W. T. Warner.

The following resolution was offered by J. M. Jarvis and unanimously adopted:

*Be it resolved,* That we fully appreciate and endorse the course pursued by Col. L. L. Polk, in his efforts in behalf of the farmers of North Carolina, and do heartily recommend THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER to the farmers of the County and State as being in every sense worthy of their support.

Appreciating the friendly disposition shown by the press of the county in the encouragement given to the formation of farmers' clubs, the following resolution was offered and unanimously adopted:

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of this meeting furnish a copy of the proceedings to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, the *Western Sentinel*, the *Union Republican*, the *People's Press* and the *News and Farm*, and respectfully request the publication of the same.

There being no further business before the meeting, after some pleasant and congratulatory remarks by several members, the Club adjourned to its next regular meeting at Winston, on the fourth Saturday in October next, everyone who participated feeling that he had done a good day's work for the farmers and farming interests not only of Forsyth county, but of the whole State.

### OUR FARMERS' CLUBS.

#### HARMON GROVE CLUB.

The Farmers around Harmon Grove, in Lewisville township, met July 21st, and organized a Farmer's Club. Fourteen members were enrolled. The following officers were elected: W. T. Warner, Pres't; J. E. Jarvis, Vice Pres't; D. A. Binkley, Secretary; P. L. Doub, Treasurer; G. W. Harper, W. C. Turner, L. M. Vogler, Executive Committee.

The subject for discussion at the next meeting is "Is it advisable to use commercial fertilizers." The next meeting will be the second Saturday in August.

D. A. BINKLEY, Secretary.

#### JERSEY CATTLE CLUB.

The N. C. J. C. C., met in Shuford's Hall in Hickory July 24th. A quorum being present the meeting was called to order by the President.

Two more thorough bred Jersey cattle were ordered to be registered. The membership fee was raised to three dollars and notice given that at next quarterly session action will be taken to raise the registration fees to \$3. All persons in the State who have Jersey cattle to register, are requested to make application before the next meeting, which will be on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October. This club is making fast progress in the interest of thorough bred Jersey cattle, and a large number has already been registered.

S. E. KILLIAN, Secretary.

#### NEW HANOVER GRAPES.

Capt. Nobles, of Wilmington eclipsed all his competitors with his display of New Hanover grapes. There were seventy varieties on the table and some more in baskets underneath which were unopened. It seems a little queer that New Hanover County with her low lying lands and corresponding climate should eclipse the upper and hilly counties; but it is true she beat them all, even with Womble & Batchelor's 67 varieties from Wake.—*Fayetteville News*.

#### TOBACCO CROP PROSPECTS.

A farmer from the Dutchville section of Granville county, who was here yesterday, gave gloomy accounts of the crop of tobacco there. That is one of the most notable sections in the State for fine leaf. He said that much of the tobacco is "buttoning" and turning yellow on the hill. Many farmers wish to plough up their tobacco and put in peas or corn, so as to at least make something on the land. Some farmers have already taken this step. The crop in the Dutchville section is the poorest in years, and the farmers are blue indeed. Much of the news from Granville county, as well as Vance, is of a gloomy character. From Wake the information is mixed. Some reports are good; others are bad, and some very bad. Some farmers have ploughed up their tobacco and put in corn or peas. Among these is Mr. T. N. Jones. The bad news from the crop has had the effect of raising prices here fully twenty-five per cent., it is stated. The demand for all bright tobacco is lively and big prices will be paid. The year has been unfortunate for all kinds of crops and there are many people who apprehend a scarcity of corn and wheat, as well as other crops.—*Raleigh News and Observer*.

—Mr. Andrew Moore, an old citizen, who lived in New Salem township, about 17 miles east of Monroe, committed suicide on Monday morning last by hanging himself.—*The Rocket* complains that much of the country butter sold in Rockingham is adulterated with lard and tallow. Very little that is sold in Monroe is fit to eat. The number of those who know how to make really good butter is few and far between.—*Monroe Enquirer*.

### State Items.

—We notice a stalk of corn which was raised in a garden in this town, that measured twenty feet in length.—*Washington Progress*.

—Another cargo of steel rails for the C. F. & Y. V. R. R. has been received at Wilmington for the completion of the line between here and Mt Airy.—*Greensboro Patriot*.

—The grading of the Winston & Fayetteville railroad will be sold at public auction at the court house door in Greensboro the last Monday in August.—*High Point Enterprise*.

—Splendid rains for the last four days, corn on uplands fine, good crop assured. Tobacco beginning to grow, though not more than half a crop can be raised in this section.—*Germantown Enterprise*.

—The Ridgeway grapes sent to Northern markets in July were 109,664 pounds and about 20,000 lbs. Monday, August 2nd, since which time there has been no report.—*Raleigh News and Observer*.

—Duke's cigarette factory is booming. They are now putting in five additional cigarette machines, making fifteen machines in all, with a capacity of 100,000 cigarettes for each machine daily.—*Durham Recorder*.

—Ex-Sheriff A. H. Paddison, of Burgaw, has sent us the largest hen's egg which we ever saw. It was laid by a Plymouth Rock hen and weighs four ounces. It is a mammoth, as may well be imagined.—*Wilmington Review*.

—A negro by the name of Dave Marley killed a white man by the name of John Dean, at a grocery, near New Salem in this county on Tuesday evening. The murderer is at large and is being hunted by an enraged community.—*Bush Hill Prohibitionist*.

—Good peaches have been sold on the streets at 40 cents per bushel.—Bees are reported a failure this Summer, no honey having been taken.—Our millers report new wheat of poor quality, and say they cannot make good flour from it.—*Davidson Dispatch*.

—Prof. Boone lost two fine milch cows last week, and Gen. Bamberg one. Mr. Barnwell also lost a steer. They are supposed to have died from the Southern Cattle fever, the peculiar disease that fatally affects cattle brought here from other points.—*Hendersonville Times*.

—A correspondent of the *Star*, writing from Burgaw under date of August 2d says that James Batchelor, Esq., who lives about two miles from Maple Hill, Pender county, killed twenty-six rattlesnakes a few days ago. All the snakes were found in a hollow log.—*Wilmington Star*.

—J. W. McNeill cured one barn of tobacco last week, and Gen. Brady will have one ready this week, we understand. He has quite a large area under cultivation, which is now looking very well, and the reports generally from the crop are that it has recently greatly improved in appearance.—*Fayetteville Observer*.

—Jasper Smith and family have just come from Missouri to Davidson county. They went West a year or more ago, but they don't like the West well enough to make it their home.—The largest sun flower that your correspondent ever saw is in Michael Bodenhamer's garden. The stem is six inches in circumference near the ground. It is twelve feet high and has forty blossoms on it.—The watermelon crop is an almost complete failure in our vicinity. Most of our people went to a great deal of trouble to prepare patches but there will be very few small melons, and what few there are are of very inferior quality.—*Salem Press*.