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FARMERS' INSTITUTE

Notes of Addresses Made By Interesting Speakers In Chestertown Last Week—Carey Montgomery and Jos E. Wing, of Ohio, The Lecturers.

Mr. Carey Montgomery, of Newark, Ohio, gave the farmers some interesting food for thought. The essence of his remarks follows.

"I would recommend that the boy be sent to the Maryland Agricultural College, if not to take the regular course, at least to take the short Winter course. The boy who is technically educated will be saved many a blunder. The education will not be to relieve the boy from work, but that he may do his work better, and be enabled to take the drudgery out of it. If we do not educate our farm boys we will sink back to the level of the peasants of the old world.

At the Olin Experiment Station a nursery of alfalfa plants were put out and seed taken from a plant that had plenty of stems and leaves and the protein content high, and also seed from a plant with fewer leaves and stems. For two years the work of breeding from these two plants has been carried on and they reproduce remarkably true to type.

The work has been carried on with wheat and corn and with all plants that self-polenize. They more rapid advancement than plants that crosspolenize, the difficulty being to keep off the polen from plants that are not good.

Every farmer should have a good fruit garden. for besides the saving of money and the promotion of health, the convenience to the housewife is no small item. How nice it is to have an abundant supply of delicious fruit, which, without having to be prepared over a hot stove, the good wife knows will be palatable to both brain and brawn worker. Considering the small amount of money and labor that need be expended, I can think of nothing in which beauty and utility can be so easily combined and the attractiveness of the farm home so much enchanced as in having a good fruit garden.

In the growing of commercial fruits the market must be taken into consideration. If it be for a home market the grower should grow about all the fruits the soil and climate will produce, so as to supply the trade throughout the season. On the other hand, if the market be a distant one, the growers should grow in quantity some few fruits so as to obtain wholesale transportation rates and attract buyers; a small quantity has no attraction for the wholesale buyer. Fruit in large quantities will induce dealers to cross the continent and even the ocean to buy.

Mr. Wing told of his corn breeding in Ohio, and how he had found one ear in last season's test row that yielded at the rate of 135 bushels per acre, and how, as the result of a good many years breeding and by planting on alfalfa sod, he had secured from a 50 acre field more than 5000 bushels of shelled corn. This staggered the credulity of some of the Kent County farmers.

Mr. Wing told of lime. How the great civilizations of the world were all based on soils that were so filled with lime that they were alkaline, not acid, and how lime, though not a fertilizer, was indirectly concerned with soil building; how it made soils sweet, and on sweet soils clovers grew, and the bacteria on the clover roots enriched the land. Thus by the aid of lime soils are easily made rich, if only potash and phosphorus are supplied. Lime is not a manure, but it prevents the leaching away of other manures. One can build a soil rich in lime; it will stay built, he can not build permanently a soil deficient in lime. He stated that the best and safest form of lime is the ground oyster shell, not burned at all, and that such lime could be used in any amount and no injury could possibly come. For alfalfa growing he advocated the use of at least one ton of fresh burned limestone, or more; that double that would do alfalfa no harm; that lime should be worked into the soil and let sweeten it for some time before the alfalfa was sown.

Naturally following the talk on lime came the talk of alfalfa growing. Mr. Wing says unhesitatingly that any land three or four feet above the water level can be made into a profitable alfalfa field. The requirements are few and simple. First, get the water out of the soil. Next, get the salt so full of lime that is alkaline, not acid. Then get it full of humus. He advocates first a heavy liming, then a sowing of crimson clover, with an application of phosphate, or bone. Then the turning under of the cow peas in August, making a fine, firm seedbed and sowing alone 20 lbs. of alfalfa seed to the acre, with 100 lbs. of infected soil for inoculation, soil from an old and established alfalfa field. Thus treated he thinks alfalfa can hardly fail in this County. He always used a liberal dressing of bone when sowing alfalfa and afterward at intervals of a year or two top dresses again with more bone meal. He advocates the use of basic slack fertilizer for clover and alfalfa because it has in it so much available phosphorus and all the residue is lime.

The next meeting of the Peninsula Horticultural Society will be held in Centreville. Mr. W. Irving Walker was elected president; James S. Harris, vice-president for Kent and H. P. Shipper for Queen Anne's. The daily press had the following complimentary words:

Mr. Walker, the new president, is the largest agriculturist on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. He owns 3,000 acres of land, of which 2,600 acres are under cultivation. He is also ex-president of the Cereal and Forage Crop Breeders' Association of Maryland. On January 4 he delivered an important address before the Guernsey Breeders' Association at its meeting in the Hotel Windsor, Philadelphia, on "How to Grow Corn." This association comprises breeders of Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey and New York.

The exhibit of sweet potatoes made by farmers near Chestertown at Baltimore and Iowa has started a boom on this product which will be of great benefit. It was proven that truckers "over the river" raise the best sweet potatoes in the country and agents are after the stock in advance. It is evident that they will be raised here on a much larger scale by growers who have the business figured out to big profits.

Modern methods of cultivation and packing and marketing the crop will be used, including storing it in a house of even temperature to keep until the market for sweet potatoes gets brisk. One farmer, Samuel H. Armour, near Houston, during the past year, unassisted, managed six acres, and taking no account of the supply kept at home for a dish of sweet potatoes every day the year around, or accounting for between $10 and $20 worth of small stuff which made excellent stock food, he made nearly $700.

Mr. Armour makes his report, which he kept in detail, as follows:

Expenditures—60,000 plants and setting the same, $16; 6,000 pounds of phosphate, $60; cultivating three times, $7.50; weeding six times, horse and man, 7.20; digging and hauling, $60; handling and packing exclusive of packages, $12. Total, $222.

Receipts—2,200 baskets of prime potatoes at 35 cents, wholesale, $770; 500 baskets of seed potatoes, $125. Total, $895.

One of the live Granges of Kent is at Kennedyville which recently installed these officers: Master, W. T. Baxter; overseer, W. T. Jones; lecturer, Miss C. M. Schreitz; steward, W. M. Clendaniel; asst. steward, W. T. Bramble; chaplain, J. R. Bennett; ceres, Mrs. W. T. Baxter; pomona, Mrs. W. M. Clendaniel; flora Mrs. L. Bennett; lady asst. steward, Miss Fannie Bramble; secretary, Samuel Comley; treasurer, Mrs. G. I. Barwick; gatekeeper, John Medders.

Thieving.—Hearing a commotion in his chicken house Friday night, Jacob Kirk, a farmer of near Rising Sun, opened a window to investigate, when a bullet whizzed past his head. Kirk answered in a like manner, but his shots went wild on account of the extreme darkness. Every chicken was stolen but one. An invalid neighbor, Mrs. Mary Watts, of Oakland, lost 24 in the same manner, while another neighbor, Samuel Rankin, had 40 stolen from him. Philip West lost 43 from his hen house. Between 200 and 300 fowls have been stolen from farmers of that vicinity in the last few days.

A team belonging to William Boyd was stolen from his stable at Oakwood. It was deserted in Rising Sun.

The residence of Miss Rachel Boise, of Porter's Grove, was entered by breaking a window glass. A number of small articles were stolen.

S. P. Townshend, Esq., on the Avenue, lost four of his fine chickens Saturday night and the man was tracked in the snow toward Calvert street. Mr. Edw. Robinson's roost was robbed of ten fowls a short time ago.

Old Camp Meeting.

Among the many papers of interest found in the desk drawers belonging to the late John K. Aldridge is a plot of the last campmeeting held in what is still known as the "Camp Meeting" woods. The camp meeting was held during the pastorate of the Rev. J. B. Jones, in 1877. Following is a list of the number and name of each tent holder:

No. 1—Mrs. Susan Bacchus, boarding tent.
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No. 3—Miss M. Plummer.
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No. 21—Rev. J. B. Jones
No. 22—Mr. Thomas Hurtt.
No. 23—J. D. ——
No. 24—Mr. W. W. Parks.
No. 25—Mr. A. M. Porter.
No. 26—Mr. W. F. Melvin.
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No. 30—Mr. John Greenwood.
No. 31—Mr. W. J. McFeely.
No. 32—Mr. J. W. Edwards.
No. 33—Mrs. C. W. Kennard.
No. 34—Mr. Josiah Ringgold, Jr.
No. 35—Mr. H. E. Sparklin.
No. 36—Vacant.
No. 37—Mr. William Meeks.
—Mr. Lewin S. Fowler and Mr. Henry Sparks, bread tent.

IN MEMORIAM.

Some other world is glad to see
Our star that's gone away.
The light whose going makes our night
Makes somewhere else a day.

At a meeting of Kent Lodge No. 74, I. O. O. F. held on the 13th of January, 1909, the following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted on the death of Bro. Thos. J Shallcross. Brother Shallcross died on December 29, 1908:

WHEREAS, By the dispensation of His Divine Providence our Heavenly Father has seen fit to remove from our midst our esteemed brother, Bro. T. J. Shallcross was identified with Kent Lodge for more than fifty years, and in all that eventful period he labored in the vinyard of Odd Fellowship. Even in those dark days when many believed that to be a member of a secret society, even that of Odd Fellowship, was a reproach he never wavered in his allegiances. He served in all the offices of the Lodge with honor to the order and credit to himself. Bro. Shallcross served in many responsible offices in the county with credit. Those sturdy qualities which proved him a loving husband, a devoted father and useful citizen made him an earnest and loyal Odd Fellow. May the memory of his virtues stimulate us to emulate them. To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die.

HENRY PARR,
TILGHMAN SHAFER, } Committee.
WM. T. HAGUE,

In sad remembrance of Raymond Ford who departed this life one month ago January 25, 1909, age 20 years 8 months and ten days.

In love he lived, inpeace he died;
His life was asked but God denied,
Past his sufferings, past his pain,
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