Twenty-fifth Anniversary Of 9th District Farm Group

The Ninth District Farmers Club, of Cecil County celebrated its 25th Anniversary Wednesday, Dec. 4th, 1940, in the rooms of the Research Club at Oxford, Pa. All members, former members, and guests to the number of 63 were present. A short business meeting was held in the morning, opened by group singing. Blessing was asked by Rev. C. H. Adkins, of Zion Methodist Church. We were served a delicious turkey dinner and trimmings, by the Research Club members.

Table decorations were holly and red candles. Mr. Alec Gibson gave a large bouquet of carnations in memory of his Father and Mother, being members of our Club. At each place was a minature, colored, hand painted pitcher with a rose in it. Miss Virginia Armour had painted them. A delicious, huge birthday cake baked by Mrs. E. D. Kirk, with 25 red candles on it was cut by Mrs. Brown.

President Howard Brown, of Rising Sun, together with Mrs. Brown, the only two members who were in on the original organization, were host and hostess to the membership and to a large number of guests and former members.

William Edward Hayes, of White Point Farm, Cecil county novelist, was the principal speaker. Mr. Hayes congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Brown, and the entire membership on the high ideals which the club had set for itself in the beginning, and had lived up to through the years. The writer then reviewed twenty-five years in the motion picture field with which he was early in his career associated. He told a number of amusing anecdotes about people whose names were high in lights in the beginning of the industry's rise and who have long since faded from the scene.

Mrs. Brown gave a sketch of the club's history, how it was organized, and how it developed.

Favored by a group of songs by Mrs. Helen T. Fassitt and Helen Irene Smith accompanied by Mrs. Ralph T. Wilson, Exceptional harmonica solo by William Little, accompanied by Mrs. Fassitt at the piano.

Greetings by Mrs. Richmond, of Woodstown, N. J., a former County Demonstration Agent.

Male quartette composed of Atlee Armour, T. K. McDowell, Ralph Wilson and William Little sang "The Little Brown Church."

The Club poem by Mrs. Helen T. Fassitt was well given. Letters of regret from former County Agents, A. D. Radebaugh and Thos. H. Bartelson were read by Mrs. Atlee Armour.

The January meeting will be held with Mr. and Mrs. Atlee Armour on Wednesday, January 8, instead of on New Year's Day, and the main topic of the meeting will be "Corn". Members were asked to bring ten ears of each kind raised, for judging purposes. The committee in charge: Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Atlee Armour, Mr. and Mrs. T. Ralph Wilson.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE CLUB

At the suggestion of Mr. C. W. McKinney a few neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gibson Nov. 3, 1915, with the thought of organizing a farmer's club.

Mr. J. H. Kimble, of Port Deposit, had been invited to help get a club started.

It was decided to name the organization Ninth District Farmer's Club. It was thought that maybe each District would have a club of its own. The members to be composed of 16 couples; to have the ladies as members was something new.

At first members were confined to the 9th District, but that idea did not work out, so soon we were borrowing from the other Districts.

Thi first regular meeting was held at the H. R. Brown home Dec. 1, 1915. The charter members were: Mr. and Mrs. J. B .Churchman, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McKinney, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Spotts, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Brown.

The first officers were: President, C. W. McKinney; vice-pres., J. B. Churchman; treas., H. L. Kirk; sec., Ella R Brown.

I wonder if some of our members know that we have club colors, purple and white, which were adopted in 1916, and we got buttons in 1920. I believe Tom McDowell was the last one to give up wearing his button.

In March, 1917, our first president and organizer moved away, but the Farm Club has continued to its 25th anniversary. We hope we have lived up to the standards he may have wished for us. At times maybe we have been discouraged, but every cloud has a silver lining.

While Mr. W. C. Snarr was County Agent, he was instrumental in the boys 4-H Club work. It was thru his untiring efforts that the Cecil county boys, Joe Glackin, Geo. Worrilow and Warren Rice won so many live stock judging contests and trips. Their big trip was to England to the Royal Stock Show in 1921.

Mr. A. D. Radebaugh attended a meeting at our home in February 1919, and brought with him samples of seed corn they had been working with. He was given an order for 25 bushels of corn at $3.20 a bushel. T. K. McDowell is still planting that variety of corn, maybe others.

We have had different kinds of entertainment, humorous, religious, agricultural and music. In June 1920 we were shown lantern slides in Harvey Kirk's clean swept barn by Mr. Oldenberg, showing the importance of inoculating soy beans and alfalfa.

In 1925 we purchased song books and since then have been singing along; altho we have not given any musicals we are able to brighten the corner with a song.

I believe we have had 8 County Agents and 8 Home Demonstration agents. All our girls have left us to get married. We have appreciated the work each one has done for us.

In October 1917, Mr. Knauffman suggested a community show, but it was decided too late for that year. June 1918, C. H. Morris, J. E. Crothers and H. E. England were to work with J. H. Knode, but I believe a show was not held until the next year; then it took the ladies to get it started. Mrs. Crothers was to work with other organizations, and the show was held in Oct. 1920.

The club has contributed money to Farmer's Day, Temple of Agriculture in Washington and Red Cross. We have sent delegates to Washington to meet about farm problems.

Often the ladies and gentlemen have separate meetings. The ladies have made hats, lamp and candle shades, candy, exchanged ideas in cooking and baking, while the men have taken up different fram problems.

We have always had a picnic to some favorite spot for the day and a dinner.

One year, in May, 1926, we hired a bus and most of the members enjoyed the day at the University of Maryland, which was a nice trip, well worth repeating.

We have a flower committee who endeavor to brighten a little, any of our sick members.

Since 1923 we have had a program committee who prepare programs for the year.

Our "Birthday Box" was started in Feb. 1936, and this Box has made this day possible, our 25th anniversary.

May we continue to be of help to each other and that our influence may be felt by others.

Our County Agents have been: Mr. Marsh, 1916; Mr. Knauffman, Dec. 1916; Mr. Knode, Mar. 1918; Mr. Snarr, Mar. 1921; Mr. Radebaugh, Oct. 1921; Mr. Bull, ass't., Apr. 1924; Mr. Bartelson, Feb. 1925; Mr. Miller, 1929.

Home Demonstration

Miss Nortring, May, 1920; Miss Ross, Dec. 1920; Miss Hodson, Oct. 1921; Miss Grimm, Sept., 1923; Miss Pancoast, Feb., 1927; Miss Cook, Mar. 1934; Miss Denning, Jan., 1936; Miss Smith, Aug. 1938.

Charter Members of Ninth District Farmers Club

1915: Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Churchman, 1917; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey L. Kirk, June, 1916; Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Kirk, June, 1918; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. McKinney, 1917; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Spotts, 1919; Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Gibson, 1920; Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Brown, 1915.

Joined 1916: Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Smith, resigned 1919; Mr. Wells and Mrs. Helen Kirk, 1917.

1917: May, Mr. and Mrs. T. K. McDowell; Sept., Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Kirk; Oct., Mr. and Mrs. J E. Crothers; Nov., Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Morris.

1918: Jan., Mr. and Mrs. H. E. England, Dec. 1938; Feb., Mr. and Mrs. C. C. England; Sept., Mr. and Mrs. D. B. McDowell, Sept. 1939:

1919: Mar., Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Reynolds, Oct. 1938; June, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Townsend, Feb., 1927; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Crothers, Mar., 1926; Dec., Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McDowell, Feb., 1929.

1920: Nov., Mr. and Mrs. Ralph T. Wilson, 1926.

1921: Jan., Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Gifford, Feb., 1932.

1922: Sept., Mr. and Mrs. E. E. England, Oct. 1938.

1927: Jan., Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Hansen, May, 1931; Mr. and Mrs. W. Little.

1928: Dec., Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Fassitt.

1929: Nov., Mr. and Mrs. G. W. England, Nov., 1938; Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Wilson.

1931: Mr. and Mrs. Atlee Armour.

1932: Nov., Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Miller.

1938: Dec., Mr. and Mrs. T. Harold Brown, 1939; Mr. and Mrs. Thos. H. Reynolds.

1939: Jan., Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Kincaid, 1939; Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Fox.

1940: Jan., Mr. and Mrs. William Reynolds; Nov., Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bower; Dec., Major and Mrs. Alfred W. Phillips.

SAFETY FIRST

Merry Christmas Also Famous As Year's No. 1 Danger Season

If you want a truly merry Christmas be sure that the frivolity of the season doesn't turn it into tragedy. The National Safety Council points out that the Holidays are the most dangerous part of the year, replete with auto casualties, home accidents, burns and falls. Keep these "don'ts" in mind and you'll live to see the new year:

DON'T give children dangerous toys, or toys with sharp points. If they operate with electricity, be sure you supervise their use.

DON'T decorate the tree with lighted candles unless it's absolutely unavoidable. Carefully wired electric bulbs are much safer.

DON'T place the tree near a stove or fireplace.

DON'T leave a lighted tree unguarded at any time; you must be on the lookout for fires.

DON'T use a rickety, unsafe ladder in decorating the tree.

DON'T place Christmas candles near the tree, curtains, paper wreaths or other decorations.

DON'T overlook the opportunity to make your tree fire-resistant. According to the United States forestry service, you can do it this way: Divide the weight of your tree by four and buy that many pounds of ammonium sulphate. Dissolve it in water, one and a half pints to each pound of ammonium sulphate. Cut the end of your tree trunk on a diagonal, put some solution in a jar and stick the diagonal butt into the solution. Add solution as the tree drinks it up.

DON'T be excessive about Christmas "spirits."

DON'T leave toys exposed where people can trip on them.

DON'T leave your tree in the house after it becomes dried out.

DON'T allow steps and sidewalks to become icy in cold weather. During Christmas you'll probably have many guests; sprinkle salt or sand in dangerous spots.

DON'T drive carefully — unless you want to live and enjoy 1941.

Christmas Week Offers Chance to Predict Weather

Weather prognosticators have found means of forecasting most of the coming year's weather by cocking an eye at the sky during Christmas week. You may not believe them, but here are a few of the varied—and conflicting—beliefs about Christmas weather:

If the sun shines through the apple tree on Christmas day, there will be a good crop the following year.

If ice will bear a man before Christmas, it will not bear a mouse afterward.

Thunder and lightning Christmas week means much snow in the winter.

Wet causes more damage than frost before than after Christmas.

If it snows Christmas night, the hop crop will be good next year.

At Christmas meadows green, at Easter covered with frost.

If windy Christmas day, trees will bring much fruit.

Christmas wet gives empty granary and barrel.

A green Christmas makes a fat graveyard.

A warm Christmas, a cold Easter.

A green Christmas, a white Easter.

Nation's Christmas Bill Set at $62 per Family; Toys Cost $183,000,000

You're paying a part of this bill: Santa's middle men predict a $183,000,000 national toy bill this year, which would be about the same as was spent last year to spread cheer among the youngsters.

The array around American Christmas trees this season, including toys, will cost each family an average of $62.50, according to reliable surveys.

There's another side to it. Between 250,000 and 300,000 persons are being added to the nation's payrolls during the holiday rush, and the turnover should raise total 1940 sales for the year to at least last year's volume of nearly $40,000,000,000.

Camel Distributes Gifts To Children in Syria

Christmas gifts are presented by a camel in Syria. The youngest camel which accompanied the Wise Men is called the Camel of Jesus. It performs the task each year of distributing presents.

Dark Christmas

The sun does not rise above the horizon for a week in Iceland during Christmas season.

Matrimonially speaking, where there's a will there is often a won't.

THE NINTH DISTRICT FARMER'S CLUB

Just five and twenty years ago, this Farmer's Club was born,
From need of common meeting-ground for men of mutual thought,
This club of two and thirty folks, - plain framers and their wives -
Agreed to meet ten months each year, discuss the problems brought,
Exchange their ideas, or their lore, and help their neighbors, too,
In growing better crops or stock, than e'er they'd grown before,
And when they met, they found the joy of mutual effort spent,
Had strengthened them, enriched their lives, to greater service sent.

These folks have always loved their farms, their cows and horses, too.
For they have felt that stock and land are gifts from Heaven above,
Just held in trust, by farmer-folk—for good of all mankind—
For growing grain, and milk, and meat to feed the world they love.
To help them raise their standards high, to learn of better ways
Of growing corn or wheat or hay, and cows and chicks or pigs,
This club was formed by men of thought, with dreams beyond their time.
While through these years, of war and peace, the vision grew sublime.

The years in passing by, have brought much change, and faces new,—
Some few have gone to Heavenly Fields,— from care and sorrow free,
While others moved far o'er the line or left for family cares,
And only on Reunion Days do they come back to see.
Invited in as members, too, are Agents of the County,
Who bring to us the findings new of Scientist or Lab.
Who gave advice when asked for it, but ne'er presume to boss,
Who always give their help in need, and when they leave, our loss.

Experiments and essays, too, discussed both pro and con,
Brought out to light the common sense and wisdom—or the chaff,
Community Shows at Calvert High, oft showed whose crops were best,
Or gave the winners ribbon blue, for high-bred chick or calf.
On ladies' side were handicrafts, and kitchen arts galore.
Such jams and jellies ne'er were seen, nor fruits preserved or canned,
And fancy-work,—crocheted or knit, embroidered, tatted, sewed,—
Or patch-work quilts or antique spreads brought prizes by the load,

To Farmers' Day at Port Deposit, the Club would always go,
To lunch with friends, to hear a speech of wrongs to right, or cure;
When members, then, were called to act as leaders grave and wise,
They filled the chair with ease and tact, club training made them sure.
To Congressmen, in Washington, the Club sent letters oft,
And showed to them how they should vote, for land or people's rights,
For good roads, too, and safety rules, for school and health secure.
This club has ever stood for right, nor evil will endure.

For fun and friendly fellowship, Ninth District Club is famed,
For dinners good, for social hours when men inspect the barns,
For speakers fine, for singing songs, for picnic a la mode.
The women knit or sew, and laugh while men folks spin the yarns,
In time of grief, or time of joy, the friendly hand is given.
And life is rich in friendship strong, or broad in knowledge gained.
A century quarter now has passed, and still the Club lives on
Through storm and stress it must progress, and yearly grow more strong.

Written for the 25th Annversary celebration of the Ninth District Farmers' Club of Cecil Co., Maryland. December 4, 1940.—Helen T. Fassitt.

Rising Sun High School

THE JOURNALISM CLUB

The journalism club is in charge of Mr. Prettyman this year. The members are Ella Wigton, editor-in-chief; Dotty Lucas, Joy Anderson, Dorothy Fisher, Louise Carter, Marie Jones, Frankie Robinson and Vernon Jones.

The purpose of the journalism club is to write up school news and send it to The Midland Journal, to be published.

The journalism club meets every Thursday. Every member is given some article to write. This article must be handed in to the editor-in-chief by Friday night.

Marie Jones

THE HUNTING AND FISHING CLUB

The hunting and fishing club is headed by Mr. Graham. We now have 20 boys in our club. The purpose of this club is to learn the habits of an outdoor man, and to study about fur-bearing animals. We also want to study the habits of fish and try to do some fishing. We want to take several field trips to study animals and try to trap for them. These trips will consist of scouting and exploring. Our project at the present is learning the fundamentals of casting. Casting, as you know, consists of throwing a line at a target; we have set up a casting target of the school ground. We would like to learn how to raise fur-bearing animals, such as mink, muskrat and beaver. We now know of a man who is raising animals and whom we can get in touch with in a short time.

Samuel Nickle

HELP CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY

In the Rising Sun High School, we are taking all our pennies and putting them into a bag which is called "A Mile of Pennies."

The destination of the "Mile of Pennies" is the "Children's Aid Society." The "Children's Aid Society" is for the chidlren, who are unfortunate and do not have the proper care.

We hope that all the pupils of the school will give all their pennies to the "Children's Aid Society."

Dorothy Fisher

AIRPLANE CLUB

We organized our airplane club December 6, by electing the following officers:

President, James Gamble; Vice-president, Leon Love; Treas. and Secretary, Ogretta Sutphin.

The dues are to be ten cents a term. About eighteen came to our first meeting. We hope to make several model airplanes while our club meets. We may go to an airplane factory and watch them build airplanes. We are to build at least one airplane.

Frank Robinson

THE DRAMATIC CLUB

On February 28, 1941, the dramatic club will hold a play contest which will be given by the four classes. The four plays to be presented will be directed by the following:

Freshman, Miss Nutter; Sophomore, Mr. Prettyman; Junior, Miss Shepard; Senior, Mr. Graham:

The sponsors are now busy selecting the plays. Mr. Prettyman has decided upon "The Pampered Darling" for the second year group.

Louise Carter

GIRLS BASKETBALL CLUB

Miss Shepard is the director of the girls' basketball club. This club meets every Wednesday afternoon. About the first ten minutes, we practise basket ball passes. Then each class selects a team or two according to the number of people and the class teams play each other. Some nights throughout the week we have basketball practise for the girls who can come.

Ella Wigton

BOY'S BASKET BALL

About twenty-five boys are out for basketball team this year. Mr. Shingler, the teacher in charge, has divided the group into four sections numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4. Everyone gets to play in this arrangement. The teams compete against each other and eah team gets to play ten minutes.

Doris Lucas and Joy Anderson

WEEK'S HINTS

An excellent topping for cornbread is a tart fruit sirup served hot.

A teaspoon of mustard seed peps up a mixed green salad.

More food value is preserved when a vegetable is baked in its skin than when it is steamed or boiled.

In all but baked dishes, flavoring extracts should be added when the food is cool, otherwise much of the flavoring will vanish in steam.

A weekly bath in hot soap suds will not only make a broom sweep cleaner, but will make the broom last longer.

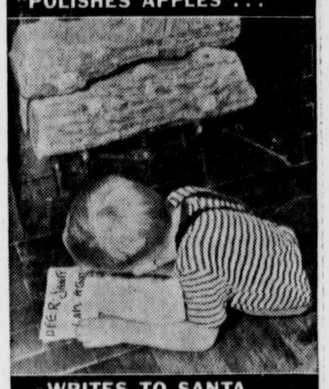
In picking a dressed turkey at the butcher's, remember that a broad, meaty breast should be sought. The breast meat of a high-quality dressed turkey makes up almost a fifth of the whole bird.

It doesn't pay to advertise unless you are able to deliver the goods.

How Good Boys Act the Week Before Christmas

BRUSHES HIS TEETH

"POLISHES APPLES"...



WRITES TO SANTA

SAYS HIS PRAYERS

EATS HIS SPINACH

NON-RESIDENTS ASKED TO REGISTER BEFORE 26th

Governor Herbert R. O'Conor has sounded a final note of warning to non-citizens residing in the State concerning the Alien Registration Regulations.

This regulation must be compiled with before December 28, he pointed out, as violation of this Federal statute is punishable by six months in prison, $1,000 fine, or both. As of the end of November, approximately 29,500 non-citizens had registered at the Post Office of the State. While no definite estimates are available of the total number of aliens in the State, it is felt that approximately 10% still remain to be registered.

Briefly, Governor O'Conor explained, the Alien Registration Act requires that all aliens of both sexes and all ages be registered and fingerprinted in the Post Office of the State. Alien children under 14 years of age can be registered by the parents or guardians, but need not appear in person to be finger-printed until within thirty days after reaching the age of 14.

Success comes to those who make up their minds to do a thing—and then do it.

Switzerland, seemingly a mountainous, cold country, produces 60 bushels of potatoes every minute.