

NC Extension Service Helps Warren County People To Help Themselves

WARRENTON—The Home Demonstration Club work in Warren County, spearheaded from the Home Agent's office, is just another of the many ways that the N. C. Agriculture Extension Service helps the people to help themselves.

Since home demonstration work started in the county, the Home Agents and club women have worked side by side to build a better, stronger, safer and more modern way of life.

The agents not only work with the club women, they work also with all the people — rural, non-rural, farm and urban.

At the present time twenty-seven H. D. Clubs are operating in Warren County. Each club sends its officers to a quarterly meeting known as the County Council. This council meets with the Home Agents and discusses the business from the district, county and state clubs. Then the officers report to their clubs at the following meeting.

The council undertakes every year a project that will benefit their community. Last year sheets and pillow slips were donated to the hospital from the council. This year's project is to paint the assembly room and lounge in the Community Center.

In addition to Home Demonstration Club work supervised by the Home Agents office, the Assistant Home Agent works with 4-H girls. There are twenty 4-H Clubs in Warren County and one YMW Club. During the school term, these 4-H Clubs meet once a month for demonstrations and news from the Home and Farm Agents. The girls are told of new techniques employed in the home.

In the summer there are various 4-H activities such as the 4-H Camp, John Mitchell Camp at Swainsboro and 4-H Club Week at A&T College, Greensboro. The 4-Hers are able to spend one week where they can have a chance to meet 4-Hers from all over the state and enjoy a wholesome educational program planned for their benefit.

In addition to these activities, in order to be a well-rounded 4-H'er, each person is asked to select a project that he is interested in to carry for the year in such areas as clothing, cooking, canning, home improvement and others.

Demonstrations, dress revue eliminations and canning contests are some of the activities in which the 4-Hers in the county have a chance to compete with other 4-H members throughout the state.

Regardless of the situation, Home Agent always keeps in mind the fact that everything they do for the people they serve is done with the idea of teaching.

It has often been said that the purpose of the entire extension service program is educational. The Home Demonstration Club work, 4-H Club work and YMW work is open to all people in the county. The Home Agents urge all women of Warren County to take advantage of the opportunities the extension office has to offer.

PLANT BED WEED CONTROL PAYS — Adequate weed control plants in tobacco plant beds pay off, and Augustus Alston, above left, of Route 1, Warrenton will verify this. Alston used Methyl Bromide to treat his bed this year and had an ample supply of good healthy plants to set up his own acreage and furnish plants to his neighbors. The Negro County Agents say that many tobacco growers fail to treat their tobacco plant beds in early spring due to weather condition. Consequently, weed beds and poor plant supply have been prominent, except in cases where beds were prepared in suitable woodland areas.

Grain Sorghum On The Move In Warren County

WARRENTON—According to the Negro Farm Agent's office, grain sorghums were planted on a number of farms in rural Warren County recently.

J. B. Russell of the Cool Springs Community is the owner of a very fruitful crop which followed small grain.

The agent has the following to say of grain sorghum:

"One of the advantages of grain sorghum is that production and harvest can be completely mechanized without special equipment. The harvest is accomplished with the same combine used for wheat, oats, barley or soybeans. Consequently, savings on labor and equipment may be an advantage of this crop.

Meat-Type Hog Is Great Need In The Production Of Swine

WARRENTON — Warren County's greatest need in the field of swine production, according to the Negro county agents, is increased production of meat type hogs.

The agents said a sizeable number of farmers have begun supplying meat-type animals. But meat-type production is not a necessity for just a few farmers — it is a necessity for all swine producers.

They said several trends have increased demand for meat-type, rather than lard-type hogs:

(1) There has been a declining demand for lard. Lard prices have gone down while prices of the important cuts of pork (hams, loins, picnic cuts) has continued to rise. At the beginning of this century, fat was worth nearly as much as lean cuts, but today lean cuts sell for two and a half times more per pound than lard.

(2) There has been a declining demand for pork in relation to other meats, and by producing better type pork, the farmer can help restore demand. Expenditures for pork dropped from 32 percent of consumer income in the early 1930's to two per cent in 1957.

What is a meat type hog?

According to Farm Agent L. C. Cooper, it is one which, when slaughtered, will yield in high percentage of quality, lean muscling (red meat) and a low percentage of fat. The meat hog is normally a long, slim animal from the base of the ear to the rest of the tail.

Cooper contends that any Warren farmer can begin producing meat-type animals with little capital outlay. Warren County is blessed with some good breeding stock which will produce meat hogs. Meat-type breeding stock can be found within a few miles of any Warren farm.

By purchasing both meat-type

gilts and meat-type boars, a farmer can begin producing the type hogs in demand within a matter of weeks. But a farmer can purchase just a meat-type boar and gradually increase the quality of his hogs. Unfortunately, too many of us today do not realize the importance of a good boar and are not willing to spend the money necessary to get a good one. The boar is one-half the herd in respect to the offspring a farmer produces. Money spent in obtaining the right boar is the best money ever spent by a swine producer.

WARREN COUNTY NEGRO EXTENSION PERSONNEL
L. C. Cooper, Negro County Agent; I. W. Murree, Assistant Negro County Agent; Mrs. Peggy P. Drew, Negro Home Agent; Mrs. Myrtle D. Mayo, Assistant Negro Home Agent; and Miss Delores Garrett, Negro Extension Secretary.



IN WARREN COUNTY the modern way of feeding pigs is shown in the left photo, while on the right an engineering specialist for the N. C. Agriculture Extension Service is shown inspecting a farrowing pen for delivery.

Warren County Resident

Takes Good Care Of Pigs

WARRENTON—Tom Hudgins of the Embo Community, built a Sow for the construction of the above wards will accommodate two sows and litters. Wards cost less than \$7.50 each.

According to Negro County Agent's office, one pig saved by use of the sow maternity ward will pay for the construction of the above ward.

Hudgins reports that his sows, purebred Landrace, farrowed 16 pigs. One was born dead, all others were saved. He sold the purebred pigs at weaning age for breeding stock at \$40.00 each. Hudgins says that he could have sold more.

Good care and management is the answer to profitable hog production, says Hudgins. He set up until 3:00 a. m., seeing that the pigs were dry, warm and nursing. "Wouldn't some humans like to have it so good?"

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Garden Time

By M. E. GARDNER

I think I should again remind you about the importance of having a compost pile. It is the most economical source of organic matter that I know about and has many uses around the home and farm — top dressing lawns, mulching borders, trees and shrubs, etc.

You will need some suitable place to stack your leaves and other refuse. The corner of a wall will furnish two sides for your pit; you can board up the other two; a abandoned manure pile, or a hog pen which still has boards around it, but may need a little reinforcing.

Leaves, grain straw, moldered hay, corn shucks and many other materials can be used. Do not add diseased plants or weeds on which seed have matured. Put down about 12 or 14 inches of your dry materials and then a liberal layer of chicken or stable manure. Then alternate the layers until your pile is from four to six feet high. If you do not have manure available you can use commercial fertilizer, such as 6-8-6 or 8-8-8. A liberal sprinkling will do the trick. If you want a general guide, use a pint cup of fertilizer to each 10 square feet of space.

At State College we make all of the soil that goes into our benches and beds in the greenhouses. The last time we prepared a compost pile we used wheat straw, sawdust, chicken manure and soil, in layers. After six months, we cut, or turned, the pile and left it for another six months before using. You too can use sawdust, the older the better. If you want to add a layer of this material, make it about six inches deep and apply a little more commercial fertilizer to the sawdust layer. I believe it decomposes faster when manure is used.

Keep the pile moist at all times. During the fall, winter and early spring the rainfall should be sufficient but watch out for prolonged dry periods in summer.

State College Hints

By RUTH CURENT
READY FOR TRICK OR TREAT — Mothers, why not start now getting ready for the Halloween door knockers and for your own little spooks and tricksters who love to dress up on Halloween night and go from house to house in the neighborhood, having fun and collecting pennies for the underprivileged children in underdeveloped countries in the name of UNICEF. A wonderful treat, along with your contribution to UNICEF:

SPICY DOUGHNUTS
3 1-2 cups sifted enriched self-rising flour
1 teaspoon nutmeg
1-2 teaspoon cinnamon
2 eggs
1 cup sugar
2 tablespoons shortening
1-4 to 1-2 cup buttermilk or sweet milk

Method: Sift together flour, nutmeg, and cinnamon. Beat eggs until in color. Add sugar and shortening and beat until thick. Stir in 1-4 cup milk. Add flour mixture all at once and blend well. Dough should be soft — add enough remaining milk to make it so. Cover and chill at least one hour.

Turn 1-3 of the dough at a time onto lightly floured surface; roll 1-3 of the dough at a time onto lightly floured surface; roll 1-3 inch thick and let stand 20 minutes before cutting with floured 2 1-2 inch cutter. Place in deep hot fat (375 degrees F.) and turn when they rise to surface. Fry until golden brown on both sides. Drain on absorbent paper. Roll in cinnamon-sugar mixture.

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