

Higher Income In Raising Hogs By Grading Practices

Public Demand a Factor In Kind of Pork Raised

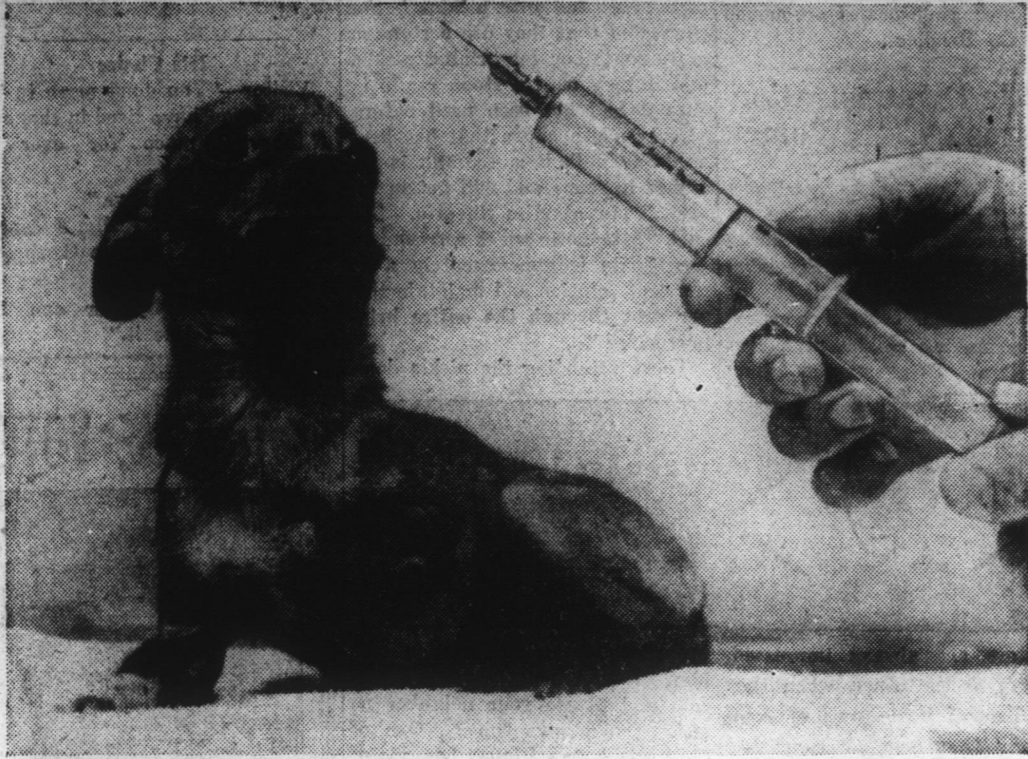
Some hog buyers in this area began buying hogs on a graded basis last week. "We were informed that most of the slaughter plants will start grading hogs coming through their dealers beginning this week," County Agent C. W. Overman says.

Extension Specialist J. K. Butler, Jack Kelley and Guy Cassell worked with hog buyers, who go desired, in helping them to learn the finer points in grading hogs.

So far as is known, no farmers' hogs were bought on a graded basis in Chowan County. In Perquimans County some of the markets bought on a graded basis. Several lots of hogs moved through the markets brought more money on a graded basis than they would have at the ungraded rates.

The question in many growers and buyers minds was, "Who is pushing hog grading?" It is County Agent C. W. Overman's opinion that the housewife at the counter in the retail markets is largely responsible for necessitating hog grading. The housewife doesn't want to buy a whole lot of fat pork but is looking for good quality lean pork which her family will eat. Therefore, the housewife selects her purchases to meet her choice, which is the leaner type meat. "Producers and manufacturers must recognize the fact that they must sell to the public what the public wants and not what they want the public to have," says Mr. Overman. "Therefore, we must go right back to the hog breeder and hog producer to get the kind of pork produced that will meet the consuming public demand."

It appears that no particular breed is the meat type breed. According to the specialist, meat type hogs are being found in all of our conventional breeds. It is a matter of good breeding toward the leaner meat type and marketing hogs before they become over-fat. "We went out on some of the farms and looked at some of the hogs," Mr. Overman says. "We saw some hogs which the grower was ready to market but which if marketed 20 to 30 days ago would have graded meat type but now, due to excess fat they would be rated as No. 2 and some of them No. 3 grades. We also saw some hogs, most of which would make the No. 1 meat type grade. Then we saw some which were not suf-



YOU WON'T FEEL A THING (MAYBE)—Pedro, a full-grown Chihuahua, seems dubious about that big needle. But it's for his own good. Pedro happens to live in Memphis, Tenn., and Memphis happens to be in the midst of a drive to have all canine residents inoculated against rabies.

ficiently finished to make the meat type grade or should weigh in more to be top price. We found all of these types on one farm in one feedlot. The owner stated that he was trying to feed the whole lot of hogs so that he could market them all the same time. One-fourth of them would perhaps grade No. 1 meat type now. He stated that he did not sell the over-fat hogs 20 to 30 days ago because he didn't have time to sort them out. We tried to impress upon him that his time would have most valuable spent by sorting his hogs when the largest ones weighed around 200 to 230 and moving them on to market. Now he could move the next lot that is ready and the remainder could be moved in about 20 to 30 days.

"There is money in raising hogs but growers have got to do the job right to get the best price. A grower should pick out his very best brood sows and purchase a good meat type boar for breeding. In two or three generations, with additional meat type boars as needed, he should be producing a very large percentage of No. 1 meat type hogs. The second thing, is not to starve hogs to make meat type but feed them a good balanced ration with minerals and market them when the weight is around 200 to 220 pounds each. Steps should be taken to control internal parasites first, to make thrifter hogs which grow out on less feed, and second to produce carcasses and livers that will meet the consumer demand.

"While at the present time most

hog growers are afraid of hog grading in this area, it eventually is coming. Your county agent and other agricultural workers have the necessary information and are willing to give growers assistance in learning how to produce good market type hogs. It is hoped that for their own benefit hog growers will make use of this information doing a better job in swine which is one of our good cash enterprises on the farm."

The difference between the right word and the almost right word is the difference between lightning and the lightning bug.

—Mark Twain.

Don Dalton Speaks At Rotary Meeting

Edenton Rotarians were very much interested in an address made at last week's meeting, when Don Dalton, resident engineer for the Edenton and Harvey Point basins, told about the proposed expansion at both basins. Of course, Mr. Dalton's remarks were limited, but what he had to say pointed out considerable activity if and when funds are actually allocated.

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FRED DODGE



TEXT: "The coward calls himself wary . . ."

Publius Syrus
A timid movie star, to build up his reputation as a "he man", was sent to India to hunt tigers. Upon his return he was interviewed by newspaper reporters.

"Did you have any luck hunting tigers in India?" he was asked. "Marvelous luck", responded the star, honestly, "I didn't find a single tiger!"

Hunting trouble is not always evil. Much depends upon the purpose of our hunting. To sit placidly, when a belief is buffeted; to turn away from the sight of injustice because we are not "looking for trouble", is cowardice.

Then peace is the greater evil.

He who gains such a peace leaves fragments of his honor where he turns aside. No man has so much honor that he can afford to shed many pieces of it. He may not suspect his loss. Then, suddenly, faced with a public test of honor, he fails. People who know him are amazed at his weakness. He is surprised at himself.

The history of such a failure shows many meanderings while not "looking for trouble". Avoiding trouble became more important than the principle which should be defended.

By the way, on what principle have you avoided battle, lately?

Small Crowd Sees

"Gramercy Ghost"

Though the crowd was somewhat disappointing, "Gramercy Ghost," a two-act comedy was well presented in the Elementary School auditorium Thursday night. The play presented complicated situations which kept the audience in almost

a constant laughter.

Those taking part were Mary Shep Burton, Ruth Phillips, Al Vargo, Kathryn Goodwin, Dick Schuman, Bill Cozart, Bill Harry, Rodney Harrell, Jack Habit, Corrine Thorud, Betty Ward, Glee Moore and Jane Holmes, who was the director.

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Candidate For Board Of Public Works



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the grandson of the late "Mag" Jones, who for many years was employed in the Edenton Post Office.

If elected, I will devote my time and efforts to performing the duties connected with the office to the best advantage and interest of Edenton as a whole. Your vote and support will be greatly appreciated.

Bruce Jones, Jr.

PUBLIC NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF CHOWAN COUNTY

Paragraph 6 of Chapter 163-175 of the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina has been amended to apply to Chowan County. This paragraph reads as follows:

"Where there are group candidates for the same office printed on the ballot on any county or municipal primary or election held in this State, and the names of several candidates therefor appear on the ballot grouped under the office for which they are running, the elector shall cast his or her vote for as many candidates as there are offices to be filled, and where an elector votes for any number of such group candidates less than the number of offices to be filled, such ballot shall not be counted for any of the group candidates for said office. There shall be printed under the title of the offices for group candidates the number of candidates to be voted for."

For ballots to be counted in any election in Chowan County, they must be marked with as many votes as there are positions to be filled.

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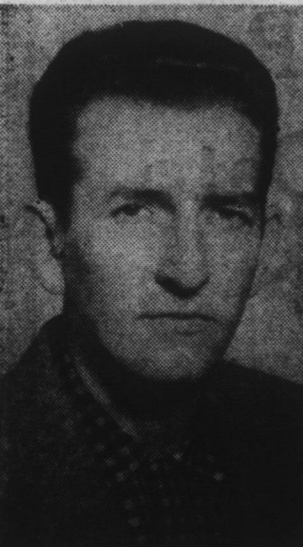
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