

**THE FEATHERHEADS**

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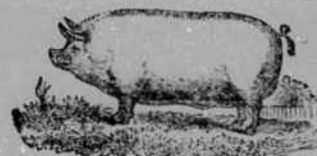
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**OPEN LETTER TO CHEROKEE, CLAY COUNTY FARMERS**

Every moment of my visit to your counties was most delightfully spent while visiting among the farmers. My visit there was to make a kind of survey and study with you some of the most important changes to make if any to bring you a greater prosperity than you now enjoy.

One thing we all agreed upon; and that was that your pastures are far below the standard which bring their owners profitable returns. Without a single exception this was admitted by every farmer interviewed. Now if this be true, which doubtless is; what should be done to bring about better results in your counties? You are now engaged in shipping cream a long distance while with your present unsatisfactory pastures and shipping conditions, is bringing you good returns. Now to meet summer requirements for your dairy cows: Nothing that can be done will take the place of better pastures, butter fat produced from your cows on first class pastures will be cheapest that can possibly be produced. Many of you made a pledge to make some new pastures according to instructions given, many others agreed to work your old pastures over by sowing grass seeds and using the harrow, disc or brush according to condition of land at present.

For the benefit of farmers who were unable to attend our meetings we desire to say that we trust we will be able to visit your county again to check up on your work and to meet still other farmers who desire to join

in the great Western North Carolina movement that will develop a high order of farming that will put our mountain district on the map of study.

To farmers who were not in our meetings let me say; for new pastures there are 5 grasses, 3 legumes that should be in all pasture mixtures in your counties. These are orchard grass, Tall meadow oat grass, Ky. Blue grass, Red Top, Timothy, and Seseke clover, White dutch clover and Lespedeza or Jaspur clover. These grasses should be combined in different proportions to suit different soil types. In a general way, orchard grass does its best on good rich soil with plenty of humus and stiff clay subsoil, tall meadow grass does its best on a deep rich open subsoil where it can take deep root; but will grow well on good overhead grass soil. Timothy is not a pasture grass but will help supply pasturage while the blue grass is making the real pasture sod—Seseke clover is slightly perennial, lasting several years and it and the white clover and Japan clovers furnish a legume mixture and aid in ballancing the feed for the cattle, and at the same time draws free nitrogen from the air and deposits it in the soil, upon which the pasture grasses feed. In the preparation of the land whether for establishing new pastures or removing old ones; be ware of sowing good high priced seed on loose, fresh prepared land. Old pastures where the long drought of last summer damaged heavy, have been made loose on top soils by the severe freezing this winter and are in fine condition for improving. The condition is better than if fresh plowed and the seed brushed or harrowed

in. All that is necessary is to provide a good pasture mixture and sow just as the land now is, and in many cases, where the land is loose and rich nothing further is necessary only a good rain to put them in. On other cases, a brush or light section harrow may be used, and on sod bound Bermuda and Blue grass sods; the disc should be used and reseeded and a topdressing of acid phosphate and in some cases a dressing of a complete fertilizer will do wonders for the pasture, any one who desires information about a permanent pasture, who will write me at my head quarters, Columbus, N. C., and explain whether it is new pasture or to renew an old one, and describe the kind and condition of soil, whether north, south, east or west land, whether loose or light nature, rich or poor, I will do my best to help from the little stock of experience during the last sixty-years of hard study along the line of permanent pastures, you need not enclose stamps for reply. Let's all get our heads together and work out the great program set forth by the meeting of farmers and farm agents and Specialists in meeting at Battery Park Hotel, Asheville, N. C. last Dec. 17, 1925.

Respectfully,  
J. R. SAMS,  
County agent at Large

**A LETTER**

Andrews, N. C., March 3, 1926.  
Mr. R. W. Gray, Murphy, N. C.  
Mr. Gray: Your check came yesterday as my premium for 1924 Fair. Since the Fair wasn't a financial success that year I certainly cannot afford to accept one penny. I am re-

turning the check. Please accept it as a donation from me, who is interested in the welfare of the Fair at all times. I will be glad to help in any I can with the fair this year.

Respectfully,  
MRS. W. T. FORSYTH.

**Eggs Can Be Profitably Produced in Winter**

The record of Mr. J. W. Winchester, Bob Crawford, and Ogden Stezer in the poultry business, is so outstanding, having proven the fact that eggs can be produced all winter long when eggs are high, has stirred the entire county to a new feeling about poultry. It has done more than this it has caused Cherokee County people to write the Clay County Agent for some of the stock, they are wanting to buy birds from us.

It was an established way of thinking in Clay County that eggs could not be produced in the winter time. It was almost unbelievable that Mr. Winchester (I say Mr. Winchester, as I have record at hand) was producing eggs at this rate, 412 1-2 dozens in three months or 16 eggs per month per hen through the winter months. But to see is to know, they have seen Mr. Winchester, Bob Crawford and Ogden Stezer, crate and ship a crate over a week all winter. Seventy-five eggs a day off of 105 hens is impossible, one day with another they would exclaim.

But what has this done, this has caused the county agent to be called all over the County to cull flocks, to make room for Standard bred flocks of high producing strains. The Motion Picture of the U. S. A. shown over the county, Culling the Unprofitable hen stayed with the poultry growers.

The county agent is working on a pool they can be had for \$2.00 to \$3.00 a hundred less. The first order will be sent off about March 20, 1926 heavy breeds. The Leghorns will be ordered about April 10, 1926.

Yours very kindly,  
WILLARD R. ANDERSON,  
Clay County Agent.

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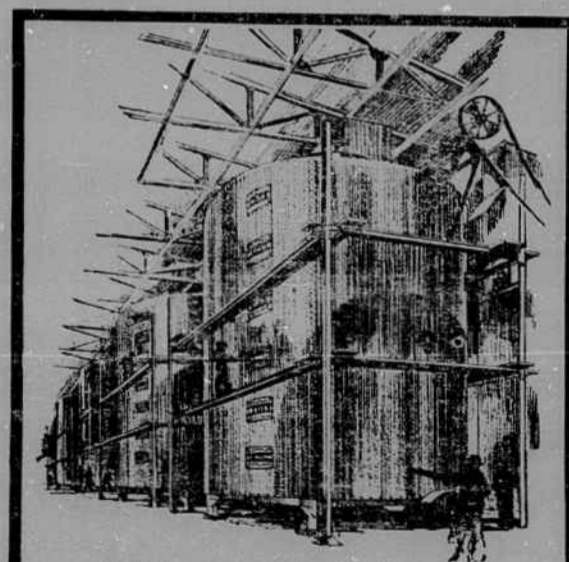
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While this program of price reduction has been carried on, important refinements and improvements have been made in Ford cars. The latest improvements include new and attractive body lines—a lower center of gravity, closed cars in color, all-steel bodies, new brakes and new style fenders.

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**"Ford Design Costs More to Build—Is Worth More—But Sells for Less"**

(Editors Note—This page is inaugurated in the interest of better farming in Cherokee and Clay counties. It is hoped that the farmers and readers of The Scout in general will take advantage of these columns for discussing farm and gardening problems. If you have solved a problem of your own, perhaps the same problem is confronting your neighbor; if you have demonstrated that poultry can be raised with profit, or any product of the farm or garden, tell your neighbors about it through these columns; let them know what you have accomplished and how you have gone about the accomplishment, and perhaps by so doing you will be serving your community, the county and the state by inspiring or helping someone to solve the very same problem. Who knows?

The county agents of Cherokee and Clay have agreed to have articles of information about farm methods, etc., in these columns from time to time. Watch for them. Help the agents make this page interesting by asking and answering questions on problems that confront you from time to time.)

The cost of corn production may be cut to 18 percent by the simple expedient producing the crop on a twenty-acre field instead of a ten-acre field, finds a group of farmers who kept careful records.