

Local Woman Finds Raising Baby Chickens Is Profitable Business



Mrs. Easley and Some of Her Baby Chickens

BY OPIE MCKEEVER
 Co. Though Mrs. Robert W. Easley, current keeper of a flock of 15,000 chickens, admits that raising broilers is a far cry from her days as a Chatanooga debutante and Junior League, she finds life with the chickens a far more satisfying existence.

Mrs. Easley, whose enthusiasm for her work is a good boost for the present decline in the chicken market, lives with her husband on a hundred-acre farm in Martin's Creek community. She decided last February to go in the chicken business to profitable occupy her time while her two children Sarah and Bobby, were away at school and Mr. Easley was busy all day as manager of Timber Products



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"Like babies, chickens are a constant care in the first few weeks," Mrs. Easley explained. "They must be fed and watered by hand and even 'put to bed' at night." Usually the chicks are directed to the heated brooders at about nine in the evening but if the Easleys are out late, the birds have an extra hour to hawl.

Two of her neighbors, Ray McClure and Jerry Caylor, however assist in these duties and are always there to help in an emergency.

Mrs. Easley, who has watched over her three flocks with more than the usual attention, observes that even the lowly chicken possesses certain personality traits.

"I enjoy watching them play football," she said. "If there's a scrap of paper around, one picks it up and runs with it. When he drops it, another grabs, and then there's a general free-for-all."

She watches the first cock-fight with a great deal of pleasure. "The fights begin with the more precocious ones as early as a week and a half. It's a good sign," she explained. "As many fights mean a flock of many nesters, an indication of potential large, healthy broilers."

"Chickens are easily panicked by airplanes, the 'hawk instinct', I suppose, and they are quick to give out a warning signal to the others, a shrill, chirping noise, when danger appears, such as a dog or a rat. However, they have strong cannibalistic tendencies and can be most destructive creatures."

The Easleys, both natives of Tennessee, settled on the farm several years ago because they believed their children would benefit from the wholesome, outdoor life. Their son, Bobby, who attends U. N. C. and wants a career in politics, was in charge of the chickens this summer. Pretty teen-age Sarah, a junior at Girls' Preparatory School in Chattanooga from which her mother and grandmother were graduated, helped with the chickens, too, on her vacation but admits that she has more affection for the dogs, cats, and prize bulls her daddy raises.

Chickens are not only the major topic of conversation in the Easley home but almost appear on Mrs. Easley's bountiful table. "If you don't find us talking about chickens, she says, "It's probably because we're busy eating them."

Konnaheeta Womens Club To Hold Meeting

ANDREWS- The Konnaheeta Women's Club will meet Thursday, Nov. 19, at 7:00 p. m. in the Shell Dining Room.

The American Home Department will be in charge of the program. Members of the committee are Mrs. Eldson Burch, chairman; Mrs. F. E. Blaock, Mrs. Charles O. Frazier, Mrs. Fred Babbington and Mrs. Woodrow Cox.

Soil Conservation NEWS

By JOHN SMITH

A complete Soil and Water Conservation Farm Plan was prepared on the Cecil Burgess farm near Morble, last week. This is a small farm but it has some extremely good land in it. Cecil has done an excellent job of re-styling this farm which he bought a few months ago. Practically all of the land was in cultivation at the time the farm was purchased, but now the majority is in grass and alfalfa with only a few acres of the level land still in cultivation. Even this small acreage will be seeded to grass and clover in a few years.

A small pond was constructed during the summer months, and this alone has practically repayed the Burgess family for the purchase of the farm. All of them and many of their friends enjoy many hours of swimming and sun-bathing during the hot weather. In a few weeks the pond is to be stocked with bream fingerlings, and with bass next spring. When these fish have matured and spawned, another source of recreation and also food will have been added to the farm.

In August, about four acres of land was seeded to alfalfa. A soil sample was taken earlier and the land was limed and fertilized according to the recommendations of the State Soil Testing Laboratory. The alfalfa seed was inoculated with a culture of nitrogen-fixing bacteria before sowing, and the careful preparation led to a near-perfect stand of alfalfa. This will furnish all the hay needed for the cattle and fine riding horses which the Burgess have on the farm.

Several acres of good pasture have also been established on land which was in cultivation before the Burgess purchased the farm. Already a fair herd of Hereford cattle has been started. The condition of the cattle is all the proof necessary that the pasture was properly planned and cared for after it came up.

Woman's Club To Hold Meeting

Members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs will include a "Count Your Blessings Day" to give special emphasis to the Federation's CARE Self-Help project in November.

Murphy Woman's Club will celebrate this day at their regular meeting Thursday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 p. m. The meeting will be held at the Power Board Building.

Each member will be asked to make a contribution to this project. Hostesses for the meeting will be Mrs. William Gossett, Mrs. Jerry Hatchett, Miss Dot Hensley and Mrs. Paul Hill.

Mrs. Holland McSwain, program chairman, will be in charge of the program which will include a film about Russia, "The Land and the People."

A S C NEWS

Persons who are buying or selling farmland for which an acreage allotment has been established have a definite responsibility for becoming familiar with the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture government combination and division of allotments and for advising county ACS committees when purchases or sales have been made. According to Zeno O. Ratcliff, Jr., Chairman of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation State Committee, county ACS committees are not in position to know of all land sales and purchases and therefore they cannot make a change in the acreage allotment for the land involved until a request for a division or a combination is filed by the interested producer.

The Department of Agriculture has issued definite regulations and instructions on how allotments may be divided or combined. County ACS committees must follow these regulations in all cases.

Many farmers have had some unhappy experiences in the past because they did not determine in advance how the acreage allotments would be divided before they bought or sold land covered by the allotments.

Ratcliff further brought out that both the buyer and the seller have a responsibility for notifying the county ACS office as soon as possible after land is sold and for requesting the county ACS committee to make a division of the allotment for the farm if only a part of the farm is sold. If the producer owns other land and wishes to combine the newly purchased land with what he already owns, he must file a request with the county committee for the combination.

The county committee, according to Ratcliff, may not approve a combination unless the tracts are operated in the manner prescribed by the Secretary's regulations and instructions. Before approving a combination for additional land purchased, ACS committees are also required to determine that a legal deed has been made and recorded in connection with the newly purchased land.

Ratcliff further urged that lawyers or real estate agencies who are handling the sale or purchase of farmland or who are advising farmers in such transactions become familiar with the regulations before advising their clients or completing any transaction.

NC Home Economic Assoc. Ho'ds Annual Convention

The North Carolina Home Economics Association at the forty-second annual convention is celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of the American Home Economics in Rocky Mount on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 13 and 14. The general theme used is "Whither Bound".

The local area group of the North Carolina Home Economics Association for the six Western counties is called the Smoky Mountain Home Economics Association. This active organization is composed of Home Economists from various fields that get together eight times a year for an exchange of ideas and information.

Original Paintings Displayed In Murphy Schools

An exhibition of original paintings by thirty artists from the pages of *Four Times* and *Lincoln-Mercury Times* may be seen in the art room of Murphy High School this week.

The painting in this second Variety Show were chosen from a collection of over five thousand contemporary painting in the media of watercolor, gouache, casein, tempera, and oil.

These particular thirty pictures were selected to present, in a simple way, the widest possible variety of subject, geographical location, and technique as handled by thirty different artists of our time. Subjects range from Maine lobster to a California ghost town.

AAUW Hears Mrs. Chiltosky

The AAUW met Thursday night Nov. 5, at the home of Mrs. George Bidstrup at Brasstown.

Mrs. John Smith was co-hostess.

During the meeting Mrs. Mary Chiltosky, State Vice President of Cherokee, gave an interesting

State. Miss Peggy Baker gave a

During the social hour, the sixteen members and two guests

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