

Down On The Farm

STRIP CROPPING AIDS IN FIGHTING EROSION

Strip cropping, virtually unknown in North Carolina until within the past decade, has now become a common sight in areas subject to soil erosion, according to W. D. Lee, soil conservationist of the State College Extension Service.

He explained that the Soil Conservation Service has developed two types of strip cropping, one known as annual and the other as perennial. Each of these types plays a definite role in a sound conservation program.

In this section, kudzu and lespedeza sericea generally are grown in perennial strips. Hay produced in these strips enables farmers to turn under for soil improvement a larger proportion of the vegetation grown in annual strips instead of harvesting these annual crops for hay.

Lee pointed out that the turning under of these crops makes it possible to produce clean tilled crops more economically and on less land. This in turn permits the growing of perennial strips on steeper portions of the land.

Another reason for growing both annual and perennial strips is that sometimes heavy rains occur when the vegetation in the annual strips is not large enough to provide ample protection for the land. This makes perennial strips necessary as a second line of defense.

Lee pointed out that perennial strips and annual strips are important and desirable measures. When used to supplement each other, the two enable farmers to plan their operations so that if bad weather comes, the land will not be so hard hit.

AMPLE CARE URGED FOR PULLETS FLOCK

Poultrymen caring for their pullet flock during the late summer and fall should keep in mind that a little neglect now may be costly later, says C. F. Parrish, poultryman of the State College Extension Service.

The good poultryman will see that his birds are well fed on growing mash, whole corn, whole oats, and green feed. Here's why these items are so important in the pullet's diet.

The growing mash helps to build a good egg factory. Corn puts weight on the bird and lays on a reserve off at for the heavy laying period. Oats furnish fiber and help build resistance against disease, feather picking, and prolapses. Green feed furnishes succulence, minerals and vitamins, and is rich in other essential food factors.

A liberal supply of green feed cuts feed bills and aids in growing a more healthy pullet. While green feed is more important during the growing stage, it does have a definite place in the bird's diet after laying starts.

For late summer grazing and green feed, sowed young green corn may be used to good advantage, along with Sudan grass, wheat, oats, barley, soybeans, and alfalfa. If ample grazing has not already been provided, a green feed crop should be planted now.

Because egg prices generally rise sharply in August, many

poultry producers ruin their pullets by rushing them with laying mash, Parrish said. The best plan is to let the pullets mature normally on growing mash, corn, oats, and green feed. Before the birds are changed to laying mash, they should have reached at least 20 percent production.

Questions And Answers

STATE COLLEGE ANSWERS TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS

Question: What is the best grain ration for my poultry during the summer months?

Answer: There are several grains or combinations of grains that give satisfactory results, but the ration should be largely governed by what is grown on the farm. The ration most commonly used contains sixty percent yellow corn and forty percent wheat. Either heavy barley (48 pounds per bushel) or heavy oats (38 pounds per bushel) may be substituted for part of the corn and wheat in the ration; but, where corn and wheat are available, no substitution should be made.

Question: How should I prepare pasture land for seeding?

Answer: The ideal seed bed for pastures is one that is thoroughly plowed to a depth of about three inches and left undisturbed below that depth. If any plowing is necessary, this should have been done at least six to eight weeks before sowing the seed. Land that has been in row crops may be prepared by discing and harrowing, but land that has been idle may have to be plowed lightly before discing. For freshly cleared land the brush should be burned and the land harrowed with a disc or an old fashioned A-shaped harrow. The latter is especially useful among stumps.

Question: How can I cure a case of indigestion or diarrhea?

Answer: This indigestion or common scour is usually caused by improper feeding, such as overfeeding, or the use of dirty pails or boxes, irregular feeding or feeding milk too rich in fat. It is much easier to prevent the trouble than to cure it. Check your practices, as mentioned, and then isolate the calf and reduce the milk feed at least one half. Legume hay should be replaced with grass hay and the animal given a dose of one to three tablespoonfuls of castor oil mixed with a pint of fresh milk. After the oil has acted, give the animal a tablespoonful of a mixture composed of one part salol and two parts each of subnitrate of bismuth and bicarbonate of soda.

VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE FOR COMMUNIST PARTY



JAMES W. FORD, author of "The Negro and the Democratic Front," many pamphlets and articles in newspapers and magazines. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the National Negro Congress, member of the National Executive Committee of the Communist Party

of the United States and Secretary of the Harlem Communist Party, New York.

On June 2, at Madison Square Garden the Communist Party in convention, nominated Earl Browder for President and James W. Ford for Vice President in the campaign for 1940.

Many Apply For Birth Certificates At Health Board

RALEIGH — The preparedness program already has increased the requests for certified copies of birth certificates more than 200 a day, while the number continues to grow, it was stated by Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State Health Officer. The Vital Statistics Division of the State Board of Health, of which Dr. R. T. Stimpson is the Director, reports that of these more than 100 requests daily are coming in for certificates based on delayed registrations of births, that is, certificates for persons born prior to October, 1913, when official registrations began in North Carolina on a state wide basis.

Dr. Stimpson pointed out that, due to the fact that manufacturers and business concerns engaged in filling government orders are requiring birth certificates of employees as proof of citizenship, it has been necessary for applicants to make trips to Raleigh from points as far distant as Baltimore, Philadelphia, and even Detroit, to get their birth records straight, so as to receive certified certificates, which the State Board of Health provides for a nominal fee of fifty cents each. No charge, however, is made for registering births.

Certificates also may be required for other purposes, includ-

ing passports, the payment of workmen's compensation, old age assistance, aid for dependent children, enlistment in all branches of the armed and maritime service, etc.

Persons born prior to October 1913, and those born since, whose births for one reason or another, have not been properly recorded with the State Board of Health, are required to have filled out blanks for that particular purpose which can be secured only from the Vital Statistics Division of the State Board of Health in Raleigh.

"I feel it my duty," Dr. Reynolds said, "to bring to the public attention the requirements necessary to secure this birth certificate, thereby avoiding unnecessary delay and inconvenience on the part of those who desire the services of the State Board of Health. If you will carry out the following instructions in detail there will be no difficulty in securing prompt service:

"Certificate must be signed by the attending physician, if possible. The ages of the Father and Mother, their Occupation, Residence, and Number of child-

Four Students Of Social Work Get Scholarships

NEW YORK — The ward of four fellowships for advanced study in the field of Social Work was announced this week by the Fellowship Committee of the National Urban League, an organization for social work among Negroes, with branches in forty five cities.

Winners of the awards for study during the school year 1940-41 are Joseph A. Allen, Jr., of Cleveland, Ohio; Roger F. Gordon of Philadelphia, Penn.; Edith A. Lockley, also of Philadelphia, and Gertrude A. Norwood, Mass. Mr. Allen, a graduate of Wilberforce University in 1937 and the Divinity and Graduate Schools of Yale University in 1940, has been assigned to study on the "Ella Sachs Plotz" fellowship at the New York School of Social Work which is to be affiliated with Columbia University in the fall. Mr. Gordon will study at the same school on one of two fellowships awarded "In Memory of Anthony Benezet." He is a graduate of Bluefield (West Virginia) State Teachers College and has studied at the University

of Pennsylvania.

Miss Lockley, winner of the second fellowship, "In Memory of Anthony Benezet" has been assigned to study at the school of Social Service Administration of the University of Chicago. She received her A. B. degree at Virginia Union University in 1933 and her M. A. degree at Fisk University, two years later. Miss Tunneyhill, a graduate of Simmons College, will study at the School of Applied Sciences of the University of Pittsburgh on a fellowship maintained jointly by the National Urban League and the Urban League of Pittsburgh. The Benezet Fellowships are for \$1,200 each; and the other two for \$1,000 each.

Since 1910, the National Urban League has awarded 92 fellowships to colored students, all of whom are now engaged in some phase of social work among Negroes. This year's fellows were selected from a total of 112 candidates by the League's Fellowship Committee of which Dorothy Straus, New York City Lawyer, is chairman.

Urged To Remove Color Bar In Armed Forces

NEW YORK — Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, and Secretary of Navy Frank Knox, recently appointed by President Roosevelt, were urged by the NAACP to remove all discrimination Negroes in the armed forces.

The NAACP pointed out that Negroes are prevented from enlisting in any branch of the Navy save the mess corps, and

from most branches of the Army with the exception of a few segregated units. "The new defense program," the NAACP letter stated, "depends entirely upon the establishment of unity among the American citizens of this country. The refusal to fully integrate Negroes who constitute the largest minority group in this country tends to destroy that unity which is necessary to the success of the new defense program."

The NAACP urged defense secretaries "to take the necessary steps to prevent any discrimination against Negroes in the new defense program and to remove the old types of discrimination now existing

"When certificate and sworn statement are signed by the attending physician, supporting affidavit is not required for children under thirteen years of age. If the certificate is signed by someone other than the attending physician, and for all persons thirteen years of age or over, both sworn statement and supporting affidavit are required.

"Persons more than twenty years of age must furnish in addition to the sworn statement and affidavit given below, sufficient documentary proof, such as baptismal record, Bible records, Bible records, etc., to support allegations made on birth certificate."

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WAS HER SON DEMON?

Chapter I By Herman J. D. Carter

John Henry watched his mother patiently walk to the medicine cabinet and take out a bottle of oil and go to the bed of his paralyzed step-father to give him his morning's dose. John had watched her go through this same procedure every morning for the past three years since her husband had come home one afternoon from work and fallen away from the table, a victim of a stroke. John Henry marvelled at his mother's continued loyalty. He often wondered how she could be so true to his step-father, when she had been just as loyal to his own father who had died when he was fifteen years old, and she had never completely recovered from his death, yet her acts never showed the slightest bit of change with her new husband.

John Henry's step-father's leg was completely paralyzed, and the use of both hands were gone. A neighbor gave him a wheel chair, and besides the strenuous burden of caring for him, his mother had the added task of taking him up every day to sit a few minutes in the wheel chair to rest from his tiresome bed. Still she shouldered this new task without complaining.

John Henry had been supporting the family since his step-father's illness on the meagre earnings from his W.P.A. job as adult education teacher, and he was getting burdened under the strain. No chance for advancement, and he wanted to get married. He could never think of bringing a wife in where his step-father was ill, and not ask her to assist his mother, yet it would be unfair to the wife, and he was getting older every day. Something had to be done. He could never think of running out on his mother when he was the only support of the family, yet his age was running out on him, and it was certain that his step-father would never get well. Why should he continue to live and wreck everybody's life, then die, when he could die earlier and others could face happiness? He didn't want to hurry his step-father away, but since he must go, why not now, and save his mother? Then too, the uncertainty of the W.P.A. kept his nerves always on edge. Any night he expected to receive news to shut down for good, then the family would be ruined.

The insurance was on the four week column, but John managed to meet the payments in time to prevent their lapsing by writing a worthless check and beating it to the bank with funds from another "kited" check until he would get paid. He never got a chance to buy anything for himself, and his mother needed shoes badly.

"I'll be back," he replied, walking to the front door. Soon he arrived at the drug store.

"Doctor, can you sell me a quarter's worth of Croton Oil? I think I'm taking a fresh cold."

"Yes, and everything else too," laughed the pharmacist. "Don't you know Croton Oil will do you worse than any other form of drug? Too much will kill you. Whenever a physician prescribes it, he always orders from two to three drops and it is then diluted with other medicines."

Well, I guess you had better give me some cold tablets instead. I can't take Croton Oil," he added with a slight feeling of nervousness. The pharmacist busied himself with wrapping the box of cold tablets and John leaned on the counter, his mind twirling with his hidden longing a train after him for his plan.

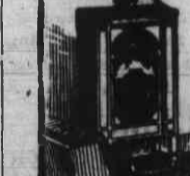
John started for home. Then he turned about and stopped on the corner debating with himself which way to go, then he turned toward the corner debating with himself which way to go.

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