

Franklin County Farm Tour

(By W. C. Boyce, Farm Agent)

The Franklin County Annual Farm Tour was conducted Tuesday, July 18, 1939 with 75 persons attending. Mr. I. T. Weeks, Extension Tobacco Specialist from State College and Personnel from Soil Conservation Service in Franklin and Farm Security Administration attended the tour and added to its success. A State Highway Patrolman led the tour and was in charge of traffic during the day.

The tour began on the farms of Messrs. W. T. Moss and E. M. Mitchell, Youngsville, where special attention was called to production of Percheron horses, production of milk from good dairy cattle, production of pork from pure bred Berkshire hogs, corn variety test, dusting to control boll weevils, summer legume demonstration, meadow strips, terracing and production of improved seeds of cotton, wheat, barley, rye, crimson clover, orchard grass, Italian rye grass and lespedeza; also machinery for harvesting and cleaning these seeds was shown. Two mares were shown on the farm of Mr. W. T. Moss that produced 19 colts, eleven and eight respectively.

Our next stop was on the farm of Mr. J. W. Hudson, Youngsville, N. C. R. 1, where tobacco variety test was observed. This test included two rows of each of eight varieties. At Mr. Hudson's, the group was served cold lemonade.

From Mr. Hudson's, we went to the farm of Mr. Jarvis Perry, Dunn Township, where terraces and meadow strips constructed by the Franklin County Terracing Unit and seeded respectively in 1939 were observed.

Right on schedule, we arrived at Perry's Pond at 12:30 o'clock for barbecue dinner served by J. Ira Weldon, which was enjoyed by the group. After dinner was served and everyone had a nice rest, the group left Perry's Pond for Mr. J. D. White's where Poultry management demonstration was explained and observed. The group was also shown through Mrs. White's living room to see oil treated floor and refinished table which was over 100 years old.

From Mr. White's, the tour was conducted to Mr. R. N. Shearon's hog farm where swine management demonstration is being conducted. Sanitary gravity waterers and concrete troughs were built in central feeding houses and farrowing pens. Soybeans, cane pastures and breeding sows were also observed. Much attention was given to the seven grey foxes caught by Mr. Shearon and being raised on his farm. These foxes seemed to be very tame. The group was served lemonade by Mrs. Shearon and her daughter which was very refreshing.

The tour continued to the farm of Mr. J. A. Perry, Cedar Rock Township, where special attention was called to tobacco fertilizer test, electric water system and remodeled home.

The tour adjourned at Mr. J. A. Perry's as it was 5 o'clock and it was announced that those desiring to go to Mr. P. R. Inscow's to visit out-door living room with furnace and kitchen enlarged, using breakfast nook, could do so. One car of interested women made this stop.

The tour was thoroughly enjoyed by all persons attending and favorable comment was made on quality of all demonstrations visited. The crops are the best we have had in Franklin County to date for many years and the livestock demonstrations were very impressive. This tour was the most successful one we have enjoyed.

Wage rates to agricultural workers increased slightly less than usual during the April-June quarter of this year, and the July wage index was the lowest for the month in three years.

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Applications for free cotton classing and market news service, inaugurated last season by the United States Department of Agriculture, are being filed in increasing volume at its Atlanta office for the 1939 season, according to Joe H. McLure, who is in charge of the free classing work in the southeastern area.

Samples of all cotton ginned from an adopted variety of each approved organization will be classed for grade and staple length by government classifiers. No charge is made for this service which is intended to show growers who are making an organized effort to grow better cotton the market quality of each bale they produce. In addition to the classing, growers will be provided with market news reports quoting current prices for the various grades and staple lengths.

According to Mr. McLure, 312 applications from organized improvement groups were approved for the Cotton Belt as a whole during the 1938 ginning season. Reports from extension workers and other sources indicate that as

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As a report of the Committee on Incendiarism and Arson of the National Board of Fire Underwriters observes, "The past year has been one of continued activity and success as shown by the number of investigations made and the activity of public authorities in making arrests and prosecutions." After many years of constant work, a system finally has been developed which makes the professional fire-bug's chance of escape from detection extremely low.

The records of the National Board, covering cases in which their agents participated, show a steady increase in the percentage of convictions following arrests and, generally speaking, a decline in the percentage of acquittals. This means that greater care is being taken in gathering evidence, and greater zeal is being shown by prosecutors—to the end that the arsonist finds fewer legal loopholes which once made it relatively easy for him to escape the just punishment for his crime.

Of tremendous importance is the success achieved in breaking up the "arson rings" which periodically operate about the country. Under the ring system, arson is a business. Some rings have operated for years, and have defrauded insurance companies and others of fortunes. The arson fighters have paid special attention to these criminals, and the result is that scores of them are now behind bars, serving long sentences.

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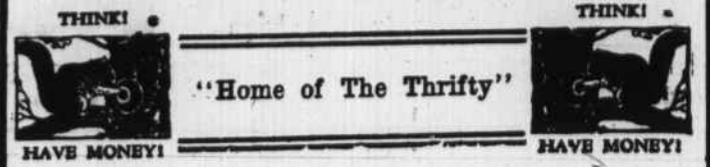
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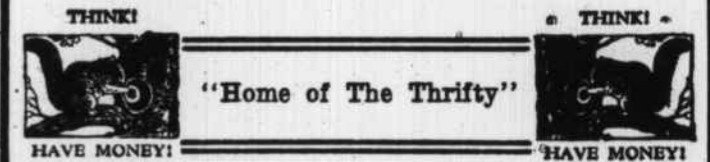
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