

**VICTORY ON THE FARM FRONT**  
NEWS from the Agricultural Extension Service

**STATE COLLEGE ANSWERS TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION:** How can I build an inexpensive, yet practical egg storage room?

**ANSWER:** Palmer Fox, of Siler City, Route 1, has dug a 10 by 12 foot cellar under his feed room. Fox has noted that where as the temperature ranged from 20 to 100 degrees during the year in the feed room, the temperatures in the egg cellar varied from 40 to 75 degrees. The difference between the high and low temperatures in the cellar was 35 degrees as compared with 80 degrees in the feed room. "Fox realizes that keeping eggs as near 60 degrees as possible is essential for good hatching," says Glazener.

**QUESTION:** Can I gauge the fertility of soil by the weeds that are growing on it?

**ANSWER:** Yes, say specialists at State College. On poor land you will find such weeds as bear grass, bitterweed, bracted plantain, poverty grass, poverty cat grass, buckhorn, cinquefoil, golden rod, green brier, mustard, oxeye daisy, pineweed, rabbit clover, rough buttonweed, sand spur, sheep sorrel, and yellow weed.

**QUESTION:** What are the best varieties of small grains for the upper Piedmont section of North Carolina?

**ANSWER:** We suggest that you write the N. C. Crop Improvement Association, State College, Raleigh, for a copy of Agronomy Information Circular No. 136. This publication gives results of official variety tests on wheat, barley, and oats by the Agricultural Experiment Station. The tests were conducted at Swannanoa, Greensboro, Fallston, Rocky Mount, Raeford, and Richlands.

**SOIL CONSERVATION NEWS**

By W. O. Lambeth

Last season Franklin County farmers cut and shipped enough pulpwood to make the smokeless powder required to fire four thousand rounds in a sixteen inch naval gun, and the paper containers to hold these same shells until they were ready for use.

A survey has just been made by Technicians of the Tar River Soil Conservation District of all the shipping points in the County on both the Seaboard and the Atlantic Coast Line railroads to determine the amount of pulpwood shipped during the past season. The survey showed that from September 1, 1943 to June 1, 1944, one hundred and fifty-seven carloads averaging thirteen units per car have been shipped. The equivalent of three cars was hauled by truck to points outside the County for shipment, making a total of 160 cars or 2,080 units of 160 cubic feet each. Franklin County led with 63 cars. Youngsville shipped 11 and Louisburg 33 cars. 50 cars were shipped by way of the Atlantic Coast Line from Bunn and sidings nearby.

Last January the various Agricultural Agencies working in the county in cooperation with the County Pulpwood Committee decided to hold a series of pulpwood cutting demonstrations. A total of 93 people attended the 5 meetings held. Selective cutting was stressed at all the demonstrations and a good portion of the pulpwood cut so far has come from the thinning of young pine stands. The crowded, crooked, and inferior trees have gone to help make up the 2,080 units, which at \$9.50 per unit loaded on the car has brought the woodland owners of Franklin County a gross return of \$19,760.00.

Very little pulpwood had ever been cut in the County and most agricultural leaders felt at the time the demonstrations were held that it would be extremely hard to get any appreciable amount cut in a tobacco growing county such as Franklin, already faced with a serious shortage of labor. However, the farmers have responded nobly and done their part in supplying Uncle Sam with a vitally needed war product. The 160 cars cut are a long ways from the 2,000,000 cords required to package supplies for overseas shipment this year, but it is

**OUR DEMOCRACY** — by Mat

**CRACKER-BARREL PHILOSOPHY AND GOOD HORSE SENSE**

THE COMMUNITY STORE-CENTER OF TALK AS WELL AS TRADE-HAS ALWAYS BEEN A NATURAL MEETING-PLACE FOR FREE DISCUSSION OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE DAY, GIVING RISE TO SOUND "CRACKER-BARREL PHILOSOPHY" AND "GOOD HORSE-SENSE" SO BASIC IN OUR DEMOCRACY.



IT'S GOOD HORSE-SENSE FOR US TO BACK OUR COUNTRY'S FIGHT BY PUTTING ALL WE CAN INTO WAR BONDS- AND GOOD HORSE-SENSE TO PUT EVERYTHING ELSE WE CAN INTO THINGS LIKE SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNTS AND LIFE INSURANCE - AGAINST THE YEARS AHEAD.

A direct contribution to the war effort from a class of people already doing more than their share to produce the essential things such as food, feed, and tobacco needed to win the war.

Any farmer may slaughter and deliver the meat from any number of livestock owned by him without license or permit or making any report to the Federal Government, says the WFA.

To Turkey, still posing on the high-diving platform, one can only suggest that she jump while there's water in the pool.

**ARMY SERVICE FORCES HQS. FOURTH SERVICE COMMAND**

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 22.—When that son, brother, husband or friend who is riding in a B-29 Superfort over Japan, the Philippines or Manchuria, decides it's chow time he is going to eat—hot food.

No more dried-out sandwiches and once hot coffee out of a cold thermos bottle for him, it was learned at the Quartermaster office, Fourth Service Command here today, where a new food

warmer device, designed especially for bomber crews, was explained.

Until recently men on long bombing missions have been supplied with box lunches, but after missions had been flown day in and day out over a period of time, it was discovered that the lunches were returning uneaten, officers explained, adding that fighting men must have hot, wholesome and nourishing food if they are to do their best.

The new food warmer, which solves the problem of properly feeding the fliers, has six food trays, six beverage cups and six soup cups. The food is prepared at the squadron's mess hall by specially trained kitchen personnel, placed in the trays and loaded aboard the plane. The warmer's electrical appliance is plugged in on one of the plane's electric circuits a little before chow time and the result is a steaming-hot meal something like this: tomato soup, beef pot pie, potatoes au gratin, Harvard beets, buttered peas, corn bread and butter, jelly, apple sauce, cake, hot coffee, tea or cocoa.

Increased dairy payments of 10 cents per 100 pounds have been authorized for drought areas centering in Tennessee and Kentucky, with other areas in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and West Virginia.

Greens from fall gardens can do much to help the family build up a vitamin A supply for winter health. Carotene in greens changes into vitamin A in the body.

Even among horses it helps your popularity to have a lot of sugar.

**THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE**

I see where they say they have only 1350 lawyers now in the OPA. That is just the OPA—it has nothing to do with the TVA. —AAA—and 100 other outfits.



Jo Serra

When you see a person in private life surrendering himself with a battery of 4 or 5 lawyers, you figure he is in some sort of serious jam. But getting yourself 1350 lawyers, brothers and sisters, that is a mess of lawyers. That is about 30 in each state. Figuring it that way, you can calculate about what it is costing you whether you live in Maine or Nevada, or elsewhere. And by multiplying by 100 to take in the other 100 Govt. bureaus, you don't get chicken feed.

What these thousands of lawyer fellows were doing before the Govt. got into the Bureau business; wholesale, is hard to fathom, unless it is like Henry says. Henry says lots of 'em are new graduates, fresh off the college griddle, with little experience, and instead of steering Uncle Sambo clear of trouble they are edging him into more of same—and staying on the payroll.

Henry would not win in a

beauty contest, if there was much competition, but partner, he is no green pea on economics—and horse sense. Yours with the low down, JO SERRA.

Alfalfa in North Carolina averages 1.9 tons per acre, or more than twice the yield of other tame hays. Some growers will double the average yield of alfalfa this year.

Cotton picked early in the season is "green" and the seed are high in moisture. The cotton should be thoroughly dried before ginning, otherwise there will be a reduction in grade.

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