

INTERESTING FACTS FOR FARMERS

TIMELY HINTS ON GROWING CROPS.

Farm News

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DOINGS OF CHATHAM FARMERS

STOCK FARMING, POULTRY, ETC.

News of the Week on Chatham County Farms

A remarkable example of the ability of the Jersey cow to reproduce itself is furnished in the herd of Jerseys owned by Mr. W. H. Ferguson of Pittsboro R. F. D. No. 2. In the summer of 1926, Mr. Ferguson, bought a pure bred Jersey cow, which was with calf at that time. The calf turned out to be a heifer, and when old enough, was bred, dropping a heifer calf, and the old cow also dropped a heifer calf. The old cow was bred again and dropped a heifer calf this fall, as did her heifer. Mr. Ferguson purchased a registered bred Jersey heifer from Virginia this summer. This heifer freshed in early January and dropped another heifer calf. With an initial purchase of only two registered Jerseys Mr. Ferguson now has a herd of eight pure bred Jerseys, three of which are in milk, and two others of which have been bred.

The value of using some form of quickly available nitrogen for cotton under boll weevil conditions has been strikingly demonstrated by Mr. E. C. Mimms of Merry Oaks. Mr. Mimms made seven 479-pound bales of cotton on seven acres this fall. Mr. Mimms stated that nitrogen applied as a side dressing increased his yield 240 pound of lint cotton per acre over land having no side dressing.

Interest in seeding prepared pastures in this county is steadily mounting. Mr. T. O. Justice of Pittsboro is making preparations to seed three acres in a permanent pasture mixture recommended by the county agent. Mr. Justice has also been a successful grower of lespedeza and is planning to seed more this spring.

Probably the largest acreage in pasture in this section will be seeded by Sheriff Blair. Sheriff intends to seed twenty acres in prepared pasture this spring. He also seeded a large acreage in pasture last fall, and some ten acres in pastures in 1928.

An enthusiastic meeting of farmers was held at Moncure last Friday night. Mr. E. B. Morrow, extension horticulturist of State College, addressed the meeting. His talk was concerned chiefly with the possibility of truck production. At this meeting, farmers of the Moncure and Merry Oaks section resolved to produce more home grown food and feeds, to abandon the old one-crop system, and add other projects to cotton and tobacco. They also announced their intentions of making an effort to produce cotton more economically through boll weevil control measures and better fertilization and cultural practices.

"JUNIOR CLUB NEWS"

Those calf club members who purchased bred heifers from Virginia last summer have been lucky. Of the eight heifers that have freshened thus far, six have dropped heifer calves.

Sadie Straughan of Siler City R. F. D. reports that his heifer has freshened and dropped a fine heifer calf.

TIME TOPICS

Now is the time to think about and begin planning to seed lespedeza. Lespedeza needs no further introduction to the hundreds of Chatham county farmers who have seeded it, but for the benefit of those who have had no experience with it, the following simple rules may be of benefit:

1. Lespedeza may be seeded in

January, February, or March.

2. Lespedeza may be drilled in the late winter or early spring or fall or spring sown grain with as little as 12 pounds per acre. However, better results will be obtained with thicker seedings, as much as twenty-five pounds to the acre. The method of seeding lespedeza by drilling on small grain is the ideal way, as the drill insures an even and uniform distribution of seed.

3. Where it is desired to seed lespedeza alone, or there is no drill available, good results may be obtained by seeding the seed thick on a freeze or snow, no preparation of the soil being necessary in this case. Not less than 15 pounds of seed per acre should be used in this method. Lespedeza may also be broadcasted on land that has been harrowed lightly.

4. Sow as early in the winter as your land will permit.

Soy beans require thicker seeding and better preparation than has been given them in this county in the past. In the case of the Mammoth Yellow, not less than two bushels per acre should be seeded. Here again, the ideal way to seed soy beans is with the drill, although they may be seeded broadcast on prepared land and dragged in lightly. The laredo and other smaller beans can be planted or seeded broadcast.

Why not seed some of that idle land in pasture this spring? You will be surprised with the results obtained in better production and condition of your cattle, to say nothing of the lessened feed required by them while on prepared pastures. Consult the county agent in regard to preparation of soil and pasture mixtures for your farm.

Alfalfa deserves better treatment in this county than has been given it in the past by some farmers. There is a belt of red soil extending throughout the county which is particularly adapted to alfalfa. Alfalfa leads the way to prosperity, and the county agent is always glad to advise with any farmers interested in seeding alfalfa.

"A Word of Warning to the Wise is Sufficient." Prepare now to fight the boll weevil this year. Thousands of farmers throughout the cotton belt are using the dust poison method with calcium arsenate for control of the boll weevil, and are producing as much cotton under boll weevil conditions as they did formerly.

"We want pastures in this county, it is true, but we want pastures for dairy cattle, not boll weevils. When we fail to dust our cotton, we furnish excellent pasture for the boll weevil," stated Mr. C. H. Branon, extension entomologist, at a meeting of farmers in this county recently.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO COTTON GROWERS

Boll Weevil Situation Demands Immediate Decision

Will it pay me to poison my cotton? Is the dust poison method for control of the boll weevil effective? Is the cost of poisoning prohibitive? What types of machines, and how much dust does it require to poison cotton effectively? These and numerous other questions are being asked by farmers in this county as a result of the disastrous cotton season last year.

It will pay to poison— If the weevils are really injuring your crop seriously, and if your land is sufficiently fertile to produce at least one-third of a bale per acre if injury by the weevil is eliminated, and if your farming organization is such that you feel assured that the application of poison will be made at the right time and in the right manner, and

If you are willing to spend the full amount necessary to provide an adequate equipment of dusting machinery and an adequate supply of calcium arsenate.

In a normal season, from three to four dustings per season, if applied right are usually enough to control boll weevil damage. Four pounds of dust per acre are usually applied at each application. The dustings should follow at ten-day intervals, and if rainfall occurs within twenty-four hours after applying dust, another application should be made.

There are several types of dusters on the market. The hand gun, which will poison up to eight acres effectively, is priced at \$15; the saddle gun, which will poison effectively as much as 30 acres, and priced at \$35, the two and four row dusters, priced at \$80, and capable of taking care of as much as 70 acres. The cost of the poison, if not bought in small lots will average seven cents per pound. The cost per acre, including dust, machinery, and labor, should not run over \$4.

We feel that it is our duty to give the farmers so far as possible, the facts and let them draw their own conclusions. The federal government and the various state extension services unhesitatingly recommend this method for the control of the boll weevil. These various agencies were brought into existence to serve the farmer, and unless he takes advantage of their services, their existence can mean nothing to him.

The county agent is ready at any time to confer with any farmer who is interested in boll weevil control, and give them whatever assistance possible.

FARM PHILOSOPHY

New year thought: Poor land, poor crops, poor farmer, poor citizens.

"Now the New Year, Reviving Old Desires," let us desire more of the old time live-at-home farming.

January is a good time to realize with Sydney Lanier, that "That's More in the Man Than Thar is in the Land."

Unemployment is the one-crop farmer's chief trouble—nothing to do in productive labor except in the few months of the crop season.

When North Carolina farmers in general do what the cotton, corn and other contestants are doing, land will no longer go begging at bargain prices.

"The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing."

Brown's Chapel News

Good crowd at church last Sunday despite cold weather and Brother Dailey preached a good sermon and communion service was held.

We were glad to receive into the church by letter Mr. Edgar W. Ellington and Edgar, Jr., from the Carrboro Baptist church, and Miss Maude Perry of the Winston M. E. church. Miss Maud is one of our old community girls and we are indeed proud to have her return.

Some of us who attended court last week were very much struck with the manner in which Judge Small addressed a bunch of negroes as he went to sentence them. There are some high-class folk who deserve similar penalties for law violation. If they had it, there would be less trespassing on other people's lands in hunting, etc. If the supposedly good citizens would quit violating the laws they would be in better shape to report bootleggers and blockaders.

Mr. O. R. Mann was caught by a rolling log last Friday morning. It held his leg till he called for help. Fortunately no bone was broken.

Mr. A. C. Whitaker underwent an operation on his tonsils.

Gordon Marshall loves his old country or a Chatham girl, for he was home again Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larson and a Miss Moore of Graham and Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin of Burlington were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Mann. Mrs. Mann and Mrs. Baldwin went out hunting with their husbands; so you may be assured that the game was at least frightened. (You don't mean to call those ladies frights, do you, H. F.?—Editor.)

Last Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Durham, their little grand daughters, Elizabeth Durham and Lector Mae Mixon, entertained quite a number of children and young folk on the anniversary of the removal of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Durham back home from the city of Durham a year ago.

FEMININE APPETITE

Adam was toiling home at the end of a hot summer's day, carrying his shovel and hoe, while little Cain trotted beside him. On reaching the Garden of Eden, little Cain peeped through the palings and said, "Gee, pop, I wished we lived here." And pop replied: "We did once, until your mother ate us out of house and home."—Annapolis Log.

Bell's School News

HONOR ROLL, FOURTH MONTH

A larger number of pupils than usual made the honor roll for last month. They are as follows:

FIRST GRADE: Annie Clark, Rachel Oakley, Marie Thraikill, Milton Seymour, Thomas Goodwin, Hazel McCoy.

SECOND GRADE: Florence Perry, Frank McCoy, Lester Howard, Virgle Horton.

THIRD GRADE: Dixie Brown, Clara Wilson, Carlton McNeill, Susie Mangum, James Horton, William Thraikill, Otis Council, Bernice Horton, Edd Oakley.

FOURTH GRADE: Lewis Harward, Maurice Kirkland, Jack Mangum, Ruby Lee Wilson, Mary Scott, Leslie McNeill.

FIFTH GRADE: Eustace Horton, Hazel Melton, Hastletine Daniel, Thomas Horton, Jessie Morgan, Marie Horton, Ollie Mason.

SIXTH GRADE: Louise Harward, Beatrice Mason, Lida Lawrence.

SEVENTH GRADE: Mary Ward Diggs, Louise Barbee, Bruce Ferrell.

EIGHTH GRADE: May Lee Cash, Mary Lee McNeill, Katy Johnson.

NINTH GRADE: Vada Goodwin.

TENTH GRADE: Bessie Barbee, Lois Horton.

The average attendance for the month was 225 in the elementary grades and 52 in the high school.

At present the total enrollment for the school is 312 pupils.

A total of 1125 books have been donated to the school library during the contest among the grades for a prize given by the P. T. A.

The Bell's Parent-Teacher Association held its regular meeting on Thursday, January 16. An interesting and exceptional program was given by pupils of the seventh grade and the high school. This consisted of a mock parent-teacher meeting in which the pupils, dressed as grown ups, went through the usual procedure of such a meeting. There were many heated discussions, in addition to the usual business, all of which were intended to amuse the audience. The members and visitors were delighted with the program.

The seventh grade gave a Benjamin Franklin program in chapel Wednesday morning.

"PIGS IS PIGS"

Few people realize that hogs are raised within the city limits of the nation's capital. But this fact is strongly impressed upon those residing within olfactory distance of the plg sties, particularly in warm weather. St. Elizabeth's hospital recently had numerous complaints on that very count. And white neighbors of Fred Brooks, colored hog-raiser on a 10-acre farm in the Kenilworth section, had him dragged into police court because his hogs trespassed on their property and ate their lettuce. They wanted the dogs confined in some way, and even hoped that they could make the owner get rid of them. But after hearing the case Judge Gus A. Schuldt said: "Pigs will be pigs, and far be it from me to punish them when they have been acting like pigs." And with this statement the case was dismissed.—The Pathfinder.

PROPERTY

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon us in a deed of trust executed by W. T. Hurst and wife Della Hurst on the 14th day of December, 1925, and recorded in book A-C, page 29, we will on Saturday the 22nd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1930 12 o'clock noon

at the courthouse door in Pittsboro, N. C., Chatham County, sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder the following land, to-wit:

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land containing 147 acres, more or less, situated, lying and being on the Pittsboro-Graham Road about 10 miles Northwest from the town of Pittsboro in Hadley Township, Chatham County, North Carolina, the same being bounded on the North by lands of J. F. Glosson; on the East by lands of Dr. Mann heirs; on the South by lands of Gay Buckner and on the West by lands of W. T. Hurst, and being a

and others by deed dated April 3, 1917, and recorded in Book of Deeds F. T., page 178, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Chatham County, North Carolina. This sale is made by reason of the failure of W. T. Hurst and wife Della Hurst to pay off and discharge the indebtedness secured by said deed of trust.

A deposit of 10 per cent will be required of the purchaser at the sale.

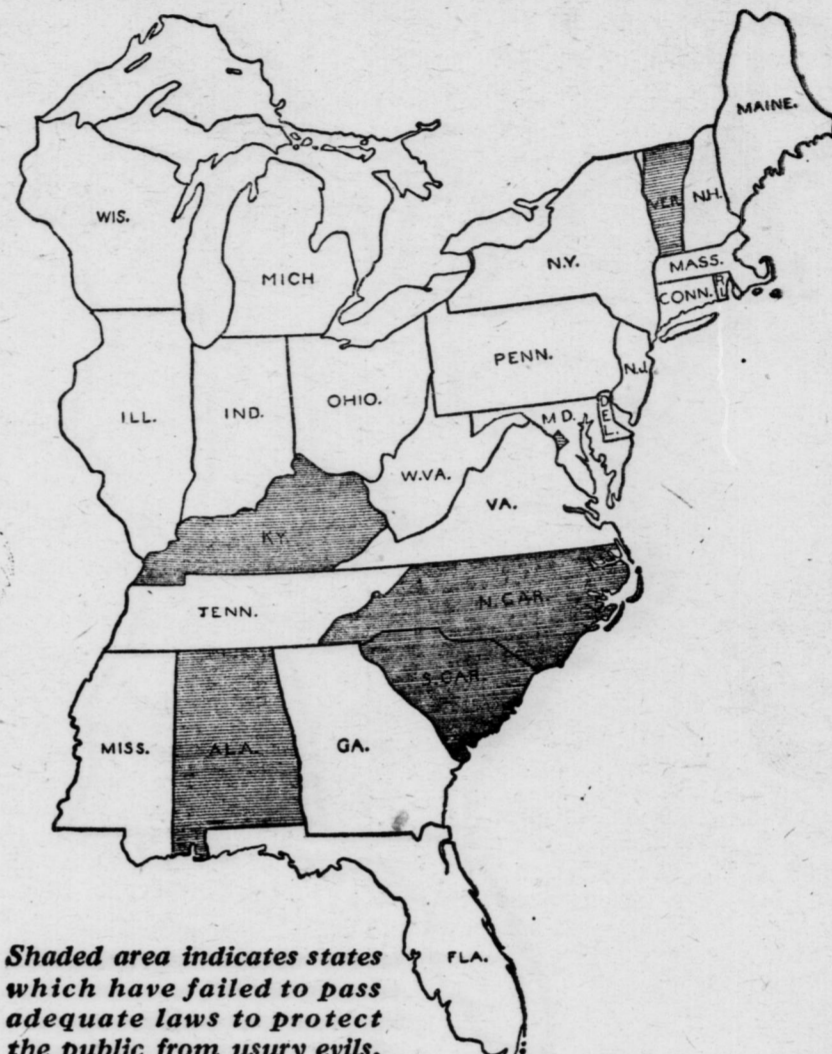
This the 14th day of January, 1930.

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EVIDENCE

I advertised that the poor would be welcome in this church," said the minister, "and after inspecting the collection, I see that they have come."—Boston Transcript.

PUSHING BACK THE LOAN SHARK'S LAST FRONTIER



Shaded area indicates states which have failed to protect the public from usury evils.

In all that territory east of the Mississippi river only five states have failed, so far, to pass legislation based on the Uniform Small Loan Act worked out by the Russell Sage Foundation after long study of the "loan shark" situation. These states are Vermont, Kentucky, Alabama and North and South Carolina.

In these states the loan shark, elsewhere generally outlawed and beaten by remedial loan legislation, continues to ply his traffic charging often 20 per cent or more a month. The Uniform Small Loan Act requires close regulation of the small loan business and in most states puts a maximum interest charge for loans of \$300 or less at 3 1/2

per cent a month. No fines or other concealed charges are permitted and interest can be charged only on unpaid balances.

Any small loan official who violates the law is subject to fine and imprisonment and his license to operate is taken away. In states lacking this legislation the loan shark commonly violates the usually meager and toothless usury laws and boldly exacts tribute from his thousands of victims. Washington, D. C., has a small loan act said to be only partially satisfactory.

The strength of the Small Loan act is that it offers something which corrects an age-old evil; in other words, fulfills a necessity.

Schedule of Round for Collection of Taxes

REMEMBER, that on February 1st, 1930, a penalty of 1 per cent will be added on all taxes for the year 1929 that have not been paid before that date. On all taxes paid in March a penalty of 2 per cent will be added. On all taxes paid in April a penalty of 3 per cent will be added. On all taxes paid in May a penalty of 4 per cent will be added.

In DECEMBER, 1929, and JANUARY, 1930, the original amount of 1929 receipts will be paid with no penalty added. To give the tax payers an opportunity to pay their taxes during DECEMBER, 1929, and JANUARY, 1930, before the penalty is added, I will be at the places named below on dates stated for the purpose of receiving your taxes.

Please arrange to meet me at the place most convenient to you, settle your taxes and save the penalty.

Siler City, All Day Saturday, January 25.
Goldston Bank, Wednesday afternoon, 1 to 4, January 29.
Bonlee Bank, Thursday afternoon, 1 to 4, January 30.
Moncure Bank, Friday afternoon, 2 to 4, January 31.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation, I am

Yours very truly,

G. W. BLAIR, Sheriff.

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