

Low Grade Fertilizers Banished by Legislature

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The fertilizer law passed by the general assembly this year goes into effect in January, 1934. The old fertilizer law has been amended so many times that it was in many respects unenforceable and it permitted some practices that were not favorable to the interests of farmers in North Carolina.

Most of the changes that the new law brings into effect were adopted to make it possible for farmers to know better the quality of the fertilizers they buy. It will not be possible to explain all of these changes in detail but a brief discussion of some of them will perhaps be of some help to those who want to get the fullest advantage of the provisions of the new law.

Changes Order

The first difference that will be noticed will be the order in which the plant food ingredients are stated. Under the old law this was, first phosphoric acid; second, ammonia and third, potash. Only three states in this country use this order and North Carolina has come into line with the majority of the states by requiring that in the future the order will be, first, nitrogen; second, phosphoric acid and third, potash. A fertilizer that was sold as an 8-3-3 under the old law will in the future be called a 3-8-3.

Not only will this order be changed but the guarantee will be stated in terms of Nitrogen instead of ammonia. Since ammonia contains only 82.3 per cent of nitrogen the use of this term has the effect of making it appear that a fertilizer contains more actual plant food than is really the case. Mixed fertilizers sold next year will have 21 per cent more nitrogen for any given analysis than have those sold in the past and no farmer will need to be a chemist to know what he is buying.

The new law prohibits the sale of fertilizers containing less than 14 per cent of plant food. This means that the old 8-2-2 and other low grade fertilizers will not be on the market another year. These fertilizers contained only 240 pounds of plant food in a ton, or in other words 1760 pounds of the materials having little or no value. In fact 500 to 600 pounds of this was usually sand or other worthless filler.

It was the intention of members of the Agricultural Committee of the General Assembly to require that the manufacturers state the kinds and amounts of all the ingredients contained in fertilizers. Such a provision could not have been enforced because no chemist can tell by analysis how much of cottonseed-meal, fish, tankage or similar material has been used to supply the nitrogen in a fertilizer. Under the old law, these had been grouped together under the general head of organic nitrogen, or ammonia as it was then stated. But cyanamid and urea also fell into this classification.

The first named ingredients are not soluble in water to any considerable extent and are somewhat more slowly made available in the soil while the latter are soluble and quickly available. It was thought that some distinction should be made between these and the new law provides that the amount of insoluble nitrogen shall be guaranteed. The total organic nitrogen and inorganic nitrogen will not appear as a part of the guarantee in the future. It may, however, be placed on another tag.

This provision was not intended to make it appear that cyanamid and urea are not suitable for fertilizers. When properly used they are very good sources of plant food but they are much cheaper than the insoluble sources and their use tended to give the impression that fertilizers were made of more ex-

pensive materials than was actually the case.

Sources of Materials
Under the old law, it was required that the ingredients of mixed fertilizers be stated on what has been known as the source tag. The amount of each was not given. This permitted manufacturers to claim that fertilizers contained certain high grade materials when the actual amounts used were so small as to be of no practical value. This was not the fault of the manufacturer but of the law. The old source tag was therefore of questionable value at the best and in many cases confusing and misleading.

The new law permits the use of a modified source tag to be attached to the fertilizer bag in addition to the tag or label which carries the guaranteed analysis. Since this source tag is not required, the law does not specify what statements it shall carry. It is to be used to describe the materials of which the fertilizer is made and to carry other information as to the composition of the fertilizer which the Commissioner of Agriculture is convinced is a true statement.

If it is claimed on this source tag that there is any nitrate such as nitrate of soda in the fertilizer the amount of nitrogen from this source must be stated as a guarantee.

The source tag has been so misleading in the past that there was some doubt whether or not it should be permitted by the new law. If it leads to misrepresentation in the future two courses can be taken to remedy it. The Commissioner can rule that it shall carry no statement that cannot be proved by a chemical analysis or the law can be amended to prohibit any statement that cannot be so proved.

It is the hope of all concerned in writing the new law that it will provide farmers with more accurate information regarding the composition and value of fertilizers offered for sale in the state. The law will not protect those who do not understand the meaning of the statements carried on the labels or tags attached to the bags. These will be accurate as far as it is possible for the authorities to keep them so and they will carry all the information that the manufacturers will support with a guarantee.

It will be well for the farmers of the state to be prepared to take the fullest advantage of the new law. County agents and agricultural teachers, I am sure, will be glad to explain how this can be done and to give whatever advice and information is required.

Tellico

(Unavoidably omitted last week)
The Nantahalá Power and Light company, which is constructing a transmission line from Beechertown to Sylva, has the line about completed through this section.

Albert Ammons and Miss Gracie Cabé were united in matrimony Sunday, June 11, with Jud Smith officiating.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Ramsey on June 9, a daughter, Lillie Mae.

J. W. Rogers, of Asheville, was in this section recently on business. Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Jones and three children, Ruth, Jeanett and Mack, of Asheville, visited Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. DeHart, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Smith and two children, Roy and John Joseph, of Prentiss, spent the week-end recently with Mr. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith.

CIGARETS AT TOP PRODUCTION

All records for cigaret production in the United States were shattered in May with the month's output exceeding April's by five billion cigarettes. Federal tax on cigarettes totalled \$38,470,693.

St. Agnes Episcopal Church FRANKLIN, N. C.

Rev. Norvin C. Duncan, Rector

SUNDAY, JULY 2
8 P. M.—Evening prayer and sermon.

Church Of the Incarnation HIGHLANDS, N. C.

11 A. M.—Holy Communion and sermon.

BY REV. NORVIN C. DUNCAN

There are three of us, gathered here. Two of my clerical friends came in as I started this article. I shall briefly state my feelings on the subject which I had selected, and ask my friends to write a few words on the same theme.

I am thinking of the most distinctive thing which stands out in my ministry. Since my illness I have had much opportunity for reminiscences. As I look back and reflect on my experiences, I am struck by the unfeeling kindness, sympathy, patience and forbearance of the people whom I have had the privilege to serve. I can now better realize the pathetic efforts of the young minister. Yet the people were complimentary, not by way of flattery or hypocrisy, but to encourage a young cleric. The tendency in me to criticize has changed to appreciation and gratitude. Able now to realize how little I have given, the kindness and generosity of my people assumes larger proportions. That there are trials and hardships in the ministry is true, but the same is true in every profession and trade, and there are many compensations. There have been oppositions, but they always ended in deeper and mutual understandings. As age and experience increase, one forgets unpleasant things, and the good stands out. The fine thing about life is that we can "forget," and "press forward." While discussing this subject, the Rev. N. C. Hughes offered this thought:

"In the preceding article Mr. Duncan has given notice that he will request each of two of his friends, of whom I am one, to write for publication what he considers the most distinctive thing, the most outstanding feature, in his past experience in the ministry. Being myself prone by nature to forget the things that lie behind and to press on toward what is before, I doubt if I have ever so closely scanned the past as to discern clearly what fact or feature does stand out in boldest relief, or if I can do it now.

"Then, too, my ministry has been diverse in character; far the greater part of my time given to school work; my strictly ministerial labors not parochial but missionary; nearly two years spent as Chaplain to prisoners. From so varied an experience it is hard to single out what is most striking.

"But if I may take certain strong convictions that loom large and have directing force in my present ministry as the product of my past ministry, I may venture to say that probably the most distinctive thing in that ministry is the fact that I have found in my personal experience in dealing with men of all races, ages, classes and conditions the strongest confirmation of the scriptural teachings as to the essentially spiritual nature of mankind. I think I have learned on my own account that, generally speaking, in every human being the sense of the Divine, some definite perception of right and wrong, is inborn, or, as St. John puts it, there is a 'light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world;' second, that every normal human being is responsive to the approaches of love, and can be drawn by the cords of love, or, as St. Paul says, 'Love buildeth'; this is the one great constructive force to bring men together and bind them in an indissoluble unity. These two, universal spiritual characteristics afford, as I believe, both a testimony that man is in an intelligible sense created in the image of God, and the only sure ground on which men will or can respond to the Gospel of The Kingdom of God."

(To Be Continued Next Week)

Called To Rest

Alberta Jane Cantrell, two and one-half months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cantrell, of West's Mill, died Wednesday evening, June 21, after an illness of three days.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. G. N. Dulin at the Snow Hill Methodist church at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon of last week.

Out of 500 chicks from blood-tested stock, Lyman Jones of Bertie county has lost only 19 up kinds of fish and is a delight to age. It pays to use only blood-tested chicks.

SUNDAY DINNER SUGGESTIONS

BY ANN PAGE

No matter what the weather or the thermometer says, July and August and, specifically, the week-end of the Fourth through Labor Day, are summer. And summer is vacation time, out-of-door time, picnic time for the whole family.

Though only a few of us will get to the World's Fair, to the seashore, the mountains or the lake, there are many favorite spots where we can spend summer evenings, Sundays or week-ends and gain needed rest and refreshment. The presence of icy cold watermelon on our tables also shows us that summer is here. Since watermelon is an outstanding value in the stores this week-end there is no reason why all of us should not enjoy this refreshing fruit.

Following are three Sunday Dinner Menus at different cost levels prepared by the Quaker Maid Kitchen.

- Low Cost Dinner**
Boiled Picnic Ham Creamed Potatoes
New Cabbage
Bread and Butter
Tapioca Cream
Coffee or Tea Milk
- Medium Cost Dinner**
Broiled Beefsteak Baked Potatoes
Glazed Carrots
Tomato Salad
Bread and Butter
Iced Watermelon
Coffee (Hot or Iced) Milk
- Very Special Dinner**
Crabmeat Cocktail
Roast Veal with Gravy Rice
Glazed Onions
Tomato or Avocado (Alligator Pear) Salad
Rolls Butter
Sliced Fresh Peaches Silver Cake
Coffee (Hot or Iced) Milk

Rainbow Springs

S. M. Wolfe, of Asheville, was a business visitor here last week. J. W. Jamerson, an official of W. M. Ritter Lumber company at Columbus, Ohio, paid us a short visit a few days ago.

Dr. Kilham, of Hayesville, has moved his family here, where he has a position as company physician. The doctor is well liked by every Ritter family.

Jess Brooks has moved his family from Asheville into the residence vacated by the late J. M. Smith on Black street a few days ago.

A. W. Agee spent one day last week in Asheville on business.

Carl Wilson, who has been connected with the Andrews-Nantahalá train crew, has accepted a position as store clerk here.

Charles Hensley, from Linville, who has been employed by Ritter company for sometime as store

clerk, has resigned his position and returned home to enter farming.

E. H. Danielson, our mill fireman, made a business trip to Franklin last Saturday.

Rainbow Springs won the ball game from Holly Springs by the score of 5 to 3 last Saturday afternoon. The game was a good one and a large crowd turned out to see it.

Next Saturday Rainbow Springs will go to Franklin, where they play the government boys, and on July 8, it is expected that the double-header will be played here between Rainbow Springs and Cowee.

The North Carolina dairy association will hold its annual meeting this summer along with the State Farmers' Convention and the ninth annual gathering of the American Institute of Cooperation to be held at State College during the week of July 24 to 29.

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Nash Essex 5.00-20	\$7.53	Nash Essex 5.00-20	\$6.75	Nash Essex 5.00-20	\$6.07	Ford Chevrolet 4.50-21	\$3.85
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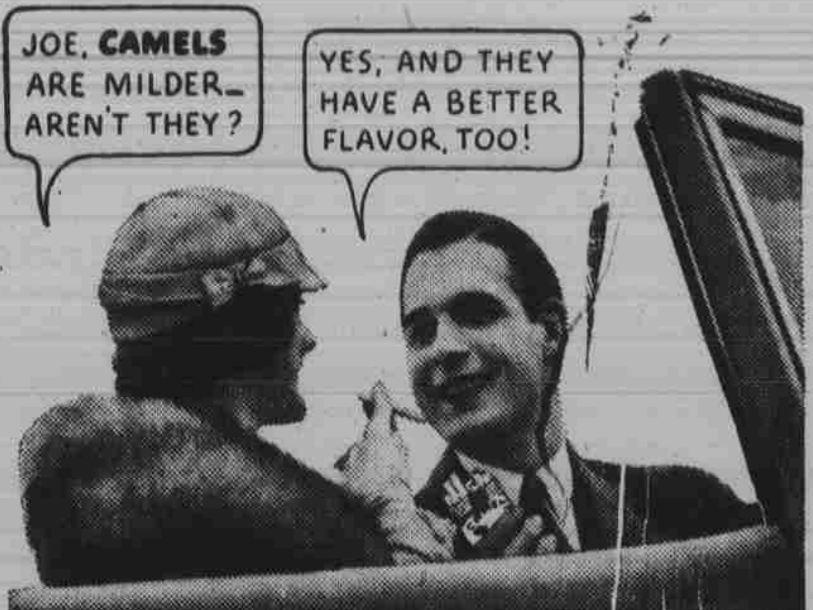
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