

Deal Quits As Inseminator; Bill Higdon Is Employed

Jay Deal has resigned as artificial inseminator for the Macon County Artificial Breeders Association and Bill Higdon, a former inseminator, has taken the job again.

Mr. Deal, who has held the job for a year, resigned for business reasons.

The association has adopted the following rules:

1. All calls must be in to Mr. Higdon by 11 o'clock in the morning in order to be filled that day. Calls will be taken at Mr. Hig-

don's home, telephone number 1007, the county agent's office, telephone number 97; or they may be left in a mail box at Nantahala Creamery.

2. Cows must be confined in the barn if they are to be bred.

3. First service fees to remain at six dollars (\$6.00), second service free, if not over 14 miles from Franklin. If over 14 miles, second service, two dollars (\$2.00).

4. Sunday calls will be taken before 9 a. m. and from 12 noon to 1 p. m. and serviced after 1 p. m.



Pointers — Expert cookie makers say it's easy to have nice round cookies if you pack the dough into a small, well-greased soup or juice can. Seal the top with foil (keep it snug with a little freezer tape so no unwanted moisture can creep in) and store in the refrigerator or freezer. When it's time to bake, cut out the bottom of the can, push out dough and slice into round cookies.

Expert furniture specialists say furniture reveals a lot about you — your taste, your preference in design, the type of person you are. Furniture also tells in no uncertain terms of the care it has received — constant, thoughtless or infrequent.

Waxing furniture is an efficient and labor-saving way to beautify, protect and preserve furniture. Wax enhances the beauty of the finish. It guards against wear, moisture, stains, scratches, rings and spots. Waxed surfaces are

more sanitary because they are hard and dry. Read over directions on the wax bottle or can before you apply wax to furniture.

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Q. What size poultry flocks can one person take care of efficiently?

A. Some people are doing an excellent job with 1,000 hens in three hours work per day. One man, or family, can handle 3,000 laying hens in eight or nine hours if he doesn't have to stop 20 times a day to sell his eggs or deliver them door to door.

Q. Can pruning take the place of fruit thinning?

A. No. Pruning can reduce the number of fruit on the tree, but it cannot replace thinning if you have a heavy bloom. All that

pruning does is reduce buds. It doesn't eliminate the necessity of thinning. This is particularly true if you have an adequate soil management and fertility program.

Q. What proportion of mash and grain is best when feeding a mash-grain diet to chickens?

A. In general, a grain mix fed in the early winter should consist of about 50 per cent corn, 30 per cent wheat, and 20 per cent oats.

Tellico

Mr. and Mrs. Brudge Hudgepath and daughter and Mrs. John Fulbright, all of Lexington, were visiting Mrs. Fulbright's and Mrs. Hudgepath's father, Rufus McGaha, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Conner and daughter, Carolyn, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Jones and family, Mr. and Mrs. Quinton Thomas and daughter, and Creed F. DeHart, all of Asheville, Coon Reid, of Fairview, Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Cochran, of Nantahala, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith, of Franklin, were called home recently to be with Mrs. V. C. DeHart, who is ill.

Jess Cook visited his brother and family near Bryson City recently.

The Rev. Jud Smith, who is working in Charlotte, spent a recent week-end visiting his wife, Mrs. Maude Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanders Calhoun have moved to Bryson City, where he has purchased a new home.

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Correction

Due to a typographical error, in last week's account of the death of Mrs. Annie Allen Johnston, the initials of her late husband were incorrectly given. Such an error, regrettable in any circumstances, was especially so in this case, since F. S. Johnston was one of the best known men Macon County has produced.

This Week With Macon County Agents

(Assistant County Agent)

Macon County produced Irish potatoes on 282 acres with a total yield of 33,495 bushels for an average of about 120 bushels per acre in 1954.

Five years earlier, in 1949, Macon County was growing 510 acres of potatoes for a total yield of 44,882 bushels with an average of 88 bushels per acre. The state average for 1949 was about 150 bushels per acre.

The 1956 outlook calls for about the same acreage and same price as during 1955 on early potatoes. Late potatoes may show a slight increase in price.

Through improved practices it is believed the yield of potatoes could be increased 50-100% more than last year's yield of 120 bushels per acre. A 50% increase would bring the yield to 180 bushels and 100% increase would mean 240 bushels per acre. If we need 100 bushels of Irish potatoes, let us try to grow them on one-half (0.5) an acre instead of one acre and make use of the other land for something else and save time in land preparation, cultivation, and harvesting and material and labor in dusting.

North Carolina and Georgia experts in potato production list some pointers to improve the quality and quantity of Irish potatoes.

1. Use certified seed of the following varieties: (a) Essex, (b) Kennebec, (c) Sequoia, and (d) Boone (resistant to late blight produced more than 300 bushels per acre average for 3 years at Hendersonville.)

2. Use large size seed pieces with at least one good eye. Cut the potatoes lengthwise to secure pieces 1½ to 2 ounces in size (about hen-egg size).

3. Space in rows 3-3½ feet apart and 10-12 inches in the drill. This will require 1000-1200 pounds of potatoes per acre. To cut down on the number of jumbo potatoes it might be more desirable to space Kennebec and Sequoia closer at about eight inches apart.

4. Fertilize according to soil test recommendations. In case soil test is not available use 1500 pounds 8-8-8 per acre. One half of this may be broadcast and the remainder applied in bands about two inches on the side of the potatoes. Avoid soils that have received heavy applications of lime, as a pH above 5.0 may cause scab. The potash should be from sulphate of potash.

5. Plant early — March, April or May and some of our better producers plant in February.

6. Control the potato beetle with 5% DDT dust at the rate of

25-30 pounds per acre. Foundation seed of Boone variety is available at present for \$4.50 per 100 F. O. B. Boone or Newland, N. C. See your county agent if interested in producing certified seed.

Demonstration Club Meetings For Week Are Announced

Meeting of home demonstration clubs in this county for the coming week have been announced by Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, county home demonstration agent. They are as follows:

Today (Thursday): Higdonville club with Mrs. Blair Price at 1:30 p. m.

Friday: Watauga club at 1:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Lawson Snyder.

Monday: Hickory Knoll club at 1:30 p. m. with Mrs. J. S. Gray as hostess.

Tuesday: Clark's Chapel club at 9:30 a. m. with Mrs. Harley Wiggins, Oak Grove club at 1:30 p. m. with Mrs. Pearl Childers as hostess.

Wednesday: Upper Cartoogechaye club with Mrs. Hillard Solesbee at 1:30 p. m.

Thursday: Franklin club at the Agricultural Building at 7:30 p. m.

Federal and state tax collections from tobacco products in 1954 were three-fourths more than cash receipts to growers of leaf tobacco.

Per capita consumption of all fruits and fruit juices declined from a high of about 225 pounds in 1946 to 193 pounds in 1954. Meanwhile, the consumption of frozen fruits and fruit juices increased more than 10 times.

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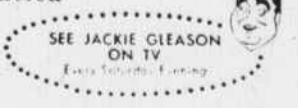
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