

McFalls Re-Enlists In U. S. Air Force

Claude McFalls has re-enlisted in the U. S. Air Force after being at home for 60 days.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McFalls, of Franklin, Route 3, he re-enlisted at Myrtle Beach, S. C., this week, and will be a patrol supervisor with the rank of staff sergeant.

He was discharged May 27 at Plattsburg, N. Y., after serving four years, 18 months of which were spent on Okinawa and Formosa.

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The worm has turned on "Ginger", a tom cat owned by the B. B. Scotts in Franklin. Instead of chasing birds, as cats are inclined to do, "Ginger" finds they are chasing him. Everytime he pokes his head outside the house, an unidentified bird (upper right) attacks and taunts him.

Proffitt And F. F. A. Boys Are In Raleigh

Wayne Proffitt and three F. F. A. boys have been in Raleigh since Sunday attending the national meeting of the American Institute of Cooperatives.

The boys are Wayne Gregory, Bill Fouts, and Frank Nolen.

They received an expense-paid trip to the meeting for winning this year's district F. F. A. cooperative activities contest. They will return today.

Slagle Guernseys Complete Official Production Records

A. B. Slagle, of Franklin, is the owner of two registered Guernseys that have recently completed official production records in the advanced registry division of the American Guernsey Cattle Club.

Belmont View Gazer, Adabelle, a junior two year-old, produced 10,384 pounds of milk and 473 pounds of fat in 365 days. She was milked two times daily. This production represents approximately 4,850 quarts of high-quality milk. She met calving requirements.

Belmont View Bonwick Omelia, a junior two year-old, produced 8,257 pounds of milk and 427 pounds of fat in 305 days. She was milked two times daily. This production represents approximately 3,950 quarts of high-quality milk. She met calving requirements.

These official production records were supervised by North Carolina.

This Week With Macon County Agents

By JOHN J. WRINN (Assistant Agent)

The J. S. Gray family, of the Hickory Knoll community, are good examples of profitable farming, good farm and home management, and abundant living.

Profitable farming is the result of making good plans and following these plans. The Grays' plans call for three major livestock enterprises: dairy cows, swine, and sheep.

The total dairy herd amounts to about 21 animals, 12 milk cows (six are registered Guernseys), six heifers, and three calves. Production per cow last year averaged about 7,000 pounds against a state average of slightly under 5,000 pounds per cow per year. A culling program calls for the selling of the poor producers for more profit. By weighing milk one day a month, the Grays are able to better know their animals. Others may wish to join the Dairy Herd Improvement Association (D. H. I. A.) for a small cost and do more detailed testing under the supervision of James Williams, of the Ellijay community. In addition to high producers an abundant supply of home grown feeds are produced for the farm animals.

The 17 acres of improved pasture on the Gray farm was increased by seven acres this spring, bringing the total pasture to 24 acres. This seven acres received the following fertilizer, lime and seed per acre: 1,500 pounds 2-12-12; 1,500 pounds 0-20-0 (20% phosphate); 1 1/2 tons lime; 15 pounds orchard grass; 15 pounds fescue and 1 1/2 pounds ladino clover, ladino clover and orchard grass hay and silage.

duced eight lambs for a 160 % lamb crop.

Two brood sows produced two litters each in 1955 and averaged seven pigs per litter.

Forty hens and seven dogs complete the Gray's farm animals.

Crops consist of corn for grain and silage and ladino clover and orchard grass for hay and a good garden in order to live at home. One-tenth of an acre of strawberries set in 1955 produced 90 gallons of strawberries in 1956. Albritton, Massey, Blakemore, and Tennessee Supreme were varieties used with top quality coming from Albritton. The plants were set 18 inches apart in three foot rows.

Good farm management includes the keeping of records in order to correctly file income tax and pay social security on farm income. The Grays keep records by a checking account and feed record on a calendar and paid social security taxes for the first time on farm income this year 1956 on 1955 income. Savings are made regularly to provide for the "rainy day" that is sure to come.

Proper care of animals, machinery and equipment is present everywhere and shown by a reflector covering the deep freeze on the back porch to protect this valuable machine from the rays of the sun and conserve operation expenses.

Abundant living has come to the Grays although much hard work even though work is not the purpose of life, it is the means of making a living.

A number of years back they were renting a place in the Cartoogechaye community. Today they own 90 acres of fertile soil along the Little Tennessee River. The Grays are the parents of four children. One son, George, paid the supreme sacrifice during World War II, two daughters, Mrs. Fred Cunningham of Longview and Mrs. Orah Berkman of Minneapolis, Minn.

Eugene, the youngest, was graduated from N. C. State, Class of 1955 and has served as assistant county agent in Ashe County, North Carolina, for the past year. Courage to go about each day's work with a long time goal of a high standard of living at a low cost has kept the Grays physically fit.

The Grays regularly attend the Presbyterian church in Franklin. Mrs. Gray was state home demonstration president in 1950 and Mr. Gray is chairman of the Macon County Soil Conservation Committee.

A vacation some time during each year and time for recreation with the children while they were growing up has kept the farm work from becoming drudgery.

"Farm and Home Week" in Raleigh was attended by the Grays for 12 years during the time Eugene was present to run the farm.

Their sincere belief in an education for their children as well as a comfortable well landscaped home for rest and recreation for the family uphold their high ideals for rural life and their belief in farming as stated by Virgil Jordan.

Evidence Indicates Tenderness In Meats Is Inherited Quality

There is some evidence from research with rabbits and in studies of sheep and beef cattle that tenderness in meat is an inherited quality, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

To produce more lean meat of good quality and tenderness, farmers need a better understanding of what makes tenderness and desirable flavor, says USDA research scientists.

Enough research has been done to show there is no direct relation between tenderness in the meat and outside fat. But tenderness and flavor may be influenced by the particles of fat within the meat cells. It is also possible that there may be a relationship between tenderness and the size and elasticity of different muscle fibers.

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