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## MOORE COUNTY FARM NOTES

### The 'Cow, the Sow and the Hen' Program Has Put Many Counties on their Feet

Are your cows producing satisfactory results or are they doing as a great many others in the county, producing about one gallon and a half of milk per day? This condition can be remedied by taking the cows that we now have on hand and breeding them to purebred bulls. In a great many cases cows of this type look like purebreds and production of milk has been almost doubled. This is something that we need to think about. Monday of last week Mr. Charlie Kivett, of Carthage, purchased a high bred Guernsey bull which he now has on his farm and which has attracted quite a bit of attention. This I hope is going to be the beginning of a nice piece of cattle development work in the county. There are prospects for two or maybe three more at the present time. It cost no more to raise a calf which, when grown will give three or four gallons of milk than it does a scrub that will give no more than a gallon and a half to two gallons. If we are going to raise milk cows then let us raise some good ones. The "Cow, the Sow and the Hen" program has put a good many counties in Georgia on their feet. If this program is good for Georgia it will certainly benefit us some too.

#### Good Profits In Hogs.

Have you any pigs on hand that you do not care to carry over until fall? Pigs that will now weigh between 50 and 80 pounds can be made to weigh 150 pounds or more and put in a car to move from here some time in April. There are several who have a few pigs and we are getting up a co-operative car. Gains in most cases can be put on for about eight cents per pound and hogs on foot during April will in all probability sell for about 13 to 14 cents per pound. In some cases the prices have been even better than this. Grow a few more acres of corn this year and sell it to hogs this fall.

Hogs properly fed and cared for have paid as high as \$2.06 per bushel for corn that was fed to them. Can you get this much anywhere else for your corn?

A complete report of some of the work done in North Carolina can be seen at the office if you are interested. During this period of depression hogs are a mighty good money crop and are much safer than cotton.

#### Lime for Tobacco.

Orders are still being taken for magnesium lime. This form of lime has proven highly beneficial for tobacco. It can be delivered here for about \$6.25 per ton in good strong paper bags. It has also given equally good results on corn and small grain. A car will possibly be made up for Vass or Cameron within the next week, so get your order in now.

#### Two-Day Terracing School.

Some time during the latter part of February a terracing school will be conducted here at the Court House if there is sufficient interest in the work. Realizing that it will be an impossibility for one man to do all the terracing work that needs to be done in the county we are going to try to work it out on this basis. Each man who enrolls for the course will be asked to buy his own instrument. These can be purchased through State College now for \$20 each. These instruments can be easily paid for by doing work for your neighbors at odd times. In other places communities have purchased an instrument together and sent one man to take the course. He then as his part in the instrument can do the surveying for the community. The course will last for two days and will include both field and class work. Mr. Holman, extension engineer, will conduct the school and there will be absolutely no charge for the course.

Talk this over with your neighbors and get your name on the list at once.

## WILL ROGERS



Appearing at the Carolina Theatre, Pinehurst, Wednesday Night, February 16th, 1927.

Do not let winter rains in a month or two carry away the fertility from your soil which you strive so hard all during the year to put into it. According to government figures we lose six times as much fertility from washing each year as it takes to produce our crops. Land which is properly terraced does not suffer as much during dry weather as that which is not properly terraced.

E. H. GARRISON, JR.,  
County Agent.

#### Reserved Seats at Southern Pines For "The Night of Love."

On account of the unusual demand which there will be for seats for the United Artists' Production of "The Night of Love" with Vilma Banky and Ronald Coleman, on Saturday night and to avoid the necessity of being at the theatre when the doors open in order to get the choice of seats, patrons may reserve their seats in advance at the Broad Street Pharmacy. These tickets will go on sale Thursday morning at 9.00.

"The Night of Love" was held over for a second week at the Strand Theatre, New York, on account of the demand for seats and it is unquestionably the finest picture these two noted stars have ever appeared in.

#### Matinee Only of "Let It Rain" at Pinehurst.

On account of the engagement of Will Rogers, the world's greatest entertainer, at Pinehurst on Wednesday night, February 16th, the Douglas McLean United States Marine Comedy, "Let It Rain," will be shown there for the matinee only at 3:00 p. m.

Here's an easily made winter jam: Soak 1 pound of dried apricots overnight in 1 pint of water. In the morning, chop them and add 1 cup of sugar. Drain the slices of pineapple from No. 3 cans, cut them into very small pieces, and cook with 2-3 cups of sugar for 20 minutes. Add the apricots and cook for 25 minutes. Watch while cooking as the mixture scorches easily. Seal while hot in sterilized jars.

## WATER SHORTAGE GROWS SERIOUS

### Wells and Springs Failing Steadily and Prospect Bad

All over North Carolina the water shortage is becoming serious, and the outlook is not good. In Moore county the problem is acute in many quarters, and the point has been reached where dependence on rain is not encouraging. Vass is feeling the shortage keenly, and the country inhabitants are in unhappy predicament, while some of the other villages are at their wits end. Pinehurst and Southern Pines have made provision for an abundant supply by building extensive water plants, and that area from Southern Pines to Pinehurst, including Knollwood, is not worrying, for in a pinch if either town should meet with temporary difficulty it could quickly connect with the other and thus fortify itself until proper arrangements could be made. But both these places have been farsighted enough to look to the future and to build in accordance. It has taken money, but the people have been courageous enough to provide it, and the wisdom is seen now.

Vass has been debating about a water plant for a long time, but is still hoping that rains will swell the waters and put off the expensive step that to some folks seems imperative. Niagara seems to be fortified so far, but Carthage is having grave trouble. The springs there are down to a point where the people have decided to take action and Thursday night they meet to discuss the pressing problem.

For half a dozen years the normal rainfall has been lacking, and we are now several feet short of the usual fall. As a consequence the ground is no longer saturated up to the level of the springs which supply much of the county, and in many wells the water level has fallen below the bottom of the well. Old residents say they never knew the springs and wells to be as low or as dry as this winter. And the unfortunate prospect is that as the ground has been drained of its

stored water during the last half dozen years it will take not only a normal fall of rain throughout the present year to wet the ground below the surface, but to bring conditions up to the normal saturation that has prevailed we should have this year as much rain as falls naturally in more than two years, a prospect that is highly improbable.

The general impression is that the prudent man carries his umbrella in a dry day, or rather that he who thinks he will need water in the future is about the place where it is time to provide for it. Nobody seems to have any logical theory for the steady decline in rainfall for the last few years, but it is pretty well realized that it will take a great amount of rain the next three or four years to get back to the normal saturation of the ground, and to safe dependence on the old wells and springs.

### DANGEROUS FIRES WERE NUMEROUS

This has been a right good winter to burn the grass in the Sandhills and many cautious farmers took advantage of the opportunity to make their lands and buildings safe. The fire-wardens in some neighborhoods took charge of the work of getting rid of the accumulated combustible grass, and little harm resulted on such occasions. It is said that conditions are better in many parts of the county now than for a long time, and with the increasing of cleared lands and the subduing of the wire grass it is thought the risks from grass fires are growing less each year.

But in some places fires got out from the usual spring causes, and over around Jackson Springs, and in the vicinity of Vass considerable fire has been visible during the last week or two. In much of the area in this immediate vicinity the hot summer fires in the last year or two disposed of much of the inflammable material on the ground, and lessened the danger this year, but in other places in the county where grass has been allowed to accumulate the fires have been rather fierce. How much damage has been done to growing trees is not yet known, but probably not so

## JOHNSON TELLS OF REFORMERS

### Cleveland Man Talks to Kiwanis Club About Prominent Men

At the Kiwanis dinner Wednesday at the Pinehurst country club the question of the Farm Life School came up and the membership voted in favor of a resolution to back the school, and to ask the county authorities to submit to the voters a plan to take over the school and incorporate it in the county school system, and if necessary issue \$40,000 bonds for that purpose. The matter was vigorously discussed and many suggestions offered, but in the main the sentiment was favorable to the work the school is doing.

H. H. Johnson, of Cleveland, a man well known in Pinehurst, was speaker of the day, and he talked about some reformers and reforms. He began with Walter Page, a student at Johns Hopkins university in the early day of that institution, and how the young man came back to North Carolina to do newspaper work and incidentally to introduce some reforms. One of the first things he did after he established his paper in Raleigh was to remark about the stupidity of some of the controversies that arose in religious matters, and that week he lost half of his circulation. Soon after when he criticized the immaculateness of the democratic party he lost the other half, and about the only reader of his paper left was himself. Then he went to New York and joined the New York World, and for the time ceased to reform North Carolina. But Walter Page continued to be a reformer, and died one of the great revolutionaries of the world, and one of the powerful leaders along the lines that lead toward righteousness and progress.

Mr. Johnson talked of Mark Hanna, the most perfect example of a business man in politics, and the type of politics the big business man of Hanna's day procured for this country. He also reverted to Tom Johnson, a reformer along social lines, and the father of many of the reforms that have been introduced in municipal matters and utilities. The Van Swearingens were another bunch that started with nothing and now are among the powerful financial leaders of this country, and men of millions. His story was interesting, and like all his talk was received with the highest enthusiasm.

If canned beans in glass have been frozen they may be used provided freezing did not break the jars or loosen the seal in any way so as to cause the product to spoil. All canned vegetables should be boiled for five minutes after the jars are opened, before being served in any way.

A blackboard hung in the kitchen is helpful for noting down supplies needed, the menu when different ones are to prepare part of it, errands to be done, or interesting family events to be announced. It makes some of the routine work more fun and less drudgery to assign it to different ones by means of a bulletin board.

much as is always estimated at first, for it takes a lot of fire to really kill the pines. Losses to buildings have amounted to some thousand dollars throughout the grass territory.

The rains in a way were timely, for they checked the fires that had got out without supervision of the wardens or the landowners, and that gives the people a chance to regain their grip on the situation. Sunday and Monday the air was dense with smoke settling over the ground from all directions. Tuesday the situation cleared of smoke, and with the ground wet again it will be easier to control the fires, and to burn such other plots of grass as the farmers may desire to get rid of.