

SHEEP FARMING TO BE ENCOURAGED.

Seemingly a lagging industry in the State of North Carolina, the production of sheep is going to be pushed by the Animal Industry division of the North Carolina Experiment Station. For many years, Mr. R. S. Curtis has been interested in and has urged the production of sheep in the State but has seen the industry gradually decline on account of lack of proper attention, the gradual encroachment of cultivated fields and the growing menace of dogs; now, however, an appropriation has been given this work by the State Department of Agriculture and the United States Department of Agriculture and Mr. George Evans former Superintendent of the Animal Industry farm at West Raleigh has been selected to carry on the work.

Mr. Evans is a native of England, coming from the center of the sheep producing section of that Country. He has worked with sheep all his life, coming to this country over ten years ago with a large importation of sheep for Mr. Henry Wardell of New York State. After remaining with Mr. Wardell for three years, he took up work in Virginia and showed sheep at the North Carolina State fair in 1911 where his ability in handling them was discovered by the officials in charge of the Animal Industry Division. The following Spring, he was employed by this division to take charge of the livestock feeding work and was then later promoted to entire charge of the Animal Industry Farm. Now he takes the recently created position of field man in sheep work. This promotion comes in recognition of his ability in handling all phases of livestock work and more especially that of sheep.

All kinds of sheep work will be conducted. The farmers of the State will be reached through the County Agents of the Agricultural Extension Service. Experimental work will be done as heretofore on three of the Branch Stations and in addition an exhaustive study will be made in the mountains on a 1350 acre farm which has an ideal location for a sheep experimental work. Mr. Evans, as Sheep Field Man, will devote his whole time to the various phases of sheep work. The most important of these will be the selection of pure bred rams for farmers, pure bred and grade ewes for breeding purposes, instructions on the care, feeding, handling, management and housing of sheep, the protection of sheep from dogs and stomach worms, and the formation of sheep, lamb and wool associations.

Further information in regard to this work is obtainable on application to Mr. R. S. Curtis, Office of Beef Cattle and Sheep Investigations, West Raleigh, N. C.

NOTICE OF LETTING CONTRACT.

The Board of Drainage Commissioners of Albemarle Drainage District (Beaufort County Drainage District No. 5) will on Monday, June 18th, 1917, at ten o'clock in the forenoon at the office of Small, MacLean, Bragaw & Rodman, attorneys for the said district, receive bids, either as a whole or in sections, as they deem most advantageous for the district for the work of construction of the proposed improvement consisting of a main canal seven laterals and two sublaterals as outlined in the final report of engineer and viewers filed with the Clerk of Superior Court of Beaufort County on April 11, 1917, together with certain incidental work as therein specified. The estimated excavation of main canal is 612,253 cubic yards and of laterals 2,540,880 cubic yards. The intercepting canal is also to be enlarged and cleaned out as specified in said report, and estimated at 93,300 cubic yards; certain fills and bridges are also to be constructed as described in said report. The contract will be based on the plans and specifications submitted by the engineer and viewers in their final report, and as confirmed by the court, the original of which is on file in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Beaufort County, and is open to the inspection of all prospective bidders; but the Board reserves the right to correct errors and modify the details if, in their judgment, they can increase the ef-

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iciency of the drainage plan thereby without increasing the estimated cost. The entire work must be complete within three years from June 15, 1917 and the contractor will be required to give credit and pay for the work heretofore done at the contract price.

Any further information will be furnished by said attorneys or by F. M. Edgerton, Supt. of construction, Beaufort, N. C. Bidders will be required to deposit check for \$1000.00 as a guarantee of good faith, and the contractor will be required to give bond in an amount to be fixed by the Board. This June, 1917. W. H. Williams Chairman F. D. Hackett Jr. Secretary

NOTICE!

By virtue of authority conferred in a mortgage executed by Dexter Hoyt and wife to A. T. Gaylord on the 23rd day of December, 1907, and recorded in the Register of Deeds office of Washington County in Book 51 at page 201, I shall offer for sale at public auction at the court house door in Plymouth on Monday, June 25th at 12 o'clock M. the following described property: Beginning at the right of way of the A. C. L. R. R. Co., on Madison street, extending along said street to a lane formerly the line between this land and E. R. Latham; thence westward with E. R. Latham's line to the right of way of the A. C. L. R. R. Co.; thence with said right of way to the beginning. Terms of sale, Cash. This 21st day of May, 1917. Mrs. J. O. EVERETT, Executor of A. T. Gaylord.

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