

Devoted to the interests of Transylvania Farmers and their problems.

FARMER'S PAGE

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BALANCED CROP IS NEEDED ON FARM

Good Pasture One of Essential Things for Average Farmer

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At the present time we have a surplus of some farm products on hand, and a shortage of others, all of which could have been produced on the farm. This is especially true now at more or less true all the time.

In connection with Governor Gardner's Live-at-Home program a pamphlet was sent out giving the food and feed requirements for a person or animal for one year. Recently in the Agriculture class each boy was asked to use this sheet and make a food and feed budget for his home family. After he had listed the amount of each kind of food and feed needed on the farm to supply each person and animal with a balanced ration, he was then asked to list the amount of each food and feed grown on the farm in 1931 and determine the surplus or shortage as the case might be. Of course in some cases some needed supplies could not be produced, and there was generally a surplus of potatoes, and with the present amount of livestock, a surplus of corn. But in this one Agriculture class we found the following shortage, which could be grown on the home farm in most cases:

Wheat, 860 bu.; oats, 1421 bu.; wheat shorts, 4500 lbs.; wheat bran, 840 lbs.; hay, 110 tons; pasture, 21 1/2 acres. It would take one of the better farms in the county to produce all the above shortage as represented in this class. All these crops were not bought but they were needed and if not purchased it means that animals and people were not properly nourished, which means less production and less income. We are all agreed that in order to better farm conditions we must have a larger income or lessen the outgo.

We hear a lot about a balanced agriculture. Until we grow the above mentioned crops we will not have a balanced agriculture. Pretty soon it is time to sow spring oats and to sow pasture grass. Good pasture is the cheapest stock food on the place. Let's put out a few acres this spring while the seed is cheap.

"MILK FOR HEALTH" SAYS N. C. HEALTH AUTHORITY

A "Milk for Health" campaign is being conducted by the State Board of Health during the next few weeks, for the purpose of calling attention of the citizens of the State to the value of producing milk as a part of the daily food diet. Contests are to be conducted in the schools of the State for essays on the value of milk to health and extensive publicity will accompany the campaign. Dr. J. M. Parrott, State Health officer, calls attention to the prevalence of pellagra in the State, pointing out that milk is one of the most valuable assets in fighting that disease.

PLANT FOREST TREES ON LAND NOT NEEDED

The planting of forest trees as a means of using idle fields, reclaiming eroded hillsides and beginning a reserve store of future wealth is urged upon farmers of North Carolina by R. W. Graeber, extension forester at State College, who says tree planting is in full swing now over that State. But while Mr. Graeber suggests that farmers ought to plant trees on their idle fields and eroded hillsides, he sees a place for the city man to plant trees also.

Those men who have definite businesses in town yet own farms which they conduct as a hobby or perhaps as a place on which to build a home away from the noise and dust and dirt, should also plant trees, says Mr. Graeber. First, he suggests that the city man build his house, arrange the grounds, designate space for the flower and vegetable gardens, and then plant all the remaining land in trees. Such a system will prevent much worry and will leave the city person with a better bank account after a lapse of from 15 to 20 years. Better still, the land will be taken out of competition with the farmer who must make his livelihood from the soil.

There has been a great increase in the planting of forest trees this winter, Mr. Graeber says. He has given a number of field demonstrations to aid landowners in reforesting their waste acres, and has forwarded thousands of seedling trees to the State Forest Nursery. Various varieties, may be obtained at about the cost of packing them for shipment. Trees suitable for the mountain sections are somewhat higher in price, he says.

Alleghany county farmers purchased 3000 pounds of common and Korean lespedeza seed from Stanly and Rowan farmers last week.

Fifty-one farmers and farm women sold \$286.19 worth of produce on the Durham curb market last Saturday.

The supply of milk delivered to the new plant in North Wilkesboro has more than doubled since the factory opened on January 19.

LITTLE BIT OF WORK ADDS MUCH TO SURROUNDINGS

Primary use of a well shed is to keep the rain and slush from about the family water supply, most any average farmer's boy will tell you, but such is not the case. Proof that a well shed can be more than a well shed can be found at the home of the Dicksons near Calvert.

This happy family of boys, instead of putting down four pieces of timber as posts and topping it out with a cover, have made one of the most artistic affairs to be seen in this county. By using tree trunks with parts of limbs appropriately left on, they have a delightful little retreat in the yard that would be an asset to any home in Western North Carolina.

LEES McRAE COLLEGE TO SPONSOR ESSAY CONTEST

For the three best essays on the subject, "The Western North Carolina Organized Farm Movement," the department of Mountain Farming of Lees McRae College is offering three prizes in the form of \$50, \$25 and \$10 scholarships to Lees McRae College for the school year, 1932-33.

Rules of the essay contest:

- 1.—Any high school senior or high school graduate under 21 years of age is eligible to enter this contest.
- 2.—Contestant must reside in one of the counties included in the W. N. C. Organized Farm Movement.
- 3.—Essays must not exceed 2000 words in length.
- 4.—Essays must be submitted before April 1, 1932.
- 5.—Contestants may interview the county agent, agricultural teacher or others in an effort to gather necessary material, and information.

Judges of the contest will be: Edgar H. Tufts, president Lees McRae College; Bruce Webb, director of Promotion; H. A. Osborne, chairman Regional Council; Mrs. John Calfee, Asheville.

Essays are to be sent to: Department of Mountain Farming, Lees McRae College, Banner Elk, N. C. Contestants can get copies of the list of objectives of the Farm Movement from the Farm Department of The Asheville Citizen-Times.

LITTLE RIVER MEN IN FARM MEETINGS

Little River farmers are meeting regularly, with Prof. J. A. Glazener as leader, discussing phases of local farm questions, with a view to bettering agricultural interests there.

At the meeting scheduled for Friday night of this week "Farm Management" will be the main topic. A large group of farmers are attending each of the meetings.

FARMER'S PRAYER TELLS OF HIS MANY BLESSINGS

"I am thankful that I own no stocks which I had bought at peak prices. I am grateful for guidance that kept me out of speculative markets. It is good not to have to read the stock market quotations each morning before prayer in order to find out how much poorer I am than I was the day before.

"I am glad that I am not a laboring man with a job or in danger of losing the one I might have. I wear no man's collar to the office, wondering whether I am to remain until night. I surely am fortunate that I am not a coal operator nor steel manufacturer, nor any other official hunting trade where there is no trade.

"Give me my pigs and chickens and cows, my health and my strength and my freedom and my faith. I am not making any money, but I am not losing so much that I face disaster and hunger. I still have a place to sleep and three square meals a day.

"Once I looked with envy upon my fellow citizens. I thought they lived in luxury and peace. This morning they need comfort and divine grace to face their plight."

"I am grateful for the small blessings and the regular blessings that fall upon me and mine, and my land. I hope my sins, my hypocrisy and my shortcomings will be overlooked, and believe me, I am content that I am not as many others are."

Smilin' Charlie Says



"There really are some people so slow that they could be knocked down and run over by opportunity and then apologize for gettin' in the way."

10 COWS EACH PRODUCING 100 LBS. OF BUTTERFAT YEARLY → \$135 INCOME

ONE COW PRODUCING 400 LBS. OF BUTTERFAT YEARLY → \$138 INCOME

HOURS OF LABOR - 1 YR

10 POOR COWS	1600
1 GOOD COW	170

The striking difference between low-yielding "scrub" cows and a good 400-pound producer of butterfat is shown here. One good cow is worth more than ten "scrub" cows in income and her labor costs are lower.

Upper Transylvania Farmers Planning Constructive Work

That farmers of the upper end of the county are already interested in the farm movement as outlined in the 5-10 Year Farm Improvement program, was shown at a meeting held at the Rosman High school building Tuesday night when a number of interested citizens met to hear the plans discussed.

Plans already in the making call for the purchase of a purebred Guernsey Bull, and the probable installation of a lime storage place for the cooperative handling of this needed item.

Prof. John Corbin, agricultural instructor of Rosman High school, presided at the meeting after reading the objectives adopted as a standard for this county in the farm movement for Western North Carolina, explained to the farmers present that the program was for the farmer's benefit, and that if it was put across the farmer would be the one who would do it. He declared that the meetings that are being held over the county are for the purpose of comparing notes, so that the best methods could be decided upon, and these ideas taken as a basis upon which to work.

Mr. Corbin told of a trip he and several others of the county had taken last week into Tennessee, and while there stopped at Greenville where they made the discovery that there was a market for poultry—and that market was in Western North Carolina. In Greene county, Tennessee, Mr. Corbin said that there was a total of 460,000 hens, and that the majority of the eggs from this large number of hens were being shipped to Asheville, the poultry raisers there asserting that this was a much better market than New York and other northern markets. This assurance was used as an illustration to show that there is a market for Transylvania products if produced in large quantities and marketed so. A solid trainload of poultry and eggs are being shipped from Morristown, Tenn., each week, he said.

Prof. J. A. Glazener, chairman of the Transylvania Agricultural committee, discussed problems confronting farmers of the county today as

OSBORNE HERD RANKS HIGH IN THE CAROLINAS

The Osborne herd at Canton, ranks high in the land of first class milk producers, according to the current February issue of The North Carolina Guernsey News. A number of mentions are made of stock from the Osborne herd and stock that descended from the sire sold or raised on the Osborne farms.

Foremost Boy, the purebred Guernsey bull, loaned farmers of this county by Mr. A. H. Osborne, and now at the farm of Flave Holden near Pisgah Forest, is of the family of milk producers that come in for such mention in the official Guernsey publication of the Carolinas.

ROSMAN FARMERS TO STUDY LIME AT MEET

Farmers of the upper end of the county will meet at the Rosman high school building next Tuesday night, March 1, to take up the discussion of lime.

Prof. J. F. Corbin, agriculture instructor, will lead the discussion, and will test soils for their need of lime. This action was decided upon at the meeting held there Tuesday night.

Farmers who have soil they wish tested for lime needs are asked to bring samples to the meeting. In procuring the sample of soil to be tested, particular care is urged by Prof. Corbin. He suggests that an inch or so of the soil be scraped away with a clean instrument, and a spoonful of the soil be taken from under this top layer, paying close attention to keeping the soil clear of contamination from the hands or soiled tools. Place the soil in a clean paper bag, and bring to the meeting.

CURB MARKET NEED SEEN BY FARMERS

Several prominent farmers of the county have been to the Farm Page Editor with request that other farmers and truck raisers of the county be "felt out" along the line of a curb market in Brevard during the summer months. These farmers, one of whom goes in for trucking in a large way, are of the opinion that there is sufficient demand locally for a curb market to operate here at least two days each week.

A number of other North Carolina towns and cities are using the curb market, and have found that it is profitable both to the grower and the consumer. Hendersonville operated such a system for sale of farm products last year.

SOME FARMERS QUESTION MILK FEEDING PROJECT

Several farmers of the county have questioned the credulity of the story carried on last week's Farm Page in regard to feeding skim milk to milk cows. However, Mr. Flave Holden, who is the first farmer of the county to try this feed project, says that he not only believes it to be O. K., but that he can prove it, and as proof conclusive, asks any skeptic to call around at the Broad street A. & P. store where he sells his butter regularly and see the price of his butter business twice each week for some time.

The new Pamlico Creamery at Washington has over 100 patrons now and the cream checks are beginning to appear more generally over Beaufort county.

PENROSE FARMERS TO MEET THURSDAY

Will Gather at Enon School To Discuss the 5-10 Year Program

Farmers of the Penrose section will gather at Enon school Thursday night of this week at 7:30 o'clock to discuss farming problems relative to their community, and the general program of farming contained in the 5-10 Year Western North Carolina movement being sponsored by The Asheville Citizen-Times.

Prof. J. A. Glazener, chairman of the agricultural committee, and Mrs. Bates Patton, chairman of the Ladies Farm Auxiliary, will be present and make talks.

Much interest is being shown in the movement throughout the county, and leaders in the program are devoting much time to the work, giving up several nights each week to the work.

CERTIFIED SEEDS BEST TO PLANT

Those crops seeds which have been grown under the supervision of the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association are the best to plant. Particularly is this true this year when quality must count in the marketing of all farm produce.

"Crop seeds which have been certified by the Crop Improvement Association are of the highest quality because they conform to the standards of the International Crop Improvement Association," says W. H. Darst, director of this work at State College. "Then too certified seed must be of a variety approved by the North Carolina Experiment Station. Before a variety is eligible for certification it must show merit in comparative field trials for a period of at least three years. Certified seed must also pass a rigid field and bin inspection. The first inspection is made in the field before harvest when the crop is studied for purity of variety, the presence of noxious weeds, and for plant diseases."

After the seed has been harvested, cleaned and prepared for market, representative samples are secured and analyzed in the State seed laboratory for germination, purity of variety, weed seeds and foreign materials. The seeds must always conform to high standards of quality, Mr. Darst declares. The inspections are made by seed experts employed by the State and these men must qualify as disinterested in either the crop or the person growing the seeds. All claims as to origin, breeding, and manner of threshing and cleaning must be verified by the grower.

Mr. Darst says no other source of seed found on the market is so carefully checked as to quality and value.

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