

Plans Underway To Develop Livestock In Tobacco Areas

RALEIGH, June 23—Plans for pushing the development of North Carolina's commercial livestock industry as one means of offsetting a possible decline in revenue from tobacco are being made by the State Department of Agriculture following a meeting of Eastern North Carolina producers and market operators interested in the program.

Representatives of the department and the State College Extension Service met in Rocky Mount to discuss the problem with livestock producers, business men, county agents and market operators from about 10 eastern counties.

They heard Thomas J. Pearsall, speaker of the State House of Representatives and large-scale farm operator, foresee a decline in farmers' revenue from tobacco in years to come. Pearsall told the group that commercial livestock production offers the best solution to the problem when tobacco income hits the skids. He warned against undue delay in starting increased livestock production, saying he believed the peak in tobacco income already had been reached.

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Proper Curing Of Hay Is Important Operation

Cutting hay at the right time is one of the most important steps in hay making, but proper curing of the hay is almost equally as important, according to Dr. R. L. Lovvorn, professor of Agronomy at State College.

Hay should be cured to preserve the leaves which contain most of the nutrients, to preserve the natural green color, to avoid damage from rain or dew, and to avoid damage from mold, the specialist said.

Most hays, if cut in the morning are ready to put in windrows the same day. If it is first allowed to wilt just as it has fallen, hay will cure more readily and more uniformly than if cured entirely in windrows. It is desirable, however, to get it into the windrow before it gets too dry or bleached, Dr. Lovvorn said.

The leaves are the first part of the plant to dry out after cutting. As long as the leaves are kept alive, they help cure the stems by drawing the moisture out of them.

If rain falls on freshly cut hay there will be little damage, provided good curing weather follows. Half-cured or well-cured hay will be discolored, but will not mold if rain comes before it is raked up. The greatest damage is done to hay in the windrow, or in loose, irregular piles. Such hay should be spread out as soon as the weather will permit, he said.

New Regulations Will Permit Men To Enlist In Navy For 3 Years

The Navy recruiting station in Asheville announced this week that men may enlist in the regular

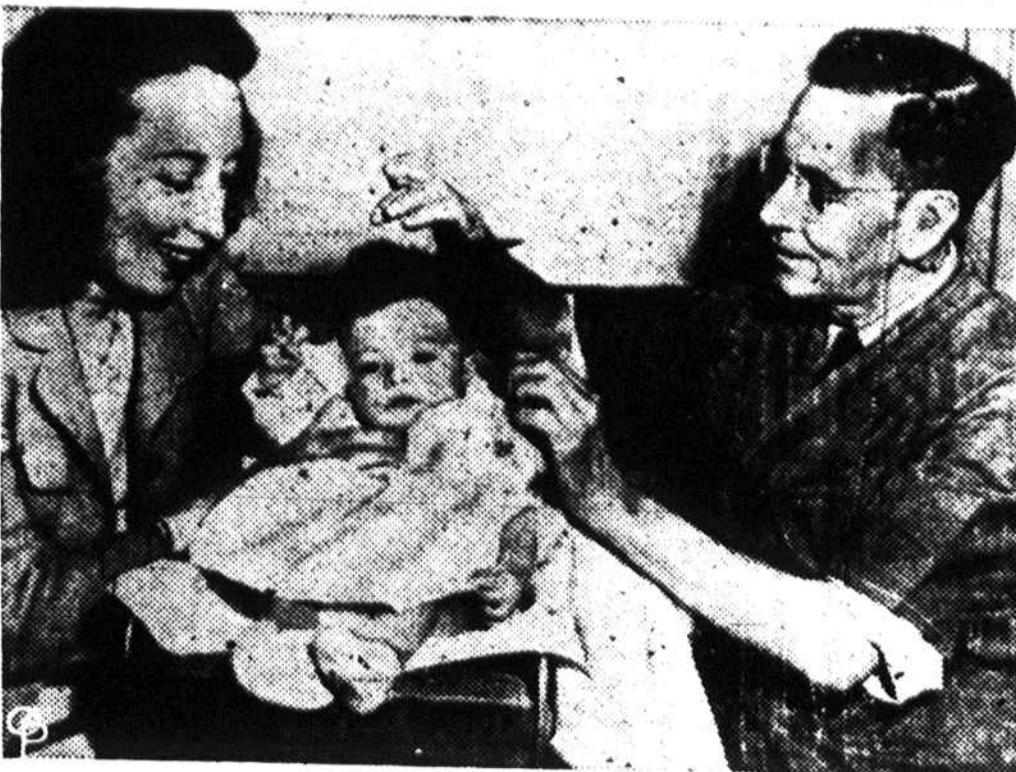
reached.

Reports indicated a growing demand for female beef cattle in Eastern North Carolina. This means, said Marketing Specialist Robert S. Curtis of the Department of Agriculture, that farmers already are preparing to increase commercial livestock production in preparation for the predicted drop in tobacco revenue.

In addition to Curtis, agriculture officials at the meeting were Randall Etheridge, chief of the department's markets division, and L. I. Case and Jack Kelly of the Extension Service. Cecil Jackson, agricultural agent for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, presided.

A similar meeting is planned for the Piedmont area soon, Curtis said.

GETS HEAD START AT BARBER SHOP



ONLY 7 WEEKS OLD, little Tommy Cox, Los Angeles, Cal., already has a head of hair that gives Reed Sales, the barber, a good workout with the shears. One of the youngest customers on record, Tommy could have used a trimming at birth, says his mother, shown at left. (International)



Free Elections

Ever pay any attention to your newspaper reports of trouble encountered in the smaller European nations concerning free elections? The former satellites of Nazi Germany, and the present satellites of Soviet Russia, are finding the ideal of elections incompatible with those political doctrines that have been foisted upon them. Such insane foolishness as having the masses go to the polls for honest and secret voting, they say, is reserved for the decadent democracies.

These classless and enlightened denizens under benevolent socialist governments (that's the picture drawn up for consumption of peoples still ruled by despotic capitalists) do not of course value the power of the vote. They do not know what a workable factor of democracy the vote is. Not having permitted the will of the people to develop through free speech, a free press, and free elections, the fetters of ruling classes are likely to remain.

Example, Britain
No nation can have free elections, while at the same time it tries to artificially discipline its labor force and foster government management of industry. Recent events in Britain give point to this statement. It was evident to me while in England last August that the nation was in for trouble. Absenteeism of workers in coal mines had risen to about 25%, and this was reduced to 18% only in January, when the coal famine was already a reality. Productivity remained inexplicably low.

No Ruling Classes
No country can promote government management of industry, as England is trying to do, and maintain discipline of labor along with free elections. Stalin has the first two, in good measure, but he is not troubled with elections. Free elections under present conditions in Russia would have little meaning. They are a risk that the Soviet ruling class could never assume.

We in America have found that the best type of discipline comes from incentives found in the ambition to get ahead. When a man knows he can better his lot and is not afraid to try, the best kind of self-discipline is the result. The lowliest immigrant can become a great inventor. An assembly line worker can plan to own the factory, and can do it honestly. Things like these have happened too often to go unnoticed.

If we want to keep high efficiency, with the highest possible wages and an increasing standard of living, we must keep private ownership and private management of the tools of production. Holding to these things in a free market and cherishing the freedoms of speech, assembly, and press, we shall have little fear of dictatorship. Free elections would not permit it.

navy for a three year period instead of the four year period formerly required.

Men 18 years of age or over do not need consent papers signed by their parents. Men 17 years of age must have their fathers consent to enlist in the Navy.

The Navy now has over 50 trades that men may take advantage of if qualified.

The Navy recruiting office is located in the post office building in Asheville and is open daily from 8 to 5.

American industry normally consumes about 40 per cent of the production of cotton textiles.

Kerr Scott Studies Epidemic In Mexico

RALEIGH, June 23 — W. Kerr Scott, State Commissioner of Agriculture, and Dr. William Moore, State veterinarian, are in Mexico studying an epidemic of hoof and mouth disease which has attacked cattle in a large area of that country.

Commissioner Scott was designated by U. S. Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson to make the study, and his trip is being paid for by the Federal Department.

Scott and Dr. Moore flew to Mexico City. Length of their stay in Mexico will depend on the time needed to make a thorough study of the epidemic, which is causing some worry for United States cat-

SCALE MECHANICS UNDER NEW RULES

RALEIGH, June 23—New regulations authorized by the 1947 General Assembly in revising the Scale Mechanics Act were announced by C. D. Baucom, superintendent of the Division of Weights and Measures in the State Department of Agriculture.

The regulations, which become effective July 1, are designed to protect merchants from faulty workmanship and to guard customers from erroneous weights.

Most of the revised regulations deal with the handling and disposition of scales condemned for repairs.

Baucom said the U. S. Bureau of Standards has drafted a model Scale Mechanics Act based on the North Carolina law, and is recommending its adoption by states which do not have effective legislation on the subject.

producers, particularly in the Southwest.

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