

A Page Devoted to the Interest of Haywood County Farming

COUNTY AGENT'S COLUMN

Sheep shearing demonstration school will be held in Haywood County on Friday, May 5. The school will be on the farm of T. C. Cathey in Pigeon township. S. Bartlett, representative of the Georgia Flexible Shaft Company, will conduct the demonstration in sheep shearing and will conduct the school. In addition to the demonstration school, there will be talks on the wool, there will be talks on the wool, for lambs and wool, grading, marketing of lambs and wool, and proper method of handling wool. The program will start promptly at 10 a. m. Lunch will be available on the grounds.

Persons who have sheep to shear at their own place will have an opportunity to observe the method of handling the sheep. All persons interested are invited to attend the demonstration.

Sale of purebred Guernsey calves especially for 4-H Calf Club will take place on the farm of H. H. Hendersen in Henderson County at 10 a. m. on Thursday, May 4. The sale is sponsored by the North Carolina Guernsey Breeders Association and the North Carolina Extension Service. Mr. Axtelle's farm is about six miles from Henderson on Highway No. 191. Animals in this sale are well bred and also well adapted to dairy herds. They are both type and well-bred. Calves are from some of the best Guernsey herds in the state.

All the herds from which the calves were selected are free from tuberculosis and bangs. There will be eleven heifer calves in the sale. Persons interested in purchasing these purebred heifer calves are requested to call at the county agent's office and secure a list of the animals to be sold so that they may determine the age and breeding of the animals.

Arrington Wins Third Place In Chilean Contest

Sam Arrington, 14 year old member of the sophomore class of the Waynesville Township High school, and a member of the local group of the Future Farmers of America, won third place in the essay contest sponsored by the Chilean Education Bureau. The prize was a check for \$7.50.

The subject contest entry was on "How the major crops on my farm are fertilized." Boys from all chapters of the Future Farmers in the state entered the contest, which closed the first of April.

Young Arrington is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Arrington, of Saunook, and is an outstanding student in his class, having made the A honor roll for the past year. He also entered the annual public speaking contest. He will give his contest speech at the Rotary Club meeting tomorrow.

This Month On the Farm

MAY

Bolivar Pigg, he sez, sez he:
"May Queens are purty things to see
But handsome is as handsome does
And plows and disks look good to me."
— Sez Bolivar P., sez he.



State College specialists recommend the following good farming practices for the month of May.

Agronomy

Enos Blair, agronomist of the State College Extension Service, says May is the best month to plant soybeans. If planted during this month, they will make a better growth and yield until June or July. Blair also reminds farmers that small grain which is to be used as hay should be cut during this month. Best time to cut is when the grain is in milk stage. Finally, Blair suggests that if you have turned under a crop of crimson clover, vetch, or Austrian winter peas, wait at least two weeks before planting another crop on the land.

Good Seed

A. D. Smart, seed specialist of the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association, states that the opportunity of the season for producing small grain seed of purity and quality will be on hand in May. Farmers producing small grain seed for sale should rouge seed plots and fields of noxious and common weeds. With due respect to the modern improved seed cleaning equipment,

Stuart says, roguing the fields still offers growers their greatest opportunity to put clean seed on the market and at the same time benefit the farm in keeping down and destroying noxious and common weeds.

Disease Control

Dr. R. F. Poole, plant pathologist of the Experiment Station, reminds farmers not to plant watermelons, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, tobacco, cotton, and other crops on the same land where wilt diseases caused severe losses last year. Plant Marglobe, Pritchard, and other resistant tomato varieties on soil where the fusarium wilt is common. And in peach orchards, especially those with early varieties, where brown rot has caused heavy losses in other years, add one of the wettable or colloidal sulphur materials to the shuck fall spray.

Fruits and Vegetables

The Federal law relating to excessive poisonous spray residues on fresh produce shipped to market refers to vegetables as well as fruits, warns Robert Schmidt, Experiment Station horticulturist. He goes on to say that early cabbage and snap bean growers should be careful in

the use of arsenical sprays or dusts just before harvest. Rotenone dust has given good control of cabbage worms and bean beetles and is a non-poisonous insecticide.

Livestock

May is a busy month for the livestock grower, says Earl Hostetler, professor of animal husbandry at State College, because several changes in feed and management are necessary. For example, permanent pastures are about ready for grazing throughout the state. This means that beef cattle will go out of winter quarters to the summer range where less labor and no feed except grass are required. However, regular inspection and salting should not be overlooked. Then too, the bull should be turned with the herd so that the next calf crop will be early and uniform. May is also the month, Hostetler says, when the earlier lambs should be sold and the balance of the flock sheared and dipped.

Bees

C. L. Sams, extension apiarist at State College, gives North Carolina beekeepers these four suggestions: (1) Check on the food supply in the hives (2) Ascertain whether the colony has a laying queen; (3) See if queen is failing; and (4) Look for disease in brood. If any defects are found, they should be corrected at once.

Poultry

Roy Dearstyne, head of the State College poultry department, says chick coccidiosis will probably reach its worst stage during this month. The disease does its worst damage among birds 4 to 12 weeks old, although older birds may be infected if they eat enough of the coccidiosis parasite eggs. The most effective means of controlling this disease is rigid sanitation. Chicks that seem undersized or sick should be killed and buried or burned deeply. Ordinary disinfectants don't help a great deal in controlling this disease, but it's a good idea to clean the feed and water containers every few days with boiling water.

Quarter Century Of Extension Work To Be Heard On Radio

Growth Of Work Will Be Given By National Broadcasting Company

A radio pageant celebrating a quarter-century of co-operative extension work, dramatizing the growth of the work, will be heard over the National Broadcasting company, on May the 8, from 11:30 a. m. to 12:15 p. m.

It will be presented by the Extension Service of the United States Department of Agriculture and will cover the following phases of the work: the precedent for public aid to education of farmers; agricultural fairs; farmers' institutes; land grant colleges; demonstration farms; county agents; the beginning of co-operative extension work.

The Smith-Lever Act; the war period; extension work gains ground; the economic depression; the broad-casting viewpoint; extension work today, and extension work tomorrow.

Egg Resembling Hatching Chick Found At Saunook

In this machine age, anything at any time may be expected, but when it comes to hens laying eggs that resemble a chick's head sticking out of the shell, it is time to call a halt, or check-up, according to Verlin Rogers, of Saunook, and clerk at Rippetoe's, who found a freak egg in his henhouse.

The egg was found this week, and while the body of the egg was about the size of a pigeon egg, the shell was a perfect resemblance of a hatching chick.

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