



# AGRICULTURAL NEWS

## INTEREST TO POLK COUNTY FARMERS Gathered Here and There Which Has a Local Angle That Makes It Worth the Progressive Farmer's Attention

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### HOME IMPROVED

#### BY ATTRACTIVE ROOMS

Raleigh, N. C., June 2.—One of the best ways to improve the rural home is by having attractive rooms. These may easily be improved by using the house plan and the dual room.

The ideal home plan will provide exposure best suited to each room. Miss Helen Estabrook of the demonstration division at College Park says the kitchen needs to be located to the north or west while the dining room should have an eastern exposure to give the joy and health giving effect of the morning sunlight. The room should be located to the east and west so that it might have sunlight and air necessary to the health of the entire family. Tach should have at least two windows and cross ventilation is needed for the kitchen and sleeping porch.

Estabrook states that rooms with a warm exposure need cool back colors, such as blue, green, or mauve. Warm colors are orange, yellow, tan or red. Light colors make a room seem larger and colors make the room seem smaller. The floor should always be a neutral color and the ceiling is low, it should be

darker than the walls or draperies. lighter than the walls to give an effect of greater light.

The room should be carefully studied before any furnishings are added, Miss Estabrook states. Then the selection of furnishings should be with the idea of securing harmony between the architecture and furnishings as well as between the furnishings themselves. By a little careful study of the situation, many homes can be made much more attractive by some simple changes and groupings of the furniture as well as by refinishing the walls and adding needed draperies and hangings.

### BULB CULTURE POPULAR WITH COASTAL FARMERS

Raleigh, N. C., June 2.—The growing of narcissus bulbs stimulated by the embargo on these plants which became effective on January first of this year is increasing in popularity among the farmers of eastern Carolina.

The center of this new industry is between Goldsboro and Wilmington, with headquarters at the Coastal Plain Branch Station at Willard. Here the station has an acre planted to different varieties of the bulbs and studies are being made as to the culture, fertilization and care of the

bulbs. It is estimated that the preliminary plantings in the district amounted to fifty acres. While this acreage is small as compared to an ordinary planting of cotton or corn, it must be considered, say experiment station workers, that it takes 65,000 bulbs to plant one acre on the American plan. The bulbs used at the station cost \$1,400 and not so many of the expensive varieties were used.

Much of this planting was done three years ago when it became known that an embargo would be placed on the bulbs from Holland. Consequently, some of the growers will be ready to harvest the first crop of bulbs this summer. The bulbs are harvested about the last of June, are graded, and then cured. They will be ready to market in September and should be planted at least by October to secure the best plants and flowers the following season.

According to Fred E. Miller, in charge of the branch station farms, the cut flowers will return a profit of around \$300 an acre annually while the new bulbs are being grown to maturity. This more than pays the cost of maintenance and interest on the investment with a small profit remaining.

A bulb growers' association is now being organized in this region.

### FARMERS' CONVENTION LAST WEEK IN JULY

Raleigh, N. C., June 2.—Definite announcement has been made by J. M. Gray, secretary of the State Farmers' Convention, that this large gathering of farmers and farm women will be held at State College this year during the three days of July 27, 28 and 29. Meeting with the farmers will be the Federation of Home Demonstration Club Women.

Mr. Gray has already made preliminary plans for the program. He is in correspondence with several leading agricultural workers of the United States and will probably secure some outstanding speakers for the general meetings. Dr. A. J. Glover, editor of Hoard's Dairyman, the leading dairy paper published in the United States, will be one of the speakers. Dr. Glover comes at the invitation of John A. Arey, and will spend several days in the state.

One of the features of the meeting will be a hog calling contest. Prizes of \$25 as first prize, \$15 as second prize, and \$10 as third prize will be offered for efficiency in calling hogs. The contest is sponsored by Furman Smith of the American Limestone Company, who will donate the money. This will be a unique feature of the convention and the contestants will be graded by a committee of judges who will consider volume, variety, excitement, musical quality and facial expression.

It is expected that the exhibits at the convention this year will be more complete than usual. The work of the experiment station will be shown in demonstrations and special attention will be given to an exhibit of modern farm machinery. Mr. Gray has received a hearty response from the manufacturers of farm machinery

and some of the best and most modern farm implements will be displayed during the three days. No salesman will be allowed to solicit orders and farmers will be allowed to examine the machines at leisure.

### SHOULD PLOW TOBACCO EVERY TEN DAYS

Raleigh, N. C., June 2.—After the roots get well fixed in the soil and begin growing, start cultivating the tobacco plants and keep up the cultivation every ten days, leaving the row open to secure good drainage.

Though the season has been unusually dry over most of North Carolina this spring and many farmers have had a hard time getting their tobacco plants set, they should not rush cultivation immediately after setting the plants, but should allow them to begin growth.

"This is usually from ten days to two weeks after transplanting," says E. Y. Floyd, extension specialist in tobacco at State College. "In dry weather it is more important for the plants to have time to get a good root system than when the season is more favorable. For the first working while the plants are small, a three-toothed harrow may be used. As the plants grow, a sweep and ur plow had best be used. These will add the soil as needed to keep the plants making new roots. At each cultivation open up the middle."

Mr. Floyd states that it is important for best success with tobacco, to keep this middle always open. This will take more plowings, he states, but even if it continues to be a dry season, the tobacco will grow better. Then if the season is wet, this open middle will keep the crop from drowning. Drainage is allowed by such a system of cultivation and this is ex-

remely important with tobacco. It is a crop which cannot stand wet feet.

"Tobacco should be cultivated every ten days, if possible," says Mr. Floyd. "The last cultivation should come a few days before topping and the soil should then be placed well up around the stalks."

A farmer in Anson county is getting an income of about \$200 per month from the sale of milk from six cows. This man grows all of his hay and nearly all of his grain feed on his farm.

Union county farmers have adopted lespedeza, vetch and soy beans in a soil building program in Union county. Over 40,000 pounds of vetch seed were planted last fall and much of the crop has been plowed under this spring.

A farmer traveling from Edenton to Willard states that he left a cotton and peanut section and traveled through tobacco, Irish potato, strawberry and dewberry sections into a region where dettuce was grown. He was deeply impressed with the crop producing possibilities of eastern Carolina.

Tom Tarheel says any kind of clover on the farm will bring luck.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Commissioner of Polk County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, June 5th, 1926.  
R. A. LEONARD  
13-20-27-3

### POLITICAL NOTICES

**POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT.**  
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Polk County, subject to the action of the Republican Primary.  
27-3 JOHN T. PANTHER.

**FOR SHERIFF.**  
At the solicitation of my many friends I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Polk County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary. If elected, I will give the office my undivided attention.  
J. H. METCALF.  
20-27-3

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff of Polk County, subject to the Democratic Primary Rules.  
R. M. McFARLAND.  
3 times pd

**NOTICE.**  
Having qualified as Executrix of the estate of John C. Bushnell, deceased, late of Polk County, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before May 15, 1927, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make settlement at once.  
This May 5, 1926.  
MRS. A. M. BUSHNELL,  
Executrix of the Estate of John C. Bushnell, Deceased.  
20-27-3-10-17-24

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R. A. LEONARD  
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I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Clerk of Superior Court of Polk County, subject to the Democratic Primary Rules.  
E. C. DAVIDSON.  
27-3

**POLITICAL NOTICE.**  
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Tax Collector of Polk County, subject to the Democratic Primary Laws.  
MRS. ALICE M. VOORHIES.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Superior Court of Polk County, subject to the Democratic Primary Rules.  
J. B. LIVINGSTON.  
3 times

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Commissioner, subject to the Democratic Primary rules.  
W. H. STEARNS.

W. F. Little announces that he is a candidate for Member of the Legislature from Polk County, subject to the Democratic primary, when held.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Treasurer of Polk County subject to the Democratic Primary rules.  
W. Y. Wilkins.  
13-20-27-3

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Register of Deeds of Polk County subject to the Democratic Primary rules.  
W. C. Hague  
13-20-27-3

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## THIS IS THE PROPER WAY TO SHEAR A SHEEP

### Read Clockwise

The pictures, with printed instructions illustrate and describe briefly a system of shearing sheep that has been developed by the thousands of professional shearers of America and Australia.

While slight modifications in the directing of the strokes taken with the shear are made by different shearers, the beginner should follow the instructions as closely as possible.

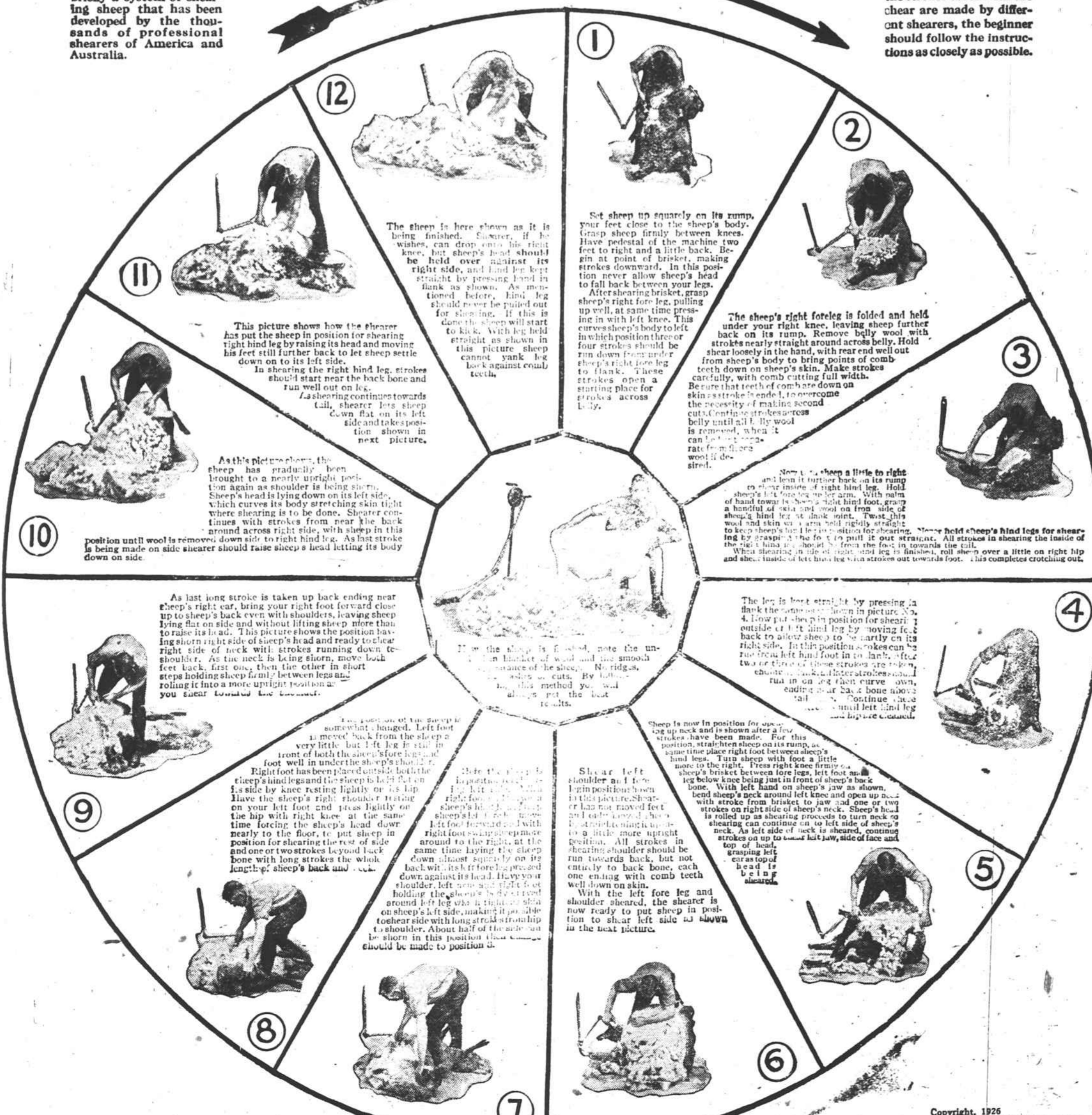


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