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Over \$2,500 peach trees in Davidson County and 2,160 trees in Lincoln County were treated with P. Benzen for borer control in late October.

**FARM RAISED BIRDS WIN HIGH HONORS**

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 9.—That the farm boys and girls of North Carolina can now produce poultry that ranks with the best in the United States was demonstrated by the results of the Sesqui-Centennial Poultry show where 40 such birds made a clean sweep of all the highest ribbons and silver cups awarded in the club classes.

Through the generosity of former Governor Cameron Morrison, Allen G. Oliver, poultry extension specialist at State College, was able to send 40 birds to this International Poultry Show held during the last week in October. The birds were accompanied to the show by county agent J. W. Hendricks of Catawba County and were selected from Catawba, Lincoln and Stanly counties. Out of the forty birds sent, 22 won blue ribbons, eight won red ribbons and two won white ribbons. In addition three silver cups for the best birds in the show were won in special sweepstakes contests. Two entries consisting of a Rhode Island Red Pullet and cockerel were judged the best birds in the show of any breed by any contestant.

Poultry workers at State College express themselves as being highly pleased at this wonderful showing. For a number of years, extension workers have been placing pure bred poultry with farm boys and girls. Demonstrations in how to mate, breed and care for the birds have been made and the results show now that the boys and girls are learning these valuable lessons very rapidly. It is felt that the State has gained some valuable advertising as a result of this contest. Mr. Oliver states that this is not the first time that the poultry club members have won first prizes at national events.

Walter Young of Dayton, Ohio, one of the Sesqui judges stated that the North Carolina birds were as good a sany that he had ever seen. He felt that the entries would have won first prizes in the open show as well as in the club classes where they were entered.

In 1880, there were in the ten Southern states traversed by Southern Railway System, 4,155,000 head of sheep, while in 1923 the number had dwindled down to 1,951,000, showing a loss of 2,204,000 during these years. In the same period cattle have shown an increase of 2,868,000 head.

**Small Outlay Required.**  
A small flock of sheep may be started without a large outlay of capital and they are a great producer of revenue in the form of lambs and wool. The main object with farm flocks in the South should be the production of early lambs, and to obtain a good market it is necessary that there be sufficient flocks in a given locality so that the lambs may be assembled and graded, then shipped in carload lots to the best markets. A farmer with a small flock by himself is at a disadvantage unless he has sufficient for a carlot shipment or a local market which can take his product. However, there are plenty of instances where farmers have but a few head and the sale of lambs brings a nice cash income.

We would advise starting with a small flock, say twenty-five head. Good common ewes can usually be bought for around \$5.00 or \$6.00 per head. Forty dollars or \$50.00 will buy a purebred registered ram of good conformator. Twenty-five ewes at \$5.00 and registered ram at \$50.00 would be an investment of \$175.00. With good attention the farmer may crop. These lambs should weigh sixty-five pounds by May 1st to 15th and at prices prevailing the past season should be worth about \$9.50 per head. Twenty-five lamb at this price would be worth \$237.50 and the wool clip, estimated at \$30.00, would aggregate \$267.50 or \$92.50 more than the initial cost of the flock.

**PROFIT IN SHEEP RAISING IN SOUTH**  
GOOD PRICES CAN ALWAYS BE HAD FOR EARLY SPRING LAMBS.

By G. W. Humphrey, Agricultural Agent, Southern Railway System, Atlanta, Ga.

In the general live stock program for Southern farmers, there is one branch of meat animal production which, as a whole, has been sadly neglected, namely sheep. There is a branch of animal husbandry offering most splendid returns, and one which should have much more consideration.

Climatic conditions in the South are most favorable and the sheep farmer enjoys many advantages in economical feeding, housing, etc., because of the long grazing season and milder winters.

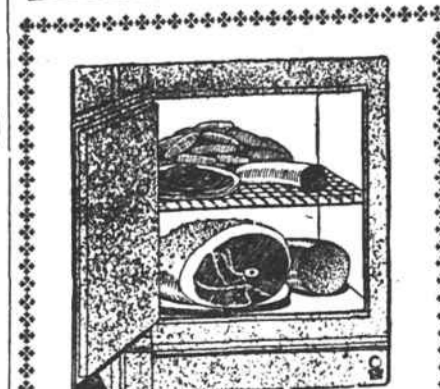
Earlier in our history the South was an important sheep raising section of the country and sheep were found to be on many farms and upon the



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The present way of marketing cotton seed is not satisfactory to either the farmer or the oil mills. First, the price is not based to a sufficient extent on the quality of the seed. Second, the bulk of the crop is dumped on the market during two or three months. Third, the seed are difficult to store and hold early in the season and contain a large per cent of moisture, consequently are not so valuable per ton. The oil mills do their year's work in four to eight months. Of course, when the large investment is only used for one-half the year, or less, the profits must be greater when they are running.

There are too many oil mills. The economic ideal would be for each mill to obtain enough seed to run the full time, or say at least 11 months in the year. This would necessitate greater storage facilities for seed and perhaps also better means of drying and maintaining the quality of the seed in storage.

The first seed ginned early in the season contain so much moisture—are so green—that it is difficult for the farmer to store them and prevent them from heating. If they heat their value is much lowered and therefore the seed in most cases must be sold as they are ginned. That is, large quantities are forced on the market and the price is depressed. It must also be remembered that the actual value of the seed is less early in the season and consequently the mills are justified in paying less for them. Later in the season all the mills are scrambling for seed in order to prolong their season's run and the competition, as well as the greater value of the seed, forces the prices higher.

The farmer complains that the price is too low early in the season and the mills that it is too high the latter part of the season, and both complaints are quite generally justified. There is much need for a better system of storing and marketing cotton seed. When the farmer has solved the problem of efficiently marketing cotton lint, he will have the problem of efficiently marketing the seed awaiting solution. The oil mills will probably never do it any better than the cotton merchants solved the problem of efficiently marketing the lint for the farmer. But if the mills do not solve the problem of marketing the seed for the farmer he will be compelled to do it for himself in the near future. He will do it because he will be forced to, just as he is forced to solve the marketing of his lint. — The Progressive Farmer.

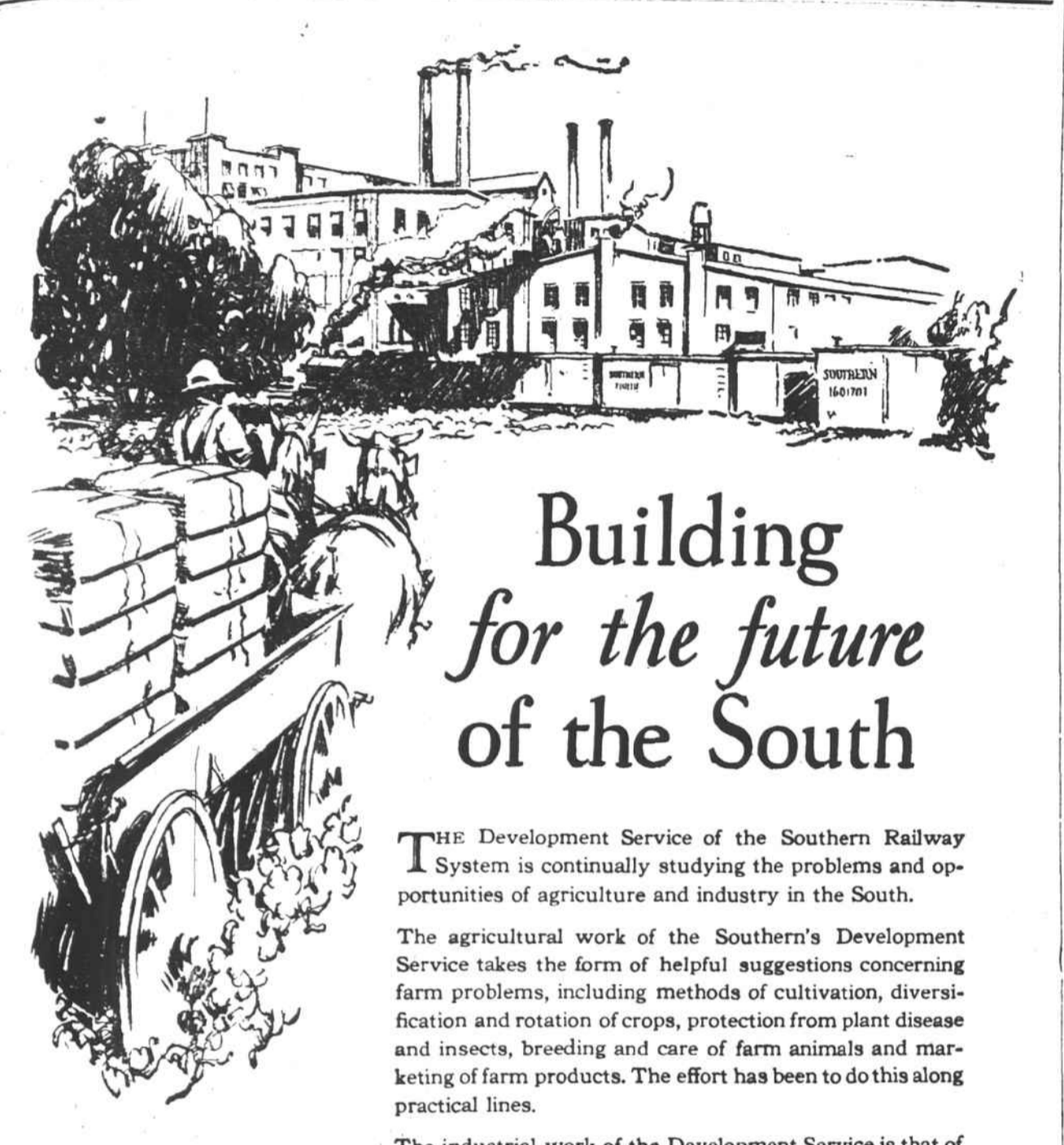
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By selling milk to an ice-cream plant in Greensboro, one farmer in Guilford County cleared \$96 last June from five cows, \$104 in July from six cows and \$108 in August. He says net-profit is better than growing cotton and tobacco.

Six cooperative carlot shipments of limestone have been ordered by farmers of Durham County this fall.

Farmers in the Hickory Mountain section of Chatham County have recently purchased 22 pure bred milk cows.

Dairy cow owners of Granville County are cooperating now to buy their grain feed. The first shipment was recently placed by county agent J. H. Blackwell.

Apples are aids to better health and are plentiful this year. Eat more of them, advise home economics workers.

Good yields of molasses are reported from some counties. A farmer of Montgomery County produced 393 1/2 gallons of fine syrup on one and one-half acres.

**Different Forage Crops and Grazing With Hogs**

Growing forage crops and grazing them with hogs is a very desirable way to improve run-down land, according to numerous hog raisers and experiment-station workers. Practically all the fertilizing elements of the vegetation except that stored in animal bodies is returned to the soil in the manure and litter. The only danger of injury to the soil is in the trampling by the animals on heavy clays when they are wet, and this is easily avoided where a permanent sod pasture is available. Furthermore, hogs, when turned into a new field, frequently clean up a number of different kinds of weeds. They make good use of waste plants and tend to eliminate them from the fields grazed.

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