

SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS

By Joe N. Craver and S. A. Jenkins
Soil Conservation Service

For convincing proof of the value of mowing pasture, farmers are invited to inspect the pasture of Mr. Tom Dedmon, located near Ross church. Many other farmers in the county have found that mowing is a simple conservation practice that pays big dividends. It is common knowledge that good pasture provides cheap feed for livestock, but good pasture cannot long exist if weeds are allowed to choke out grass and clover. Good sod like that found in Mr. Dedmon's pasture not only produces an abundance of high quality feed but serves also to control soil erosion.

C. H. Lawson of El Bethel neighborhood says: "The Austrian winter peas which were sowed on my farm in September have made growth enough to cover the ground." Mr. Lawson plans to disc the winter peas under in early spring and seed the acreage to annual lespedeza. These crops will keep erosion to a minimum on Mr. Lawson's cropland.

The Soil Conservation Service recently delivered fish to 27 farmers in Cleveland County, for stocking 31 farm ponds. At the present, there are 98 ponds in the County which the technicians of the Cleveland Work Unit have helped the farmers in constructing. Reports are coming from various farmers whose ponds were stocked with bass in May of this year that bass weighing three-fourths of a pound and ten to twelve inches in width are being caught.

Norman Francis, farmer of the Sharon community plans to seed several acres of his steep land to pasture. He has done work also with a bulldozer, on a natural draw in his field.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATORS SALE

As Administrators for the estate of J. W. Scism, deceased, we will sell at public auction all the personal property consisting of farming tools, livestock, some household and kitchen furniture, hay, pick-up truck, etc., belonging to the estate of J. W. Scism at his residence about two miles Northwest of Kings Mountain on the Cherryville Highway on Saturday, November 12, 1949, at 10:00 o'clock A. M.

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Administrators for the estate of J. W. Scism, deceased.
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which will be seeded to a permanent sod for a water disposal area.

"Using Tall Fescue for Soil Conservation" is the title of a timely new U. S. Department of Agriculture Leaflet, which gives information on where, how, and when to plant, and seed production of this popular new grass.

Authors of the leaflet are R. Y. Bailey, Chief of the Regional Agronomy Division, and L. B. Scott, Chief of the Regional Nursery Division of the Soil Conservation Service. Both have had an active part in the production and widespread use of Kentucky 31 Fescue in the Southeastern Region.

The Soil Conservation Service in 1940 bought 70 pounds of Kentucky 31 seed from the Suiter farm in Kentucky, where the grass was discovered and had been used for pasture since about 1890. Between 1940 and 1948, the seed was increased in SC nurseries to about 85,000 pounds.

During this time, enough seed was distributed to soil conservation districts to plant at least one five-acre observational patch in each of the 687 counties in soil conservation districts in the Southeastern Region. By 1948, more than 100,000 acres had been planted from this source. As a result, Kentucky 31 Fescue seed is now available in quantity throughout the Southeast.

Meanwhile, other varieties of tall fescue, including 'Alta' fescue, a selection made in Oregon in 1923, have also become popular in the Southeast. Observational results show no difference in growth and seed characteristics between Kentucky 31, Alta, and some of the other fescues, the leaflet points out.

Copies of the leaflet may be obtained from the Soil Conservation Service office in the Cleveland County Agriculture Building, Shelby.

Tomatoes Gross \$478 Per Acre

Three acres of tomatoes brought a gross return of \$1,434 for W. T. Beaver of Route 1, Elenboro, reports F. E. Patton, Rutherford County farm agent for the State College Extension Service.

Beaver produced a yield of 717 bushels which he marketed in the mountain counties. The price ranged from \$1.50 to \$4 per bushel, with the average for the season being \$2 per bushel.

He used certified, treated seed of the Rutgers variety and transplanted in April, setting the plants three feet apart in four foot rows. Six hundred pounds of 4-10-6 fertilizer and 100 pounds of nitrate of soda were applied per acre. Harvesting began the last week in June and continued through July and August.

Prevention is the best method of dealing with coccidiosis, one of the commonest and most destructive disease hat affect chickens. It is most serious in warm and humid or rainy weather because such conditions favor the rapid development of the young stage of the parasite, say specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Patterson Grove News and Comments

By Mrs. Thurmon Scism

Mrs. Smoot-Bake or Grover will be guest of our B. T. U. Sunday evening, Nov. 13. Mrs. Baker will speak to us at 7:00. Our regular B. T. U. program will be at 6:30.

Our regular preaching service will be at 7:30.

B. T. U. Study Course will be held at our church following the third Sunday. Classes will begin on Monday night. The exact time will be announced next week.

The third Sunday, Nov. 20, is being set aside as B. T. U. Visitation Day. We will meet at 2 at the church and leave in groups. All officers, leaders and members are urged to work hard and make this a great Visitation Lord's day.

The B. T. U. will present a play, "Gigging Inn" Sunday evening, November 27 at 7. All parts have been assigned.

The W. M. U. will meet with Mrs. Forrest Hord Saturday afternoon at 2:30. All members are urged to be present.

A W. M. U. Study course will be held in November at our church. Mrs. Phil Elliott of Gardner-Webb or Mrs. Carl Putnam of Shelby will

be in charge.

A family reunion was held Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Wright, better known as the Hovis Reunion. A delicious picnic dinner was served on the outside. Raymond Scism, Moffatt, Nelson, Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Bruce and Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Scism and children, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hovis and children.

Mrs. Marvin Wright who entered Memorial hospital in Gastonia is getting along very nicely. She came home Monday. Her visitors Sunday included Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Scism, Nell and Charles, M.; and Mrs. Clifford Owen and Patsy, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Turner and Wayne, Mr. Sam Barber, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Barber of Concord, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Teague and Miss Estell Barber of Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Scism, Nell and Charles visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bolin and son, Kenny, and Mr. and Mrs. David Fisher and daughter, Jan, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Ford and family who have been living on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Blake Jones moved Monday to Rutherford, N. C.

Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Teague visited Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Scism, Nell, and Charles, Monday.

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By Way Of Mention

By Lois Beatty

Mr. Leo Beattie and daughter, Lois, were recent visitors in Charlotte.

Miss Margaret Ratterree of Asheville spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Ratterree. Miss Bertha Cline spent the past week with relatives in Statesville.

Mrs. H. B. Jones and Miss Lois

Beattie were recent visitors in Gastonia. Mrs. Noia Payne has returned home from the hospital.

Sheep numbers are increasing in Edgecombe county, according to Farm Agent J. C. Powell who says farmers in the county have purchased 240 head of sheep during the past six months.

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