

THE SHOWER MONTH

On The Farm and in The Home



April

When April rains began to fall
And heavy clouds hung low all day,
The pig tribe wasn't sore at all.
In fact, all gave their glad O'ay.
Ma cleaned the house with care and then
No pesky dust blew back again.

Old Bolivar could a'most hear
The "Thank You" of the heeded
grain:
Polly felt blossom time draw near;
Pete saw pie cherries in the rain.
So all were tickled pink with reason
To greet another rainy season.

Spring work is in full swing on the farm and April ushers in one of the busiest months of the agricultural calendar. As reminder, State College specialists offer the following suggestions, which, if accepted, should result in a more bountiful harvest season:

H. R. Niswonger, Extension horticulturist, advises the planting of all types of home garden crops. He lists the following vegetables to be planted this month, and the number of days after planting when they should be ready for use: Beets, 60 days; beans, 40; carrots, 75; sweet corn, 60; cucumbers 60; cantaloupes, 120; chard, 40; celery, 120; Irish potatoes, 80; kale, 90; garden peas, 40; lettuce, 60; onion seed, 130; okra, 100; parsnips, 125; radishes, 20; squash, 60; spinach, 30; tendergreens, 30; tomatoes, 100; and watermelons, 100.

J. O. Rowell, Extension entomologist tells farmers to delay planting corn until May if they have been troubled in the past with stalk borers. However, he says that doubling the amount of seed when planting corn in low ground will usually allow for a good stand despite roto worms, drill worms and bud worms. In addition, Rowell advises that injury by flea beetles that sometimes eat small round holes in vegetable seedlings and potato leaves can be prevented by a Bordeaux spray or by dusting with rotenone dust.

The suggestion of E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer, is: See your AAA committee man or county farm agent immediately and sign a plan before April 15 to qualify for Triple-A payments in 1940, if you have not already done so. The 15th is the final date for signing Farm Plans for 1940, and a grower must sign one of these plans if he wishes to receive a payment at the end of the year.

F. M. Haig, professor of animal husbandry, calls attention to the need for care of young animals born on the farm. Sanitary quarters are doubly important for the young and control of lice and other parasites will result in more profit from the dairy, beef cattle, or swine herd, and the sheep flock he says.

John A. Arey, Extension dairyman emphasizes the need for roughage to carry the cows over the winter period. He suggests the growing of four tons of silage and two tons of good hay for each mature cow in the dairy herd. Also, Mr. Arey advises that cows should be kept off the permanent pasture until the ground is firm and the grass has made a good growth.

H. W. Taylor, Extension swine specialist, says spring pigs should be castrated when they are about five weeks of age. Soybeans planted in rows and cultivated twice will furnish excellent grazing for swine from the time the plants are about 15 inches high until frost, he says. One acre of beans on good land will carry 15 to 20 shoats, provided they are on a full feed of corn and a good protein supplement.

Lewis P. Watson, Extension horticulturist, recommends that sweet potatoes be bedded the first week in April in order to have plants for setting about June 1. Instead of selling the best potatoes, he continues, and using the scrub and culls for seed, build up your own seed stock by saving the best for

reeds and other native grasses grow luxuriantly.

"While this growth may not be strictly designated as pasture," Prof. Hostetler stated, "it does furnish an abundance of palatable and nutritious feed. However, because of its inaccessibility, due to lack of drainage of the lands on which it grows, none other of the domestic animals, except beef cattle, can use it advantageously."

The State College professor recommends that grade herds be developed in the swampy, reed lands of Eastern Carolina. Because the reeds and other natural grasses are usually situated some distance from farm buildings, it is difficult to furnish additional feed or give special attention to the herd under these conditions.

"Cows raised in this environment will usually care for themselves," Prof. Hostetler said, "and they will do better than cows of better breeding that are produced elsewhere. But a grade herd of good quality can soon be produced through 'grading up' with heifers from these low quality cows, and a good pure bred bull."

Reeds can be grazed by beef cattle to good advantage for at least eight months of the year, or from May 1 to December 31. During mild winters, this period may be extended two months longer. The reeds should be fenced in, allowing about six acres for each mature cow, or 100 acres for a herd of 30 to 35 cows. Two such areas should be fenced, so that the cattle can be alternated between them to prevent over-grazing.

County Farm Agent Addresses Home Demonstration Club

Mr. Troy B. Ferguson, Extension District Farm Agent, addressed the Halifax County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs on the subject of "The Home" at their spring meeting held recently with South Rosemary Club in Smith's Methodist church.

Mr. Ferguson said that we must make our homes such attractive places in which to live that our children will not want to leave the farm and go to the city. He asked that we do everything within our power to build up the soil and take care of this precious possession which is ours. One hundred and twenty five people or more representing fourteen of the fifteen home demonstration clubs heard Mr. Ferguson on this most interesting subject.

Two lovely choruses "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" by F. G. Rathburn and "Peace I Leave With You" by Varley Roberts were rendered by the Hobgood, Tillery, Dawson, Rosemeath and Spring Hill Clubs under the direction of Mrs. C. E. Davis, County Music Leader, accompanied by Mrs. David Bryant of Scotland Neck.

Rev. C. T. Rogers, pastor of Smith's M. E. Church, gave the invocation and Mrs. R. L. Powell of South Rosemary Club extended a welcome in behalf of the Club while a most cordial welcome to Smith's church was given by Mrs. Sam Powell. To these greetings Mrs. Nannie Gary, of the Halifax Club, responded in a most gracious manner.

"Better Homes Through the Building of Character and Family Relationships" given in the form of a Panel Discussion and led by Mrs. Quentin Gregory, County Citizenship leader, featured the af-

NEW THEATRE

Week April 21st.

SUNDAY and MONDAY

Admission 10c and 25c
Priscilla Lane - Dennis Morgan - Thomas Mitchell - Allan Hale in

THREE CHEERS FOR THE IRISH
NEWS and ACT

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY

Admission 10c and 25c
Shirley Temple in Maurice Maeterlinck's

THE BLUEBIRD
COMEDY and ACT

THURSDAY and FRIDAY

Admission 10c and 25c
Henry Fonda - Dorris Bowdon - Charley Grapewin - Jane Darwell in

Grapes of Wrath
COMEDY and ACT

SATURDAY

Admission 10c and 15c to 7. after 7 10c and 25c.
Charles Starrett and Sons of The Pioneers in

TWO FISTED RANGERS
Jones Family in

Young As You Feel
Chapter 10 "Overland With Kit Carson.

ternoon program. Topics included in this discussion were:

"Ministering to the Spiritual Needs Through the Home" by Rev. C. T. Rogers; "The Home and the Child's Attitudes" by Mrs. Claude Cannon, Roanoke Rapids Kindergarten teacher; "Creating a Satisfying Home Atmosphere Through; Reading by Mrs. N. E. Rames of Tillery Club; Recreation by Mrs. N. B. Whitley, County Recreation leader, Music by Mrs. C. E. Davis, County Music leader; "Better Homes and Better Babies" by Miss Francis Ware of the County Health Department and "Making the Most of a Better Homes Heritage" by Mrs. Quentin Gregory.

Mrs. Hazel E. Wheeler, Home Demonstration Agent, explained the cotton mattress project for Halifax County. She stated that Halifax County had been selected as one of the six counties in North Carolina to begin this program and urged that applications for these mattresses be made immediately. Miss Ona Patterson, Assistant home demonstration agent, told of the work of an Older Youth Organization and asked the federation members to supply her with names of prospective members.

South Rosemary Club women proved to be lovely hostesses and their hospitality seemed to have a note of spring. Each guest was given attractive identification cards containing an "egg and Biddie" and tied with ribbons in Easter colors as she was registered at the door by Mrs. J. E. Allen and Mrs. Vernon Hockaday. At the noon hour a beautiful luncheon plate was served to everyone present and these two contained favors consisting of an Easter basket filled with colored eggs, which further suggested spring.

Spring Hill Club was winner of the visitor's Cup and Hardrace the membership Cup.

The Federation accepted the cordial invitation from the Dawson Club to hold the summer meeting in their community.

STATE COLLEGE ANSWERS TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS.

QUESTION: Is it necessary to apply any fertilizer to vegetable crops after planting?

ANSWER: The quality of succulent vegetables is dependent upon rapid growth and it is often necessary to make a side application of quickly available nitrogen in order to maintain vigorous growth. The time of applying the side dressing will depend upon the vigor and maturity of the crop and upon seasonal conditions. The grower must use his own judgment as to when to apply the side dressing.

QUESTION: How soon after freshening should a cow be given a full ration?

ANSWER: It usually takes about three weeks for an animal to be brought to full feed, but this should be regulated by the physical condition of the cow. The first day after freshening the grain feed should be restricted to bran mash. The next four days, the cow should be given a mixture of wheat bran and ground oats, equal parts. The animal may then be started on the regular milking ration and gradually brought to full feed in three weeks. A reasonable amount of legume hay and a small amount of silage may be fed at all times.

QUESTION: What is the right amount of cotton seed to plant on one acre?

ANSWER: Do not use less than one and one half bushels to the acre of seed that germinates 80 percent or better. With a lower germination a higher rate of seed should be used. Where the seed have been treated with ethyl mercury chloride from four to five pecks of seed is sufficient. In all cases, the seed should be treated before planting to prevent damping off disease and the saving in planting seed will more than pay for the cost of treating. See your County Agent about this treatment.

Application Forms For Free Classing Ready For Growers

Forms for making request for the free classing of cotton of their 1940 crops are available for one-

J. O. U. A. M. MEETING MONDAY NIGHT

The regular meeting of the Edison Council No. 270 Junior Order United American Mechanics will be held Monday night at 8:00 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

variety communities and other cotton improvement groups at the Atlanta classing office of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Joe H. McLure who is in charge of the office announced today.

Representatives of any cotton improvement group in Georgia, Alabama, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia may obtain sets of these application forms by applying to the Agricultural Marketing Service, P. O. Box 4027, Atlanta, Georgia. Any group may file its application as soon as its members have planted their cotton. In considering requests early applications will be given preference after allowance is made for the different dates of planting over the Cotton Belt.

Mr. McLure calls attention to the prospect that applications for the free classing may go over the 900 mark again this year. Last season the Service approved 918 groups for the free classing. "Early filing of applications," Mr. McLure said, "will help the classing offices arrange for the work and assure the group that its application will be acted upon in time for their early-planted cotton to be classed." "Last season some applications were received so late that the groups did not receive their shipping tags and other supplies until after cotton picking had started and were unable to get their first cotton sampled for classing."

The Service will supply free market news reports again this season to supplement the free classing for improvement groups.

Chapter Organized Reserved Officers

Weldon, N. C.

A Group School and Reserved Officers Chapter was organized here recently when Colonel Edgar Bain, of Goldsboro, of the 321 Infantry of the Reserve Officers Training Corps met with a group of the Reserved Officers of this section of the State. Lieutenant S. N. Graham, of Roanoke Rapids, was elected president of the Chapter and will have charge of the Group School, which meet on alternate Tuesday nights. Second Lieutenant W. S. Terrell of Norfolk and Lieutenant F. W. Reams of Halifax were made vice-president and secretary-treasurer of the Chapter respectively.

The school, organized largely through the efforts of Captain J. H. Wilderman of Weldon and Lieutenant T. J. Taylor of Roanoke Rapids will hold its first class next Tuesday night in the Municipal Building. "Military Courtesies" will be the subject of the first lesson. The public is invited. Only reserved officers will receive credit for the lectures, each counting two hours toward the twenty-five hours needed by each officer to make him eligible for summer camp.

Lieutenant Terrell will discuss "Military Courtesies" before the officers for the first meeting. The school will be conducted for the purpose of instructing the civilian and reserved officers in the National Defense program as set up by the War Department.

Those who have already affiliated themselves with the local chapter, known as the Roanoke-Chowan Chapter, are Captain J. H. Wilderman of Weldon, Lieutenants S. N. ram, T. J. Taylor of Roanoke Rapids; Lieutenants F. S. Woody and R. F. Young of Weldon; Captain A. P. Farmer and Lieutenant L. F. Thompson of Littleton; Lieutenants H. E. Coleman of Wise and F. W. Reams of Halifax; Second Lieutenants F. M. Whitlock and W. S. Terrell of Seaboard and Norfolk respectively.

There are twenty-eight men in the R. O. T. C. in this section of the State. The president of the local Chapter, S. N. Graham said this week that it is the hope of



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the Chapter to have every eligible man an active member. The school and chapter will draw memberships from a radius of 40 to 50 miles.

Terrell, who will conduct the first lesson next Tuesday, has recently completed a year with the regular army under the provisions made by the Thompson Act, which gives young men just out of college a years training with the army.

Scheduled for the lesson of April 23 is the subject, "Field Engineering"; for May 7, "Musketry"; for May 21, "Characteristics of Infantry—weapons: rifles, pistols, m.g. calibre 30 marksmanship."

Town Can't Tax ABC Store Stock

Littleton Tries to Tax Whiskey But Attorney General Rules Differently

Raleigh, April 9—Littleton, a Warren municipality has hit a snag in its efforts to get even with the county or levying taxes on municipally owned property, especially an hotel.

In retaliation, Littleton has been trying to collect and valorem city taxes on the stock of the county A. B. C. store located there; but Attorney General Harry McMullan has just ruled that it can't be done by the usual and ordinary course of levying on the property itself.

There may be a loop-hole, however, for the muni and it may eventually force the A. B. C. folks to come across with the taxes; as the Attorney General suggests in a supplemental letter to John H. Taylor, muni tax official, that it might be advisable to bring an action of mandamus to compel the payment of the tax, since conceivable property belonging to a county agency might not lawfully be sold for taxes.

The attorney general based his opinion largely upon the grounds that the tax collecting officers would have no authority to sell the liquor after they took possession of the liquor stock under levy.

"However, funds on hand could be levied on, and bank deposits could be attached," the opinion continued.

The affair is another incident in the increasingly bitter row between county and municipal taxing bodies scattered all over the state. The Supreme court, in a divided opinion, held that the county of Warren could tax hotel property

belonging to a municipality and not used for governmental purposes. There has been no direct ruling on the right of a municipality to tax the stock in trade of an A. B. C. store, but apparently that question is on its way to the highest court.

Robert A. Williams

Robert A. Williams, 55 died at his home in Norfolk Monday morning, following an illness of two years. Funeral services were conducted at Zion Methodist church, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment was in the church cemetery. Surviving are his wife, two daughters, one son, one sister and six brothers.

Mrs. Sallie Crinkley

Mrs. Sallie Epps Crinkley, formerly of Warrenton died early Sunday morning at her home at Blackstone, Va. Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church of Blackstone of which she was a member. Monday afternoon. Interment was in Blackstone cemetery.



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Smithfield	Sides 2 LBS.	25c
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Vegetable Chow	Lang's 2 Quart Jars	27c
Cheese	Land O'Lakes Best American 1lb	19c
Tea	Lipton's 1-4 lb. Pkg.	22c
Flour	Pender's Best 12 lb. Bag	50c
Juice	Libby - Dole - Colonial PINEAPPLE Lge 46 oz Can	25c
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