Carolina Farm Learn How To Build Grade A Dairies

REIDSVILLE — Twelve years ago the Negro farmers of Rockingham County secured the services of their first agricultural teacher.

And just Sunday the health authorities hung the fifth 'A' grade dairy certificate on two modern dairy barns in the New River Community as a result of Vocational Agriculture's work and guidance.

A. N. McCoy, the first agriculture teacher, succeeded 3 years ago in in convincing the Martin family of the community that A grade milk could be produced on a Negro farm by a Negro family.

McCoy, Mr. Martin and five sons started work on the dairy project for a 24 cow unit. They did the hole of carpenters and masons at Hampton and T. College. The building was completed and approved as A grade.

Many groups visited the Martin farm to study the project. McCoy urged the C and B grade milk producers to visit the project over night.

John Neal succeeded McCoy's services and guidance and his A grade dairy soon became a reality in the Jones Chapel Community. Then the Rooper family followed.

The vocational agriculture staff with 306 farm people, Sunday, witnessed what was considered impossible five years ago — two A grade dairies being certified in the same afternoon and in the same community. The two 'A' grade dairies were dedicated on the farms of P. F. Harrison and L. M. Bolden, Sr.

According to McCoy, he has had the fine cooperation of the Rockingham County Health Department, L. L. Bolden, Harry Whitsett, H. A. King and R. L. Helms, veteran instructors of the Vocational Agriculture Department, and boasts of the fact the area in which he serves has more A grade dairies owned and operated by Negro farm people than any other school district of the state.

McCoy has the largest membership in the Better Farm and Home Improvement Association of any Vocational Agriculture teacher in the section.

One of the features connected with the new dairy buildings is a special cornerstone secured by each farmer which has the words, Vocational Agriculture, the student's name, the health officer's name, and the date, which serve as a record for the family and also informs other aspirants whom to contact if they want a similar project. McCoy points out the following features already realized from the older projects.

1—Regular employment for the family throughout the year.

2—Increased crop yield from the barnyard manure.

3—Fewer doctor bills and better health.

4—Larger farm income which comes over a 12-month period.

5—More funds to support family, church, and other important

HAMPTON'S GAIN — Hampton Institute may well be proud that Johnny (Little Coach) McLendon has accepted its offer to oin its department of athletics. Coach McLendon recently resigned a post as head basketball coach and member of the athletic department at North Carolina College, Durham, to accept the Hampton post.

Ceiling Prices On Lumber

RALEIGH — Dollars and cents ceilings for southern yellow pine lumber are established by OPS Ceiling Price Regulation 149, District Director Alfon G. Murchison said here today, noting that 75 percent of eastern Carolina lumber is this type.

The regulaiton covers manufacturers' sales of specified lumber products including retail-type sales. Basic ceiling prices are established for standard grades and sizes. The regulation requires that all persons who sell or buy lumber must keep certain records covering transactions for two years. Copies of invoices setting forth the required information are considered accurate records.

Sellers must issue invoices to buyers describing the lumber sold and showing the quantity and special workings. Invoices for delivered sales must also show either f.o.b. or delivered prices, points of origin and destination of shipments, and applicable freight rates or the amount added for transin Raleigh to help OPS formportation.

"Several months ago lumber dealers and sawmill operators met late a regulation tailored to their specific needs, and we will utilize every possible means to make assistance with this new regulation easily available to the trade," said Murchison.

Included in th eregulation is a simplified table for small operators, the director pointed out.

Thanks On A Job Well Done

Sugar Ray Robinson congratulates W. W. Wachtel, president of Calvert Distillers Corporation, for his efforts in behalf of young Negro athletes desiring to qualify in the 1952 Olympics. Joe Yancey, coach and trainer of young Olympic hopefuls, looks on approvingly. Young men trained by Yancey will get a chance to try out in California from funds raised by Mr. Wachtel who is the recipient of the Gold Award of the George Washington Carver Memorial Institute, for promoting interracial understanding.

Sugar Ray Trains Hard For Coming Title Fight

POMPTON LAKES, N. J. — Up beautiful Pompton, they don't here in the hills and lakes of think of Ray Robinson fighting Joey Maxim as the good little man against the good big man—they talk of him as the greatest fighter 'pound for pound'. The history of boxing has known and that he will prove by winning his third world championship in the Yankee Stadium on Monday, June 23rd.

They don't consider Ray a little man in any sense and feel certain that he will emulate Ruby Robert Fitzsimmons and Henry Armstrong by winning his third crown. There's an even dozen in the camp staff, including the middleweight champion and his manager, 'Emperor' George Gainford. Three trainers handle the working chores — Harry Wiley, head man, Fred 'Pee Wee' Beale, who used to be with Henry Armstrong and Clyde 'Honey' Brewer, Sugar's brother-in-law. They work swiftly, efficiently, and almost army discipline. Everything works on a schedule, another indication that this is a crucial period in the life of the great Robinson. Nobody thinks of the possibility of him being beaten by anybody. They know Robinson and they know that when he is intent on anything, he gets it. He rises to the responsibility because he is a great fighter. He lost to Randy Turpin for the middleweight title and came back two months later to take the crown back.

"Nobody'll ever give Robinson the credit he deserves," declared Gainsford. "This is no little man. He's great. He can do anything. Maxim is tough and Maxim is smart but who's going to outsmart Robinson and who is going to knock him out? They haven't been able to do it in 136 fights up to now. Silnce when it Maxim a great puncher? Let Doc Kearns holler. We'll just do the trainin'. We'll be there and Robinson will do the fightin'."

Briefly Stated

Ronald (Rabbit) Lewis, captain of the 1952 Florida A. and M. College baseball team, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery of the Army of the United States on Monday, May 26.

Robert Wilcox, outstanding defensive end for the Florida A. and M. College Rattlers during the '51 gridiron campaign, received his commission as a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery of the Army of the United States recently. He was leader of the crack Fancee ROTC drill squad.

Al Varner, a 1951 All-American tackle selection at Fancee, was awarded a second lieutenant's commission in the Field Artillery of the Army of the United States on Monday, May 26.

Peach harvesting in the Sandhills continues from about the first week in June until the first week in August. The Elberta is still the most popular variety grown in the State.

The Albritton strawberry variety, developed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the North Carolina Experiment Station and released to growers last December, is showing up well in its performance this season, according to horticultural specialists at State College.

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