

CLYDE ROBINSON IS BEST IN WATAUGA

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Soil conservation probably is the most talked about subject in present day agriculture. It is not necessary that we leave North Carolina to learn of its importance. Thousands of acres of waste land have been reclaimed and made more productive in North Carolina within the past two years.

Agriculture is by far the leading source of income for the people of Watauga county and it is with much forethought that they plan their cropping system each year. They must do so for they are faced with the ever present menace of soil erosion. Of the great variety of crops grown in that county, there is not one which is so outstanding as to prevent the type of farming from being continued on a well balanced and live-at-home basis. Diversified farming is practiced by almost every land owner.

The livestock industry of Watauga county has progressed along more specific lines. The people have concentrated their efforts on increasing the number of improved cattle. There is a great number of purebred Hereford cattle throughout the county.

The growing of sheep and wool also is an increasing practice among the people and a good many horses and mules are sold at Boone each year.

During the last eighteen months there have been selected over 100 demonstration farms in Watauga county. These farms are supervised by the county agent of the State College extension service in co-operation with the Tennessee Valley Authority.

It is the purpose of these two agencies to make all the selected farms self-supporting by a practical system of farm management and proper land use. These farms are known as community demonstration farms, and it is with the thought that the improved practices used on these farms will in turn be used by all in the community, that they were so named.

Just what it takes to make a good demonstration farmer is hard to say. However, one farmer said that he didn't know what the qualifications were, but whatever they were, they were "catching" and that if the demonstration farm could be the source of infection for better farming methods to spread through the community then its purpose was accomplished.

There is quite a bit of rivalry among the demonstration farmers of each county, as to who best fills the definition of a good community demonstration. Last fall the two county agents, Mr. W. B. Collins and H. M. Hamilton, Jr., conducted a series of farm tours over Watauga county visiting each demonstration farm and after all had been inspected, a special committee composed only of demonstration farmers selected the one farm which best represented to its community the purpose for which it was chosen. This honor went to the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Robinson, of Reece.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson and their five children live on a 40-acre farm about 14 miles from Boone. Mr. Robinson moved on this place about 15 years ago. At that time the land had been laying idle for 15 years; had grown up in bushes, and was in a low state of cultivation. When asked why he had settled on this particular farm, Mr. Robinson said: "Because I saw that it had good possibilities if properly managed and I did not have enough money to buy elsewhere."

This farm supports besides the family, 3 cows, 1 calf, 12 yearlings, 1 horse, 5 sheep and 50 white leghorn hens.

Robinson's Methods
In his farming program, Mr. Robinson follows all his row crops by crimson clover, red clover, or a grass mixture. A definite crop rotation is followed and there is practically no time during the year that the land is not covered with some kind of crop.

The cash crops grown on the farm

are tobacco, Irish potatoes and beans, green and shelled. All of these row crops are grown on land that does not wash.

During 1936 Mr. Robinson applied twenty tons of lime to his pastures and meadows. There is not a large amount of commercial fertilizer used on this farm.

All the pasture land on this farm was seeded about five years ago to blue grass, white clover, red top, and orchard grass.

The hay mixture used on damp lands is composed of tall meadow oat grass and alsike clover. Red clover and timothy are used on the uplands.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson save practically all their garden and farm seed and sell a good many snap bean seed each season.

Mrs. Robinson has canned over 50 cans of fruits and vegetables, not including her jugs of molasses, fruit preserves, and fruit juices for use this winter. The following is a list of 28 items that will be found in the Robinson pantry this winter:

1. Corn
2. Beans
3. Beets
4. Strawberries (wild and tame)
5. Peaches
6. Chow-chow
7. Cabbage
8. Tomatoes
9. Sweet potatoes
10. Cucumbers
11. Service preserves (wild)
12. Raspberries
13. Apples
14. Cherries
15. Pickled beans
16. Greens (turnips 2 and Swiss chard)
17. Kohlrabi
18. Pumpkin
19. Huckleberries (wild)
20. Blackberries (wild)
21. Grapes (fox and wild)
22. Rhubarb
23. Sausage
24. Tenderloin steak
25. Ribs
26. Head
27. Liver
28. As well as all cured cuts of pork and mutton.

Mrs. Robinson supplements her income by making hooked rugs and bed spreads.

It is a real pleasure to visit this farm and talk with Mr. and Mrs. Robinson. They both have the right ideas about community improvement and are doing constructive work along this line.

"When I first moved here," said Mr. Robinson, "my neighbors told me that I would starve to death on this land, but I started to work clearing pastures, planting seed, and following a good system of crop rotation. I have steadily improved the land, and it is now working for me. My wife and I are making a good living, educating five children and we have some money in the bank."

TO DISCUSS FARM SOCIAL PROBLEMS

A new series of radio talks dealing with the social problems of farm people will be begun by Robin Williams, assistant in rural sociology at the North Carolina experiment station, on the Carolina Farm Features program Wednesday, December 2.

Basing his talks on findings of experiment station, Williams will tell of the problems which sociological workers have found among the state's farm population. Tenantry, with its many complications, will be given a full discussion.

Many possible reforms in the present system have been pointed out and corrected as a result of the work of the rural sociology department. While other agricultural departments are interested in the conservation of natural resources, the rural sociology department is interested in the conservation of human resources.

The first talks on this subject delivered on the Carolina Farm Features program were given about one year ago by Dr. Horace Hamilton, then head of the department of rural sociology.

Prepared
Percival: That is a certain question I have wanted to ask you for weeks.

Winifred: Well, hurry up. I've had the answer all ready for weeks.



"Hi-Ho Everybody"
NEW YORK.—This peppy fur-bien of black antelope with rows of stitching to emphasize the slanting lines tops the season's smart hats to be awarded the moniker of "Gummy Top." It is new, it is correct and it has already caught the fancy of clever stylists.

Matmen Under Way For 1937 Season

With the ending of the football season, the Appalachian matmen will begin serious training for the opening meet of the season with Winston-Salem Y. M. C. A. here on December 12. Though the wrestlers of last season won easily over the Winston-Team, neither Coach Watkins nor his team are taking the meet lightly, and no effort is being spared in preparing for the "Y" men.

Many of the wrestlers are already at work and the prospects for another winning team are good. The addition of the White brothers, Gaskill, Barnhill, and Flowers, to the squad will take care of the vacancies left from last year.

Only one of last year's team will not be back in uniform this season, Frank Moore, who was underweight in the 155-pound class last season, graduated in the spring. However, Coach Watkins is expecting to find another good man in the wealth of material from which he will have to choose.

Lettermen who will be in uniform again are; Patterson and Scott in the 118-pound class, Norris and Ward in the 125, Captain Jimmie Crooks in the 135-pound class, W. Norris in the 145 weight, Claude Farthing, 165; Cine Farthing, 175, and Hobbs in the unlimited class.

Appalachian wrestling fans are predicting a season as successful as that of last year in which the Watkins proteges were undefeated in a nine-meet schedule and were championship contenders in North Carolina by virtue of a victory over Davidson. The Tennessee champions, Maryville, were twice victims of the Appalachian team.

The schedule, which is not yet complete, will include stronger teams than that of last year and if the team can repeat last year's record they will have an undisputed claim to the North Carolina championship.

- The tentative schedule:
- Dec 12—Winston-Salem Y. M. C. A. here.
 - Jan. 8—Newport-News, there.
 - January 9—Norfolk Y. M. C. A., there.
 - Jan. 14—Elon, here.
 - Jan. 16—Spray Y. M. C. A., here.
 - Jan. 23—N. C. State, there.
 - Jan. 29—University of Tennessee, there.
 - Jan. 30—Spray Y. M. C. A., there.
 - Feb. 10—Elon, there.
 - Feb. 13—University of Tennessee, here.
 - February 27—Norfolk Y. M. C. A., here.
 - March—A. A. U. Tournament.

1937 CHEVROLET CARS IN BIG DEMAND

The average daily deliveries of Chevrolet's 1937 cars since the announcement of the new models November 7 have been more than double those of a year ago, according to reports reaching the Detroit office of the company.

During the first several days after the announcement, deliveries reached approximately 11,000 a day, company officials revealed, as compared to around 4,600 a day following last year's announcement.

More than 65,000 cars had been placed in the hands of buyers within a few days after the public first saw the new models, and an additional 100,000 orders had been placed with the 10,000 Chevrolet dealers in the field, officials said.

Production is being stepped up to 6,000 cars a day in an effort to satisfy the sweeping demand for the new Chevrolet. Deliveries are being made as soon as the cars can be made available.

Vital Issues Await General Assembly

Sales Tax Revamping and Liquor Issue Rank Among Major Items for Session

Revamping of the present state sales tax and determination of the liquor issue are two vital problems awaiting the North Carolina general assembly which convenes shortly after the first of January.

The sales tax has been argued pro and con since the primary election campaign. It was the major issue of the 1933 session.

The liquor issue ran the sales tax a close second. In a burst of unexpected parliamentary speed 17 counties gave up the ghost of the Burlington act during the last legislature to pass bills permitting local referendums which in turn permitted the sale of liquor.

The incoming administration is committed to modify the sales tax and the issue is definitely scheduled to take first place on the legislative calendar. The anti-sales tax forces are split now. Its leader, Dr. Ralph W. McDonald of Forsyth county, who whirled into the spotlight as the crusader against the sales tax, will be missing from the floor of the house this session. But there will be others to carry on.

At the same time, leaders who fought for the sales tax in the last legislature will continue to fight from the floors of the two chambers for the tax which they believe "the most equitable ever imposed."

There is little doubt among political observers that the sales tax will not be modified.

Also slated to find a prominent place on the legislative calendar is the liquor question. For months a special liquor commission, authorized by the 1935 general assembly and appointed by Governor Ehringhaus, has been at work holding hearings throughout the state, trying to fathom sentiments of both wets and dries and come up with suggestions to the 1937 legislature which will give North Carolina a satisfactory liquor system.

With 17 counties going wet under local referendums following last-minute legislative adoption in 1935, more counties, it is understood, are ready to cross over to the wet side and share in the receipts gained from liquor sales.

Many dries who fought liquor legislation during 1935 now concede that local option has proved satisfactory.

Social security measures, unemployment insurance and old-age pensions, will also top the legislative slate.

The report of the commission authorized in 1935 to investigate highway debt claims, which total well above \$50,000,000, is likely to set the

stage for more debate.

Much speculation has been manifested over the state's new mode of execution of its capital offenders. Lethal gas was substituted for the electric chair as a "more humane" means of execution by the 1935 general assembly. But since the first victim was lethally last January there has been dissent. Thus looms, in all probability, a fight to restore the electric chair which served the state for 26 years.

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SEEING THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN

Scientists have invented spectacles that make the brain receive topsy-turvy images and do other queer things. Read this interesting story of science in the November 29th issue of the American Weekly, the big magazine which comes on Sunday with the BALTIMORE AMERICAN. Your news dealer has your copy.

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