

# MANY FARMERS GO ON TRIP THROUGH WATAUGA COUNTY

### Best Demonstration Farmer is Selected for Each Township in the County; Watt Gragg Leads; Detailed Report of Farm Activities is Given

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Beginning August 7 and lasting through August 24, the farmers of Watauga county made township and county tours of demonstration farms for the purpose of inspecting the demonstration farms of the county, to study the farming operations carried on on these farms, and to determine the best demonstration farmer in the townships and in the county. These selections were made by the farmers without aid or interference by the county agent.

Mr. W. J. Farthing was selected the best demonstration farmer in Laurel Creek township. Mr. Farthing has worked out a crop rotation on his farm with three fields of about equal size, which are not subject to erosion. Each year on one of these fields Mr. Farthing plants corn and other row crops, one field in rye, and one field in meadow. The corn field is limed and about 100 pounds of commercial fertilizer per acre is used. An average yield of 50 bushels of corn per acre or better is made on this farm. The corn field is followed with rye in the fall and sown to meadow mixture of red clover, Korean lespedeza, timothy and grasses in the spring.

Mr. Farthing has used 43% phosphate on his pastures for the last two years and he has carefully staked off 10% of each pasture field and left this area as a check plot to determine the comparative value of fertilizing pastures.

Mr. Farthing has been one of the pioneer users of lespedeza in the county and he has a wonderful growth of this crop on a large acreage of his meadow and pasture land, to prove to the most skeptical that lespedeza is a very excellent soil building crop for certain areas of the county.

Mr. Farthing has good Shorthorn cows on his farm and within the last year has purchased a very fine purebred Hereford bull to improve his and his neighbors' cattle.

The farmers who inspected this farm, on the farm tour, could not help but come away determined to do better farming on their own land.

Mr. Alex Tugman was selected as the best demonstration farmer in Meat Camp township. Mr. Tugman has worked out a three-year crop rotation for his farm which consists of row crops, small grain, and meadow. All crop land on this farm is limed before it is reseeded to clover and grass and all row crops and small grain crops are fertilized liberally. The corn yield on this farm will average 50 bushels per acre or better and the wheat yield is from 15 to 30 bushels per acre.

Mr. Tugman is carrying on a five-year demonstration with nitrate of soda on wheat. Three years of this demonstration has been completed with a very great average increase of wheat where nitrate of soda was used.

This year Mr. Tugman is carrying on a corn variety demonstration with a dozen different varieties of corn to determine the variety best suited to conditions in this county.

This year, on one acre of Mr. Tugman's thinnest pasture, he spread one ton of lime, 20 pounds of muriate of potash, and 200 pounds of 43% phosphate and sowed 20 pounds of a general pasture mixture. This one acre of pasture was treated to show what can be done to produce a real turf on our grazing lands. The results on this acre have been highly satisfactory this year.

Mr. Tugman has a good check plot, carefully staked off in his pastures where he has used 43% phosphate, and he is setting a fine example in good farming for his community.

Mr. Ira Moretz was selected as the best demonstration farmer in Bald Mountain township. Mr. Moretz started as a demonstration farmer this year and he has made rapid progress in building up his pastures with 43% phosphate and lespedeza. He will begin liming his crop land this year and the farmers in his community can look out for an increase in crop yields on this farm, within the next few years.

Brown Brothers' farm was selected as the best demonstration farm in Stony Fork township. These brothers have shown the farmers in Stony Fork what can be done toward building up their land with lime, a liberal application of commercial fertilizer and manure. Some old sink-field pastures on this farm have, within a very few years been transformed from sink-field to 200 bushels of potatoes per acre, 20 bushels of rye per acre and clover and lespedeza knee deep in the rye stubble. These men are showing what it takes to get yields on the crest of the Blue Ridge and their neighbors are beginning to sit up and take notice. These men have spread about 100 tons of lime within a period of two years and they have "just begun to lime."

Will Anderson on Dr. H. E. Per-

## A. F. of L. Leaders Hold Meeting



ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. . . . Members of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor are shown at a session they held in the Ambassador Hotel here. They heard William Green, president, state that the Federation was making satisfactory strides in the organization of workers in the textile industry.

ry's farm was selected as the best demonstration farmer in Boone township. There is real team-work on this farm, with Dr. Perry furnishing the "dough" and Will getting the farming done, and between them they are building up more land than anybody in the county. They cut bushes and briars by the hundred acres, when their allowance of 43% phosphate runs out, they buy 20% phosphate by the hundred bags to go on pastures, and their meadow land never gets too steep to lime.

The pasture land on this large farm has been cleaned up and fertilized and a large part of the pastures and all the meadows have been limed. These men have put up 100 stacks of hay this year, and they can show some fine pasture land today where only a few years ago there were bushes and briar fields.

The best cattle and sheep on this farm are being rapidly improved.

Mr. Reeves Billings was selected as the best demonstration farmer in the Burshy Fork watershed. A great many people in passing Mr. Billings' farm have thought that Mr. Billings had his place laid out for a real estate development and for sale but they were mistaken. The white staves you see on this farm show where 43% phosphate was left off of the pastures and meadows. Anyone who has any question in his mind as to the value of using TVA or 43% phosphate on pastures will do well to stop at Mr. Billings' place and see for himself what improvement can be made on pastures by using phosphate.

Mr. T. C. Baird was selected as the best demonstration farmer in Watauga township. Mr. Baird has for years had some of the best cattle, horses, hogs and sheep to be found in the county. He has limed, fertilized and manured his bottom lands until his yields of hay and grain have been high. He has also had some fine broomsage pastures for a number of years which he wished he did not have, but which he had done but very little about until a couple of years ago. Within the last two years the bushes and briars have been clipped from these broomsage pastures, the broomsage has been clipped where a moving machine could go, lime has been applied on part of these pastures, 43% phosphate has been applied on all the pastures and this year an additional 40 bags of 20% phosphate was purchased to be applied on pastures, and a mixture of lespedeza and other grasses have been sown on the thinner parts of these pasture fields.

Within a period of two years Mr. Baird has made it almost impossible to find what would be called a broomsage field on his farm. With the treatment he has given his pastures they are rapidly changing to lespedeza, white clover and bluegrass pastures instead of broomsage. He is finding that not only is the broomsage disappearing but that he will have to keep several head more stock to eat his grass than he has been keeping.

Mr. J. L. Triplett was selected as the best demonstration farmer in Shawneehaw township. Mr. Triplett has a fine crop rotation worked out for his farm and he carries on a well balanced system of farming. Liberal applications of lime and fertilizer are applied on the crop land

## Uncle Jim Says



When crop yields keep falling off, it's pretty good proof that land needs lime, phosphate, and legumes. More farmers can use these now under the agricultural conservation program.

of this farm. Corn, cabbage, potatoes, oats and hay are the principal crops grown on the farm. The cash crops of cabbage and potatoes and the livestock which consists principally of beef cattle are exceptionally well balanced. This farm is the high income group of the average sized farms of the county.

Mr. Triplett has fenced off some of the badly eroded spots in his pastures and set locust on these areas. These areas are being rapidly reclaimed.

Wiley Perry was selected as the best demonstration farmer in lower Beaver Dam township.

Wiley is a young man who is getting off to a fast start in good farming. He believes the way to pay for a worn out farm is to build it up with lime and phosphate so the farm will help pay for itself. He has been using lime and phosphate on his pastures and all his crop land with very excellent results.

Mr. Perry has as fine a home, barn and farm buildings as can be found on most any farm in the county.

Mr. Lee Swift was selected as the best demonstration farmer in upper Beaver Dam township.

Mr. Swift has for the last year limed all his crop land and made a good start on liming his pastures. In order to get the most benefit from the 43% phosphate on his pastures, Mr. Swift has sown a grass seed mixture of lespedeza, white clover, red top, orchard grass and other grasses on practically all his old pasture fields.

Sowing these grass seed and applying 200 pounds of 43% phosphate per acre on these pastures has, in most instances, doubled the grazing capacity of these pastures. The bushes and briars are all clipped on the pasture land and the grass given a chance to grow.

Mr. Swift has made a remarkable increase in the weight and quality of his lambs in the last two years by purchasing a good purebred ram and by improving his pastures so these lambs would get fat.

Mr. R. A. Thomas was selected as the best demonstration farmer on upper Cove Creek township.

Mr. Thomas is setting a fine example of strip cropping, liming and sowing clover on his farm. Since a large part of his farm is steep, he has some difficulty in finding fields to cultivate on which he can keep down erosion. He is liming and sowing clover on that part of his land which is less subject to erosion, and building up a number of fields over his farm where he can make the necessary crops and still save his soil. When it comes to putting up hay at the right time, Mr. Thomas is a "past-master" at this art. He can tell you when to cut your grass for the best hay and how the grass should be cured. He says that most farmers of the county let their grass get too ripe and dead to make the most and best hay.

Mr. Watt Gragg was selected as the best demonstration farmer in lower Cove Creek township and the best demonstration farmer of all these good demonstration farmers in Watauga county.

About eighteen months ago Mr. Gragg bought a farm in the Silverstone community, a large part of which had been cropped as long as it would make a crop, then left idle without grass or other protection to the soil.

In 1936, Mr. Gragg bought 1,200 pounds of grass seed and sowed it on this place. He has bought lime and has limed most of the crop land and a considerable portion of the pasture land. He has bought fertilizer, chicken manure, old straw stacks and everything else he could get to go on the thin and galded places on the farm. He has cleaned out the fence rows, ditch banks, taken the weeds and briars off the fields, trimmed up locust bushes and even gone into the woods and taken out brush and put it all out on the badly eroded places on the farm.

The farm has been well fenced, with a large number of convenient lots around the homestead.

This farm is being built up the fastest of any farm in the county.

Mr. Gragg is getting a start of good Hereford cattle and other live-

## MCINTYRE SEES NO PARTY SPLIT

### President's Secretary, on Visit to Blowing Rock, Minimizes Party Rift

Blowing Rock, Sept. 3. Marvin H. McIntyre, personal secretary to President Roosevelt, told a reporter here today that, in spite of recent reports from Washington, there is "no real split in the Democratic party."

Interviewed on the way to Blowing Rock, where he and Mrs. McIntyre plan to spend a short vacation, the President's confidential man gave some of the credit for the so-called split to the Republicans, who, he predicted, would soon attempt to take advantage of it.

"Personally," he said, "I think our party would be better off if we could see it split more than anyone else. I'm expecting Brother Hamilton to have something to say about it very soon."

## Bethel High School and Community News

(Deferred from last week)

A revival meeting has been in progress at Bethel Baptist church since last Thursday. The pastor, Rev. W. D. Ashley, assisted by Rev. Brady Hamby of Caldwell county, are doing the preaching.

Mrs. Lura Earp of Moravian Falls, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Farthing this week.

Mr. Jacob Cook of Kentucky who has been visiting friends and relatives in this section for the past two weeks returned to his home Tuesday.

Mr. Dale Norris, one of the Bethel high school teachers, spent the week-end with home folks near Todd.

Bethel high school opened Thursday of last week with an enrollment of 277 students in the grades and 88 in high school. The whole community is extremely proud of the new building. The teachers this year are C. M. Dickson, principal; J. B. O'Neal and Dale Norris, high school; Stanley Harmon and Marshall Ward, Mrs. Mary Austin Kiler, Misses Ruby and Ona Farthing, Mary Lee Bingham, Maude Perry and Cleo Walker, grade teachers.

## JUDGE STACK DIES

Judge A. M. Stack, 74, who served from 1922 to 1934 on the North Carolina superior court bench, died at a hospital in Monroe Thursday. He had undergone an emergency operation the day previous.

Judge Stack was defeated for reelection in 1934 by Don Phillips of Rockingham, who was district solicitor at that time.

Now is the time for western North Carolina farmers to apply lime to their soil.

The French monarchy began to give way to the first French republic in 1791.

stock on his farm.

When a farm is selected as the best demonstration farm in Watauga county it is too good to describe; you will just have to go and see it for yourself.

## Meat Camp News

(Deferred from last week.)

Mr. Kermit Proffitt, who has been working in the coal mines, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Proffitt.

Mr. Paul Wineberger and Mr. Cicero Proffitt were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miller Sunday.

Misses Margaret and Bonne Miller and Nellie Pearl Moretz were guests of Jim Proffitt's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Wineberger spent the week-end in Samson.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Tate and Kermit Proffitt left Monday morning for

Michigan. Miss Murie and Bernard Holson were visitors at L. L. Miller's Sunday.

Mr. Arlie Wineberger has returned to his home from West Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Jason Miller were visitors in Boone Wednesday.

Mrs. Willet Miller and son, Cling, are visiting her daughter, Mrs. Fred White, in Boone.

Independence hall in Philadelphia is open daily to the public without charge.

Retail prices in France are the highest since 1931.

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She: "Hello, George, I'm surely glad to hear your voice. How are you getting on with the 'big deal'?"  
He: "Great. It looks like success in capital letters, and I think the deal will be closed tomorrow."  
She: "That's fine, dear. But then, I know you'd do it. Are you staying at the Governor Hotel?"  
He: "Yes, and my air-conditioned room is very comfortable. How are the kids? Is Junior's cold better?"  
She: "Junior's feeling fine now, and Betty is thrilled over a new red swim suit. When are you coming home?"  
He: "I'll leave here tomorrow evening, but if my plans have to be changed, I'll call you."  
She: "All right. Wait, Betty and Junior want to say 'hello' if we have time."

Of course, Betty and Junior will have time to say "hello" to dad, for although 120 words have been spoken—many a question and answer conveyed—about FOUR times as many words can be said in an average three-minute telephone conversation.

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