

Soil Conservation Pleases Farmers

By H. J. WILLIAMS

James F. Michael of lower Meat Camp says "By following soil sample recommendations my half acre tobacco crop brought \$300 more than in previous years, while my investment for fertilizer was less than it had formerly been." The extra money resulted from the addition of extra potash, an element needed on his farm to produce tobacco of top quality.

Last week Richard Presnell of Beaver Dams had a district farm plan made on his farm. The plan was made with the goal of putting each parcel of land on the farm to its best use. Some of the practices planned for the farm include strip cropping, contour cultivation, seeding of pasture,

pasture treatment, reforestation, and woodland management.

S. C. Eggers, Jr. recently purchased a farm that he plans to use wholly for the production of timber. Each year several acres of open land will be planted to white pine or poplar until the entire farm is producing timber. The old stand of timber will be improved by removing the undesirable trees and permitting the ones of better species to grow to maturity.

Grover Presnell of Beaver Dam was recently assisted by Soil Conservation Service in marking contour strips on his farm. By plowing his strip land in strips he will eliminate much of the danger of erosion until it is reseeded to permanent pasture.

"Curious Savage" Is Being Presented By Drama Classes

The play production class of Appalachian State Teachers College will present the three-act comedy, "The Curious Savage," by John Patrick, on Thursday, February 19 and Friday, February 20 at 8 o'clock in the college auditorium.

The play is a delightful comedy concerning a woman who wants to enjoy life and make it happy for others, but is frustrated in this desire by her three selfish stepchildren, who, though adult, are anything but mature. As a result, the three—Titus, Lily Belle, and Samuel, succeed in having their mother, Mrs. Savage, committed to the Cloisters, a rest home. There, Mrs. Savage meets others who are happy in what they are doing and who teach her more about life and people than she had known before. They make her positive about wanting to go ahead with her original plans to establish a Memorial Fund in honor of her late husband. Her reason for establishing the fund: "There are plenty of charities for foolish people in desperate need, and none for people with a desperate need to be foolish." With many laughs, a touch of mystery, and stimulating dialogue, the play reaches its conclusion in a fascinating manner.

The cast of characters includes the following personnel from English 430 class in play production: The guests at the Cloisters—Florence played by Carolyn Greene of Valle Crucis; Hannibal, Giles Salvo of Charleston, S. C.; Fairy May, Nancy Dickerson of Winston-Salem; Jeffrey, Charles Dolinger of Lansing; Mrs. Paddy, Honorii Jenkins of Greensboro. The family—Titus played by Coy Temple, of Lexington; Lily Belle, Peggy Brummitt of Bakersville; Samuel, Donald Norris of Statesville; Ethel, Mrs. Savage, Elizabeth Elliott of Shelby. The staff—Miss Wilhelmina, Jeanne Grana of Valdese; Dr. Emmett, Jack Page of Belmont.

The director of the play is Miss Audrey Eichelberger, teacher of the class in play production. Assistant director is Harold Bennett of Wilkesboro; scriptholder, Sara Margaret Legette of Lumberton. Technical staff includes Carl Henry of Conover and Franklin Sigmon of Claremont, staging and lighting; Sara Nell Mathis of Jonesville and Pat Bevell of Brown Summit, properties and wardrobe; Neva Norris of Boone, make-up; and ushers and programs in charge of Helen Hemphill of Union Mills.

The play will be given, admission-free, on Thursday and Saturday night at eight o'clock. There will be an open dress rehearsal Friday night for any who might desire to come. Latecomers will be seated during the intermissions.

Labor Shortages Are Plaguing Many Farmers

Large crops of farm boys, who stay on the farm, might be the best answer to the labor shortage currently plaguing Tar Heel farmers, but in the absence of these, science offers alternatives.

M. S. Williams, farm management specialist for the State College Extension Service, points out a number of problems and how science offers the farmer means of solving them.

He cites a recent study showing that many Tar Heel farmers are taking from eight to 10 months and from 18 to 20 bushels of corn to put a 200-pound hog on the market. Labor required runs about 10 hours per hog and returns about \$1 an hour over costs.

By using good pasture and balance rations, a 200-pound hog can be put on the market with 12 bushels of corn in six months, with only five hours of labor per hog and a return of \$2.75 per hour.

Williams also points out that it takes very little, if any, extra labor to increase the per acre yields of a crop, especially if you're using mechanical power for harvesting. And the greater the output for each man-hour of labor, the more you can afford to pay that laborer, thereby keeping him on the farm instead of losing him to the mill in the city.

Soil testing, resulting in adequate fertilization, is a key step in more efficient production. These and many other ways of getting the most from your land are as close to the farmer as his county agent.

State Tax Forms Due To Be Filed

North Carolina State Income Tax Returns are due to be filed on or before March 15.

A single person with an income of \$1,000 or more, or a married man with an income of \$2,000 or more is required to file a State Income Tax Return. A married woman, with a separate income of \$1,000 or more from that of her husband, is required to file a return.

Taxpayers who have previously filed should use forms received which bear their names and addresses.

It is necessary under the law that remittances accompany the returns. Penalties automatically apply after March 15 to the returns on which tax is due but not paid. For illness, absence or inability to get necessary records together, extensions may be secured through the Department of Revenue at Raleigh.

Failure to receive a form does not relieve a person of liability to file.

A local representative of the N. C. Department of Revenue can be contacted at Watauga County Court House, Boone, on Wednesday, Feb. 18, and Thursday, Feb. 25, who will be available to give assistance in filing returns.

Experiments show that peanuts remove large quantities of potash from the soil and in so doing may severely lower the soil's productivity.

Rain Plays Havoc In Home Wardrobe

"And the rains came,"—at least they have certainly come to most sections of North Carolina. Being well dressing in the worst of weather is a real challenge to any woman.

Rain plays havoc with your clothing, especially your shoes. When it grizzles all day and mud puddles are omnipresent, it's pretty hard to "be a lady" and keep the proverbial mud off your heels.

Black suede opera pumps continue to set "high style", but not so in rainy weather. These shoes take to the damp weather just about as agreeably as oil takes to water. But you can keep your suede shoes looking respectable even in the worst weather.

To remove mud and clay from suede shoes, let the mud thoroughly dry first before trying to remove it. When it is dry, explains State College Clothing Specialist, Julia Melver, the mud comes off easily. Then with a dry suede brush, buff the spot briskly until the stain is removed. After a thorough brushing you may want to clean the shoes well with a commercial suede cleaner, let the shoes dry, and buff again. This process should leave your shoes with a "good as new" look.

For mud stains on washable fabrics, first let the mud dry before attempting to remove. Brush thoroughly and if the stain remains, sponge lightly with alcohol. Then launder with plenty of suds and warm water.

Mud stains on non-washable materials should not present a headache, either. Again, simply allow the mud to dry thoroughly, and then brush well. If the stain still clings to the fabric, sponge lightly with carbon tetrachloride.

NCEA To Meet

The Watauga unit of the North Carolina Education Association will meet Thursday night at 7:30, at Appalachian High School auditorium.

Committee meetings will be held at 7 o'clock.

Judge Johnson J. Hayes, of the Middle District Federal Court, will be the speaker.

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Salvadora Adams Taken By Death

Mrs. Salvadora Adams, colored, died February 14 at the age of 38 in Grace Hospital at Banner Elk, where she had been a patient for the past several days.

Funeral services were scheduled to be held at 2 p. m. Wednesday, February 18, at the Missionary Baptist Church, with the Rev. Mr. Bailey in charge.

Survivors include her husband, John Adams, her parents, John and Stella Shearer; and two sisters, Mrs. Daisy Kendall, Trafford, Ala., and Mrs. Leola Russell, Tasewell, Va.

Mrs. Maggie Grimes Dies Wednesday

Mrs. Maggie Grimes, colored resident of Boone, died Wednesday, Feb. 11 at her home on Junaluska Street following a long illness.

Funeral services were held February 13 at the Minnie Baptist Church, with the Rev. Rock Hatten and the Rev. Ronda Horton officiating at the rites. Burial was in the city cemetery.

She is survived by the following sons and daughters: Frank Claude, and Jesse Grimes, of Johnson City, Tenn.; Fred and Neal Grimes of Boone; Joseph Grimes of McKeesport, Pa.; Mrs. Mollie McQueen of Boone; Mrs. Carrie Hardin of Detroit, Mich.; and a sister, Mrs. Nannie Poe of West Jefferson.

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