

Artificial Milk Cow Breeding Proposed In Three Counties

Local Farmers Interested Should Contact C. W. Overman

According to County Agent C. W. Overman, the breeding of milk cows has been an increasing problem since the livestock law prevented cattle running at large over the country. This has been partially responsible for the gradual decrease of milk cows kept on Chowan County farms over the last 50 years. In 1900 there were approximately 558 milk cows and heifers, two years old, on the farms in Chowan County. Today there are approximately 385 milk cows in the county. Generally a farmer with one or two milk cows does not want to keep a bull. In many cases they are afraid of the animal when he gets up to a good breeding age and rightly so because they do become dangerous unless properly fenced or pinned and properly managed. This results in very few bulls being kept on the farm, creating a serious breeding problem.

Another problem is that of having bulls with high milk production records behind them to improve the milk cow stock. These problems may be overcome by using artificial breeding where available.

Chowan, Perquimans and Pasquotank counties are in the process of making a survey preparatory to organizing an artificial insemination association for the three counties. The organization of this association depends upon the interest indicated by the dairymen and farm people in the three counties. It is estimated that it will be necessary to know that there will be at least 800 or more cows to be artificially bred to justify the association.

Artificial breeding of dairy cattle will tend to eliminate the breeding difficulties. When promptly notified, the artificial inseminator will come to the farm and breed the cow when she is ready. This will eliminate the bull problem in most instances. The cow will be bred by a sire that has a known high milk production record

behind him. Heifers saved from such breedings will be high producers and gradually milk cows will be greatly improved. This will also enable many more people to keep milk cows who are not doing so because of the breeding problems.

Farmers who are interested in this artificial breeding program should give their names and addresses to the county agent so that the interest in this program may be determined in helping to set up the organization. This should be done at the very earliest date possible. Already a young man in Perquimans County has taken a course and qualified as an artificial inseminator. It is estimated that the cost will probably run about \$8.00 per cow. This cost will include a second or even a third service, if necessary. "Let us know at once if you are interested," urges Mr. Overman.

Society Of Methodist Church Holds Meeting

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church held its regular meeting March 13 at the parsonage with Mrs. E. B. Edwards and Mrs. Herman Edwards hostesses. A very interesting program, with the subject, "Christ-Centered Religion," was presented by Mrs. T. J. Wood, with the following ladies taking part: Mesdames Zelle Ward, Roy Hassell, Howard Holcomb, Frank Elliott, John Ross, T. J. Wood, G. A. Helms and W. C. Moore.

During the business session that followed the president, Mrs. Edward Speight, announced that the Methodist women would serve lunch at the

Parish House on May 6 and 7 for visiting Episcopal members.

There will be a joint meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Woman's Society at the April meeting at the church.

Miss Beatrice Evans Duke Dance Sponsor

At the Forest Hills Country Club, on March 3, Miss Beatrice Evans attended the annual Black and White Ball of the Duke chapter of the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity. Miss Evans, prior to the dance, was selected by the brothers of the fraternity as a sponsor, to be accompanied by Bennett B. White, secretary of the fraternity.

Wall streamers and a canopy of black and white, in keeping with the theme of the dance completed the decorations. The ladies, dressed in white evening gowns, and the men, in tuxedos, danced to the music of Jo Ellis and his Rhythm Masters. The

intermission entertainment consisted of group singing and three songs by the Delta Sig Quartet.

COUSIN OF EDENTON PEOPLE WRITES INTERESTING ARTICLE

Mrs. J. M. Vail, Mrs. Hollowell Nixon, Mrs. T. B. Smith and Ruth Vail Porter, have an interesting young cousin living in Wethersfield, Conn., Helen Reeder Cross, (Mrs. Edward Hall Broadhead) who wrote a fine article, "One World—Child Size", published in the January, 1951 of National Parent-Teacher, the P. T. A. Magazine. The National State Department has asked permission to translate this article into foreign languages to be printed in papers and magazines in Europe, Asia, Africa, etc., in connection with our "Voice of America." Mrs. Broadhead's husband, Edward Hall Broadhead, a professional organist, was head of the Music De-

partment and organist at Duke University for ten or twelve years before going to Connecticut. Well, we don't think anybody can blame the dyes for the bootlegging going on over the nation these days.

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