

## AROUND THE FARMS IN CHOWAN

By C. W. OVERMAN, Chowan County Agent

**Swine Improved in Chowan County:** Dr. John Christian, Extension Meat Specialist, stated this week that Chowan County is making excellent progress in swine improvement. On Monday he and assistant agent Bob Marsh went out to select a No. 1 and a No. 3 hog to be used in the meat demonstration on Wednesday. When they returned to the office, Dr. Christian said, "Charlie, you all are doing one of the best jobs with swine that I have seen in any county. Bob and I have been to six farms looking for a No. 1 and a No. 3 hog. All we could find is No. 1's and No. 2's. We could not find a single No. 3 hog."

This is truly a compliment to Chowan County swine growers, but we are still producing some No. 3 hogs. As fast as possible we want to have everything going into the No. 1 meat type grade.

**Meats Demonstration:** Dr. Christian conducted a very interesting and informative demonstration during the Fat Stock Show and Sale. Using a No. 1 and a No. 3 pork carcass, he cut out the various cuts of meat pointing out the difference between a No. 1 and No. 3 hog.

The No. 1 carcass contained a higher per cent of lean meat and a low per cent of fat. The No. 3 carcass contained considerably more fat and much less lean meat. Dr. Christian pointed out that the consuming public wants lean meat which they can eat and not fat meat which is a waste. The way to get the No. 1 meat type hog is to produce it.

Many of our swine producers need to improve their breeding stock selecting meat type breeders. The next thing, hogs must be sold at the correct weight and not fed to overweight. This may mean making two or three different sales of a lot of 50 hogs, selling each lot as they get ready for market by selection. This is a little trouble but it pays good dividends.

**Farrowing Facilities Paying Good Dividends:** I visited several swine growers this week observing the operation of their improved farrowing facilities. Fred White, Sr., and Jr., of Cross Roads community, are getting excellent results. Their farrowing pens have guard rails around the pens to protect the pigs. Each stall has an electric brooder under which the pigs stay most of the time when not nursing. This important facility helps to keep the pigs out of the way of the sow and avoids much mashing and crippling of pigs.

W. W. Byrum, Jr.'s new central farrowing house appears to be off to a good start. Here I observed a little too much litter being used in the stalls. When more than about an inch of litter is placed on the floor, the brood sows tends to try to make a bed which often results in the trapping and mashing of pigs.

H. M. Nixon of Rocky Hock community is having very good success with his farrowing house. Several swine growers were furnished farrowing house plans and plans for constructing concrete feeding platforms for hogs this week.

**Fat Stock Show and Sale:** While the Fat Stock Show and Sale was largely Assistant Agent Bob Marsh's project responsibility, I rendered a little help along the way. Mr. Marsh has covered this information quite thoroughly and I wish to make a few comments.

In my opinion, the show and sale was an excellent success.

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## Faraday And His Faith

By JOHN D. MCCREADY

**Editor's Note:** This is one of a series of articles written by John D. McCreedy, head of the English Department at Chowan College. Mr. McCreedy for 18 years was pastor of the First Baptist Church at Morganton and served as army chaplain in World War II and was state chaplain for the American Legion. Since connected with Chowan College, Mr. McCreedy has preached at many churches in this area.

All boys and girls are heroworshippers.

So is a well-known American scientist, Dr. Raymond J. Seegar. Speaking recently at Chowan College he mentioned to the students one of his great heroes—Faraday the physicist.

Who was he? Michael Faraday was born into a large family in England, on September 22, 1791. He was so poor that a college education was out of the question. Yet before he died, in 1867, he had so enriched the world by his discoveries that Queen Victoria invited him to occupy a house on the grounds of Hampton Court Palace.

Michael went to work at the age of twelve, as an errand boy for a stationer and book-binder in London. He studied scientific books in his free time. When he was nineteen a customer, visiting the shop, was so impressed by his personality and intelligence that he gave him tickets to the last four lectures in a series by Sir Humphrey Davy at the Royal Institution. Michael took notes and sent them afterwards to Sir Humphrey, asking him if he could in any way help him to leave his prosaic job and devote himself to the science which he loved.

Shortly afterward the coach of Davy drew up before young Faraday's lodgings and a servant delivered a note. The next day Faraday was engaged by the noted scientist and philosopher as his laboratory boy and valet. Soon he was helping Davy with his experiments—helping himself also to danger; for more than once the older man and his assistant were both injured by explosions of nitrogen.

When Davy and his wife left for a trip on the continent, Davy took along his helper, as valet and secretary. In Switzerland, where they were the guests of a prominent man named De La Rive, Faraday listened to many leading scientists whom Davy met and loaded his gun on hunting expeditions. The secretary-valet was at first given a place at mealtime at the servants' table; but De La Rive, when he became better acquainted with Faraday, and learned of his position in the laboratory at home, wished to raise

his status. Lady Davy objected, and De La Rive solved the problem by serving Faraday's meals in the young man's own room. To be treated as a menial by Lady Davy was a sore trial to the fiery, sensitive spirit of a gifted young man, but he endured it.

Some years after this trip Faraday met Sarah Barnard and fell desperately in love. She at first hesitated. She doubted that she could ever match his love with an equal ardor. But finally she consented. After the marriage, on June 12, 1821, she being twenty-one, he thirty, he wrote "Amongst these records of events I here insert the date of one which, as a source of honor and happiness, far exceeds all the rest."

Faraday's scientific career now went forward until it became one "unparalleled in the history of pure experimental science." In such fields as those of electricity and magnetism his contributions were of the greatest importance. His thoroughness in preparing the lectures which for many years he was to give led him to study elocution. His presentations were models of clearness and logical reasoning. Yet their effectiveness stemmed even more from a remarkable grace and earnestness which marked their delivery.

The eminent physicist was a man of great refinement and kindness of spirit, sympathetic toward all in distress, and generous toward all good causes. He was quite indifferent regarding possible schemes of money-making from his discoveries and inventions. He found his satisfaction in the thought of having saved humanity. Regarding his material wants, he was confident that the Lord would provide.

Faraday was a man of strong religious faith. Never parading his religion, he was always ready to discuss it with any who, he felt, were actuated by higher motives than those of mere curiosity. Shortly after he was married he united with the church. At his table he would lift his hands over the dish before him and in the tones of a son addressing a loving father ask a blessing on the food. "His faith," said one who knew him well, "never wavered, but remained till the end as fresh as when, at the age of thirty, he made his confession of sin and profession of faith." "Our hope," he once declared, "is founded on the faith as it is in Christ." He did not believe that by mere rea-



**LAND HO!**—U.S. Navy Quartermaster Charles Lyons might be looking at an uncharted land as he enthusiastically sticks his head through a porthole of the USNS Towle. Well, he's spotted Brooklyn, N.Y., his home, which must have looked very good after service in the Antarctic.

soning man can find out God; but held that God communicates directly with the soul.

One day Faraday was explaining a characteristic of water when

it goes through the process of crystallization. It may at first, he said, have foreign particles in it, but when the process has been completed it has excluded all these, and the crystal stands out sweet and pure.

So it was, his friends said, with the soul of Michael Faraday.

## Record Soybean Acreage Indicated

Tar Heel farmers have reported intentions to plant a record 513,000 acres of soybeans alone for all purposes. The previous record of 495,000 acres was planted in 1943. The prospective 1958 acreage of 513,000 acres is six per cent above 1957 plantings of 484,000 acres.

Intentions reports from growers do not include the prospective acreage of soybeans to be harvested for beans. However, if the intentions are carried out for soybeans planted alone for all purposes and about the same proportion of the total acreage is harvested for beans as in recent years, an increase over the 416,000 acres harvested for beans last year may be expected.

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## Cleveland Smith Dies At Windsor

Cleveland S. Smith, 73, died in the Windsor hospital Saturday night at 10 o'clock following a long illness. A native of Chowan County, he was a farmer and fisherman.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Viola Smith; six sons, Clyde Smith of Branchville, Va., Minton Smith of Colerain, Cecil Smith of Powellsville, Raleigh Smith of Mackeys, George Thomas Smith of Sedley, Va., and Haywood Smith of Roanoke, Va.; six daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Bowen of Colerain, Mrs. Janice O'Neal of Puerto Rico, Mrs. Sadie Forehand and Mrs. Agnes Bembridge, both of South Norfolk, Mrs. Sarah Burgess of San Diego, Calif., and Miss Bertha Smith at home; three brothers, Zeb Smith, O. C. Smith and David Smith, all of Edenton; two

sisters, Mrs. Lucy Spruill of Elizabeth City and Mrs. Carrie McClenney of Portsmouth and 29 grandchildren.

He was a member of the Merry Hill Baptist Church, where funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The pastor, the Rev. M. Turner, officiated. Burial was in the family cemetery in Rocky Hock.

Pallbearers were Reginald Asbell, Thomas Tynch, Quinton Bass, Louis Britt, Ralph Mizell and Elbert Pierce.

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(1) Commencing at the gate on the main road running South 23 1/2 degrees West 6 chains to a dead pine, then South 88 degrees West 8 1/10 chains to a sweet gum in the center of branch, then along center of said branch to the run of Sandy run swamp, then along run of swamp to Donnie Byrum's line, then along said Donnie Byrum's line to the first station, containing thirty-six (36) acres. This being John J. Byrum's part of the land owned by his father C. S. Byrum, deceased, home place.

(2) A small tract of land adjoining the above bounded as follows: Beginning at a pine stump, where J. J. Byrum, R. S. Ward and J. D. Ward corners running an Easterly course 55 1/2 feet to the New road, thence a Southernly course along New Road to J. J. Byrum's line 380 feet, thence a Southernly course along said line to the first station. Containing one-fourth acre, more or less.

This land has the following allotments:

3.9 ACRES PEANUTS

2.3 ACRES COTTON

7.4 ACRES CORN

Reserved and excepted from the above land is the Byrum family graveyard containing approximately one-half acre, the boundaries of which have been marked.

The successful bidder at this sale will be required to make a deposit of five (5%) per cent of his bid pending advanced bid, said sale to remain open for ten (10) days for advanced bid to be made to the undersigned. In event of advance bid there will be a Re-sale of this property.

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