

AROUND THE FARMS IN CHOWAN COUNTY

By C. W. OVERMAN, Chowan County Agent

The 1960 Farmers' Tax Guide supply has just come to our office. This publication will help you in preparing your income tax and social security report.

It gives a prepared sample of Schedule F. There is information on depreciation of buildings and equipment, the self-employment social security tax, gains and losses from sales or exchanges of property, how to prepare Form 1040, types of income to be reported, farm business expenses, deductions and exemptions, timber sales, and so on.

We will be glad to give you a copy of the "Farmers' Tax Guide" if you will just come in and ask for one. You can follow this guide and prepare your own report. Just remember that any farmer whose gross sales are \$600 or more is supposed to file. It is very important that he file and pay his social security tax so that he will be covered by social security.

Overgrazing pastures can be very damaging during winter months. Wet fields of clover are often damaged by trampling. Give your pastures and yourself a helping hand by treating

pastures properly. Use accumulated fescue during wet periods because a good fescue sod can take it. Graze small areas and clover only when you have enough growth and the sod will stand trampling.

Top dress your pastures if you haven't this fall. Follow your soil test recommendation if you have one, otherwise broadcast 500 pounds of 9-10-20 per acre.

If your clover plants appear yellowish, dig up some and check the roots for nodulation. If you need inoculation, it can be applied by mixing the inoculant thoroughly with cottonseed meal as a spreader and broadcasting it over the clover in cloudy weather just ahead of a rain.

Complete mixed fertilizer for peanuts did not pay on two demonstrations conducted in 1959. Proper potash application did pay.

L. E. Emminizer of Advance community used three plots of two stack rows each. Plot No. 1 received 400 pounds of 2-12-12 fertilizer; yield 1,726 pounds per acre with graded support price of \$186.57 per acre. Plot No. 2 received 150 pounds of muriate

of potash; yield 1,838 pounds and graded price of \$201.37 per acre. Plot No. 3 received nothing; yield 1,777 pounds and graded price of \$188.89 per acre. All plots received land plaster. E. C. and Marcus Harrell of Rocky Hook community had their soil tested. The soil test report recommended 100 pounds of muriate of potash per acre. Between 100 and 150 pounds of potash was applied.

The peanut field joined a cotton field. While applying 600 pounds of 5-10-10 per acre for cotton, Mr. Harrell decided to try it on peanuts, so he continued over eight rows.

The plot containing both potash and fertilizer yielded 1,611 pounds with a graded price of \$172.04 per acre. Potash alone yielded 1,556 pounds with a graded price of \$146.98 per acre. The additional 5-10-10 cost \$14.78 per acre but only increased the value by 96 cents.

Muriate of potash alone gave an average yield increase of 53 pounds and per acre value increase of \$7.78 over the mixed fertilizer plots. The average cost of the muriate of potash was about \$6.75 per acre while the average cost of the mixed fertilizer was about \$11.39 per acre. By using the potash alone, the fertilizer cost was \$4.64 less and the graded peanut value was \$7.78 more per acre, making a total difference of \$12.42 per acre.

The 1956 social security year will become lost to farmers who have not filed for it on or before December 31, 1959. If you have not filed social security for 1956, and you want to use that year for credit, you must file for it this calendar year, according to the information we have.

According to census figures given us recently, there are 12 farmers in Chowan County who are of retirement age and are not enrolled in social security. These should file and get cleared immediately if they are interested.

Seek happiness for its own sake, and you will not find it; seek for duty, and happiness will follow as the shadow comes with the sunshine.

—Tryon Edwards.

Solitude is as needful to the imagination as society is wholesome for the character.

—James Russell Lowell.

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CHOWAN NEWS

By CATHERINE AMAN, Assistant Home Economics Agent

As one of the special County Council projects for this year the 4-H's are selling litter bags. These litter bags are green plastic with the 4-H emblem and the slogan "Keep North Carolina Green" on the front. These bags are now being sold by 4-H members over the county for 60 cents each. All profits from this project will go into the Council treasury to be used for further 4-H work in Chowan County.

The 4-H County Council met Wednesday night at the Chowan Community Building with 30 members present. The meeting was called to order by Judy Haste, president. Jimmy Turner was in charge of the devotional which consisted of reading the Christmas story from Luke 2:8-14. Peggy Monds read a poem entitled "The Voice of Christmas." During the evening the group sang several Christmas carols. Kay Lowe read a story, "Silas Tucker Discovers Christmas."

The business session was devoted to the roll call and reading the minutes of the last meeting. A treasurer's report was given and bills presented to the group. The sale of the litter bags was discussed and it was decided that the bags would be distributed in the Edenton Junior and Intermediate Clubs and the Gliden, Center Hill Junior, Center Hill Senior, Advance and Oak Grove Community Clubs. After the close of the meeting the group enjoyed recreation.

The Gliden Community 4-H Club met on Thursday night for its annual Christmas party. The devotional was led by Betty Lou Hugo. Edla Hugo, president, presided over the meeting. A film entitled "The Story of Christmas Carols" was shown while a record played a recording of the origin of these songs and then the music to each carol while the group sang.

Recreation was led by Harry Venters. Refreshments were served by the club officers. Since this will be my last

column before Christmas, I thought you might enjoy some thoughts taken from the pamphlet "Christmas Traditions Strengthen Family Ties" by Corrine Grimsley, family relations specialist.

As the Christmas season approaches, we can sense a changed attitude in people. The often expressed wish "Merry Christmas" seems to fill the world with a sort of kindness and happiness.

Some people say "Christmas is really for children." The matchless story of the Baby in a Manger, the Angels' Song, the shepherds, the wise men—these hold a natural appeal for a child. But we know that Christmas, the mass of the Christ, is a time for all of us to get back our childlike faith and trust again. This season could be a time of renewing family ties. A family Christmas gives one a feeling of belonging, of being loved, of the worthwhileness of life.

Following is a brief summary of our Christmas customs and symbols:



"Let not him who is houseless pull down the house of another, but let him work diligently and build one for himself."

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Take the word CAROL. A carol is a song inspired by joy. "Noel" we sing! This means news, the good news of the birth of Christ. Christmas carols are the songs celebrating the good news—the gospel—to mankind.

The gay WREATH we hang on the door or in the window at Christmas time tells of the love of God. As the wreath has no beginning—no ending—so the love of God goes on endlessly.

Christmas HOLLY reminds us of the crown of thorns Christ wore—with the red berries a symbol of blood.

The very Christmas TREE—the evergreen is symbolic of the love of God that is ever fresh and vital. The star at its top recalls the Star in the East that appeared on that first Christmas night.

The Christmas CANDLE tells us of the Christmas Christ who is the light of the world. As a candle burns it gives light, and at the same time it is giving itself.

Even SANTA CLAUS is a symbol of the good will, the kindness, the generosity that are typical of this happy season.

Santa Claus is our name for good Saint Nicholas, who lived in Asia Minor 300 years before Christ was born. He was so kind to little children that we associate him with the spirit of Christmas giving.

A person is not mature until he has both an ability and a willingness to see himself as one among others and to do to those others as he would have them do to him.

—H. A. Overstreet.

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