

AROUND THE FARMS IN CHOWAN COUNTY

By C. W. OVERMAN, Chowan County Agent

What's Agricultural Extension? In answer to this question let's first determine the purpose. The purpose of the Extension Service in Agriculture and Home Economics is "To Help People Help Themselves."

The methods involved are Information, Organization, Demonstration and Personal Assistance. All of these are interrelated and are integrated in a good people's program.

The Extension worker gathers information from research findings, from commercial company developments and from experiences. This information is carried to the people on the farm, in the home and even to the urban people for their use.

Through organization people work together for greater efficiency and more effectiveness. There are many things which can be accomplished cooperatively that cannot be attained individually. The Extension worker again gives information, guidance and inspiration. The Extension worker's role must be in the background because the organization and the program are the people's, not the Extension worker's.

The Demonstration is a method of teaching better farm and home practices. Its purpose is to prove that there is a better and more efficient way of doing something. It is not only for the individual cooperators, but also for his neighbors and others. Large numbers of people to whom the practice may apply should attend a demonstration, or visit a demonstration as the case may be. This results in more people gaining the information and uses the Extension worker more efficiently. I give you the following example.

Last Wednesday morning we held a demonstration tour on surveying tobacco fields for nematode infestation. There were about ten growers present. These were shown the simple, systematic procedures to follow and given a bulletin to use. They are now in a position to survey their own fields, year after year, and practicing nematode control measures on their own farms. It would have been just as easy to have shown fifty growers as it was the ten.

Personal contacts are very important and are often necessary. There are personal problems and emergent problems arising every day which need the Extension worker's assistance. The Extension worker is anxious to help everyone who needs his assistance and he welcomes the opportunity.

We have briefly discussed the stated four methods involved in Extension work. Let's consider how you folks in the County can use your Extension workers to a better advantage.

Twenty years ago, with a mule, you farmed 2g to 35 acres.

Today, with a tractor, you farm 60 to 100 acres or more. You made this change in order to increase your income and to make work easier for you. This gave your wife a washing machine in place of the scrub-board. It gave your family many, many other advantages.

Your County Extension Service is for your use. Your progress is its progress. To put it in the tractor farming period you must use it most efficiently and effectively. To do this every individual must help. You must think individually and you must think collectively. You must act individually and collectively. You must help map out a plan, revise it periodically, and follow the route. Let's start right now.

What are the problems on your farm, in your home, in your community and in your County? Write these down for reference. Include problems which may take several years to solve. List the problems according to need: first, second, third, etc. Then let's plan to do something about them in an organized and systematic way.

Have a family program conference. This must include all members of the family. Be sure each member participates, no one member should dominate. List your problems, needs and desires. Then plan a way to solve and attain them. Call in your Extension worker for help if he is needed.

Organize your community. Call together leaders from your church and other organizations in the community, also other leaders. Set up a simple organization. Together, list your farm, home and community problems and needs. Call in your Extension or other agricultural worker for assistance. Set up a long-range plan to meet those needs. Revise the plan periodically as needed. Set up a plan of action for next year based on possible accomplishments.

A County Advisory Board should be composed of at least one representative from each community plus representatives from other groups deemed advisable. With information from the communities this board can determine a long-range program for the County. From this the annual Extension program of work will be determined by the Board.

This procedure will enable Extension workers to prepare their annual plan of work based on the people's needs. It will facilitate planning for specialists' help where needed. It should enable you to use your Extension Service most efficiently and effectively.

What do you think of this idea? Please let me hear from you. If you think it is worthwhile, let's start with it right now so we can prepare an effective plan for 1961.

pared his soil and water conservation plan with the local soil conservation district. Included in the plan was 30 acres of ladino clover-fescue pasture. But he had increased his beef cattle herd to 65. This spring he added 3 acres of Coastal Bermuda grass but not enough grazing for the herd.

In checking the soil types and available land, it was decided that a fast, summer grazing crop was needed.

County Agricultural Agent C. W. Overman was called into the planning of more pasture. The three of us decided that millet or sudan grass would be the answer. Lime and fertilizer needs information was furnished from a soil test report made two years ago.

A new plant, "Sudax," was being distributed by a local dealer. Mr. Parrish was told about it. His decision was to try part of the field in it and the other part in pearl millet.

Both parts of the field were seeded on June 8th using 400 pounds of 5-10-10 fertilizer. Four acres of "Sudax" and two acres of pearl millet was seeded. Grazing started on July 8th and ended on August 8th using the six acres of "Sudax"-millet plus two acres of nearby ladino clover. 30 brood sows, 34 calves and 1 bull were grazed.

Immediately after they were removed, the stalks of the millet and "Sudax" were mowed about 12-15 inches. 1700 lbs. of "cal-nitro," 20.5 lbs of Nitrogen, was applied.

August 22nd the millet and "Sudax" was ready to be grazed again.

Millet In Sweet Corn
Thurman Harrell, Tyner, N. C., has had another successful year grazing millet behind truck corn. He broadcasts the millet at the last cultivation of the corn.

After harvesting the corn, he grazed the millet with his beef herd.

Fall Grazing
A good grazing combination for fall and spring is Small grain-Crimson clover. Seed early for fall grazing about September 1-30 in the Coastal Plain. Top dress early seedlings with about 60 pounds of nitrogen in early October.

Grass-Based Rotation
Seed 20-30 pounds of tall fescue with small grain this fall. Harvest small grain next spring and leave the fescue. Top-dress it and graze. Allow to stay the second year as a grazing crop. Turn and use row crop (tobacco or other) the third year. Farmers say they make more money planting corn and its better for the land.

Coastal Bermuda Grass
L. N. Hollowell has been grazing his grass since July. He established it in March of this year. Sprayed 2-4D in May to kill the broad leaf plants. Applied about 100 pounds of nitrogen per acre after the spraying and watched the grass grow.

ole Dad sent along an outline itself, makes an inspiring story which, like all science-fiction, might some day become reality. It seems that for months and months he's been turning over in his mind ideas concerning some planet whose civilization is several thousands years ahead of us. He'd write a book about this planet sending to earth millions of men with the sole purpose of wiping out evil of every sort. They'd have weapons of which we've never dreamed, and the ability to decontaminate all nuclear weapons by a very simple device. They'd first take over Russia and outlaw Communism, even killed, without mercy, those who stand in their way and try to prevent the carrying out of their designs. All satellite countries would throw off Russia's yoke, put up their own government, with every government ruled by leaders from this unknown planet. Laws would be changed, brought up to date, and made for the benefit of all decent people. Even our Constitution would be revised and our laws made modern. Evil, wherever it may be found, would be ruthlessly stamped out. Justice for all would be more than the mockery it is today. Our law courts would be made efficient, trials shortened and murder trials would be held without the circus atmosphere of today. All such trials would be conducted without crime reporters, photographers, interviewers. One case is recalled, in which two young hoodlums were standing in a police court awaiting booking, when a reporter walked up to them and asked: "Why did you do it?" The young hoodlum laughed and said, "because I felt like it." Under the new form of government I have in mind, this man and all the others would be thrown out of the court and told that their newspapers would be heavily fined or even closed up if they published anything about a murder trial until either conviction or acquittal was obtained. Quite naturally, the new administrators of justice and the police would have little trouble ferreting out the real criminals in a short time. Even dogs would be used, trained in crime detection and having a sense of smell far better than our bloodhounds. They would teach respect for law and slap around any hoodlum, young or old, who sneers or wisecracks when questioned. This work would go on all over the earth and every country would be under the direct rule of the men from the planet. Later, women would be sent down to take over the education of the young. They would be taught by the very latest methods, far superior

to ours. They would also be taught a universal language, in addition to their own. Africa would be ruled by men of their own color, far more intelligent than those now in rule. China would be taken over as well, and the leaders put out of the way. I also envision that this super race would have conquered the illnesses we are subject to, and lives would be prolonged hundreds of years.

Also that it would be impossible to kill them. They would, of course, possess super human strength. Well, that's Dad's outline and for the most part a good dream. The new educational system would start with the very young children. Evil thoughts, love of money and power, would never concern these newly educated people.

Short notes: Welcome back to Tom Shields, who was in Northern Virginia and Washington, D. C., on his vacation week before last. Now, it's my turn and immediately following tomorrow's broadcast my wife and I head to New York, to return in time for Wednesday morning's Reveille with Roberts program. Recommended reading, page 65 in the August issue of Reader's Digest. An excellent article on colonialism. UFO Story carries on 9:30 Saturday mornings, produced locally. The UFO series we have been running resumes in October. Either way, it contains facts every American should know. Following UFO Story, hear "Football, 1960" with interviews with some of our local high school celebs.

Closing Thought: A conviction is that commendable quality in ourselves, that we call bull-headedness in others.

\$9,600 In Scholarships Offered 4-H Members

Scholarships worth \$9,600 await 4-H Club members who are pursuing certain college courses. Two home economics scholarships of \$800 each, four forestry at \$1,600 each, and two at \$800 each in agronomy and related subjects having to do with crop protection and production will be awarded to successful applicants this fall.

The eight scholarships are part of a national 4-H scholarship fund administered by the National 4-H Service Committee, Chicago, in cooperation with the Extension Service and land-grant colleges and universities. Funds come from industrial concerns that have supported the 4-H educational program for some time.

The home economics scholarships are given annually by Sunbeam Corporation, Chicago, to girls in their junior or senior



BACKER—Georgia Gov. Ernest Vandiver, above, announced he will support the Kennedy-Johnson ticket. He previously refused to endorse the Democratic nominees after the adoption of a strong civil rights plank at the Los Angeles party platform vote.

college year.

The California Spray-Chemical Corporation of Richmond provides scholarships to junior or senior students majoring or minoring in agronomy, soils, entomology, plant pathology and vegetable or fruit horticulture.

College freshmen planning to study forestry are eligible for scholarships offered by Home-lite, Division of Texttron, Inc., Port Chester, New York.

Students should apply directly to the state 4-H Club office for further information or contact the county Extension agent. Applicants must be present or former 4-H members, and have a good scholastic record.

Ice Capades Best Ice Show Produced

"Ice Capades of 1960," which will be presented in the Reynolds Coliseum at North Carolina State College September 6-10, has been hailed by the nation's newspaper critics as the best ice show ever produced.

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SOIL CONSERVATION NEWS

By JAMES H. GRIFFIN, Soil Conservationist

Yates Parrish, Edenton, is proud of his summer grazing program for his 65 head herd of beef cattle. When he came by the local work unit office, SCS, in late May, he didn't have a grazing program. His ladino clover-fescue pastures

were drying up from dry weather and the heat. He didn't get much spring grazing from his winter cover crops due to the weather. His situation was one of needing grazing for those two years ago, he had pre-

Notice To Administrators, Executors And Guardians

The law requires an ANNUAL ACCOUNT to be made each year and an Inventory to be filed within 90 days after qualifying. If your Annual Account, Inventory or Final Account are past due, we respectfully urge that you file same at once, as we are required to report all such cases to the Grand Jury, which will convene at the September term of Chowan County Superior Court, September 12th.

YOUR COOPERATION WILL BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!

TOM H. SHEPARD

Clerk of Superior Court

Frankly Speaking

By Frank Roberts

Actually, I should give the by-line to my father as most of today's column was written by him. He knows my fondness for science-fiction and writing. Actually, science-fiction writing is extremely difficult, and I've seldom tackled it. To help me out,

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