

COUNTY FARMS PROGRESSING, REPORT SHOWS

Cherokee Agriculture Better off In all Lines, Agents Declare

Agriculture in Cherokee county is reaching a higher standard than ever before, according to county farm officials who this week were mailing their yearly reports into the Raleigh office.

Not only were farm incomes reaching a higher level generally, but the value of farms in most instances is being noticeably increased, according to a general trend as shown by the reports.

The report is made up of confidential reports from 34 Cherokee county farms. These farms through the cooperation of the county farm agents, the North Carolina extension service and the TVA, have been keeping daily records of every income and expenditure on their farms.

From these figures they are able to determine exactly how much they make out of every enterprise and which ones are beneficial to them financially. Their day-by-day figures are sent to the county agent's office where they are figured out on percentage basis with all the other farm reports and a comparison is made with the average.

The names of owners of reports are not revealed.

On the average from there are: 1.8 workstock, 11.9 head of cattle, 3.4 hogs and 15.5 poultry. While there is 16.2 acres of corn, 2.4 acres are in plums. Small grain came to 9.1 acres, and 12.5 acres of miscellaneous crops took up the rest of the cultivated land.

Children bring an income of \$115.29; dairy products, \$457.42, and cattle \$10.82. The total cash receipts including these and other farm, livestock and field crops will be \$926.76.

Expenses at the amount of \$265.00, the biggest item of expense, building and repairs are next with \$129.49; livestock purchase and expense is \$102.11; hired labor is \$87.42, and this with all the rest will amount to \$781.62.

Business investment of \$7526.98, has a total of 146.8 acres, with 41.8 in cultivation and 20.6 in improved pasture.

As compared with available figures for 1935, the county agents report that a general increase in farms is noted, but that records on only eight farms during the 1935 period and therefore not be an exact basis for an average.

The reports also show that the amount of cultivated land is increasing, even and small grain acreage is decreasing, and that lespedeza, soy beans and other soil-conserving crops are being planted to a greater extent generally. In the last two years there has been 14.8 per cent of the cultivated soil with over a 10 per cent decrease changed from soil-depleting to soil-conserving crops.

One of the best indications of local agricultural progress, according to the county agents, is the evident increase in the value of buildings and machinery on the farms. The increase yearly surpasses the amount of depreciation.

QUESTION BOX

A series of five questions on North Carolina history, prepared by Attorney D. H. Tillitt, of Andrews, will be presented each week in this paper. Answers will be given next week.

These questions are asked with the hope of creating added interest in the history of our state.

1. What was the celebration on Roanoke Island on August 18, 1937?
2. What two counties in North Carolina border on two states?
3. What three men who became speakers of the United States House of Representatives were born in North Carolina?
4. Who was the only woman born in North Carolina who became the wife of a President?
5. Who are the two United States senators from North Carolina?

Snake Swallows 2 Wooden Nest Eggs

And here's the one about the snake that swallowed the wooden eggs.

It is reported that Mrs. F. L. McCornell, of Marble, keeps a number of hens that are unusually good layers. Naturally she kept a bunch of nest eggs in the nests to induce the hens to lay oftener.

Meanwhile the artificial hen fruit was disappearing fast.

Killing a six-foot black snake the other day, she noticed that it had swallowed two eggs—two of her wooden nest eggs.

Which if they had hatched would probably have turned out to be woodpeckers.

Extension Course To Meet Saturday

The course in Medieval and Ancient History to be given by Dr. Willis A. Parker, of Western Carolina Teachers College will meet Saturday morning at 9 o'clock (C. S. T.) in the Murphy Graded school building.

Any others interested are asked to report at this time. The course will last 32 weeks and will carry 12 quarter hours credit. The price of the course will be \$30.

FINE CROPS ARE RESULT OF IDEAL RAINFALL LOCALLY

As the result of an almost ideal rainfall this year, Cherokee county is realizing its best crops in years, officials reported this week.

Noticeably beneficially affected is pasture land which has produced exceptionally well this year. Corn, small grain and field crops have thrived on the evenly-distributed moist weather.

Last summer Cherokee county suffered a six-weeks drought that seriously affected crops.

In some instances, A. Q. Ketner, county agent, reports that excessive rain has caused corn to fail, but not to any appreciable extent.

CAST FOR PLAY IS SELECTED BY DIRECTOR HERE

The cast for the Murphy Community players new play, "Kiddie" by Aurania Rouveral has been selected by Director Kenneth E. Bartlett, and rehearsals are being held in the library here nightly.

Those taking part will be: Mrs. E. O. Madden, Mrs. W. A. Barber, George Dyer, Leona Tatham, Mrs. Tom Case, Miss Gladys Beinkley, Bud Adams, William Walker, Kenneth Hayes and Ralph Moody.

The first performance is tentatively scheduled to be held in Murphy on Tuesday, Oct. 2, Mr. Bartlett announced.

TWO NEW HOUSES ARE BEING BUILT HERE AT PRESENT

Two new residences were being constructed in Murphy this week.

Carl Dobbs is having a new brick bungalow built on his lot on Tennessee street. Dennis Barnett is the contractor.

Sons of A. McD. Harshaw were having a bungalow erected on the Harshaw lot between the county court house and the home of Mrs. Dixie Palmer.

Security Applications Are Studied Locally

The county welfare department will not receive any more applications for old age assistance or dependant children until November 1, announces Mrs. M. LeMay Mauney, superintendent.

The large number of applications already received must be investigated and passed upon before any more can be taken, Mrs. Mauney stated.

Applications for the blind, however, will be taken at any time she said.

MURPHY AND MARBLE WILL PLAY 3 TILTS

One Game Scheduled Sunday, Two More On Mon. (Labor Day)

With the number of ball games won between Murphy and Marble standing one-all so far, these two Cherokee county teams will play a series of three games over the coming Labor Day week-end to determine the champion.

Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock (Eastern Standard Time), the Bombers and the Blues will meet on the Marble field for the first of the three contests.

On Monday morning at 10 o'clock (Central Standard Time) the two teams will meet on the Murphy field, and again in the afternoon at 2:30 o'clock (Murphy time) they will play in Murphy.

Admission to the game at Marble on Sunday will be 25 cents for adults, and admission to the morning Labor Day game in Murphy will be 10 cents. The Monday afternoon game will also cost the spectators a quarter.

Murphy and Marble have met twice this year. In the first game at Marble, the Bombers came through on the tall end of a 7 to 3 score behind the pitching and hitting of Bob Hasty, of Dixiesteel, of Atlanta.

The next game was played in Murphy and the Blues won out on a 2 to 1 victory over Mayo, another Dixiesteel pitcher. Hoyle Bryson handled both games for the Columbia team.

School Opens With Record Enrollment

The enrollment in the Murphy school unit on Tuesday was as follows: High School: eighth grade, 175; ninth grade, 159; tenth grade 92; eleventh grade 75; the first seven grades enrolled around 400 and the other schools in the unit totaled about 395 making a grand total of 1244. This number is a slight increase over last year. The high school class rooms are overcrowded and all high school classes have registered larger numbers than they can adequately care for.

All of the commercial classes are proving popular and because of the large demand an order has been placed for several additional typewriters.

The courses in manual training and shop work registered more than enough for adequate instruction with tools now on hand.

New teachers in the unit this year are: Miss Virginia Benton, home economics; Miss Dorothy Higdon, English and French; Miss Ruth Dennis, shorthand and typewriting; Mr. Julian Pitzer, coach and mathematics, and Mr. Hall Cobb shop work.

Approximately 6000 free textbooks had been distributed to teachers in the unit at the close of school Tuesday afternoon each child receiving an average of seven books to the set.

Ministerial Conference To Be Held On Sept. 6

The Cherokee-Clay County Ministerial association will meet in regular conference Monday, September 6, at 10 o'clock at the First Baptist church.

A brief devotional service will be conducted by the Rev. J. N. Lee, of Murphy.

The Rev. J. C. Ammons will lead in the discussion of the subject for the morning. Other speakers will also take part in the discussion of the subject.

All pastors and church workers are invited to attend and take part in these services which are held monthly on Monday after the first Sunday in each month.

Suspicion fell on a calf after a farmer near Davenport, Iowa, failed to find two \$5 bills he lost in a pasture. He killed the animal and recovered the bills, slightly chewed, from its stomach.

Stalk Of Corn Is Said To Be N. C.'s Tallest

What is believed to be the tallest stalk of corn in North Carolina is being kept on display in the county agents' office in Murphy. It measures 17 feet and six inches, and was taken from the field of Red Hall, near Murphy, last year and displayed at the Cherokee county fair.

Various reports have been made all over the state claiming to have the tallest stalk, but no figure has yet been discovered to compare with Cherokee county's contribution.

A. Q. Ketner, county agent, says he expects to find an even taller one in Mr. Hall's new patch this year.

Idaho claims the championship with a 19 foot, 2-inch stalk.

Richard Melver Breaks His Leg While Playing

Richard Melver, son of A. W. Melver, of Murphy, suffered a broken leg as the result of a fall while running near the Townsboro plant Sunday night.

At the hospital it was found that his leg was broken in three places near the ankle, according to reports, and it is expected to keep him from trying-out for the Murphy high football team this season.

TWO NEARBY CCC CAMPS ADJUDGED DISTRICTS' BEST

Officials of the Nantahala National Forest, with headquarters at Franklin, stated today that two CCC camps within the forest were given the highest ratings within their respective sub-districts by army inspectors for the month of July.

Camp N. C. F-11, near Unaka, in Sub-District "C", and Camp N. C. F-24, near Robbinsville, in "Sub-District "B", were the camps receiving this honor.

Both of these camps are located within the National ranger district on this forest.

The points considered in the ratings were the sanitary conditions, morale, condition of the buildings and grounds as well as the food served at the camp.

Football Practice Begins On Tuesday

Members of the Murphy High School football squad met with their new coach, Julian Pitzer on Tuesday afternoon. Among those present were: Elliott, Barnett, G. Taylor, H. Taylor, Townes, H. Hunt, Queen, Wells, and Arrant, all of last year's teams. A large number of new players were out for the meeting. About 10 reported at the first meeting.

Twelve entirely new uniforms are expected this week as well as some additional equipment to supplement all that on hand.

The only definite games scheduled so far are Waynesville, Canton and Sylva. Next week the complete schedule will be available.

Creamery Day To Be Celebrated Sept. 11

The annual Brasstown Creamery day meetings to be held at the Mountain Valley Cooperative, Inc., Brasstown on Sunday, September 11.

There will be speakers from Raleigh and the TVA; also cattle judging contests for both 4-H boys and the older men of Clay and Cherokee counties.

Plate lunches will be sold by the Brasstown Woman's Club.

Offers Prizes For Best Rendition of His Song

John B. Moore, of Murphy, composer of the song, "When It's Blossom Time in Old Caroline", is offering a medal and a \$10 prize to the Asheville student who gives the best vocal rendition of his song.

Arrangements for the rendition are being handled through the W. H. Rymer Piano company of Asheville.

MRS. STEWART, 78, OF MURPHY, DIES ON FRIDAY

Funeral Services Held on Saturday For Promi- nent Citizen

Funeral services for Mrs. Vienna Mauney Stewart, 78, of Murphy, were conducted from the Methodist church Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock with the Rev. W. Arthur Barber, local Methodist pastor, and the Rev. J. C. Ammons, Murphy Baptist minister, officiating. Interment was in the old Methodist cemetery. Peyton G. Jvie was in charge of funeral arrangements.

She died Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock of a stroke of paralysis. She was 83 only a few hours.

Honorary pallbearers were: J. D. Mallonee, J. B. Gray, M. W. Bell, W. M. Fain, B. L. Padgett, W. M. Axley and Neil Davidson.

Active pallbearers were: T. W. Axley, John Hall, Paul Hyatt, Dale Lee, Robert Weaver and Walter Sneed.

Mrs. Stewart was born in Murphy, the daughter of the late A. T. Mauney and Anne C. Mauney. She joined the Methodist church at the age of 13. Since then she has been an active member, living a beautiful Christian life.

She was a member of the Missionary society and took a very active part in the Organ Circle of the Methodist church. It was largely through her efforts and other members of the circle that the new Methodist organ was made possible.

She married Mr. James Stewart in 1877. He died four years later. Mrs. Stewart had taught school most of her life.

Surviving are two brothers, L. E. Mauney and A. S. Mauney, both of Murphy, and three sisters, Mrs. Clara Sherrill, of Murphy, Mrs. Virginia Evans, of Murfreesboro, Ark., and Mrs. Mary Darnes, of Kokona, Mo.

LOCAL BOY PASSES STATE BAR EXAM. PRACTICING HERE

James David Mallonee, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mallonee, of Murphy, passed the state bar examination, it was learned here.

Mr. Mallonee received his LL. B. degree in law last June from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. While there, Mr. Mallonee was editor of the North Carolina Law Review, was vice president of his class and president of the Law fraternity.

At present Mr. Mallonee will practice with his father, J. D. Mallonee.

F. J. DONNAHOE, RELATED HERE, IS FOUND DROWNED

The body of Mr. F. J. Jefferson Donahoe, 75, a nephew of Victor C. Donahoe, was found Tuesday near Kitty Hawk, N. C., a mile from where he had been struck by a boat lighting while swimming in the ocean last Saturday. Funeral services were to be held today.

Mr. Donahoe who at present was connected with the Federal Trade Commission in Washington, D. C., and was former secretary to Congressman Zedden Weaver, had visited his parents in Asheville and had gone on to Kitty Hawk to visit his wife.

At the time of his death, Mr. Donahoe and his wife were in swimming. She was watching on the shore and he was about 20 feet out. When the storm came up, all the rest of the party had left but Mr. and Mrs. Donahoe. The boat that struck Mr. Donahoe also knocked Mrs. Donahoe unconscious. When she came to she saw her husband going down for the last time, about 100 yards out.

He is survived by his widow, his parents and five brothers.

Mrs. R. S. Parker and daughters, Mrs. W. G. Darnell, and Miss Elizabeth Parker spent Monday and Tuesday in Atlanta shopping.