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FARM NEWS

from **FOOD FOR FREEDOM**

THE AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE

Mr. J. E. Gay, Zebulon, R. 3, has lost three, 440 lbs. hogs from a recent cholera outbreak. Six of the hogs were vaccinated with cholera serum immediately after they stopped eating. Ten days after vaccination it was observed that two had died, two were sick, and two had recovered.

A \$325 registered Hereford Bull calf was purchased last week by Messrs. P. G. & M. G. Smith. The yearling bull purchased is of good type and will be used in developing a herd of grade Hereford cattle on the Smith farm, between Louisburg and Franklinton. The bull calf was purchased from the Doughton Meadows Farm, Laurel Springs, N. C.

In addition to the registered bull, 20 grade Hereford heifers were purchased from Mr. J. H. Doughton. These heifers were off of one of Mr. Doughton's outstanding bulls out of selected herd of good quality Hereford and Short-horn cows. The heifer calves purchased are fairly true to type needed for a foundation herd of beef cattle.

Mr. Smith purchased from Mr. Frank Doughton, on the adjoining farm, seven additional yearlings and six calves.

Three outstanding steer calves were selected by W. C. Boyce, County Agent, from the J. H. Doughton herd, for 4-H Club members to feed and exhibit in the Eastern Livestock shows. Two of the calves were purchased for the Leonard farm, Louisburg, Route 4. Mr. R. E. Black, Alleghany County Agent, Sparta, N. C., assisted in locating the cattle. Three outstanding Hereford Breeders were visited in North Carolina and Virginia on the trip. Outstanding individuals representative of desired beef type were observed.

Franklin County farmers are producing good quality cotton this year, announces W. C. Boyce, County Agent. Nine hundred and eighty-five samples have been classed as to staple length and grade as of September 25, 1943. One hundred and seventy-one samples graded strict middling. Seven hundred and seventeen graded middling where only 97 graded strict low middling, no samples graded lower. Six hundred and fifty-one of the samples stapled one inch or longer, with only 330 samples shorter than one inch. Favorable seasons along with clean picking and good ginning made this excellent report possible.

The class card for each bale gave the producer the Commodity Credit loan rate on the address side of the card. Producers are eligible to borrow the announced loan rate and are permitted to store on the farm if house for storage is available and farm loan storage requested.

Samples for classification were sent by the following ginneries: A. B. Alston Gin, L. H. Dickens Gin, Green Milling Co., J. M. Griffin's Gin, N. H. Griffin's Gin, H. G. Jones Gin, Stallings Milling Co., Sugar Loaf Gin.

Fire Prevention Means Check-Up

D. S. Weaver, head of the agricultural engineering department at State College, reminds farm families that Fire Prevention Week began October 3, and offers these tips to families who want to cut down the fire hazards in their homes.

He suggests that every farm family ask itself these questions: Do the members of our family have habits that are conducive to good fire control? Do they use kerosene or gasoline in starting fires? Are they careless about smoking conditions?

Are the oily and greasy rags used about the garage put in metal containers or immediately burned, or are they allowed to accumulate in corners as a possible fire hazard? Are the children allowed to play with matches? Is the electric iron disconnected immediately after the ironer finishes with the ironing board?

"Many simple habits conducive to correcting the fire hazard may be instilled in members of the family by general discussion of the fire hazard problem," Weaver says.

He suggests that the family look over each of its rooms to see if any fire hazards are allowed to remain unchecked there. Now is the time to do it, he says, when everyone is being made conscious of such things, and then keep them aware of the dangers that come from carelessness.

Mr. Ellis Andrews, a small grain farmer in Gold Mine Township, advised that he has already planted small grain for grazing, hay, and pasture to prevent buying hay. He further stated that he fertilized these crops at planting because he observed that yields were greatly increased by the application of fertilizer at the time of seeding.

Mr. Andrews stated he planted for hay; one bushel of wheat, one bushel of barley, 10 pounds of clover and 5 pounds of vetch an acre. He had opportunity to learn

the advantage of fertilizing small grain by conducting fertilizer tests in 1941. His yields of wheat were more than quadruple where properly fertilized.

Mr. H. F. Mitchell, Kittrell, N. C. Route 1, just received a car load of Basic Slags to be used on small grain on his farm and farms in his community. Mr. Mitchell harvested last year four times as much barley an acre where Basic Slag was used at the rate of 400 pounds an acre as compared to production in adjoining field not similarly treated. The same amount of top-dresser was applied on both fields.

Barley Stripe disease damaged W. J. Alston's barley crop at least 25% last year. In one field of Iredell barley more than one-half of shoots died before grain was formed. According to Mr. Howard Garriss, Extension Plant Pathologist at State College, this disease can be satisfactorily controlled by treating seed before planting with New Improved Ceresan. This treatment will also prevent damage caused by smoot. The cost of treatment is approximately 15 cents a bushel and is strongly recommended to all planters of wheat, oats, or barley.

Clover seed and Austrian winter peas are available free to farmers through 1943 supplementary Agriculture Conservation Program. Free seed are available to farmers that have earned their 1943 Soil Building Goal. A large number of applications for these seed are received daily. November 15, 1943 is final date for placing orders. The largest acreage ever planted of small grain and winter legumes for grazing, hay, grain, and soil building is expected this year. Seed, therefore, should be bought before present stocks are exhausted.

Mr. W. T. Moss, successful small grain farmer at Youngsville stated, "It's a waste of time and labor to operate a grain drill with the fertilizer attachment empty."

SOIL CONSERVATION NEWS

By W. O. Lambeth

A good stand of Austrian winter peas can put plant food equivalent to two hundred pounds of nitrate of soda per acre into the soil. The Supervisors of the Tar River Soil Conservation District recommend this winter legume, particularly as an erosion-resisting crop.

This writer attended a terracing demonstration on the William Pierce farm near Weldon, N. C., last Thursday, sponsored by the Universal Equipment Company of Richmond, Va., and the Weldon Motor Company in cooperation with the Soil Conservation Service. The terraces were built with a Ford tractor using a Ferguson System, hydraulic lift, one disk plow. This outfit really worked on the sandy Halifax County soils and it is hoped that a demonstration can be worked out to see what it will do on the heavier soils of this County.

While in Halifax County last week the writer also attended a pulpwood thinning demonstration on the W. R. Anderson farm, Halifax, Route No. 1. This selective cutting demonstration was sponsored by the Soil Conservation Service in cooperation with Mr. Anderson and the Halifax Paper Company. At the close of the demonstration those attending were taken on a tour of the

Halifax Paper Company plant at Roanoke Rapids.

A good many farmers in the County have finished picking their cotton and have seeded small grain on the fields. It seems that throughout the County as a whole more cotton has been picked so far this fall than was picked last year by the first of December.

Percy Bunn cut his kudzu meadow strip for hay last week.

Mr. J. G. Liddell, Regional Chief of operations, Mr. R. Y. Bailey, Chief, Regional Agronomy Division, and Mr. E. B. Garrett, State Conservationist, all of the Soil Conservation Service were visitors in the County last week. Mr. Bailey was particularly interested in a good stand of Austrian winter peas and a field of cotlarria on the C. O. Renn farm near Mapleville.

It is estimated, that drought has cut the corn crop of Mexico by 20 per cent and all commercial stocks of corn have been placed under Government control.

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J. F. Rooks, eighty-year-old Negro farmer of the Hobbville community in Gates County, has purchased his second \$100 War Bond.

A 1943 sweet potato loan program has been worked out and it will be administered by the AAA, says War Board Memorandum 441.

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