



News of Interest to all Farmers



Lawrence Proves Pure Bred Seeds Best For Farmer

(Mecklenburg Times)
For five years C. G. Lawrence, Mecklenburg County Vocational Agricultural teacher at Mint Hill has been preaching and practicing the gospel of pure bred seeds and munty.

C. G. Lawrence, who has seen certified and registered seed transform low yields in cotton, corn, wheat, and oats, into high yields on average farm lands, is still saying that good seed planted to good soil is the basis of good farming.

Three years ago he proved to the farmers of Mecklenburg county the value of good seed by bringing into the community seeds that were well adapted, true to type, and very prolific.

In the fall of 1932, Mr. Lawrence brought into his community 50 bushels of Leap's Prolific Strain 12 this was seeded and produced 1250 bushels. 600 bushels were certified. In the fall of 1935 the farmers seeded around 1500 acres from the stock of seed, and received very high yields.

In the spring of 1935 the farmers with the assistance of Mr. Lawrence in their Evening Class work organized themselves and bought from Coker's Breeding Farm 2000 lbs. of Farm Relief Strain 3 cotton, this seed was seeded on five different farms away from any other cotton, protecting it against the danger of crossing in varieties. This cotton produced an average of 497 pounds of lint cotton per acre.

The farmers in the Mint Hill community, or section, are striving for a one variety cotton community, they have for planting in the spring of 1936, 1500 bushels of Farm Relief Strain 3 cotton seed. During this session of Evening Classes 8 farmers bought 30 bushels of Registered seed corn to plant their entire crops, the varieties bought were the Weekley's Improved prolific and Jarvis Golden prolific. In the fall of 1935 those crops were field selected for the 1936 crop. This community has now enough field selected certified seed corn to plant their entire crops for 1936 and 37.

This same group of farmers are also very proud of their famous Coker's 32-1 cold and smut resistant oats. They are standing this cold weather like the rock of Gibraltar. A very fine oats they are. Livestock and poultry have not been neglected, the men and boys have in this community 32 sows for breeding purpose direct from regis-

tered sires and dams on both sides. They can if desired be registered. Poultry has also been increasing very rapidly in the past two years, we have now 27 new brooder houses constructed and around 15000 baby chicks brought into the community Rocks, Reds and the White Leghorn.

The farmers throughout this section are beginning to realize 20% more land is seeded to soil improvement crops than were three years ago.

The evening Class students are now thinking in terms of A-1 farming which in short will make a great difference in the improvements of farming.

Mr. Lawrence has found great pleasure in working with farmers and he enjoys his profession to the highest degree of satisfaction.

Brief News Items

The Golden Queen variety of tomato is making Henderson county famous for its fine juice, says the county agent.

The production credit association of Davie county will be of tremendous value to farmers this season, according to the present outlook.

C. L. Ballance and W. A. McKay, both of whom farm near St. Pauls in Robeson county bought 500 and 250 pounds, respectively, of lespedeza seed last week.

Stokes county farmers have decided that 10 percent of the cultivated acreage in the county should make a 25 percent increase in soil improving crops.

Thirty Yancey county farmers have placed a cooperative order for lespedeza, red clover, orchard grass, timothy and tobacco seed.

Fifty-seven demonstrations farms have been selected in Buncombe county for a study of farm management problems by the TVA and the State College Extension Service.

Two new farm water systems were installed in Guilford county last week with one using electrical power and the other a windmill.

D. Davis of Pearson County is planting a small acreage to alfalfa this spring as a demonstration study.

BOOK PUBLISHER DIES
Cincinnati—Edward Rosenthal 58, vice president of S. Rosenthal & Co., publishers and book binders and owner or part owner of several trade magazines, died of a heart attack.

New Soil Program To Check Overproduction

The primary objective of the new soil conservation and domestic allotment act is the wise use of land, but its ultimate objectives are more far-reaching.

"By conserving our soil resources and putting our land to better use," said Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College, "we hope that the production of basic farm commodities will be held in check."

Under the new plan, he said, it will not be possible to control the crop production of individual farms, as under the AAA, but it is believed the program will tend to prevent serious over-production and its consequent demoralization of prices.

The act provides for government grants to farmers for growing erosion-control and soil-building crops such as legumes and grasses rather than oil-depleting cash crops.

Any farmer who wishes to improve his land, and shows evidence that he follows the provisions of the program, will be eligible for compensation from the government, the dean added.

It was realized, he explained, that many farmers could not afford to reduce their cash crops and increase their grasses and legumes without some financial aid.

The basis on which the payments will be made have not been determined at present, he continued, but it will probably constitute several methods so that the payments will be as equitable as possible to all growers.

Special consideration is being given the small farmer in view of the fact that many felt the old AAA failed in some respects to give him an equal break with the large planter.

Gave Mortgage On Mustache

Man Accepted This Odd Security On Mule Trade

Edenton—For 50 or 60 years Isaac Eason, aged Belvidere negro, had natured a mustache.

He had seen it grow from the pin feather stage into a thing of long flowing beauty that was the wonderment of the countryside. It was Isaac's greatest prize.

Then Isaac bought a mule. The broadtail was priced at \$75 and Isaac didn't have that much. He offered a chattel mortgage by way of full return. Winslow & White, the mulemen, sought additional security, Isaac said he had none.

"How about your mustache?" asked the owners of the animal, confident Isaac would never sacrifice the facial adornment no matter what the provocation, Isaac hesitated but finally fell. The mustache went into indenture to this wise: "one black mule, 14 hands, weight 1,100 pounds and one grayish white mustache." On Wednesday, 22 years after the transaction, the mortgage record was discovered in the Perquimans county courthouse. Inquiry brought recollections that Isaac, now dead, made no forfeiture but cancelled his mortgage and wore his mustache proudly to the grave.

Winter Does Not End War Against Insects

The severe cold weather of the past few months did not bring a cessation of hostilities in the war between man and insects.

The brief truce is now over, said C. H. Brannon, extension entomologist at State College, and good farmers are getting ready to renew the fight.

Although exceedingly cold temperatures kill some insects, he said, enough will survive to seriously damage the crops in the spring and summer unless preventative measures are taken.

The boll weevil can wreak havoc with the cotton fields if weather conditions during the growing season are favorable to its development.

Hints To Gardeners

by Gordon Morrison
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Prepare Soil Early

In gardening as in Christmas shopping an early start is important. Size up your garden plot now to determine what can be done to improve the soil.

Spade or plow early. If a handful of soil gripped firmly can be crumbled readily upon release, the soil is in condition to be plowed or spaded. If the handful of soil does not crumble readily but remains packed, put off the job until a later day.

Any soil is enriched by manure. Clay soils are improved in texture and sandy soils are improved in water holding capacity by spading under manure, rotted leaves or lawn clippings or rotted garden refuse.

Complete commercial fertilizers are everywhere available. Ask for a 4-12-6" or similar mixture. Broadcast and rake in about four pounds of this per square rod just before planting.

It is important that fertilizer be used cautiously, for an excess is often harmful, particularly when dealing with production of fruits, that is, tomato, cucumber, pepper, etc.

Garden preparation effort is wasted if you do not plant seeds from dependable sources. Select your favorite varieties at the nearby store before the supply is depleted. Make sure they are freshly packed.

To gardeners who also like to maintain an excellent lawn—earliness of renewal again is important. Take advantage of a comparatively warm, early spring day when the surface is almost bare and the air is calm.

Sow about a teacupful of seed to 100 square feet of lawn. Melting snow carries the seed into the soil and subsequent light snows will be beneficial. Tender seedlings thus get a good start before the days become too warm.

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Take Care Of Chicks To Succeed With Hens

The future success of the poultry flock depends a great deal upon the care and management of growing chicks in the spring.

Give them proper care, said Roy S. Dearstyne, head of the poultry department at State College, and they will grow into strong, vigorous profitable birds.

Some of the fundamentals to observe while the chicks are young were pointed out as follows:

Do not overcrowd. See that there are not more than two chicks for each square foot of floor space in the brooder house.

Provide two-half gallon drinking fountains for each 100 chicks. One five-foot mash hopper will be enough for each 100 chicks during the first three weeks.

From the age of three weeks until they reach broiler size, each 100 chicks should have two mash hoppers four inches high, six inches wide, and five feet long.

Inadequate feeding and drinking facilities is one of the faults in poultry raising.

Have adequately controlled ventilation. More chicks are killed or weakened by overheating than by chilling.

Keep the feed hoppers filled with a well balanced mash.

Aim to have the chicks consuming about equal parts of mash and scratch feed at the sixth week.

Maintain rigid sanitation. Cull all slow developing chicks. These seldom "come through" and prove profitable.

When the weather permits, get the chicks out on the ground. A great deal of benefit is gained from sunshine, green feed, and fresh air.

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Taft in Ohio



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Develop Strong Bee Colonies In Spring

A bee colony that grows strong and healthy in the spring will be in a good position to gather large quantities of honey when the flowers and trees put forth their blossoms.

To insure the development of a strong colony, C. L. Sams, extension apiarist at State College, urges beekeepers to examine their colonies on a warm day in early spring.

The colony should have a good queen, an abundance of food, plenty of brood comb, and a large force of workers. It should also be free from disease.

If the colony has less than 15 pounds of stores, it should be fed with honey taken from a healthy hive that has a surplus or with a syrup made of equal parts of water and sugar.

The condition of the queen may be determined by examining a few combs of brood. Brood from a good queen will be in solid patches,

with very few, if any, cells left vacant, Sams pointed out.

If the brood comb has many empty cells, the queen is weak. The absence of brood indicates that the colony is queenless.

A colony with a weak queen, or without a queen, should be united with one that has a vigorous, prolific queen. If the colony is in fairly good condition, it may be advisable to introduce a new queen to the place of an old or weak one. Bees die rapidly, Sams explained, and unless a large number of bees is raised from the brood in spring, the colony will not be able to gather a great deal of nectar when the honey flow starts.

In the warmer sections of the State, it will be safe to open the hives for examination in March. In the cooler mountain areas, it is best to wait as late as May to avoid danger of chilling the colonies, he warned.

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