

News of Interest to all Farmers

Resettlement Puts 10,000 Men To Work

The federal government has already exercised its options on approximately 285,000 acres of land demonstration projects of the Resettlement Administration in the five states of Region IV—Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina—Regional Director, Homer H. B. Mask, of Raleigh, N. C., reports.

Approximately 10,000 workers are now employed in the development of these Resettlement projects.

A total of 400,000 acres has been optioned for the demonstration areas, leaving about 115,000 acres to be taken up, Director Mask stated. In addition, 75,000 acres are under option in the five states for farmstead community projects on which clients being removed from the demonstration areas will be resettled.

The land acquisition record by states:

Tennessee—Options exercised on 82,000 acres out of total of 131,000 acres optioned for demonstration

and community farmstead projects.

Kentucky—Options exercised on 64,000 acres out of total of 105,000 acres under option.

Virginia—Options exercised on 60,000 acres out of 96,000 acres under option.

West Virginia—Options exercised on 4,546 acres out of 10,000 acres under option.

North Carolina—Options exercised on 85,000 acres out of 124,000 acres under option.

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"In addition to these projects," Director Mask stated, Resettlement is caring for thousands of farm families in this region under its rehabilitation program and farms being acquired as rapidly as possible for special farm tenant projects in Tennessee and North Carolina.

"These activities and the efforts of the Farm Debt Adjustment and Community and Co-operative Service units of the Resettlement organization constitute a rounded, long-range program which is designed to bring lasting economic benefits to the state and put a large number of farmers formerly on relief on a self-sustaining basis. The program has already reached a magnitude in this region which vividly answers the question, 'What is Resettlement doing?'"

Director Mask pointed out that for the nation as a whole Resettlement Administration is acquiring 9,286,000 acres for reforestation and recreational demonstration projects and that 446,000 farm families are being carried on the rehabilitation rolls.

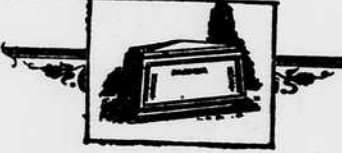
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Erosion Control Part Of New Farm Program

Controlling erosion, the thief of fertile topsoil from thousands of acres in North Carolina, is a prominent feature of the new soil-improvement program.

The soil-building and conserving crops advocated under the new program serve to check erosion in several ways, said John W. Goodman, assistant director of the State College agricultural extension service.

While these crops are growing, he said, their roots form a thick mat which holds the soil particles in place. They also check the run-off of rain water by impeding its flow downhill and by increasing the capacity of the land to absorb water in large quantities.

Then after they have been plowed under, the building and conserving crops add organic matter to the soil that makes it soft and spongy. Rain soaks into such soil and is held for long periods.

Soil well filled with organic matter also has a greater tendency to remain in place than brittle sand or clay soils, Goodman pointed out.

When the soil absorbs large quantities of water, he continued, it prevents floods during heavy rains and keeps the land from drying out completely when rainfall is scarce.

On an eight per cent slope, he added, a field on which nothing but corn is grown will lose 25 per cent of its rainfall by immediate run-off and an average of 67 tons of top soil per acre through erosion each year.

But if the field is in a good soil-building crop, it will lose less than five per cent of its rainfall and only a few hundred pounds of soil per acre.

When corn, wheat, and clover are grown in rotation, the average run-off of rain water is less than half the amount from a field kept continually in corn, and the soil losses are only one-seventh as much.

To Give Broadcast On Certified Seed

The value of certified seed in scientific farming will be stressed Saturday in a radio talk on the Carolina Farm Features program by A. D. Stuart, extension specialist at State College.

Good results cannot be obtained if the grower uses seed about which he knows little or nothing. He is taking a chance that the seed may be from a high-producing variety, and again, they may be from inferior varieties.

For this reason Mr. Stuart is urging farmers to plant only certified seed. By so doing, they will be assuring themselves of a profitable yield at harvest time of the crop has been cultivated properly.

Also included on the week's program will be a talk on Friday by C. J. Maupin, extension poultryman, on "Management of Growing Chicks". In his talk Mr. Maupin will give timely suggestions which he thinks will be of value to the owners of chicks.

The full schedule for the week of April 13-18 follows:

Monday, John E. Foster, "Beef Cattle Production in North Carolina"; Tuesday, Dr. B. W. Wells, "The Soil Doctor"; Wednesday, Zoology Department; Thursday, Miss Willie Hunter, "Clothing the Family"; Friday, C. J. Maupin, "The Management of Growing Chicks"; and Saturday, A. D. Stuart, "Why Certified Seed."

On the following Monday, A. C. Kimrey, extension dairyman, will present a talk on "Cash Crop Reduction Leads to Livestock."

Brief News Items

Nine farmers in Orange County have received 50,000 pounds of TVA phosphate to be used on demonstration farms.

Much enthusiasm over terracing is being shown in Guilford County, as growers see the results obtained. There are now enough terraces staked in that county to keep two outfits busy for over two months.

A new 4-H Club has been organized at Griffin's School in Nash County. Another club is being planned for Samaria in the same county.

The Marshville sweet potato curing house in Union County has come through a record year in good shape, with all bills being paid and with a small surplus left with which to paint the house and use as operating capital.

Owners of Holstein cattle recently reorganized the Holstein Breeders Association of North Carolina.

C. D. Branch of Columbus County through feeding corn to his hogs and selling the animals realized a greater profit from his grain than if he had sold the corn outright. It brought him \$1.50 a bushel under this method.

Strawberry growers in Duplin County are busily engaged in strawing their plants and in cleaning their fields in preparation for the annual harvest. The first berries are expected by April 15.

Make Investigation Of "Fertilizer Trust"

Washington—A justice department inquiry was underway to determine whether a "fertilizer trust" exists to the detriment of farmers.

John Dickinson, assistant attorney general in charge of the anti-trust division, said he had ordered the investigation after Representative Tarver, Democrat of Georgia, said that farmers "are apparently being robbed of millions of dollars annually."

Tarver contended that information which he submitted "justified the belief that an agreement in restraint of trade exists between the various corporations in the manufacture of commercial fertilizer."

A house sub-committee was told that farmers used \$250,000,000 worth of fertilizer annually.

AIDE OF DOHERTY DIES
New York—Herbert O. Caster, attorney for Henry L. Doherty, president of Cities Service Co., died at 2:30 a. m. Tuesday in Polyclinic hospital where he had been seriously ill for four weeks. He was 64 years old. Caster was associate head of the oil and gas division of the Cities Service Co.

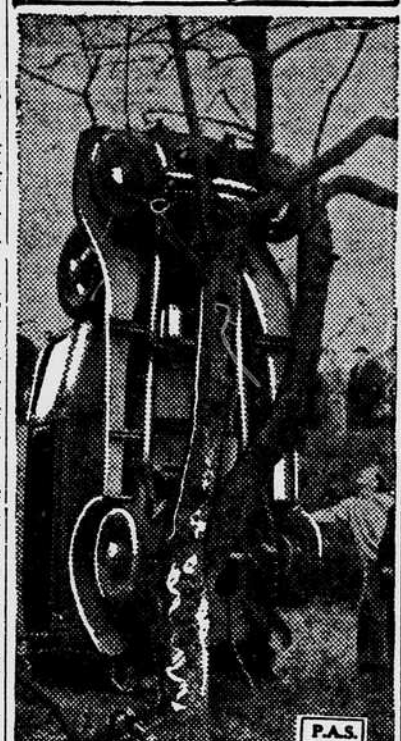
WOMEN FIRE-WALKERS

A strange cult of women that defy fire, secure in the belief that their faith will not let them be burned. Read this unusual story in the April 19 issue of the American Weekly, the big magazine which comes every Sunday with the BALTIMORE AMERICAN. Get your copy from your news-dealer.

Lucknow, India—The Indian nationalist Congress closed with shouts of "Long live the revolution!"

The Congress did not order any revolutionary steps by its members. It expressed sympathy with peoples of India.

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Farm Questions

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QUESTION: I am informed that iodine is necessary in poultry feeds—could you advise me about this?

ANSWER: It is reputed that iodine has a value in feeding chickens, but, as yet, very little research work has been done to determine its value. A deficiency of iodine leads to goiter, but no goiter has been reported in fowl. Practically all poultry mashes contain iodized salt and oyster shells contain a certain quantity of the iodine which probably accounts for the lack of goiter in fowls.

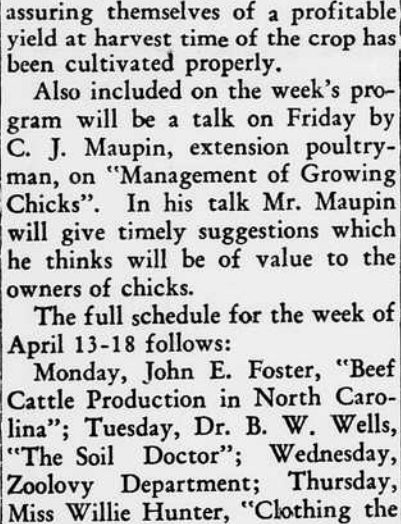
QUESTION: What fertilizer should be used for growing an early crop of sweet potatoes on sandy soil?

ANSWER: A mixture containing 3 per cent nitrogen, 8 per cent phosphoric acid, and 8 per cent potash is recommended. This should be applied at the rate of 1,000 to 1,200 pounds to the acre. For sandy loam soils of the Coastal Plain where varieties such as Nancy Hall and Porto Rico are grown for late harvests, a 3-8-8 mixture applied at the rate of 600 to 800 pounds an acre will be best. Two-thirds of the nitrogen should be secured from inorganic sources and the remaining from organic sources.

QUESTION: Can silage be fed to dairy cattle on pasture?

ANSWER: In summer or spring feeding, silage is used as a supplement to short pasture. When the cattle are turned on pasture, it is well to feed a reasonable amount of silage in the morning for several days. This will prevent the cows from gorging themselves on the tender, watery grass. If this is not done the animals are likely to develop scours. This trouble will naturally mean a lowering in the milk production.

Presidential Farmer



ATLANTA, Ga. . . . Otis Moore (above), is mighty proud of the fact that he is the only farmer in the country working for the President. Mr. Moore is farm manager of President Roosevelt's Georgia farm.

Ice Cream Recognized As A Wholesome Food

Ice cream, once considered a delicacy, is now generally recognized as a wholesome food.

It supplies all the foods of milk for growth, body sustenance, and health protection, said W. L. Clevenger, extension specialist in dairy manufacturing at State College.

In addition, ice cream affords opportunity for combining with its delightful flavor the blend of luscious fruits, piquant nuts, and tropical flavorings.

Once the exclusive dish of royalty, ice cream is now available to every one . . . the "pick-up that won't let you down," Clevenger stated.

Ice cream usually contains about three times as much butterfat, milk solids other than fat, and sugar as an equal weight of milk. The milk

Sues Neighbor Whose Rooster Disturbs Sleep

Nashville, Tenn.—S. P. Landis asked chancery court for an injunction to restrain his neighbor, A. N. Estes, from keeping a rooster he charged crows from midnight to dawn.

Landis complained it was the second such fowl to disturb his sleep, only the first one crowed a little less loudly and not so often. He added that Mrs. Landis silenced the first rooster with a rifle and paid the owner \$5 damage.

The new rooster, Landis protested, is much worse than the first and crows louder and more during the night than a normal rooster and on the night of April 7 crowed 13 times without interval.

All of which, he said, is causing the Landises loss of sleep. The court will look into the matter.

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Lime-Sulphur Spray Controls Peach Rot

Brown rot is one of the most common and destructive peach diseases in North Carolina.

Yet it can be controlled effectively and economically, said Dr. Luther Shaw, extension plant pathologist at State College.

The first step, he said, is to destroy all the mummified fruit in the orchard, both on the trees and on the ground. Either burn them or bury them where they will decay.

Destruction of the mummies will eliminate one of the main sources of the parasite fungus that causes the disease.

Lime-sulphur and wettable sulphur makes good sprays for protecting peaches during the growing season. Use 12 1-2 pounds of dry-mix lime-sulphur to 50 gallons of water, or 3 pounds of wettable sulphur to 50 gallons of water.

Lime-sulphur and wettable sulphur can be purchased ready for use, or the former may be mixed at home in the ratio of 5 pounds of finely ground dusting sulphur to 7 pounds of hydrated lime with 1-2 pound of calcium caseinate.

For ordinary conditions, three applications of the spray are recommended. The first should be about four weeks after the blossom petals have been shed. Four to six weeks later spray again. The third application should be about 10 days before the fruit is due to ripen.

However, if brown rot should appear to any appreciable extent shortly after the first application, follow it with another spraying in three weeks. This necessitates four applications in all.

Sulphur dust will control rot almost as effectively as lime-sulphur spray, Dr. Shaw added. The dusting schedule is the same as the spraying schedule.

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