

### Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga To Have Feeder Calf Sale

Scheduled To Be Held September 23 Plans Are Being Made

Plans are now being made for the tri-county feeder calf sale to be held at the West Jefferson livestock market on September 23, H. D. Quessenberry, county agent, announced this week.

The sale is being held for Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga counties with the expectations that a show and sale of this type will improve the beef cattle of the three counties, Mr. Quessenberry pointed out.

Calves weighing from 300 to 650 pounds will be accepted for the sale and are to be divided into pens according to grade by weight with the following break in weight groups: 300 to 360 pounds, 360 to 450 pounds and 450 to 650 pounds.

There will also be a "get a sire" class of five steers which will offer prizes of \$25, \$20, \$15, \$10 and \$5. Steers in this class sired by a registered bull are not confined to one owner, it was stated.

Producers of feeder type cattle are urged to castrate their bull calves and dehorn all calves in order to have them ready for the sale. "The demand will be especially good for choice steer calves as there have already been several requests for the date of the sale," Mr. Quessenberry stated.

Approximately 300 calves are expected to be at the sale.

### Farm Plans To Show Exactness

G. H. Pugh Says Guessing Does Not Play Part In Farm Planning

"I stopped guessing about my land and crop needs a few years ago when I got representatives of the Soil Conservation Service to go over my farm with me, work out a conservation plan and have the soil analyzed on each field," G. H. Pugh, of the Weavers Ford section stated. "I did not realize at that time what this information would mean to me in increased production and saving my soil," he explained.

Mr. Pugh is not the only farmer who has decided guessing was out of date. Last Saturday, E. H. Barker, Crumpler, and Fred Little, Sturgills, brought their farm plans and their soil letters with them to buy fertilizer for alfalfa which they plan to seed in the

### Soil Conservation Plan In Operation On Scottville Farm



The above scene on the farm of Fulton Reeves, Scottville F. H. A. farmer, shows the effective use of strip-cropping. He is one of the many farmers of the district having a complete soil conservation plan established on his land.

### J. F. Busic Farm At Piney Creek



A field saved from erosion by planting white pine seedlings after the soil was eroded when beans and grain were planted.

next few days. One of the seed and fertilizer dealers in West Jefferson said this was a common practice at his store. He said two or three farmers a week brought their letters with them to get him to help figure out their exact needs.

Eliminating guessing paid big dividends for Walter Neaves, of the Old Field Creek community,

### Timely Hints

A big question in the minds of many farm families these days is whether or not to remodel the old farmhouse. Before getting into plans for making an old house more comfortable, efficient and attractive, first make sure that the house was well built and is still sound, housing experts of the U. S. Department of Agriculture advise.

Thorough remodeling generally takes less material but more labor than building a new structure, say these specialists. If an old house needs complete rebuilding, this usually costs more than putting up a new house.

Before deciding to remodel, they advise: (1) Examine the house from foundation to roof and estimate the needed repairs and their cost. (2) Look at the location, thinking of good drainage, protection from cold winds which make a home hard to heat, protection from flooding during heavy rains, good sewage disposal, convenience to the highway. (3) The water supply is important.

The New River Soil Conservation District has assisted over 400 farmers in Ashe county in submitting samples to the Soil Testing Division of the State Department of Agriculture for analysis. These letters are necessary in preparing a complete soil conservation plan for these farms.

### Hereford Cattle On Segraves' Farm



Hereford cattle grazing on hills where plowing has been eliminated on J. L. Segraves' farm near Helton. Mr. Segraves, under the Soil Conservation district plan on his farm, is using the grassland system and is keeping the hills on his farm in pasture. He has proven that improved pastures mean better cattle and better cattle mean higher farm income.

Water should be plentiful and tested for safety.

If the house and its site stand inspection, and remodeling seems like a wise investment, give as much thought to remodeling plans as you would to planning a new house, say the experts. They suggest checking the following points carefully.

Have you planned for enough rooms for your family's needs? Traffic lanes—house entrances convenient to the drive; kitchen and work areas arranged to save steps; dining space convenient to kitchen serving area; living space; sleeping space; utilities; appearance; and cost.



Production of flue-cured tobacco in North Carolina this year is expected to be approximately 864,985,000 pounds.

Hogs have been marketed at unusually heavy weights this year. The average for hogs slaughtered under Federal inspection in the first 5 months of the year was 253 pounds compared with 233 pounds in the same period of 1946 and the 1943 of 204 pounds.

Turkey production from 1929 to 1944 nearly doubled, but the number of farms raising turkeys in 1944 was about one-third that of 1929. Consequently, the average turkey farm was raising more than five times as many turkeys in 1944 than in 1929.

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