

# The Farming Guide

(By A. S. KNOWLES, County Agent)

The tobacco crop as a whole is much improved over the past few crops in both quality and yield per acre. Here and there farmers complain of certain varieties being hard to cure into bright cigarette type tobacco.

About the time marketing is completed a survey will be made in order to determine how the various varieties performed this season. The results of the survey will be made public to be used as a guide in future years. The individual farm information will be confidential and not used other than to summarize and to add to similar information from other counties.

In order to get the most out of this crop through marketing, it is important that grades be kept separate. Be sure that green or trashy leaves be kept out of other grades. Tie the tobacco into neat and medium sized bundles. This sized bundles dry much faster than large bundles. When drying is slowed up, the entire market has to slow down, and often causes a drop in price.

Do not fail to take note of any disease appearing in the tobacco crop. Only by finding out the source of trouble now can it be avoided in future years.

## Animals Cause Many Accidents

Animals rank third among the causes of accidental injuries to farm people, according to H. M. Ellis, head of extension agricultural engineering. Falls and machinery top the list.

Increased reliance on artificial breeding of dairy stock has freed many farmers from the hazards of handling bulls on their farms. But when a bull is kept, regardless of how gentle it may appear, substantial fencing is absolutely necessary for safety.

A safekeeper bull pen of the type developed by Agricultural Research Service is recommended for bulls kept for dairy or beef stock breeding. The pen includes a shed with stanchion and manger, and it is so constructed that the attendant can handle and feed the animal without coming in contact with it.

Beef bulls that run with the herd have infrequent contact with the owner. If a bull on the range or in a pasture must be approached, do so while on horseback or in a vehicle, if possible. If you must approach a bull in a pasture on foot, be sure there is a vehicle nearby to afford a barrier in case the bull should charge.

Bulls aren't the only dangerous animals. Boars also come in this category. Tusks should be removed from boars. Even an ordinarily gentle animal may strike without warning. Deaths have occurred from such accidents. A hand hurdle will keep off a boar if he should attempt to strike.

Sows may be a source of danger, particularly before and after farrowing. A hand hurdle should be carried when entering the pen at such times. Leave the pen door unlatched to permit a quick escape.

## 1 In 3 College Injuries Caused By Athletics

CHICAGO—Dying for dear old Rutgers may be an exaggeration, but college athletics do account for almost one out of three injuries to college students.

That was revealed by a special study of student injuries at 11 colleges made by the National Safety Council and the American



MRS. IVY BAKER PRIEST (left), treasurer of the United States and Homer J. Livingston, president of the American Bankers association, will address the third annual Young Bankers Conference at Greensboro on Aug. 14-15. The meeting is sponsored by the North Carolina Bankers association.

into the ground, and then the other parts of the building simply are nailed to the poles.

The poles are of sufficient strength to support all of the loads, and since they are also weather and decay proof, footings or other masonry foundations are unnecessary. The resulting reduction in material saves the farmer a good deal of money.

For the parts other than the poles, the farmer needs little more than standard lumber sizes which are readily available from his retail dealer.

Pressure treated southern pine poles long have been used by telephone companies, railroads

## Aspirin Usage Can Kill Tots

CHICAGO—Aspirin can be as deadly as an asp—if eaten in quantities by young children.

The 1955 edition of "Accident Facts," the statistical yearbook of the National Safety Council,

is bad. It is the No. 1 killer among the external use products, and aspirin is second. Caustics, such as ye, cresol and ammonia, rat poisons and fly sprays also rank high. Other dangerous products include shampoos, rubbing solutions, bleaches, moth balls and furniture polish.

## 1st District Elects Frink

a meeting called by Judge Rondell B. Mullard, attorneys of the 8th Judicial District elected Sam Frink of Southport to serve as its president.

The 13th District is made up of Columbus, Bladen and Brunswick counties.

Others elected were Joe W. Ben of Whiteville as vice-president; Ernest E. Parker of Southport as secretary and treasurer; Edward C. Clark of Elizabethtown as councilor; J. B. Lee of Havelock as Columbus county representative; Dwight McEwen of Southport as Brunswick representative and Leon D. Smith of

Elizabethtown as representative for Bladen county.

Attending the meeting held in Hotel Whiteville, were all lawmen from the counties of Columbus, Bladen and Brunswick.

### BRIEF SESSION

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of re-drying technician for the Whiteville Tobacco company, said the heavy stabilization purchases forced the re-drying plant into an around-the-clock, 5½-day schedule the second day of the market. "Normally we don't go into a 24-hour day until the sixth to eighth day of the market," Durham said.

At Chadbourne, Billy Nobles reported the first week saw 655,034 pounds sold for an average of \$52.60, with possibly 36 to 38 percent going to stabilization.

Chadbourne sales were expected to open light today, but Nobles said, the cut in time for next week may bring in more leaf for the latter part of the week. He said folks are still busy cropping tobacco. "I've seen fields this week that still have three crops to come."

At Fair Bluff, Clyde Town-

send, commented he was surprised to see that the 586,512 pounds averaging \$54.15 was "ahead of last year. It is surprising after watching the sales. We've had some \$3 and \$4 tobacco here, but we've had a lot of \$60 and \$65 stuff too, and that is what is keeping it up."

Tabor City's R. P. Counts, also reported that sales and averages were leading last year's figures for the first three days. "We sold 731,466 pounds last week for an average of \$53.78," he said. The Tabor City gain in poundage was more than double the first three days of 1954. Counts said 1954 showed 328,778 pounds for the first three days. The average was \$51.98. Stabilization got 35-40 percent.

And in Whiteville, the 16 selling firms cleared 2,237,312 pounds for an average of \$52.62, according to R. G. Maulsby, sales supervisor. About 43.56 percent is going to stabilization. The gain over 1954's first three days for Whiteville was about 10 percent on poundage. The opening averages for 1954 in price was \$48.22.

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