

Dr. Hubbard Tells How To Keep Boys And Girls On Farm

To The Editor: To keep the farm boys on the farm, to keep the land built up and producing well, to keep the life on the farm healthy and wholesome has been the dream and desire of many a parent.

For a little more than twenty-one years I have practiced medicine in this splendid farming section, and have given this problem of holding the boys to the farm some careful study, and have come to the following conclusions:

First, That the farm home must be made the most attractive place on earth to the boys and girls. I do not mean that expensive and unsuitable furniture should be used, but that most farm homes can, with little expense, be made much more attractive than they usually are.

Playthings, books, games, and general recreation for the whole family, with the parents showing a real interest in the recreation of the children will go far toward making life on the farm more liveable.

One of the happiest homes I have ever known is unsightly on the outside, and not well arranged or extensively furnished on the inside, but it has a wholesome family spirit manifested there that is delightful to see.

The farm boy should have a place that he can call his own, where his boyish treasures can be stored, and where he can take a chum for boyish confidences. Many a boy is driven from home because no place is provided for him there.

Electric lights and electric labor-saving machinery are possible in many farm homes, and would be a good investment for any farmer who wishes to hold his boys loyal to the farm and its interests.

Second, farming itself must be made more attractive from a business point of view. To accomplish this better methods of farming must be adopted, and the boys of today have opportunities of learning these better methods that their fathers did not have.

County demonstration agents and teachers of vocational agriculture bring to them the results of years of experimenting with soil improvement, crop rotation, stock breeding, co-operative marketing, and a score of other things of vital interest to all farmers.

Mr. S. A. Cooper is giving to the boys of his classes in Farmer school splendid teaching along the lines mentioned above, and helping them to put into practice on the farms what they learn. In addition to this he is trying to create and nurture a love of country life, to promote thrift in the management of the farm, to strengthen the confidence of the farm boy in himself and his work, and to develop rural leadership.

To the fathers and mothers on the farms I would make the following suggestions: Lead the young folks into the habit of reading farm literature. No better farm paper can be found than the Progressive Farmer, and it should be in every farm home.

Take your boys into partnership, give them a chance to try the new ways, and let them have the profits from their experiments. If they fail, remember that you sometimes fail, too, and do not let the loss fall too heavily on them.

Be a comrade—a pal—with your boy. Take an interest in his play as well as his work. It will not hurt you to play with him sometimes. Magnify the profession of farming instead of belittling it. Teach your son that he is working together with God in making the land produce its fruits, its grain, its flowers.

Make your home as attractive as your means will allow, beautify it within and without, and make each child feel that it is his home as well as yours.

Look for beauty in the common things around you; take time to enjoy it and teach your children to appreciate it. When you have taught them to see the magic tints of the sunset, the exquisite charm of the wild flowers, the beauty and grace of the trees and shrubs, as well as that of the young animals in the farmyard, you will have welded another link to hold them to the life of the farm.

—C. C. HUBBARD, Farmer, N. C.

Great Artist's Pipes Prized as Art Relics

One does not often hear of smoker's pipes being ranked high among art relics. The date of the introduction of tobacco precludes them from boasting of remote antiquity of origin, though your smoker who makes the coloring of a pipe a solemn ritual may have very pronounced views on its artistic claims. Nor is his point of view ignored by the fine arts authorities, for, adjacent to a rich collection of snuff-boxes, there may be seen at the museum of decorative arts, in the Louvre, a number of well-seasoned pipes, most of which must have belonged to noteworthy artists. Perhaps the most noteworthy are a couple of briars which belonged to the painter Corot. It is said that he smoked these pipes while painting several of his greatest works, and if so, they have a legitimate claim to distinction. Pipes attributed to illustrious men are not uncommonly met with elsewhere in Paris, usually in cafes which were frequented by the great, but they are sometimes of doubtful authenticity. Verlaino, for instance, would appear to have left a pipe in almost every cafe he frequented, and these were many.—From the Continental Edition of the London Daily Mail.

Pleasure and Profit in Scorpion Hunting

One of the most peculiar hunting expeditions on record is that which takes place at more or less regular intervals in the town of Mardine, in Asia Minor. The town is surrounded by ancient walls built to protect it from invaders, and hidden in various places in these walls are hordes of scorpions which often become a menace to the population. In order to keep down the number of these pests, said to be death-dealing, a bonus is offered by the municipality and regular hunts are organized. The hunts take place at night when the hunters, armed with lanterns, poke around the walls and dislodge the scorpions. The next day they carry them to the town officials and collect the money due them as a reward. It frequently happens that they must wait upon the pleasure of that official, when they while away the time by making their ferocious captives engage in combat. Bets are made on the results, and it often happens that members of the waiting party have lost their money before they receive it.

On the Road to Truth

All opinions, properly so called, are stages on the road to truth. It does not follow that a man will travel any further; but if he has really considered the world and drawn a conclusion, he has traveled as far. This does not apply to formulae got by rote, which are stages on the road to nowhere but second childhood and the grave. To have a catchword in your mouth is not the same thing as to hold an opinion; still less is it the same thing as to have made one for yourself. There are too many of these catchwords in the world for people to rap out upon you like an oath and by way of argument. They have a currency as intellectual counters; and many respectable people pay their way with nothing else.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

Algerian Grasshoppers

Some Algerian grasshoppers, just arrived at the London zoo, have beaten all records for the genius of leaping. They seem to have sacrificed everything for this, as though the body is barely an inch long, the hind legs are fully three inches. The newcomers are confined in a glass case, two feet high, yet, when first put in, their horny heads were continually tapping on the roof. Unlike other grasshoppers, they are carnivorous, feeding on raw meat and dead insects; and instead of living amongst grass they haunt damp caves. This species has never before been seen at the menagerie.

Keep Ideals High

A famous artist strictly resolved not to look at silly or funny pictures, simply because, when he himself wished to paint, all these funny pictures crossed his thoughts, and consequently they were interwoven in his work. Hence he made it a rule to look only at great masterpieces. By doing this he ever kept his mind full of great conceptions, and thus he found it much easier to paint great pictures himself. If people would only make it a rule to observe only that which is great and good, they would find it much easier to live a great and pure life.

Fossil Ivory

Mammoth ivory, sometimes called fossil ivory, comes from Siberia. The tusks, longer and more curved than those of the elephant, are found in the frozen mud of the "tundras" or frozen marshes of the northeastern Siberian wastes. One mammoth tusk found in Siberia was 18 feet 7 inches long and weighed 185 pounds. Ordinary fossil ivory realises from \$75 to \$100 per hundred weight.

Or Try a Kitten

Prospective Tenant—This apartment, like the others you showed me, is too small. Not room enough to swing a cat in.

Fed-Up Agent—Ah! Then why not find some other amusement?—Boston Transcript.

Macon-Cannon

On May 18th, Spurgeon Macon, of Seagrave, was united in marriage with Miss Mary Cannon, of High Point, by Rev. J. C. Cummings, officiating minister. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Macon, of Seagrave, while the bride is a talented young lady of the furniture city.

Agricultural Notes Of Farmer Section

(By S. A. Cooper, Farmer, N. C.) If Sam Pickett's other buildings are as good to look at his barn when he finishes his building on No. 62 he will have an attractive place.

L. R. Bane has a field of oats and barley part of which is top dressed with calcium nitrate. This part is fully twice as good as the part not top dressed. He has sweet clover growing under a walnut tree in the shade fully three feet high and it has not bloomed yet. John Bane, his son, is going to top dress his corn at knee high with calcium nitrate or a similar fertilizer.

Van Lanier with his father's and brother's help has laid off and terraced the field west of his home. He did this in less than a day. He built these with a reversible home-made drag made the day the terraces were built and pulled this drag with a Fordson tractor.

W. M. Bingham has a wonderful field of vetch and oats west of his house. He is intending to cut this and save the seed. Mrs. Bingham is having good luck with her two brooders of Tom Barron white leghorn chicks.

Norman Lewis left a bee gum on his back porch and a swarm of bees came in and made its home there. Norman has moved the hive out with the other stands. Norman's Tom Barron white leghorn chicks are doing fine.

The people of Farmer will be sorry to hear that Wayne Bingham lost his Tom Barron white leghorn chicks in a fire along with his brooder and about ten dollars worth of feed. Mr. H. C. Nance and I are getting up a subscription to help replace the boy's loss. He lost fully \$30.00 not counting the house and brooder. We will be glad to hear your subscription.

Mr. W. P. Thornburg limed an acre of ground last year and planted sweet clover on it. He got very little sweet clover but has a wonderful stand of white dutch clover that has come up voluntarily where the lime was spread. Clark Thornburg has planted an acre of Southern Beauty corn. This acre was planted from the corn grown from a pint of seed that I gave Holton and Clark last year. He is intending to top dress at knee high with nitrate of soda. He has a good stand of forward corn.

Buren Cranford has a good looking litter of six-weeks-old chetter white pigs. He is considering building a hog feeder and getting them ready for the fall market.

Coney Elliott's Tom Barron white leghorn chicks are doing well. He is

WILL BAILEY MAKE RACE AGAINST SENATOR

Will J. W. Bailey, Raleigh attorney, enters the Democratic primaries June of next year against F. M. Simmons for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate? A lengthy article in the Greensboro News last Sunday had it that rumors are Bailey is contemplating the race. But there was no word from Mr. Bailey himself that he had any such intentions. Mr. Bailey was candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor against A. W. McLean and received 80,000 votes. He supported general Alfred E. Smith in the past general election, which the senior North Carolina Senator refused to do—but whether he will make the race for the Senate is another matter.

Nothing preventing, there will be a memorial service at the High Pine Wesleyan Methodist church Sunday at 11:00 a. m. Service will also be held in the afternoon at 2:30 and at 7:45 at night. Bring your baskets full of dinner, as lunch will be eaten on the grounds. Let us make this a good day. The public is cordially invited.—E. D. Packer, Pastor.

Automobile accidents caused the deaths of 73 persons in North Carolina during April, as compared with 44 in April a year ago. Total of deaths in the State so far this year caused by automobiles has reached 196, with 369 others injured.

planting two acres of Jarvis Golden Prolific corn.

Sam Arnold has an excellent stand of Korean lespezea in the wheat opposite Bob Johnston's store. He has planted two acres of Jarvis Golden Prolific seed corn.

J. R. Wham figures that he has been fully paid for seeding an acre of alfalfa with the first clipping that he mowed about the first part of this month. He got a "whopping" load which he feels is worth \$30.00. This alfalfa should last about six years and with the proper top dressings should give several cuttings each year. No re-seeding will be necessary.

Elmer Byrd's purebred Guernsey cow led the other cows here this month in the advanced registry tests with a milk production of 33 lbs. and a fat production of 1.5651 lbs. for the day on test. The cow's name is Perrill of Handsome John Raider. A. J. Macon's young cow came next with a milk production of 25.3 lbs. and a fat production of 1.3052 lbs. of butter fat for the day on test.

People generally are well pleased with the growth made by vetch, sweet clover and Australian winter peas.

STATEMENT CONNECTICUT MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY HARTFORD, CONN.

Table with financial data for Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, including assets, liabilities, and net value.

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DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner, Raleigh, N. C. STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA. INSURANCE DEPARTMENT. Raleigh, February 21st, 1929.

Be Careful What You Smoke In Home City Of "Camels"

Here's a good one from the "Views and Observations" column in a recent issue of the Raleigh News & Observer:

The latest story of Winston-Salem's self-consciousness, or maybe its self-esteem, is being told by Dr. Charles O'H. Laughlinhouse, State Health Officer. The doctor was having lunch with several Winston-Salem women when he took from his pocket a pack of cigarettes which were not Camels.

"What do you mean smoking those cigarettes in Winston," stormed one of the women who took them from his hand and threw them across the hotel dining room. "Waiter, bring a package of cigarettes," she ordered and the waiter, well trained brought Camels.

With great dignity Dr. Laughlinhouse rose and removed his coat, his vest, his collar and his tie. He was unbuttoning his shirt when one of

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the women gasped, "What in the name of heaven are you doing?" "I'm sorry to admit it but I have on a suit of E. V. D.'s made in Charleston," he apologized. "Would you mind sending the waiter after some Hanes underwear?" Montgomery county will lose two high school superintendents this year, these being W. E. Powell, superintendent of the high school at Star, and W. E. Williams, superintendent at Candor, both of whom have announced they will not serve next year.

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