

TRANSYLVANIA'S Farm Front News

Could You Use Another \$1,000 Per Acre Crop?

How's your bank account? Could you use another \$1,000 - per-acre cash crop on your farm?

T. A. Brawley, assistant Jackson county farm agent for the State College Extension Service, suggests aromatic tobacco. The production of this small leaf tobacco crop offers farmers throughout the Piedmont and mountains a relatively new crop with unlimited demand and no controls.

New production techniques have made growing aromatic, or Turkish, tobacco a much less tiresome job, too. The new techniques developed to plant, harvest and cure the crop, have cut the labor requirement to less than a third of that formerly required.

The principal changes in aromatic tobacco production include the use of automatic transplanters, curing on wire rods instead of the string method, the use of heat in the curing process, and numerous short cuts in baling the leaves.

Piedmont North Carolina farmers are producing aromatic tobacco with only one per acre. Services of youngsters in their teens can equal the labor output of an adult male in the harvesting of the crop, since the leaves are small and little strenuous labor is required.

The use of artificial heat removes a lot of the risk involved in curing the leaves, resulting in a much higher quality leaf that invariably brings a higher price. Growers using heat curing units have averaged more than \$1 per pound during the past several years.

The market for aromatic tobacco is relatively unlimited. Less than 10 per cent of the present American consumption is now grown in the United States. No acreage allotments are required to produce aromatic tobacco.

If you're interested in this \$1,000-per-acre crop, contact your local county farm agent. He has all the latest information on its production and adaptability in your area.

Young People's Club Meets This Saturday

The Young People's Fellowship club will meet Saturday night at the home of Miss Wilma Zachary on Highlands road in North Brevard.

The time is 8:00 o'clock, and officials of the club say that this informal youth rally will have its program built around a timely and practical challenge from the Bible which is geared for young folks.

Over the past five years droughts in the United States caused more losses under the federal crop insurance program than any other single hazard.

Community Leaders At Initial '54 Training Course Session



The community leaders at the first training session of 1954 held recently in Gaither's Dogwood room are pictured above, and the meeting was conducted by the agricultural workers council, County Agent Julian Glazener, chairman. This group enthusiastically endorsed the county progress program through community development by all working together. Shown above, front row, left to right, are: Mrs. Lloyd Compton, Dunn's Rock; Carroll Webb, Penrose; County Commissioner George Perkins; Otis Merrill, Little River; T. R. Chastain, Balsam Grove; Bud Sitton, Quebec; Mrs. Mark Crosswell, Cedar Mt.; Second row: Mrs. Jeanette Robinson, Penrose; Mrs. Helen Tinsley, Dunn's Rock; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Whitmire, Dunn's Rock; Miss Margaret George, Little River; Mrs. Alvin McCrary, Little River; Glenn Whitmire, Cherryfield; Paul Fisher, Quebec. Third row: R. J. Lyday, Brevard; Rev. J. T. Neal, Little River; Miss Anne Benson Priest, home agent; Chester Brown, Balsam Grove; Wallace Flynt, FHA; Lloyd Compton, Dunn's Rock; Alvin McCrary, Little River; Charles W. Davis, Dunn's Rock; Mrs. Joe Earle Jones, Cedar Mt.; Mrs. J. R. Wickliffe, Cedar Mt.; Miss Linda Ann McCall, Balsam Grove; Mrs. S. C. Clapp, home ec. teacher, Rosman; Miss Donorine McCall, Balsam Grove; Mrs. John T. Neal, Little River; Richard McCall, Balsam Grove; Don McCall, Balsam Grove; Ford Galloway, Silversteen; Bob Love, assistant agent. Back row: Mrs. Julia Westwood, secretary ASC; B. E. Keisler, Rosman; Mrs. Charles W. Davis, Dunn's Rock; Mrs. T. E. Mackey, Little River; Mrs. Clyde R. Rice, Silversteen; Mrs. Nina Rustin, Penrose; Clyde R. Rice, Silversteen; George Shelton, Silversteen; Elzie McCall, Quebec; Merrimon Shuford, Little River. (Photo by Glazener)

Chest Measurement Provides Estimate Of Cow's Weight

Now you can weigh your cow by measuring her girth.

Julian Glazener, Transylvania county farm agent for the State College Extension Service, says the technique, used long ago by Danish dairymen and reflected in the country in the girthing chains of a generation or so ago, has been brought up to date through a study of weights and body measurements of some 1,700 American dairy cows.

It has been found, says Mr. Glazener, that the measurement of a cow's heart girth — around the forechest directly back of the front legs — is a fairly accurate indication of the animal's total weight. And it holds true for animals of all ages.

Tape measures based on the recent findings and giving a direct reading of the weights as related to the measurements have been distributed to many farmers by their feed dealers. This modern

version of grandfather's girthing chain comes in handy in classifying, judging and feeding dairy cattle when scales are not available, according to Mr. Glazener.

When you think of prescriptions, think of VARNER'S.—adv

Of North Carolina's 288,508 farms farms, 25.1 per cent are operated by non-whites.

More than 20 per cent of North Carolina farmers work off the farm for more than 100 days each year.

TEST SOIL NOW, SAYS WHITMIRE

ASC Chairman Urges Transylvania Farmers To Get Samples In Early

Marvin W. Whitmire, chairman of the Transylvania County ASC committee, urges farmers in the county who have not submitted their soil to the Soil Testing division at Raleigh to do so immediately. Information has been received in the county ASC office that the Soil Testing division is being "flooded" with soil samples.

It is imperative that soil samples be tested before March in order that farmers who are participating in the 1954 Agricultural Conservation program may receive cost-sharing on fields to be seeded under practices 1, 2, and 6 and fields to be limed under practice No. 3. At this time the county ASC office has a good supply of soil testing boxes and information sheets on hand.

Mr. Whitmire further states that the Transylvania county and community ASC committeemen will be glad to render any assistance possible in getting this job done.

IT'S WORTH KNOWING

J. A. GLAZENER, Agent

Seven and 92 inches make a link. 25 links make a rod. Four rods make a chain. 10 square chains or 160 square rods make one acre. 640 acres make one square mile. 36 square miles make a township.

Wedding Anniversaries

1 paper; 2 cotton; 3 leather or muslin; 4 silk; 5 wooden; 6 iron; 7 woolen; 8 rubber or bronze; 9 pottery; 10 tin; 15 crystal; 20 china; 25 silver; 30 pearl; 35 coral; 40 ruby; 45 sapphire; 50 golden; 55 emerald; 60 or 75 diamond.

Slightly more than 44.5 million bushels of certified sweet potatoes were produced by United States farmers last year. This is 4 per cent more than produced in 1952.

The number of chicks hatched in North Carolina during the first 11 months of 1953 totaled 1.73 billion, compared with 1.64 billion during the same period a year earlier.

WHAT'S BEING DONE? WHO'S DOING IT?

J. A. GLAZENER, County Agent

The Little River Community club has the distinction of having put on most successfully, the first Community hour radio program over WPNF, "The friendly voice of Brevard and Transylvania county," on Saturday, January 30, from 12:30 to 1 o'clock. Judging from the many favorable comments on the program and the way it was rendered, the Little River folks have a right to feel proud of their accomplishments in this respect.

The Brevard chapter of Future Farmers of America, under the enthusiastic and capable leadership of their instructor, R. J. Lyday, have placed applications this week for a

total of 28,000 forestry seedlings. Hats off to our working FFA boys and instructors. It's a great contribution toward helping make Transylvania the county of the year for 1954.

Last Friday night in the basement of the Dunn's Rock Masonic temple, following a delicious dinner served by members of the Home Demonstration clubs, the Transylvania Farm Bureau was organized with the following officers: Charles Paxton, president; Mrs. Arthur Whitmire, vice president; Mrs. S. C. Clapp, secretary and Lewis P. Hamlin, treasurer. Some 25 became charter members.

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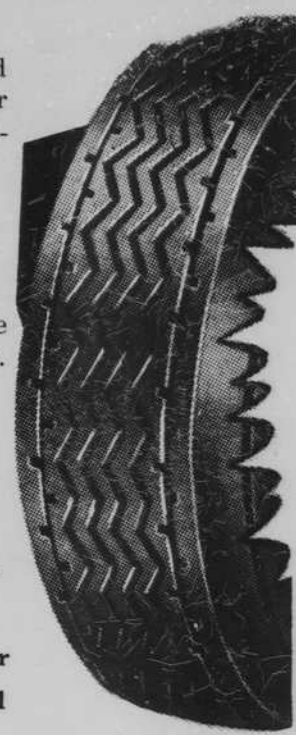
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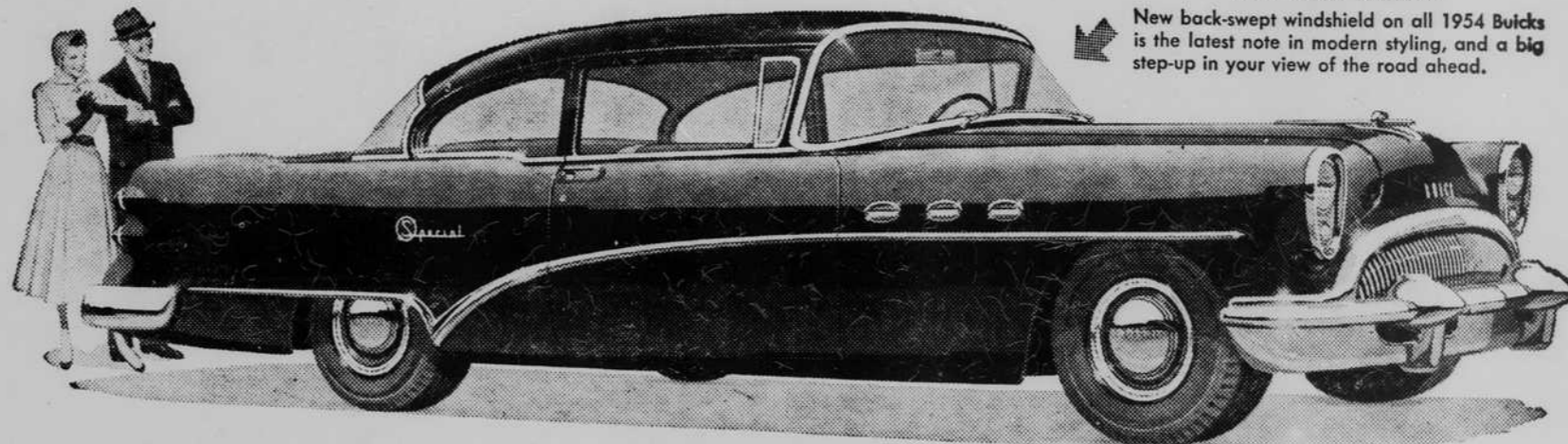
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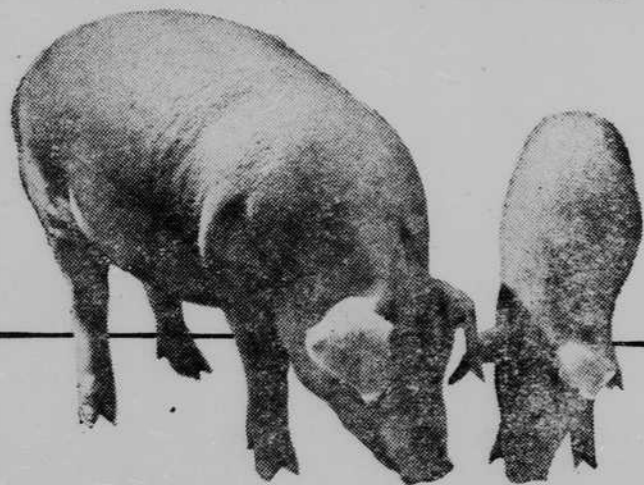
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NO KIDDING...



they're litter mates!

At 14½ weeks the pig on the left weighed 114 pounds—the one at the right weighed only 28 pounds—a difference of 86 pounds! These pigs are from 2 bunches taken from the sow at 6 weeks. One bunch got Pig Startena and water. The others were fed corn, oats and alfalfa meal. The Pig Startena bunch averaged 64 pounds per pig heavier at 14½ weeks.

Local hog men report creep feeding Startena makes a big difference in their pigs, too. Let us tell you more about it.



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