

THE "TIMES" PRIZE-WINNING COLUMN

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ALMAR FARM
In Transylvania

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I've written so much about our farming and gardening misadventures in these columns, that I feel something of an obligation to continue the story as each year progresses; if for no other reason, at least to afford my readers the chance to laugh at our blunders. And, of course, we always hope we'll eventually do something right and maybe some one of my real farmer readers will tell me we're learning.

Just to keep it straight as to the time I'm writing about, for this will be published a few weeks later, I'm now writing as of the 13th of April.

As I've written earlier this spring, I'm not farming the bottoms this year. To be honest, I never have had the courage to try that job. I've share-cropped them a couple of years, but I've not tried to handle a job that size by myself. About half of the bottoms, the corn land, is in the government feed grain program, the so-called soil bank; the other half is in grass which requires no work other than fertilizing and cutting for hay.

I began getting my gardens ready in March — yes, I know, they should have been sowed in a cover crop during the winter and that turned under now; or they could just have been plowed in January and have been allowed to freeze and thaw to soften the soil, but I didn't do either.

This March, when it was dry enough, and warm enough, so I wouldn't freeze to death perched up on that tall tractor, I put on the disks and cut up the dead weeds and cornstalks. Marge and I then put manure on

the one garden by hand as I've written about earlier. Being able to get into the other garden with a manure spreader, and being fortunate enough to get the use of one plus the help and knowhow of my good neighbors Jim Parker and Randy Galloway, we put the compost on it much easier.

I then awaited the next dry spell and one day put the plow on the tractor and "had at" my plowing. I'll put this in for my fellow non-farmers: Plowing ain't half as easy as it looks!

The plow that came with my tractor is a big, single, 20-inch model. I had it worked on last year by Hap Collins up on East Fork, and I knew it was in good shape. I thought there'd be nothing to plowing with it. But I soon found out different.

I'm sure there have been bad jobs of plowing since the plow was invented, but I'm pretty certain there's never been a worse one than my first attempt in our No. 1 garden (the one nearest the house.) I couldn't get the plow to shed (it was all rusted from sitting up all winter without being properly greased); I couldn't keep it in the ground as deep as I wanted (I didn't know how to adjust it properly); I couldn't keep the tractor going straight (I paid too much attention to the plow behind me); and I couldn't get the turned around to roll over into the adjoining furrow (it wasn't shedding properly and I wasn't holding the tractor where I should.)

When I got through, the garden was scored with snake-like ditches and that's about the best I can say for it. I hastily put my disks

WEEKLY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- French priest's title
- Stylish
- Pig's nose
- Angels' headgear
- Related
- Market once more
- Sick
- Convicted
- Chinese measure
- Tyrant
- Take all the tricks
- Common thieves in Westerns
- Bobbin
- Reddish
- Mockingbird's relative
- Beams
- Church celebration
- Printer's measure
- Cistern
- Provender
- Declared
- Affection
- Like the proverbial judge
- Twining plant stems
- Great quantity
- Bacon's partner

DOWN

- Walk, slangy style
- Seethes
- Roll
- Latin connective
- Huntley, for one
- Owens
- French island
- Variety of kale
- Spoke
- Frail
- Rodents
- Spirits
- Malayan boats
- Speaks indistinctly
- Made the first move
- Pick up the check
- Emphasis
- Apparition
- Containing ore
- Chief
- Strap
- Relieves
- Pumpernickel and others
- Exceedingly
- Arab attire
- Commission percentage
- Questionable purchase
- Exist

Answer

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38. Arab attire
39. Commission percentage
40. Questionable purchase
42. Exist

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Rabies Clinics Underway

Beginning recently, and continuing through May 23rd, everyone in Transylvania County will be given an opportunity to contribute to a community effort with real public health importance.

A series of Rabies Clinics will be held throughout the county for vaccination of dogs against rabies.

Rabies is a dangerous disease of man and animals. It is transmitted through the bite of a "mad" animal. The saliva of an animal with rabies contains the virus which causes the disease, when the skin is broken by an animal bite, the saliva enters the body. This could be fatal.

Fortunately, there is a treatment that will prevent rabies when a person has been bitten, if begun promptly. But protection lies in eliminating rabies and controlling the spread of the disease. This is a must and can best be obtained by having every dog over four months of age vaccinated.

All a dog owner needs to do is to take the dog to one of the clinics and have animal vaccinated.

The Transylvania County Health department urges the cooperation of all citizens during the vaccination drive. This is health insurance for the dog owner, his family, the community and for the pet.

Help Is Offered

Looking For High School Students To Work This Summer Or Fulltime?

By Local Department

Health Cards For Domestic Help, Baby-Sitters Advised

The North Carolina Employment office in the Bryant building is now making a survey to determine the number of high school students who will be seeking employment during the summer months.

They will also have a file on those who do not plan to seek higher education and would be interested in fulltime employment.

The office feels that this information will be valuable to businesses and industries in the county.

There will be 200 graduates at Brevard senior high school this year. Of this number, 99 are girls and 101 are boys.

Some 110 of the 200 prospective seniors plan to continue their education, leaving 90 who will be seeking fulltime employment.

In the 11th grade at Brevard, there are 209, of which 89 are girls and 120 are boys. Most of them will be looking for summer jobs.

In the Rosman graduating class, there are 45, some 23

There are no provisions within the Public Health laws of the State of North Carolina that require regularly employed housekeepers, maids, domestics, cooks, or baby-sitters to have Health Cards prior to employment.

However, it is quite within the prerogative of an employer to request an employee to present evidence of an examination.

A negative tuberculin skin test is taken as evidence of the absence of tuberculosis infection; if an individual's skin test is positive, a chest X-ray will be taken and sent to the Black Mountain Sanitarium for interpretation.

Questions concerning Health Cards for domestics may be answered by calling the Health Department.

Employers desiring to hire high school 11th and 12th graders for summer work or on a fulltime basis are urged to contact the employment office.

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

County ASCS News

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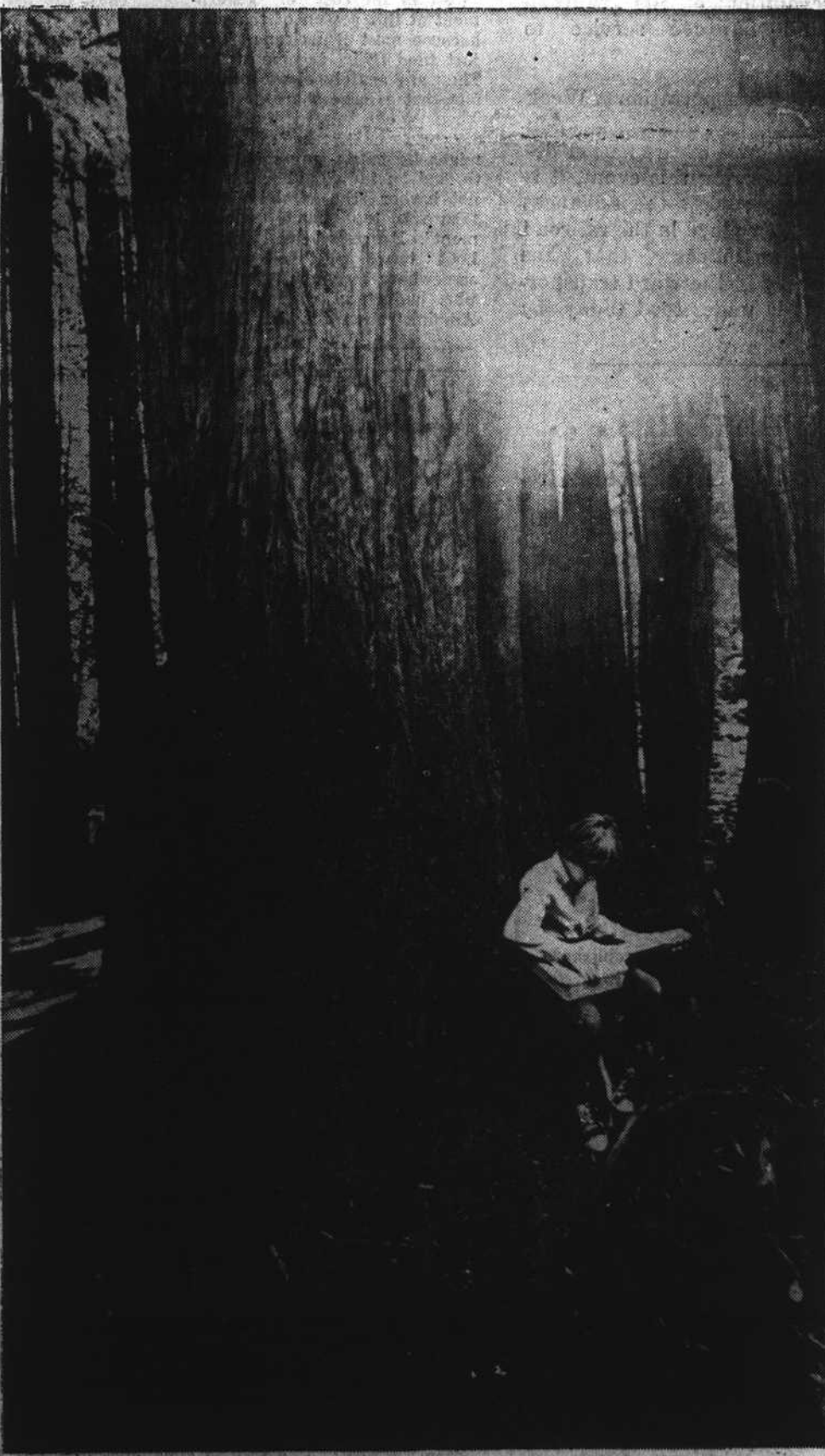
Farmers are reminded that the "no grazing" period for land diverted from production under the 1970 feed grain and wheat programs started on May 1, 1970. It will continue for the following five months until October 1st.

Producers who are diverting land under the programs have agreed not to graze the land being diverted during a specific 5 - month period of the growing season and not to harvest a crop from the land at any time during the year.

Farmers who are taking part in the Cropland Adjustment Program have agreed not to graze or harvest crops from land diverted under this program during the life of the agreements. These provisions

are important to producers because any violation of them may result in reduction or total loss of payments otherwise earned under the programs.

When in need of job printing, call The Transylvania Times.



Concern

Who loses most when man shows unconcern for his natural environment?

The offense is as much against man as against nature because the need for a clean, natural, beautiful environment is a human one.

So is the need for the benefits of technology — more healthful, abundant, comfortable and convenient living.

Need man despoil nature to meet these needs of man?

The answer to the question is no. We believe our engineers and specialists have the ingenuity to resolve the conflict between man's material and esthetic needs.

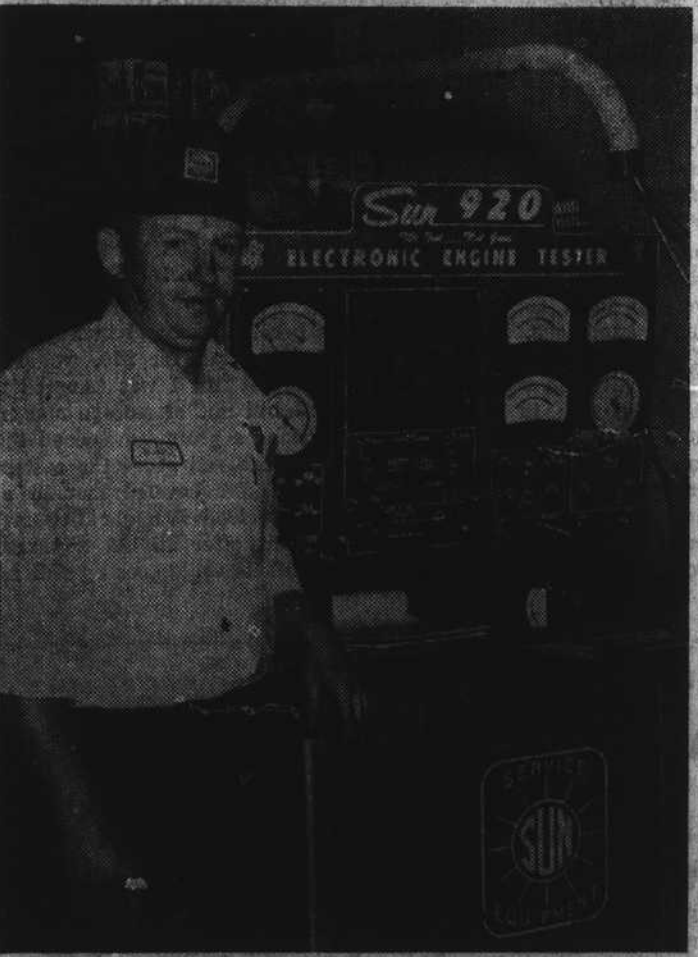
Their activities started in 1923 when Duke Power hired a public health authority.

And as we continue our primary work of meeting your ever-increasing demands for electric power, we are increasing our efforts daily to solve environmental problems.

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