

### SUNNY COUNTY FARM AND POULTRY NEWS

By E. E. White.

Sunny County Farm Demonstration Agent

One of the best places to see the result of application of lime to clover is a field of clover on the Debuson-Ellis road, about one mile from Debuson on the right hand side of the road. This field is owned by Clive Lowellyn and Dan Hemmings. A good application of lime was made on the land and then seeded to clover. Last summer was very dry yet enough lived through the year to make a good field of clover. Two things seem to be absolutely necessary for success in growing clover—good American grown seed and an application of at least one ton of lime.

There is a general complaint that

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eggs at the present price does not mean a profit to the producer. I asked Claude Harris, State Road to give me his cost of production and here is his statement:

"Since conversing with you yesterday I have gone over my records carefully and I find that the cost per dozen eggs for January was \$1.18, for February \$1.1c, and for March \$1.25c. Count it yourself.

January 231 dozen, feed cost \$25.71.  
February 270 doz, feed cost \$23.91.  
March 330 doz, feed cost \$22.95.

More of our poultry raisers should keep records and then really know what profits they are making. Mr. Harris is making some money on his small flock of leghorns. He buys his feed and has done some home raising.

Paul E. Burch, Kappa Mill writes me that he has a fine Jersey bull calf for sale. He will sell it right and have it registered in the buyers name. Mr. Burch has a nice herd of registered Jerseys.

One of the big fertilizer companies has offered to furnish the County Agent enough high grade fertilizer to fertilize 1-4 acres of tobacco. This is to be divided into five plots and plots are to be kept separate and sold in order to find the best fertilizer.

The company will furnish this free of charge and the farmer will get all the profit when he sells his tobacco. The company is anxious to get the results on using high grade fertilizer so they will be in a better position to furnish good tobacco fertilizer. I am anxious to get some farmer who is interested in better tobacco production to run this demonstration and if you are interested let me know. I will then give you further information.

If you are interested in trying out fertilizer on tobacco or corn and will let me know I will be able to get a supply of fertilizer furnished free in order to get their material before the farmers. I am always glad to see this used on our soils so we will be in a better position to advise the proper use of such material. Thousands of dollars are wasted each year in this county in not using the proper amounts and kinds on our soils. The only way we will ever know the best kind and amounts is to give a thorough trial on the different soils.

At the present prices farmers can save money and get as good results by the proper use of ammonium sulphate of nitrate of soda on all crops except tobacco. The commercial fertilizer carries as much ammonium sulphate as necessary for tobacco production and we would not advise heavier use. On all other crops the substitution of ammonium sulphate is recommended at the present prices.

Some fertilizer is being offered for sale in this county for tobacco containing calcium cyanamid or is printed on the tag "Cyanamid" as organic in nature. Many farmers have found out by actual field trial that this compound is not satisfactory for production of the best type of tobacco. We think farmers should examine all tags and not use this for best results.

We should use fertilizer which contains phosphate as acid phosphate, the potash as murate and sulphate and ammonia as nitrate of soda, ammonium sulphate, for the minerals, cotton seed meal, meat scraps, tankage, or fish scrap, for the organic matter. Be careful and see that the tag contains the above for the best tobacco fertilizer. If you want any good analyzed take it up with the Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C., for they have paid employees to do this work who are trained in sampling and are sent out for this particular kind of work. The County Agent is forbidden by regulation to

### \$50,000,000 Match Plan For France

Paris, April 6.—Premier Poincaré is threatened with the loss of about \$50,000,000 offered to the French Government by a Swedish-American group for the match monopoly of France. The Finance Commission of the Chamber of Deputies debated the offer today and then voted a 2000 tie on the question of accepting it. The matter will be taken before the Chamber.

The foreign syndicates offer promises revenues to the French Government far above what it now receives from the match factories. It also expects to lower the price to the public.

To-day's tie vote in the committee was the first reverse which Premier Poincaré has sustained in several months. After the vote, however, he said that he had no intention of making the match offer a question of confidence.

The privilege of retailing matches and tobacco now is granted by the Government to widows of officers of the army and navy or others considered worthy of pension.

do this kind of work. You cannot afford to take chances of ruining your crop of tobacco in experimenting with materials which have not been found satisfactory.

Reports are coming in about the damage that the tobacco flea beetle is doing to the young plants. This can be controlled by proper dusting and spraying the plant beds. Use arsenate of lead powdered or arsenate of lime at the rate of 1 pound to 20 gallons of water; or the plants may be dusted with powdered arsenate of lead or arsenate of lime mixed with fine sifted wood ashes at the rate of 1 pound of poison to 4 pounds of ashes. Whether the farmer chooses the spray or dust his plants apparently makes no difference, as one method seems to be as effective as the other. The choice of methods will therefore depend upon the equipment available and the experience in spraying. It is much simpler and cheaper to dust the beds than to spray them. All that is required for dusting is a thorough mixing of poison and ashes and that the sack be made of cheese cloth or other thin material through which the mixture will sift slowly. Mix ashes and poison thoroughly until the whole mass is light gray in color without streaks and spots. Dust lightly and uniformly over the whole bed, care being taken not to get too much of the mixture in one place.



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