

**SURRY COUNTY FARM AND POULTRY NEWS**

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Surry County Farm Demonstration Agent

J. A. Tilley, Mountain Park, has some nice Barred Plymouth Rock and Rhode Island Red chickens for sale. This is young stuff and is of good quality. If you are interested see him and look at the young birds.

On Tuesday and Wednesday of last week I had R. W. Graeber, Extension Forester in the county for work on forestry. I expect to have Mr. Graeber in the county this fall and if you are interested in developing your woodland into something profitable let me know and we will call on you.

H. R. Niswonger, Extension Horticulturist, spent Thursday and Friday in the county. We spent the two days visiting orchardists in order to get them to put in soil building cover crops, especially vetch and sweet clover. Mr. Niswonger says that vetch and sweet clover planted among orchards will cut the labor cost as well as the fertilizer bill. He is of the opinion that the two crops mentioned will be a bonanza to the fruit growers of the county.

In a circular letter he says "There are orchards in the county grown to peach and apple trees where the future crops will be dependent on soil fertility because this is one above all others, if properly handled, that will be responsible for tree growth. Annual twig and spur growth lays a foundation for the development of fruit buds and leads toward more annual production.

In the past, with the assistance of the Horticulturist Specialist we have urged you to improve the orchard soil with particular emphasis for the time being, upon the fertilization of your trees with either nitrate of soda or sulphate of ammonia. Many of our fruit growers used this form of fertilizer and have been well paid by the results in yield of fruit and healthy condition of the trees. However, continued use of fertilizer without the sowing of and turning under of cover crops may be disastrous for continued use of fertilizer and cultivation without a cover crop being turned, may eventually burn out the humus in the soil and may experience a difficulty in the future of getting a cover crop to grow.

In the past few years some of our fruit growers who have orchard soil that can be cultivated, have tried winter vetch on good and thin soil and are continuing to use it because they have found it to be valuable for the following reasons:

1. Cover crops, like vetch, help to check growth in late summer and gut the fruit trees and their blossom buds in better shape to go through the winter.
2. The vetch growth in the spring will hold the spring rains.
3. The roots and tops of this plant will prevent soil washing.
4. Stiff clay soils are improved and much easier worked.
5. Vetch adds decaying vegetable matter to soil and makes available more plant food.
6. Vetch is a legume and will add nitrogen to soil.
7. Vetch can be disked under in the mountains during July and in the Northern Piedmont in June. Disking under this crop is better for the orchard than deep plowing, for the later practice throws the dirt either to or from the trees leaving the tree row on a ridge. A system of level cultivation is the best in most instances.
8. Vetch is unlike other cover crops such as cow peas and soy beans,

where you must plow the ground and make a new seed bed each year. Disking the vetch crop after the seeds are ripened is all that is necessary.

9. Money spent for seed and labor cost in sowing the first year, is all the cash outlay in getting a permanent stand of this cover crop in your orchard.

10. After you have sown one acre or more you will be so pleased with it that you will sow more.

"The campaign against destructive soil erosion, of such vital interest after the recent floods along the Mississippi, was given new impetus by an exhibit at the recent International Congress of Soil Science at Washington. The exhibit consisted of literature, a series of colored photographs showing different stages of erosion and how it may be checked or prevented, and a miniature plaster model showing the land along two banks of a stream, one of which was badly gullied by washing and the other protected from erosion by trees.

Reforestation and terracing were represented as effective methods of checking erosion, and grass covered land and soil with a high content of organic matter were shown to be more resistant to erosion than bare or sandy lands.

Gullying, washes out hill side land until it is too rough to farm even though some good soil remains on the ridges. Many mountain ravines are the result of erosion of once gently sloping land, and rock outcrops reflect serious washing of thin soil. Sheet erosion is a menace on comparatively flat lands where the rich top soil is washed off the land. During downpours and freshets thousands of acres of crops are destroyed by freshet erosion when the land is flooded with sand or other soil washed down from higher land, burying the rich, cultivated soil beneath many feet of unproductive soil."

**Family Reunion and Sunday School Picnic Combined**

The third annual reunion of the Jester family will be held at the James Park, 8 miles north of Winston-Salem on State Highway 66 the 5th Sunday in July. And at the same time the Poplar Spring Christian Sunday School will picnic in cooperation with the reunion. All Jesters, and all related to the Jester family either by blood or marriage are urgently requested to bring well filled baskets, and help make the occasion enjoyable. And a cordial invitation is extended to the general public to bring well filled baskets and help enjoy the occasion.

The above named park is an ideal place for an occasion like this, as it contains large nice grounds, well watered with spring on one side and well on the other, it is equipped with amusement slides for the children, and large table erected, large hall supplied with seats and also piano, all to which we have free access.

Music will be rendered by different choirs, namely, the Jester-Montgomery choir, of High Point; Mr. John Mickey's choir, of Mount Pleasant; Mr. O. G. Jester's choir, of Richmond Hill, and perhaps others.

Some good speakers are expected to be present, namely Dr. J. R. Jester, of Winston-Salem, Rev. C. C. Hutchins, of Mount Airy, Rev. James N. Jester, of Pinnacle, and Mr. B. F. Jester, of Atlanta, Georgia, and several others.

**Friends Church**

B. H. MILLIKAN, Pastor

Sabbath School .....9:45 A. M.  
Morning Worship .....11:00 A. M.  
Evening Worship .....7:00 P. M.  
Prayer Meeting, Wed. ....9:00 P. M.

**Convict Is Killed For Exposing Escape Plan**

Raleigh, July 11.—Enraged because he thought his plans for escape had been exposed, Clay Griffin, 31, white convict from Guilford County, slew Earl Loftin, 20, white convict from Wake County, at Caledonia Prison Farm yesterday.

The killing took place at 12:30 o'clock, in broad daylight shortly after the end of camp devotional services. The lethal weapon was a short-handled shovel, with which Griffin is alleged to have crept up behind Loftin and struck him down. His skull fractured. Loftin lived only 30 minutes.

W. C. Williams, Coroner of Halifax County, examined the body and had it prepared for shipment to Loftin's father, H. G. Loftin, Goldsboro, Route 2. The dead boy's father was notified immediately after the tragedy, and told him the body would be shipped home and buried at State's expense.

Griffin was placed under heavy guard and rushed to Raleigh, where he was confined on 'Death Row' to await trial in Halifax County on charge of murder.

Caledonia Farm officials said they had no explanation of the affair to offer other than that related by a pal of Griffin, that it had been talked that Loftin had 'squealed' about Griffin's plans to flee the camp.

Loftin was serving a sentence of from one to three years from Wake County for larceny and receiving. He was sentenced January 4, 1926.

Griffin was doing four to five years from Guilford County under sentence imposed May 1, 1926. He gave the name of his parents as Burt and Alice Griffin, High Point.

Don't frown! Read the Mount Airy News ads. and smile!

**Gold Found on Tract of Land in Charlotte.**

Charlotte, July 13.—Finding of traces of gold in a real estate residential development here was revealed today when F. C. Abbott, head of the company owning the development, stated that the property had been taken off the market until it could be ascertained whether or not the gold was in quantity sufficient to pay for mining it. The tract reserved is 20 acres in the city limits.

**Notice Trustee's Sale of Land.**

By virtue of authority vested in the undersigned trustee in a certain deed of trust executed by Coburn Gilliam to the undersigned trustee for Frather & Snyder on the 3rd day of July, 1925, to secure an indebtedness of \$246.37 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds office of Surry County, N. C., in book 72, page 506, default having been made in the payment of the note therein secured and at the request of the holder I will sell for cash, to the highest bidder at public auction in front of the Bank of Mount Airy, Mount Airy, N. C. on Saturday, July 23rd, 1927, at one o'clock P. M.

The following real estate: Lying and being in Surry County, Mount Airy, N. C., and fronting on the east side of South Street and being lot No. 6 of the land as sold by Linville-Bull-Hutchens Land Co., on the 8th day of October, 1919.

Beginning on the East side of South Street on corner between lots Nos. 5 and 6 and runs with line between lots Nos. 5 and 6 N. 89 deg. E. 104 ft. to the corner; thence S. 3 deg. 30 min. E. 26 ft. to angle in this line to corner of lot No. 6 on line of J. D. Thompson's lot; thence S. 2 deg. 30 min. E. 14 ft. to the corner between lots Nos. 6 and 7; thence S. 89 deg. W. 121 ft. with the line between lots Nos. 6 and 7 on South Street thence N. 2 deg. 30 min. E. 42 ft. to the beginning.

Sale made to satisfy a balance of \$126.37 principal, interest and cost of sale to add.

This the 21st day of June 1927.  
EDW. M. LINVILLE, Trustee.

**Hollingsworth Drug Co.**  
Prescription Druggists  
The *Recall* Store Phone 31

**Diamonds - Watches Jewelry**  
**LEONARD'S**  
Mount Airy's Leading Jeweler  
WALTER D. LEONARD, PROPRIETOR

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**SCATTING 'EM OUT!**

Readers of The News know what "scat" means, and buyers at this sale know what we mean when we say "extra values." The sale is going strong, and there are yet plenty of these "scat" values. We mean to move a lot of stock during the next week or so, and the early buyers will profit by both value and wide selection. Glance at the offerings! Where can you duplicate them? Then lose no time in supplying your wants. The goods must go, and we've cut plenty of holes in the prices to give them an exit from our store—quick. Come today!

**Shoes! Shoes! Out They Go!**  
REGULAR VALUES REDUCED \$1.00 ON ALL SHOES OVER \$5.00  
Big reduction on all shoes and slippers under \$5.00. Reduced prices on all work shoes. One lot of dressed shoes, \$5, \$6 and \$7.50 values at .....\$1.98  
Ladies' \$3.50 and \$4.00 straps and pumps, new styles, out they go at .....\$2.98  
\$3.00 Straps and pumps at ..... \$2.48

**Caps**  
Boys' Caps 39c. and 89c.  
Men's and Boys' Caps \$1.19, \$1.69, \$1.95 \$2.69  
One lot of Men's Dress pants, summer weight, \$1.50 values, out they go at \$1.19  
One lot Otis plain check work pants to go at ..... \$1.30  
One lot of Khaki pants at .... \$1.30  
Heavy grade Khaki pants at .... \$1.75

**Overalls**  
Blue Bell Overalls at ..... \$1.19  
Duck Head, \$1.75 kind for ... \$1.48  
Duck Head, \$1.50 kind for ... \$1.30  
This is the traveling season, and you will want a good suit case.  
\$3.75 suit cases at ..... \$2.98  
\$2.25 suit cases at ..... \$1.98  
\$2.00 suit cases at ..... \$1.60  
\$1.00 suit cases at ..... 89c.

**Straw Hats**  
THE STRAWS—  
Nifty straws—the season's best. Fancy or plain bands.  
\$1.50 Straws at ..... 98c.  
\$2.50 and \$3.00 Straws at ..\$1.98  
\$3.50 Straws at ..... \$2.48

**BOY'S 2-PIECE SUITS**  
One lot of Boys' suits, 2-piece, thrown on the bargain blocks at .....\$3.98  
Another group reduced to .....\$4.75  
**BATHING SUITS**  
Boys suits 45c., \$1.75 and \$2.98.  
Men's suits 98.48.  
Ladies' suits \$3.48.  
Worth much more.

**Felt Hats**  
THE FELTS —  
Now is the time to buy that felt hat for fall.  
\$5.00 Felts at ..... \$3.98  
\$4.00 Felts at ..... \$2.98  
\$3.00 fancy band Felts at ..\$1.98

\$1.00 Dress Shirts, ..... 89c.  
\$1.50 Dress Shirts, ..... \$1.19  
\$2.00 Dress Shirts, ..... \$1.60  
\$2.50 and \$3.00 Dress Shirts ..... \$1.98  
\$1.00 Work Shirts, ..... 69c.

The popular Blue Bird Bows in every color of the rainbow. Big assortment of these bows go in this sale. They are regular 50c bows the country over, out they go at one half off or **25c**

**Hosiery Savings**  
25c. Sox at ..... 19c.  
50c Sox at ..... 39c.  
Ladies' Silk Hose, ..... 25c.  
Ladies' Silk Hose ..... 39c.  
Ladies' Silk Hose ..... 89c.  
Ladies' Silk Hose ..... \$1.30

**L. H. STONE**  
Main Street Mount Airy, N. C.

**NOTICE!**  
**S. P. U. CUSTOMERS**  
All bills for electric service, light, heat and power, are payable at the company's office on the first of the month. No discount is allowed after the 10th of the month and it is necessary to discontinue service in each instance where bills are not paid by the 15th  
**Southern Public Utilities Comp'y**  
PHONE 95  
"ELECTRICITY—The Servant in The Home"