

**SURRY COUNTY FARM AND POULTRY NEWS**

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It is always a pleasure to give reports through the columns of the county papers when any one has something worthy of report. However it is a greater pleasure to give a report on something worthwhile when so many farmers think it impossible to be done. The report has been given many times that it is impossible to grow grass in this county and you often hear that this is not a grass country. No one seems to give a satisfactory reason why grasses cannot be grown in the county. Of course soil that is worn out and badly depleted cannot be expected to grow grass successfully. If reasonably rich soil is used we can expect a good growth.

**A Good Demonstration**  
Last spring T. G. Snow, whose farm is on the public road between State Road and Mountain Park asked for information on getting one and seven-eighths of an acre seeded to some grasses as he wanted this seeded to a permanent pasture and this piece of ground is in front of his house and on the public road. I made a careful examination of this piece of ground and suggested the following grass and clover mixture to be sown per acre. Kentucky blue grass, White Clover, 3 pounds. He bought the seed from a thoroughly reliable seed house and mixed the seed himself. The total cost of the seed used on this piece was \$15.90. A good stand was secured and it

**TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
By virtue of the power conferred upon the undersigned Trustees by a deed of trust executed on the 13th day of February, 1923, by Thomas J. Nunn and wife Evelyn Nunn, at the request of the Shenandoah Life Insurance Company, Inc., we will sell to the highest bidder for cash, on the premises on

November 4th, 1927  
at 2 o'clock P. M.,  
the following described real estate, to-wit:

First Tract: Beginning at a rock pile, J. F. Beasley and Goings' corner and runs North 76 1-2 East 45 chs. to the Ararat River, corner in Gwyn's line; thence, down the river South 5 deg. E. 5.30 chs.; thence, still down the river South 40 deg. East 2 1-2 chs.; thence South 13 deg. W. 9 1-2 chs.; thence South 48 deg. West 1 1-2 chs. to Wilson's corner on the East side of the river; thence, leaving the river South 40 deg. East 1 chain to three poplars at the edge of the cliff; thence with old road as follows: North 6 deg. East 3 1-2 chs.; thence North 76 1-2 deg. East 2.76 chs.; thence North 47 deg. East 2.38 chs.; thence North 74 deg. East 1.85 chs.; thence North 75 deg. East 1 1-2 chs.; thence South 44 deg. East 2 chains; thence South 33 deg. East 3 1-2 chs.; thence South 19 deg. 3 chs.; thence South 35 deg. East 1 ch.; thence S. 7 deg. East 2 chs.; thence South 40 deg. West 1.90 chs. to the edge of the field; thence South 27 deg. East 2 chs. to ridge road; thence up ridge road N. 75 deg. East 20 chains to an iron pipe on the North side of the road, Beasley's corner; thence North 33 deg. E. 15 chs. with Beasley's line to the beginning, containing 66 1-2 acres, more or less, and being the same land conveyed to the said T. J. Nunn by the Bank of Mount Airy by deed dated the 16th day of January, 1922, and of record in the Register of Deeds Office for the County of Surry, North Carolina, in Book of Deeds, No. 89, page 125, to which deed reference is here made.

Second Tract: Beginning at a walnut and locust in the old Franklin Gwyn line on the North bank of the Ararat River, thence, running with the Sulphur Springs tract, crossing the Ararat River to a maple on the East bank of the said river; thence, running with the East bank of the said river and with the South bank and the Southwest bank of same 3336 feet to Hatcher's corner; thence, crossing Ararat River to J. H. Gwyn's and Banner's corner; thence with Gwyn's line North 52 deg. East 485 feet to a planted rock; thence, North 84 deg. East 311 feet; to a planted rock; thence South 81 deg. East 125 feet to a planted rock; thence, South 68 deg. East 311 feet to a planted rock; thence, North 62 deg. East 300 feet to a planted rock; thence, North 42 deg. East 360 feet to a planted rock; thence, South 74 deg. East 147 feet to the beginning, containing 40 acres, more or less, and being the land formerly owned by Jim Satterfield and known as the Satterfield bottom, and being the same land conveyed to the said T. J. Nunn by J. M. Parker and his wife and Weldon Parker by deed bearing date of February 18, 1922, and of record in the Register of Deeds office for the County of Surry, North Carolina, in Book of Deeds 89, at page 594, to which deed reference is here made.

Third Tract: Beginning at a horn-beam on the West side of Johnson's creek and runs North 83 deg. West with Sparger's line 23.75 chs. to a poplar, T. J. Nunn's corner; thence South 15 deg. East 300 feet; thence, with the branch as it meanders South 200 feet; thence, South 14 deg. East 200 feet; thence, South 14 1-2 deg. West 200 feet; thence, South 9 deg. East 300 feet; thence South 28 deg. East 300 feet to a stake, Parker and Nunn's corner on the north side of the branch corner crossing branch South 52 deg. East 4.24 chs.; thence South 50 1-2 deg. West 1.70 chs.; thence, with the old White Sulphur,

come through the dry season in good condition.

**Well Worth a Visit.**  
This demonstration is well worth a visit and Mr. Snow will be glad to show you the plot and answer any questions you may care to ask. He moved the field twice to take off the weeds and other growth not wanted. It is in a good condition to winter well. In making an examination of this permanent pasture had very few bald spots were noticed.

**Try a Permanent Pasture Yourself**  
It is well worth your trouble and expense of getting a good pasture set on your land. If your soil is too poor to set well then take the trouble of building up the soil to a point of getting a stand. It is well worth the cost and trouble. Remember if you get plenty of grass and clovers then you can get into the live stock game. You can't make a success with live stock and buy all of your feed stuff. If you have tried this you know this is true by experience. Mr. Snow says that he is going to get out more pastures and less tobacco for he thinks there is more money in making a change in his farm plans.

**Try Something Different**  
Since being in the county three car loads of lime have been distributed in the county for demonstration purposes. We are getting some mighty good results. One of the outstanding ones is to be found on Mitchell's river on the farm of J. F. Thompson. He secured three tons of lime and applied it to one acre of land, early in the summer. He kept the land well disked and harrowed. About the middle of August he sowed about 25 pounds of alfalfa seed on this acre. At the present he has one of the best stands and growth of alfalfa to be found in the county. Some of the young plants will measure over ten inches in height. He has very few bald spots on the acre. This acre is right on the road and is well worth a visit. Of course he has put a great deal of manure on the soil and he plans to increase the fertility by addition of more in the spring. Alfalfa is a wonderful crop but it is an expensive crop to get started. Soil must be rich and plenty of lime, seed, inoculation and manure used. Don't jump in this unless you have made sufficient preparation.

**Sweet Clover on This Land**  
Joe Norman, also lives on Mitchell's river and he is trying sweet clover where he has used three tons of lime with the expectation of sowing alfalfa in the future. He sowed the seed about the middle of August and he now has a fine growth of sweet clover. This field is well worth a visit but it is not on the road—only a short distance away. Sweet clover requires lime, inoculation, firm seed bed, plenty of seed but it will grow on thinnest of soils if you will furnish it what it requires.

**Visit These Places**  
It is well worth while to visit these places and talk with the farmers

Springs road South 2 1-2 deg. East 1.70 chs., thence South 39 1-2 deg. West 2 chs., thence South 50 deg. E. 1 ch.; thence South 78 deg. East 2 chs.; thence South 35 deg. East 4.30 chs.; thence South 43 deg. East 3.90 chs. to an iron pin, Johnson's corner on the East side of the road; then leaving the road North 38 deg. 45 min. East 250 feet to the Ararat River; thence with the Ararat River South 56 1-2 deg. East 300 feet; then South 56 deg. East 594 feet; thence South 45 deg. East about 426 feet to a forked birch on the East bank of the Ararat River, R. W. Reece's corner; S. 88 deg. E. 6 1-2 chs., thence N. 1 deg. West up the branch 11.85 chs. to a pine stump; thence North 30 deg. 30 min. W. 26 chs. to a black walnut on the bank of the Ararat River; thence up said river North 30 deg. East about 700 feet to the mouth of Johnson's creek then up Johnson's Creek North 45 deg. West about 500 feet to the beginning, containing 116 1-2 acres, more or less. There is excepted from the above boundaries about 2 acres, more or less, of land on the hill between the railroad right of way and the old Sulphur Springs road on which is situated the spring on the hill west of the road, the said lot is designated by corners marked by set stones and known as the watering tank lot. Also the water right to the White Sulphur Springs as deed to J. O. Hatcher by J. K. Reynolds and wife, January 11, 1920, and recorded in Book 55, page 168. The above boundary being the same land conveyed to T. J. Nunn by Thomas M. Smith and wife by deed dated the 23rd day of January, 1922 and recorded in Book of Deeds—page— and which was conveyed to the said Smith by Tom Atkins and wife by deed dated the 10th day of July, 1926, and recorded in Book of Deeds 81 at page 478, to which deed reference is here made for a more particular description of the above tract.

The sale to be for cash and this sale is made to satisfy the balance due on said deed of trust amounting to the sum of \$7000.00 for money loaned with interest thereon from February 13, 1927, and all costs of advertisement, commissions by the trustees and all other legal costs appertaining to said sale to be herewith added. And said sale as provided in said deed of trust may be made by either of said trustees.  
This 3rd day of Oct. 1927.  
W. J. HENSON, Trustee.  
W. L. ANDREWS, Trustee.

themselves. They will be glad to see you and will give you all the information they can. Then go home and make plans and get something started that will make a different change in your farm operations. Very few farmers make money on growing only one crop. Grow many different crops and make your living at home.

**Get All the Information You Can**  
Remember the County Agent will be glad to furnish you all information possible in getting new crops started.

**Tobacco Prices**  
The following is quoted from the growers. We were even accused of disloyalty because we insisted that reforms be instituted instead of our telling growers that 'everything is all right.' But at the same time I would make the other declarations just as emphatically:

"1. The 'mistakes that were made in the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association are no more serious than the 'mistakes' in our present system of tobacco marketing; and there is this decided difference: About the mistakes in the existing system the farmers can do nothing but complain while 'the powers that be' laugh at our impotence. About the mistakes of co-operative marketing, farmers could protest with power, and such mistakes were largely corrected during the very first organization period of the association.

"2. As for excessive profits made by a few officials I would say: More excessive profits (over and above fair salaries and wages) are made off the farmer every month by the present marketing system than were made by Patterson, Watkins, and Edmondson throughout the tobacco association's existence.

"It may not come this year or next or even in five years, but in the long run growers must again try some form of co-operative marketing, in which they can profit by all the lessons of their past experience.

"There is yet another reason why North Carolina tobacco farmers should be interested not merely in mass meetings to 'let off steam' but in businesslike organizations that will seek both (1) to cut acreage and so better adjust production to demand and (2) to develop some better system of marketing. I refer to the fact that the acreage of bright tobacco is likely to be increased next year. Because of boll weevil trouble this year South Carolina will almost surely increase its tobacco acreage next year. As for Georgia, 'Georgia has gone tobacco wild,' as a Georgia merchant put it the other day. Continuing he said:

"Georgia farmers got a higher price for their tobacco this year—higher than North Carolina prices—and they have an idea that Georgia soil will make a tobacco of better quality than North Carolina soils and expect to wrest from Kentucky, Virginia and North Carolina their primacy in tobacco growing and leaf qualities."

"Whether Georgia can do this or not is open to question, but there can be no question that Georgia is going to try to do it. As a Macon dispatch in the Associated Press said at the time Georgia tobacco markets opened this year:

"Tobacco growing in Georgia is gradually usurping the throne of 'King Cotton' and farm experts in the State say that within the next three years the golden leaf will be the principal money crop of the State instead of second place. The growth of the industry has been phenomenal, as the growing of tobacco on a commercial basis was only started three years ago."

"It is also my conviction that tobacco growers everywhere for one thing should fight to a finish to get official government grades established just as we have had for generations with cotton. Never until official grades are established can it be possible to prove discriminations against individuals, sections, or co-

operative organizations. Never until official grades are established can we successfully and authoritatively combat a charge that prices are lower than the prevailing year because of lowered quality. Standardized grading is almost the first step necessary in any program for permanent relief in tobacco marketing.

"It is greatly to be hoped that growers will not depend on mass

meetings and contrary to public opinion. The great business interests that buy tobacco are organized and have a right to be. Farmers must organize in the same businesslike way to look after their own interests if they are to protect their own rights.

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