

FARM NEWS

Several things were pointed out on the forestry tour that was attended by 40 Columbus County farmers where they can increase their farm income through their woodland. On the tour, five stops were made; four of those five stops were designed to show farmers something that they might do on their farm that would help increase their farm income at a minimum of expense. The five stops included: natural reseedling, site preparation, hand planting and harvesting along with a stop on fire control.

Many Columbus County farmers have some trees that are mature and ready for harvesting. These trees will not get any better if they are allowed to stay for five, ten or even 20 years longer.

Other farmers have woodland that needs thinning and will be able to reap some of the benefits now and leave their woodland in better condition than it was before it was thinned.

There is a market here in Columbus County for almost any type of forestry products that the farmer has. There are a number of trained professional foresters who, upon proper contact, will mark and cut timber according to the best known forestry practices of today. On the other hand, if the farmer will let them or if they feel that the farmer is interested in getting the most money today that he can possibly get and not looking toward the future, they, along with others, will have the same tendency to clear cut, which at times is a very bad practice.

There are several pulpwood companies that are interested in buying pulpwood daily. If the farmer will permit them, they will do a good job of cutting, but if they are pushed the least bit, they are not beyond clear cutting. Timber companies are the same way.

Look out for your timber land because the average farmer in Columbus County has more timber land than he has cropland. We were shown last week on our forestry tour where land such as the Green Swamp could bring in 6 to 8 per cent return on their investment. If these larger

companies can take land like the Green Swamp and other Columbus County swamps and make them pay off for them, why can't the farmer make his woodland pay off?

"Soil Samples"
Some of the best information and better crops in 1963 can come from your soil samples. Recently we had a report from some 50 soil samples that had gone in, and 45 of the 50 reseeded various amounts of lime to produce the proper crops. Your soil sample returns will also give you a good guide toward fertilizing your crops. However, you as a farmer know your land better than any one else and will be able to read the information that you get from the soil testing division and put it into practice on your farm with the fertilizer and lime you need.

If your land needs lime, fertilizer is not going to do too much good. On the other hand, if you have too much lime, fertilizer is not going to perform as it should. Perhaps this is one reason that many Columbus County farmers have been able to get by with putting so much fertilizer under tobacco; because when the lime content is not right, then it will lock up much of the fertilizer materials that are put out.

The Soil Testing Division is not rushed at this season of the year. So, get your soil samples and send them in and use them as a guide for better crops in 1963.

You can secure containers, information sheets and mailing boxes for your soil samples from the County Extension office.

"Turn It, Don't Burn It"
Your crop residue will do you more good if you turn it than it will if you burn it. Corn stalks, cotton stalks, grass, weeds and other crop residue if disc and mixed with just a little dirt at this season of the year will rot and add humus to your land, which is badly needed to help hold moisture during next summer. If you burn it to get it out of the way, what little fertilizer material you get out of the ashes will be very very negligible. You stand a chance of setting the woods on fire around the field, and seldom has a woods fire been profitable to any farmer. They usually are more destructive than beneficial.

So, with a disc to tear it up some and mix a little dirt with

it, the freezes and thaws in the next few months will put your land in good shape for next spring's planting.

"Stop Cockroaches"
Roaches have a way of making themselves at home even in the cleanest homes. They destroy food, damage fabrics and spread disease. Usually they are found in the kitchen and bathrooms, or brown banded roaches may be found anywhere in the house. Often times these roaches find their way into your kitchen in the grocery bag.

To control roaches, use insecticides containing Diazinon. Spray the baseboards, sinks, behind stoves and refrigerators and any other place that roaches seem to hide. Remove all of your dishes and spray cupboard. You can replace the dishes after the spray is dry. It is best to use the chemical again in two weeks and then again two weeks later. These repeated treatments will kill roaches that have hatched after the first spray. Another insecticide that will do a good job is Chlordane.

"Set Pecan Trees"
You can have a money tree in your yard as well as a shade tree, provided you use pecans. A few pecan trees properly handled can just about pay your taxes each year. Once in a while you will have a pecan failure, but often times you will have enough pecans for family use and some to sell.

Now is the time to get your order in for whatever number of pecan trees that you wish to set during January or February. If you are setting them for shade as well as nuts, you will want to space them around the homestead; or it may be that you will want to set a small grove of pecans. They should be set about 40 to 50 feet apart.

One mistake that most people make with pecans is not digging a hole big enough for the tree. You will need a hole approximately 24 inches wide and 36 inches deep to take care of a pecan tree. If around the house, make plans to keep them watered during the first year. For both beauty and nuts, consider some pecans.

"Drive and Walk Safely"
Particularly during the Christmas holidays, it is urgent that all drivers be careful and drive as safely as possible; and if you are walking along the highway, be sure that you walk safely. Too many people today are being

killed by automobiles and unnecessary accidents. Usually during holidays the toll goes up, and the predictions are that in North Carolina during the Christmas holidays, over 100 people will be killed. Be careful so that you will not be one of that number.

"It's Garden Time"
The average Columbus County farmer can make up the loss of his 5 per cent reduction in his tobacco with a good garden. To the average family, a good properly handled garden is worth or equal to one-half acre of tobacco. So, the loss of 5 per cent of your tobacco allotment in 1963 may be gained easily with a good family garden. If you are interested in a real family garden this year, now is the time to start that garden.

For the latest information on gardening, stop or write for the Garden Manual, Extension Circular No. 122. This can be secured from your County Extension office either by stopping by, calling or writing.

Dear Santa . . .
Dear Santa,
Mother took Laura and me to Florence today to see your toys.
Please bring me a doll like a real baby, in a case, a Glamour Set and a tea set.
Your friend,
Debbie Sue Hall

Dear Santa,
Today I looked at your toys and now I want a tiny teddy bear in a pink case, a Glamour Set, and a tea set.
Please change my order. Thank you very much.
Your little friend,
Laura Ann Small

Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old and my sister is 4 years old. I want a Susie Smart and a watch. My sister wants a Chatty Baby and a stroller and Dino.
Love,
Diana Long

Abraham Lincoln said:
You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich. You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than you can earn. The beginning is the most important part of a project, if you have perseverance.

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Peanut Butter **\$1.15**



FRANKS 1-Lb. Pkg. **55c** 2-Lb. Pkg. **99c** 4 Lb. Jar
ANN PAGE PURE CONCORD
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BACON 1-LB. PKG. **39c**

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SPECIAL VALUE! SMOKED
BACON SQUARES
"HOG JOWL FOR NEW YEARS"
LB. **25c**
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SULTANA BLACKEYE PEAS 15 1/2-oz. Can **10c**

Sunnyfield Sweet Cream Butter 8-Oz. Pkg. **35c** 1-Lb. Can **69c**
Del-Monte Whole Spiced Peaches No. 29 Glass **39c**
Specially Priced, Rich's Whip Topping 10-Oz. Can **39c**
Jane Parker Freshly Baked
PUMPKIN PIES 1-Lb. 8-Oz. Size **39c**

Jane Parker Freshly Baked
ORANGE or LEMON Chiffon Cake 1-lb. 1-oz. Ring **45c**

POTATOES
RED GRAPES Great In Salads **2** Pounds For **29c**
U.S. No.-1 Maine Russets 10 Pound Bag **49c**

FRESH CARROTS 2 lb. Bag **19c**
YELLOW ONIONS 5 lb. Bag **29c** RUTABAGA TURNIPS Per LB. **6c**
Colgate Fluoride Toothpaste 2 1/2-oz. Tube **89c**
Colgate Dental Cream Economy Tube **69c**

Silicone Ironing Board Cover & Pad Only **89c**
TYPHONE CHOICE SLICED
PINEAPPLE 4 1-LB. 4-OZ. CANS **89c**

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... School buses use retreads!

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... Taxi cabs use retreads!

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