

HUGE MONEY INCOME FROM FAT HOGS

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 14.—Nearly one-half a million dollars in new wealth was added to the pockets of those farmers in North Carolina who fed 23,643 hogs according to demonstration plans this past season.

"During the past year, county agents cooperating with certain of their most progressive farmers kept accurate records on 23,643 head of hogs which were fed according to plans advocated by the office of swine extension," says W. W. Shay, swine extension specialist at State College. "These hogs when fattened weighed 4,263,811 pounds and were sold for an average of \$11.15 per hundred weight. This brought in \$475,249.23 but deduction for freight, commission charges and other incidentals brought the total income to the farmers down to \$436,430.17. The net price to the farmer was therefore \$10.24 per hundredweight."

In all, the county agents shipped 311 solid cars to the consuming markets of the East. In addition 569 head were sold locally. On each hog in these shipments, a careful record was kept from the time he was put on feed until the check for his sale had been received. Nearly all the animals were carefully fed a ration advocated by Mr. Shay and tested by the research workers of the College.

As a result of this work, hog raising and feeding is now one of the established good farming practices in North Carolina. The work is a part of the better balanced farming program begun by the college authorities last winter. The county agents have gained a reputation of selling first class hogs on the consuming markets and demonstration fed animals are quoted at higher prices than the general run of southern grown pigs.

The county agents are also largely responsible for the cooperative carlot shipments of nearly three million pounds of live poultry during the past year.

NEW ELECTRIC PLANT FOR MODERN FARMS

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 14.—A new type of electric plant has been developed to meet the requirements of modern farm homes where many electrical appliances are now used.

This machine, according to A. T. Holman, agricultural engineer at State College, will light the home and farm buildings and will furnish power for washing machines, vacuum cleaners, automatic water systems, milking machines, churns and other appliances. The new plant is automatic and has the best features of the old battery system and the old automatic type. The unit consists of a gasoline motor, a generator and a storage battery. Its operations are automatic but may be regulated by hand.

Small loads, states Mr. Holman, may be carried directly from the storage battery saves the plant from operating when only a small amount of

current is wanted. Larger load causes the plant to begin operating automatically with current furnished according to demand. This operation charges the batteries while it is furnishing current to farm lights and motors. When a still heavier load is carried, both the plant and the battery furnish current which does away with weak current and dim lights.

Mr. Holman states that the plant is designated to operate automatically for one month. Each month the owner starts the motor by operating a control switch which keeps the motor and generator operating until the battery is completely charged. A current breaker closes this switch when the battery is charged which prevents ruining the battery. The plant is then ready for another month of use.

Those who wish to have full details of this home power plant may get additional information from Mr. Holman.

FINDES NEW PLAN OF SELLING TOMATOES

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 14.—Vegetables grown in the mountain sections of North Carolina have an extra fine quality and much of this good flavor and texture is retained when the vegetables are canned.

"Good incomes may be secured when these vegetables are properly raised and then canned for the trade," says H. R. Niswonger, extension-horticulturist at State College. "For instance there is W. H. Jones of Warrentonville in Ashe County who grew one-half an acre of the wilt resistant Norton tomatoes this past season. The plot yielded him around 120 bushels of fine tomatoes. He secured the help of another man and put up 100 cases with each case holding 24 cans of number 3 size. These were sold to a dealer at West Jefferson at \$3.20 a case."

Mr. Jones knew that it paid to keep

books on any venture especially one that he was trying out for the first time, so he kept an accurate record of all costs and income. His 300 plants cost him \$6; his 7-5-5 fertilizer cost \$3.35; 1-2 ton of manure was valued at \$1; 100 cases and cans cost \$100; labor in canning cost \$25 and the labels for the cans cost \$4.30. This states Mr. Niswonger made his total expenses amount to \$141.65. But he sold the 100 cases for \$320 which leaves a net profit of \$178.35.

Mr. Jones canned the tomatoes with a small home type outfit but next year he will expand his operations, states Mr. Niswonger. Next year, too, he will use a number 2 can instead of the larger number 3. The housewife of today wants only the amount that her family will consume at one time and Mr. Jones has found that it pays to cater to the needs of the market.

In Mr. Niswonger's opinion, this grower has found a plan of making money with vegetables. If the plan can be followed in general by the people of that section, home grown vegetables in cans will be used thru-out western North Carolina instead of the imported canned goods now flooding the market.

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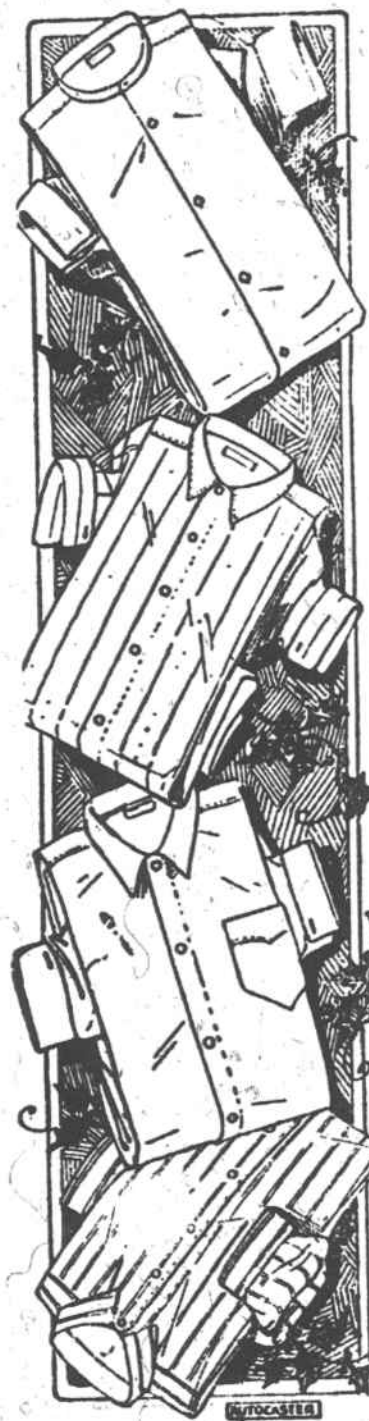
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