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EDITORIAL

A CIVIC DUTY

The editorial which follows, taken from the Asheville Citizen-Times of last Sunday, is, it seems, as applicable to the people of Jackson County as it is to Buncombe:

"The time for the decennial nose counting of Uncle Sam's nephews and neices is now upon us. The census takers will soon be abroad in the land, asking their familiar questions, and some not so familiar, so that the government in Washington may distribute its Congressional representation with accuracy and dispatch.

That, at least, was the reason for the census upmost in the minds of our eighteenth century founding fathers when they drew up the Constitution of the United States. But there are other reasons equally as important. In order for a modern industrial state to function at all it must know the facts concerning its citizens and their incomes and habits which were of no possible use to an old agricultural and handicraft society.

More and more it is becoming necessary for the government at Washington to understand what makes the wheels go round in the United States. If it is going to furnish the axle grease—in the shape of relief, public works and agricultural benefits—when the wheels move too slowly, it is obliged in the nature of things to know how much grease, and when and where the application is most likely to be needed. Intelligent planning of relief and of fiscal and tax programs and of all the other departments of a modern government cannot be expected without a far more detailed census than the old horse and bug-days ever needed.

With such an approach to the problem in view, the reasonable man or woman living within the jurisdiction of the United States can have no doubts as to the usefulness or the validity of the questions to be asked him by the visiting census taker. Now that the income questions can be replied to by secret methods, not even a doubting Thomas will feel that Uncle Sam is going too far.

As individuals and as a community we have everything to gain and nothing to lose by cooperating in every way possible with the agents of the census bureau. At the moment of answering them we may not see just what good each individual question will do. But if we reply patiently and wait until the results are tabulated and reduced to readable statistics we will find ourselves in possession of facts that will be helpful in the extreme when estimating the causes and the results of current trends. In the light of the broad and patriotic purposes for which they are asked, no single question on the census blank is without meaning. Not one of them is haphazard or prying.

This is an opportunity for every resident of the county to show the patriotic stuff of which he is made. It is a matter of loyalty to the community and of good citizenship for each of us to see that we are on record when the results of the 1940 census are returned to the capital of the United States. Here is one chance for us to display appreciation for the benefits we derive merely by living in one of the few peaceful and functioning democracies on the globe.

Free Scholarships to Short Course at State Are Offered 4-H Boys

Free scholarships to the annual State 4-H Short Course at N. C. State College July 22-27 will be awarded again to the outstanding club boy in each county in the state, announces L. R. Harrill, State 4-H Club leader. The scholarships are valued at \$5.00 each.

The Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau donates the funds for these awards, through A. G. Floyd, state manager of the Bureau. The same organization awards a four-year scholarship to State College to the outstanding club boy in the state each year.

Harrill has requested county farm agents to supply a list of the short course scholarship winners by April 1. Each of the 1,200 clubs in the state is entitled to send one boy and one girl as delegates to the short course.

Turning to the subject of 4-H camps, State Leader Harrill said

that Tom Cash, Ned Tucker, and E. M. "Nig" Waller have been reappointed directors of the Millstone, Swannanoa and White Lake camps, respectively. A handicraft instructor and cooks also will comprise the permanent staff at each camp.

The county camp season will open June 3 and continue through August 31. Six thousand farm boys and girls are expected to attend 4-H camps during the coming summer.

Preliminary to the regular season, camps or institutions for 4-H leaders will be held, starting at Millstone May 6-11 and continuing through May 21-24 at Swannanoa. The White Lake Leader Training school will be May 13-15, and a fourth institute in the Northeastern district will be May 16-18.

TERRACES

I. W. Mangum of Rocky Mount, who owns a farm at Pineview in Harnett county, wrote Assistant Farm Agent J. B. Gourlay: "I am sorry that I put off building terraces so long."

THE SHOWER MONTH On The Farm and in The Home



When April rains began to fall
And heavy clouds hung low all day,
The Pigg tribe wasn't sore at all.
In fact, all gave their glad Okay.
Ma cleaned the house with care and then
No posky dust blew back again.

Old Bolivar could almost hear
The "Thank You" of the seeded grain;
Polly felt blossom time draw near;
Pete saw pie cherries in the rain.
So all were tickled pink with reason
To greet another rainy season.

Spring work is in full swing on the farm, and April ushers in one of the busiest months of the agricultural calendar. As reminders, State College specialists offer the following suggestions, which, if accepted, should result in a more bountiful harvest season:

H. R. Niswonger, Extension horticulturist, advises the planting of all types of home garden crops. He lists the following vegetables to be planted this month, and the number of days after planting when they should be ready for use: Beets, 60 days; beans, 40; carrots, 75; sweet corn, 60; cucumbers, 60; cantaloupes, 120; chard, 40; celery, 120; Irish potatoes, 80; kale, 90; garden peas, 40; lettuce, 60; onion seed, 130; okra, 100; parsnips, 125; radishes, 20; squash, 60; spinach, 30; tendergreens, 30; tomatoes, 100; and watermelons, 100.

J. O. Rowell, Extension entomologist tells farmers to delay planting corn until May if they have been troubled in the past with stalk borers. However, he says that doubling the amount of seed when planting corn in low ground will usually allow for a good stand despite root worms, drill worms, and bud worms. In addition, Rowell advises that injury by flea beetles that sometimes eat small round holes in vegetable seedlings and potato leaves can be prevented by a Bordeaux spray, or by dusting with rotenone dust.

The suggestion of E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer, is: See your AAA committeeman or county farm agent immediately and sign a farm plan before April 15 to qualify for Triple-A payments in 1940, if you have not already done so. The 15th is the final date for signing Farm Plans for 1940, and a grower

must sign one of these plans if he wishes to receive a payment at the end of the year.

F. M. Haig, professor of animal husbandry, calls attention to the need for care of young animals born on the farm. Sanitary quarters are doubly important for the young, and control of lice and other parasites will result in more profit from the dairy, beef cattle, or swine herd, and the sheep flock, he says.

John A. Arey, Extension dairyman emphasizes the need for roughage to carry the cows over the winter period. He suggests the growing of four tons of silage and two tons of good hay for each mature cow in the dairy herd. Also, Mr. Arey advises that cows should be kept off the permanent pasture until the ground is firm and the grass has made a good growth.

H. W. Taylor, Extension swine specialist, says spring pigs should be castrated when they are about five weeks of age. Soybeans planted in rows and cultivated twice will furnish excellent grazing for swine from the time the plants are about 15 inches high until frost, he says. One acre of beans on good land will carry 15 to 20 shoats, provided they are on a full feed of corn and a good protein supplement.

Lewis P. Watson, Extension horticulturist, recommends that sweet potatoes be bedded first week in April in order to have plants for setting about June 1. Instead of selling the best potatoes, he continues, and using the scrubs and culls for seed, build up your own seed stock by saving the best for seed. Select smooth, well-shaped potatoes of desirable color and free from disease.

Three Important 4-H Announcements Made

L. R. Harrill, State 4-H Club leader, comes forward this week with three important announcements regarding the 4-H program in North Carolina. The first is that 4-H Church Sunday will be observed on April 28; another is that a Dairy Foods Demonstration Contest will be conducted for 4-H members of the State this year; and the third is that loans of as much as \$75 are available to club members through the Farm Security Administration's Rural Rehabilitation program.

The 4-H Church Sunday is an annual event, and last year Harrill says he received reports at the State College office of 39 organized programs presented by county and community groups. These ranged from the preparation and distribution of the church bulletin, to the presentation of special music, giving inspirational talks, acting as ushers, taking up the collection, conducting Vesper services, placing flowers in the church, and beautifying the church grounds.

Miss Mary E. Thomas, Extension nutritionist, is in charge of the Dairy Foods Demonstration Contest. County winners will be selected, and these teams will compete in the National contest at the National Dairy Show in Harrisburg, Pa., October 12-19. Gold watches will be awarded

members of the winning team for each of the four sections of the United States.

The FSA loans will be made to sons and daughters of FSA clients for the purpose of buying calves, pigs, chickens, and other livestock, and they may be made for the purpose of buying seed, plants, fertilizer, and the like for club projects.

Extension farm and home agents in the counties will gladly furnish additional information on any of these subjects, Harrill said.

MEAL

By grinding his corn into meal Frank Whitmire of the Cherryfield section in Transylvania county realizes a premium of 40 cents and more to the bushel.

Ninety-nine per cent of the fatal accidents in North Carolina last year occurred on roads in good condition.

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Shrubs, Trees Meet Needs of Farm People

Farmers and city people have different problems in beautifying their homes, says John H. Harris, Extension landscape specialists of N. C. State College. In the city or town, space usually is limited, but long summer evenings allow time for the attention to annual and perennial plants that offer most flowers for the least space.

On the farm, rush seasons in the fields mean long hours and little leisure at the very time flower gardens may be most in need of weeding, cultivating, and watering. But the grounds around the farm home are usually ample for more of the ornamental trees and shrubs than those of the town dweller.

"Those two sharp differences are worth considering," Harris said, "when the farm family considers plantings to improve the home grounds. Planting a few shrubs this season, and adding a few more from time to time, will soon make the home more attractive, and will conserve time in busy seasons.

"Shrubs and trees will need good care and watering for two or three seasons," the specialist continued, "but after that, if they are well selected, good woody plants will practically take care of themselves. What work is needed can be done at odd times and when farm work is slack."

Harris called attention to three folders available at State College which outline simple farm-home grounds beautification. They are Extension Folders Nos 40, 41, 42, and they are available free to citizens of North Carolina upon request to the Agricultural Editor at State College. No. 40 takes up "Arrangement of Planting;" No. 41 is a discussion of "General Arrangements;" and No. 42 is entitled "Walks and Drives." Farmers Bulletin No 1826, "Care of Ornamental Trees and Shrubs" is also available upon application to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

PASTURES

Jones county is determined to improve its pastures, and several farmers are conducting demonstrations to determine the best rates of seeding and fertilization, reports F. F. Hendrix, farm agent on the State College Extension Service.

IMPORTS

United States imports during the crop year 1938-1939 were equivalent to the produce of only 7,564,000 acres, while farm exports represented produce from approximately 28,375,000 acres.

DISEASE

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ROTENONE WILL CONTROL MEXICAN BEAN BEETLES

If you are troubled with Mexican bean beetles — and almost every truck farmer and home gardener is, J. O. Rowell, Extension entomologist recommends that you dust or spray your plants with rotenone. It is available at insecticide dealers all over the state, and Rowell strongly urges that it be purchased ready-mixed.

Rotenone is very toxic to insects, but is not poisonous to humans, the entomologist explained. It can be applied on beans at any stage of pod development without fear of poisoning when the beans are served at the table.

"It is not advisable to use calcium arsenate on beans, as plant injury often results," Rowell continued. "Arsenate of lead should never be used on bean foliage because serious injury and reduced yields usually follow its application."

Treatments should be started when beetles are first found on the beans, or when egg masses become numerous on the underside of the leaves, the Extension specialist said. From one to three, and sometimes four, applications are necessary, depending on the prevalence of the insects.

The dust method will probably prove most satisfactory for the home gardener. Dust applications can be made at any time during the day if the wind is not blowing. The rotenone dust mixtures should not be used in a spray unless the manufacturer states on the label that a diluent has been used which will mix readily with water.

It is highly important that the dust or spray be applied on the underside of the leaves.

CORN

About 90 per cent of the United States annual corn crop of two and a half billion bushels is used for animal feed, say agronomists of the Department of Agriculture.

DWARF TREES

Agricultural experiment stations in many States and foreign countries are conducting experiments to develop a dwarfed variety of apple tree, which would simplify spraying and harvesting.

FARM EQUIPMENT

Earnings of farm equipment companies declined sharply in 1939 compared with those of the two preceding years, as a reflection of lower farm buying power.

COW TESTING

There were 676,141 cows in 27,948 herds on test in Dairy Herd Improvement Associations in the United States last year, and North Carolina ranked eighth among the States in percentage of new herds on test.

WAXING

Good results have been obtained from waxing all types of root vegetables except parsnips, reports the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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