

Agriculturally Speaking

Add New Life To Pastures In 1977

By L. B. HARDAGE
With the cattle and beef prices of today, putting money into improved forage may seem like a losing proposition, but as land prices keep going up, certain practices can be good investments. For instance, legumes are becoming increasingly popular as a part of both hay and pasture programs. Interseeded with grasses, they offer many advantages that show up directly in the profit column: they can readily add new life to an old pasture or start a new pasture off in the right direction.

The major factor which has increased the popularity of legumes in recent years has been the large increase in nitrogen fertilizer costs. These plants often produce more than enough nitrogen for their own needs, and then share the surplus with the grasses in the same stand. The dollars saved in fertilizer can be quite significant. However, there are other important reasons for planting legumes. As Dr. William E. Knight, USDA ARS agronomist at Mississippi State University recently commented, "Quality is added to forage by way of improved digestibility and higher protein content. This translates into faster and more efficient gains with weaning beef cattle. Clovers can improve conception rates and milk flow. That adds up to more and heavier calves for the cow-calf operator, and more dairy sales for the milk producer." Other agronomists have noted that legumes can increase weaning rates, lessen grass tetany risk and, in general, cut head health problems.

An important factor to remember in forage management, especially with legumes, is that forage stands are heavily dependent on soil pH and fertility. Acceptable pH levels for some crops run between 6.0-6.5, but for other crops like alfalfa, a pH of 6.8 to 7.0 is preferable. The reason is that nutrient absorption drops off rapidly at pH levels below 6.0. That means legumes and grasses won't get enough phosphorous, nitrogen or other mineral elements. Your best bet is to follow soil test recommendations. In many cases, lime is simply a must as the first step in forage crop production.

New Sessions Set

In Visual Arts

The Warrenton Arts Commission will sponsor a new session of visual arts classes during the month of January. These classes are for children, teens and adults, and will be held in the Arts Commission studio. Ms. Susan Simmons, artist-in-residence, will teach the classes.

The classes will be held each week during January and will be free for teens and children with a \$5 registration fee for adults.

The schedule will be Monday, 3-4:15, teens, studying uses of pen and ink, painting and macramé; Tuesday, 10 noon, adults, painting; Tuesday, 7-9 p. m., adult, loom weaving; and Wednesday, 2:30-4:15, children, mixed media.

Adult classes will study acrylic and oil painting on Tuesday mornings and off the loom weaving Tuesday nights. The weaving course will explore techniques for weaving without the use of a loom to make such things as baskets, purses and wall hangings.

The classes will begin next Monday, Jan. 10 and continue weekly through the month. All Warren County residents and their children are encouraged to participate.

Embroid 4-H Club Conducts Meet

The Embroid 4-H Club met with Lisa Reavis, president, presiding. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Rebecca Somerville. Silent Night was sung and we said the club pledge. We had three visitors. It was reported that on Dec. 19 the club visited the nursing homes and the senior citizens in the Embroid Community. We sang carols and passed out fruit bars.

It was reported that we received a seal and some awards on Achievement Night. Mrs. Hudgens said our first candy sale was very good and the second order of candy was here.

We had refreshments and exchanged gifts. The meeting was closed by saying the club motto.

The members were asked to begin ideas for recreation next summer. Gary Hender, son, reporter.



MRS. ODELL BULLOCK

Warrenton Girl Is Wed

Hannah Theresa Hymon of Warrenton and Odell Bullock of Macon were united in marriage at 3 p. m. on December 26 at the Peaks Grove School in Warrenton. The Rev. Luther G. Brown of Durham officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride, given in marriage by her brother, William Hymon of Baltimore, Md., wore a formal length gown of blue-satin designed with a high neckline and floral lace. The sheer bishop sleeves had lace trim. She carried a bouquet of white carnations with blue streamers.

Ms. Shirley Hymon, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a formal gown of royal blue-satin and carried a bouquet of royal blue carnations.

Daniel Lee Cooper served as best man. After a wedding trip to unannounced points, the couple will reside at Route 1, Warrenton.

The mother of the bride hosted a reception immediately following the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Theresa Hymon of Warrenton and the late James E. Hymon. She is a graduate of John Graham High School and is currently employed at American Corporation in Henderson.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Elizabeth Bullock of Macon and the late Dewitt Bullock. He attended Hawkins High School and is presently employed at Cochrane Eastern, Inc., in Warrenton.

Shower
A surprise bridal shower was given in honor of the bride on

Shearins Receive Inaugural Bid

According to an article in the Daily Press, invitations to the inauguration of President-elect Jimmy Carter are very limited in North Carolina but a Norlina man has been rewarded for his work for the Democratic nominee in Warren County by the receipt of a formal invitation to the affair.

Woodrow Shearin this week received an invitation to the inauguration, accompanied by a picture of Mr. Carter and notifying him that he is invited to two events of the Inauguration: the Inauguration on Jan. 20 and the Inaugural Parade which follows. The invitation reads as follows:

The Inaugural Committee requests the honor of your presence and participation in the Inauguration of Jimmy Carter as President of the United States of America and Walter Mondale as Vice President of the United States on Thursday the twentieth of January, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven in the City of Washington.

December 4. Ms. Carolyn Hymon, sister of the bride, and Mrs. Albertha Valentine hosted the shower at the bride's home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Thrower of Williamston were visitors of

News Of Interest To Littleton Residents

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lee Atkins were holiday visitors of her mother, Mrs. Josephine Smith, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Evans in Meridithville, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Threewitts of Chesapeake, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Threewitts and son, J. Lumber, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Threewitts during the holidays.

Mrs. Annie Strum of Nashville spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Bernice West and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sheppard and daughter of Durham and Mrs. Michael Wilburn and children of Elon were holiday guests of the Wests.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Isles of Farmville, Va., spent some time here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Rodwell, and his mother, Mrs. Wilford Isles. Mrs. Isles returned with them for a visit.

Mrs. Raymond G. Harris spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Harris and daughter in Roanoke Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Shearin of Whitakers were Tuesday visitors of Misses Mamie and Josephine Stanbury.

Mr. and Mrs. James Thrower of Williamston were visitors of

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Perry in Haw River.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick B. Mustian and Mrs. Edward Hunter of Warrenton attended the funeral of Mrs. J. B. Moore, Sr., in Raleigh Friday.

Mrs. Michael Ferguson and children of Ennoria, Va., spent some time with Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Brinkley during the holidays.

David Pike left Wednesday for the U. S. Army in Camel, Ky., after spending several weeks during the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pike.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hedgpeth spent several days during the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Matthews and family in Newton.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Carter of Raleigh were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pike and Mrs. Ray L. Pike.

Mr. and Mrs. John Calhoun of Kertonsville were holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy C. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Collier and Mrs. Lewis Collier were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Cappatare in Virginia Beach, Va.

Among visitors of Mrs. L. E. Morris during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Prager, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Critcher and Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Critcher of Portsmouth, Va., Mr. and Mrs. David Alredge and daughters of High Point, Mr. and Mrs. William Morris, III, of Atlanta, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Harwood and children of Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Critcher, Mrs. Christine Morris and son of Roanoke Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Aycock.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Acree of Salem, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Acree of Virginia Beach, Va., spent some time here with Mr. and Mrs. Julian Acree.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee Clarke spent Sunday with Mrs. J. H. Clarke in Boykins, Va., during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Hornaday and son of Burlington and Miss Ellen Harvey of Raleigh were holiday guests of Mrs. G. E. Harvey. Mrs. Harvey spent some time during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. George Harvey, Jr., in Fort Myers, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Sykes entertained on Sunday for Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Copley of Macon, Miss Brenda Copley of Winston Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Copley and family of Wilmington, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Perkinson of Triangle, Va., Mr.

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