

URGES SOWING OF LESPEDEZA

Fred S. Sloan Points out Advantages of New Legume

ENRICHES THE SOIL
Improves Pastures and Yields Good Crop of Hay

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The use of lespedeza by Macon county farmers as a soil improver, pasture legume and for hay has increased rapidly for the last three years. The real value of lespedeza as a legume for this county has not yet been realized, for it has been grown by so few farmers for so few years; but from observations both in other counties and locally the prospects are that it will be the leading legume in the near future.

Improves Soil

For soil improvement lespedeza works into our system of cropping as well or better than any other legume. Its soil building qualities are better than many of the other legumes for it grows thick and yields a heavy growth to be turned under. Each plant has nodules on the roots which put nitrogen into the soil, just as cowpeas, red clover, soybeans and other legumes, and by growing so thick there are more plants doing the same job. It will grow on soil too poor to produce other crops and will stand as much dry weather as any other crop we grow. It grows well on both upland and bottom land, making the best growths where the land is fertile, but will make a fair growth on land too poor to grow good corn or small grain.

Increases Corn Output

George Dowdle obtained an increase of 44 1-4 bushels of corn per acre by turning under one crop of lespedeza on land which was sowed in oats the year before. The general practice is to sow it in some small grain crop such as wheat, rye or oats from the first of February until the last of March, using 25 pounds (one bushel) per acre and covering the seed very lightly with a brush or drag harrow. By using it in this way we can eliminate a part of our farm work in June when we cut our small grains, and then prepare the stubble fields by either plowing or discing to sow cowpeas or soybeans. This is one important factor for at that time of the year we are very busy and many times the land is either too wet or too dry to prepare. About October we have a good legume to turn under for soil improvement, to cut or hay, or to save our crop of seed for next year, instead of the usual crop of rag weeds.

As a Hay Crop

The feeding value of lespedeza hay as compared with soybeans, according to analysis, is that lespedeza is the best, as it contains one and one-half more pounds of protein per hundred pounds of hay than soybeans. It is easy to cut and to handle for the small stems and leaves will cure out with very little sunshine. It cures bright and at the present time some farmers are feeding it to their poultry as a green feed. This year E. V. Ammons cut part of his lespedeza crop for hay and reported a yield of a little more than two tons of cured hay per acre. George Dowdle also said his yielded two tons per acre. Mr. Dowdle and John Ferguson both reported that they got an increase in milk production when they changed from soybean to lespedeza hay and that the livestock would eat every particle of it.

As a Pasture Plant

All pasture specialists recommend that every pasture have some lespedeza in it. They also say that it should have some of the common and some of the Korean variety, because the Korean comes earlier in the summer and the common lasts longer in the fall. The farmers in the county who have tried it in their pastures say that they want to sow some on all of the land they are pasturing. Bartlett Bennett, Carl Slagle, C. W. Henderson, Gilmer Crawford, George Dowdle, W. R. Hixon, Jake Deal and others found that on new pasture it was one of their most important plants, for it affords a lot of pasturing the first year and on

NEWS SUMMARY

A Survey of State and National Events Concisely Told in Brief Up-to-Date News Reports

STATE NEWS

Judge Harwood Arrested
Judge John H. Harwood, of Bryson City, waived preliminary hearing at Raleigh Tuesday on charges of tampering with records of the state in connection with civil and criminal actions against his daughter, Miss Lola Harwood. Judge Harwood was placed under \$1,000 bond. Trial of the criminal case against Miss Harwood was started in Wake superior court at Raleigh Wednesday morning. She was alleged to be short about \$4,028 in her accounts as a clerk in the revenue department. Trial of Judge Harwood, who was suspended as a special member of the superior court bench last week, is expected to start next week.

Says Was Hired for Arson

Admitting he set fire to a Bear Poplar store in Rowan county, Maurice Carr, negro, was given seven to 12 years in prison on Monday. On his statement he was hired to commit the arson by J. C. Carriker. Arrest of Carriker was ordered.

Bank Cashier Arrested

J. B. Storey, cashier of the closed Cherokee Bank of Murphy, was placed in the Cherokee county jail Friday in default of \$5,000 bond on charges of embezzlement and making false entries. Storey was arrested at his home in Jefferson, Ga., on a warrant sworn out by C. F. Gill, liquidating agent of the Cherokee bank, who said that between \$10,000 and \$15,000 of the bank's funds were missing. Storey waived preliminary hearing.

Dump Big Liquor Cargo

A truck and trailer, bearing Michigan license plates, left the road at Dunn, Monday morning, trying to round a curve too fast. Two men escaped in a trailing car. Officers dumped out 2,000 gallons of bonded whisky.

\$30,000,000 Loss in Tobacco

Tobacco farmers in North Carolina got \$30,000,000 less for the last crop than the preceding one, the state reporting service says with 458,129,286 pounds sold at \$8.93 per hundred for \$40,910,935. The previous crop average was \$13.14.

Postmaster Surrenders

Charles E. Boone, 26, sought since January 24, for alleged speculation from the Black Mountain postoffice, gave up to federal officers last week at Asheville and made bond of \$4,000 pending trial.

Held for 1903 Murder

Mitchell county is sending to Columbia, Mo., for George Presnell, wanted at Bakersville since 1903 for the murder of Lewis Buchanan.

NATIONAL NEWS

Cardozo Supreme Judge
Nathan Cardozo, 61, Democrat, chief justice of the N. Y. court of appeals, was named by President Hoover, Monday, to the Supreme court seat vacated by Oliver Wendell Holmes. The appointment was given wide approval.

Hindenburg To Run Again

Paul von Hindenburg, war leader and president of the German republic for eight years, will run for another term, he announced Monday.

Irish Election Killings

On eve of a general election, two government speakers were killed at Foxhill, Ireland, Monday, and another was fired on from ambush.

13 Theater Managers Held

Their Sunday charity shows not interrupted, 13 theater managers were arrested in Atlanta, Sunday, for blue law violations.

Approve Credit Bill

House and senate banking committees on Friday approved the measure permitting reserve banks to discount certain paper hitherto not eligible and to free \$750,000,000 in gold for currency issue. The bill is expected to release \$10,000,000,000 in new credit.

Cripple Hugo Run Ring

A huge run ring formed by Capone gangsters to run Canadian liquor in through Gulf ports, was crippled Friday with 14 arrests at New Orleans.

Kentucky Reign of Terror

A reign of terror in the Kentucky coal fields was described to U. S. senators on Friday by Laddo Frank, New York writer, and Allen Taub, lawyer, who claim they were beaten and run out of Pineville, Ky., when they went there to distribute food to striking miners.

Ford Gives Auto Plan

Determined to "get prices of automobiles down to where the public can buy them," Henry Ford has announced new four and eight cylinder models to appear soon.

Jailed for Manslaughter

For the automobile slaying of Frank Ruff, prison sentence of five to seven years was given Tom Cope, 45, at Waynesville, February 11.

Roosevelt Fights Back

Franklin D. Roosevelt, New York governor leading in the pre-convention fight for Democratic presidential nomination, on Saturday fought back against Joseph Shouse, national party secretary, who had asked for uninstructed delegates to the national convention. Roosevelt said rank and file of party should express preference for a candidate.

Churches Observe World Day of Prayer for Peace

The women of Franklin observed the World Day of Prayer on February 12 with a service in St. Agnes Episcopal church attended by women of all the churches in town.

The meeting was led by Mrs. N. C. Duncan, who conducted devotional exercises. Mrs. O. P. Ader and Mrs. Eugene R. Eller were the speakers. Mrs. Ader spoke on the value of prayer in remedying the conditions of the world today. Mrs. Eller outlined the existing conditions of the world and suggested measures for bringing peace to a torn and distracted world. Both speakers stressed the need of understanding between nations and international cooperation toward peace. In the creation of understanding prayer is a valuable and effective factor.

Mrs. Callahan made the closing prayer. A similar service was conducted at the church of the Incarnation at Highlands by the Rector, the Rev. N. C. Duncan, assisted by the Rev.

FARM EXPERTS COMING SOON

Poultry and Livestock Specialists Slated To Speak

C. F. Parrish, poultry extension specialist will be in Macon county Friday, Feb. 19, and will attend Organized Farm Program meetings on that date at Union at 10 a. m. and at Otto at 2 p. m. to assist in working out poultry problems. F. S. Sloan, county agent, advises that Mr. Parrish will conduct practical culling demonstrations at both of the meetings, showing the scientific method of culling flocks for greatest profit. It is expected that a large number of farmers and their wives will attend these meetings to avail themselves of the valuable information Mr. Parrish will have on the subject of poultry raising and flock control.

Dairy Expert to Attend

Meetings to be held next week in the following communities will be attended by F. R. Barnham, dairy extension specialist, who will assist in putting into operation the Macon county Organized Farm Program. Organization meetings were held in these communities two weeks ago under the direction of the county agent and interest in the movement has gained considerably in the meantime. At the organization meetings the attention of those attending was centered on the farm program as a whole and as applied in general to communities, whereas, at the meetings to follow, it will be possible to take up individual problems and apply the principles of the program to specific cases.

Schedule of Meetings

- The schedule of meetings for next week follows:
- Gneiss, Wednesday, Feb. 24, 10 a. m.
- Holly Springs, Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2 p. m.
- Cowee, Thursday, Feb. 25, 10 a. m.
- Higonville, Thursday, Feb. 25, 2 p. m.
- Cartoogechaye, Friday, Feb. 26, 10 a. m.
- Iotla, Friday, Feb. 26, 2 p. m.
- Organization meetings were held Wednesday and Thursday of last week at Cartoogechaye, Iotla and Bethel and the following committees elected:
- Cartoogechaye**
Laddie Crawford, chairman, Mrs. Henry Slagle, co-chairman, Jeff Enloe, Jr., secretary.
- Iotla**
Lawrence Ramsey, chairman, Mrs. Bartlett Bennet, co-chairman, Mrs. Wade Moody, secretary.
- Bethel**
Robert Fulton, chairman, Mrs. Pritchard Peck, co-chairman, Leonard Horne, secretary.

E. K. Cunningham Co. Store Is Redecorated

E. K. Cunningham & Company have started their spring clean-up early this year. Already they are having their store on West Main street remodeled and redecorated in preparation for spring business. The walls of the interior have been painted in cream-white with stenciled decorations in blue. Other improvements also are being made.

Falling Timber Breaks Highway Worker's Back

Clyde Kearnes, 26, Salisbury, an employe of the State Highway commission, suffered a broken back when a heavy timber fell from a rock bin about 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. The accident occurred on highway No. 28 near Rainbow Springs. Kearnes was brought to Angel Brothers' hospital, where it was reported his condition was serious.

Mrs. J. C. Umberger Wins Newspaper Contest Prize

Mrs. J. C. Umberger, of Franklin, Route 2, was among the prize winners in the feature popularity contest in the Asheville Citizen last week. The article was on Dorothy Dix, which was published in the February 16 issue of the Citizen.

LICENSED TO MARRY

A license to marry was recently issued here for Elmer Medford and Miss Beatrice Byrd, both from Bryson City. Miss Byrd is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Byrd, formerly of Oak Grove, Macon county.

Every State, City and Town To Participate In Nine Months Bicentennial Celebration

These points should be emphasized with respect to the Celebration of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of George Washington this year:

- 1-It is sponsored by the United States government; Congress created the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission and the president of the United States is its chairman.
- 2-It will not be a world's fair or exposition, and it will not be held in any one place.
- 3-It will be a nation-wide, even a world-wide series of celebrations in which every state, city and town—every organization and institution, every home and individual—in this country, together with Americans and others in many foreign countries, will participate. Every community is expected to plan and carry out its own program of events, in cooperation with the United States Commission and the State Commissions.
- 4-It will last from Washington's Birthday, February 22, 1932, to Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 1932, with special local and national celebrations everywhere on all holidays, anniversaries, or other days, which can be connected with the life of George Washington.
- 5-While the ceremonies on February 22 should be especially elaborate and impressive, as marking the actual Two Hundredth Anniversary of George Washington's

FARM RELIEF PLAN OUTLINED

R. W. Henninger Explains How Crop Loans Will Be Made

VISITS FRANKLIN
Local Committee To Pass On Applications For Loans

A county committee to handle applications for crop loans under the federal government's \$50,000,000 farm relief fund is expected to be established in the near future.

How the fund will be operated and how applications for loans must be filed were explained to a group of Franklin business men Wednesday afternoon by R. W. Henninger, secretary of Governor Gardner's Council on Unemployment Relief.

Tours Western Counties

Mr. Henninger was brought to Franklin from Murphy by Sheriff A. B. Slagle. The unemployment relief official has been touring western counties investigating conditions. He was informed here that most of the people in this section have sufficient food for their needs but that the farmers are faced with a serious lack of capital to finance this year's crops.

The \$50,000,000 farm relief fund, Mr. Henninger explained, will be handled somewhat similarly to the old federal farm loans, except that loans made under the new fund will be on a short term basis with crop liens, instead of mortgages on the land, as security.

The Local Committee

All applications for loans first must be passed upon by a local committee. Members of this committee, he said, were to be appointed by the county farm demonstration agent, subject to the approval of agricultural extension service authorities at Raleigh.

Loans sufficient only to finance crop plantings and production will be made, Mr. Henninger said, and no loan applications will be accepted unless the applicant is a bona fide farmer; that is, unless he made a crop last year. He also stated that each farmer to whom a loan is made would be required to show evidence that he is "farming to live at home," growing enough food crops for home consumption.

The farm relief fund will be no pork barrel, Mr. Henninger warned, declaring that local business men should see to it that the committee selected to pass on applications is composed of unbiased business men rather than politicians.

As to the general business, industrial and agricultural outlook, Mr. Henninger said improvement would be slow. As 80 per cent of North Carolina's income is dependent on agriculture, he added, no permanent relief can be brought about until the farmers of the state have been put on a sound financial basis.

Washington Bicentennial Celebration Opens Feb. 22

WOODMEN HOLD SOCIAL MEET

Talk on "Witches and Superstitions" Made By T. T. Love

Wayah Camp No. 889, Woodmen of the World, met for the bi-monthly meeting on Monday night. This was a social meeting night and a large crowd attended. Due to the rain, which had been falling steadily for two days and a night, several of the musicians and speakers were not present.

After the opening with a Bible reading and prayer, T. T. Love made a most interesting talk upon "Witches and Superstitions." He turned back the pages of history to the early days of China and Egypt, then he covered the witchcraft field through the early days of France and England, ending with a discussion of American witchcraft.

Several games were played, greatly enjoyed by all. In "Buried Alive," John W. Edwards read sketches from Poe's "The Premature Burial," Al Jennings' "Through The Shadows With O. Henry" was quoted, with Big Joe being sent to the dead house, while still alive. He told of several instances within the state of men and women being buried alive—a creepy sensation, but maybe part of the facts are true.

After eating many cakes, the gathering sang several of the Woodmen songs; following them with some of the old favorites, "God Be With You," etc.

The next social meeting of Wayah camp will be held on March 14. At this meeting the wives of the members of Wayah camp are to present the program.

S. H. Lyle, Jr., has removed his office from the Bank of Franklin building to the Higgins building across Main street.

Whole Nation To Observe Fete; Hoover To Broadcast

The official opening of the nation-wide George Washington Bicentennial Celebration will take place February 22 at noon, Eastern Standard Time, when President Hoover will deliver his George Washington address before a joint meeting of Congress. Members of the United States Supreme Court, the Cabinet, foreign diplomats and many other distinguished visitors will also be present. Radio will carry the address to every corner of America over a nation wide hook-up.

Immediately after the address, the President will give the signal for the singing of "America" by a combined chorus of 10,000 singers assembled on the east steps of the Capitol. The entire nation, listening at its radios, is expected to join in this singing. The accompaniment will be played by the United States Army, Navy and Marine Bands directed by John Philip Sousa. Walter Damrosch will direct the singing.

In the afternoon, President Hoover, accompanied by members of the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission and the District of Columbia Bicentennial Commission will lay a wreath on the tomb of the Father of his Country.

Even before the official opening of the Celebration, however, the churches of the Nation will participate in an "official" inaugural of the event in religious services to be held in honor of George Washington. These services will commence on Friday evening, Feb. 19, with those groups whose Sabbath begins at sundown on the sixth day of the week. Other groups observing the Sabbath on Saturday and Sunday will also hold devotional services, so it is probable that nearly all of the 232,000 churches in the country will thus honor the memory of George Washington.

Suits To Collect Park Pledges Heard

The State Park Commission won a partial victory at a hearing before Magistrate George Carpenter Tuesday afternoon of a score of suits to collect pledges of money for the Great Smoky Mountains park project. The pledges ranged from \$25 to \$150—\$1,700 in total—and were to be paid in four equal installments.

Magistrate Carpenter ruled the statute of limitations protected the defendants on the first three installments, but gave judgment to the Park Commission for the last installment. Only one case was actually heard, that of the Park Commission vs. Henry G. Robertson, and judgments were rendered in the other cases accordingly. The state is expected to carry the cases before the superior court on an appeal.

A much larger sum of money is involved in suits scheduled to be tried at the spring term of the United States district court at Raleigh. Only cases involving less than \$200 were heard by Magistrate Carpenter; suits to collect arrears on pledges of more than \$200 were filed in the federal court. A number of Macon county residents are among the defendants named.

2 Suffer Knife Wounds In Main Street Brawl

Harry Shepherd suffered serious knife wounds about the face and neck, Charlie Crawford received a gash in his back and George Elliott's clothing was almost cut in shreds but he escaped serious injury in a fracas on East Main street about 8 o'clock Monday night.

Shepherd was taken to Angel Brothers' hospital, where it was found that he had numerous wounds about his head. His cheeks were cut through, necessitating a number of stitches, and a gash on his neck came dangerously close to his jugular vein.

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