

Brown Tells Friend About 1938 Program

Bill Smith, a farmer who has been having hard luck, visits his neighbor, John Brown. They take a walk over the Brown farmstead.

Smith: "John, you've had pretty good luck this year. Seems like all your crops were better than mine... and I worked just as hard as you did."

Brown: "Well, I reckon I have been lucky. But maybe it ain't all luck. You see, I've been rotating soil-building crops with my cash crops. That makes the soil richer, you know."

Smith: "I reckon it does. You didn't use to make any better crops than I did. How did you get started on these soil-building crops anyway?"

Brown: "I'd been thinking about starting a good crop rotation, but somehow I just didn't get around to it. Then the government came along with this agricultural conservation program—"

Smith: "What'd that have to do with it?"

Brown: "Under the program, they offered me payments for not planting too much land to cash crops and for growing soil-building crops and for doing other things to help the land."

Smith: "Oh, you mean those payments helped you do what you had wanted to do, but couldn't. Can I get in that program too?"

Brown: "Sure. It's for all farmers. You just go to the county agent and tell him you want to sign up for 1938. He'll give you some papers to fill out."

"Then some members of the county committee will come to see you, and help you work out a farming program like you need. They'll tell you how much you can earn by doing what they recommend."

Smith: "I think I'll look into it. It sounds pretty good."

From Chorus To Stardom



FROM chorus to stardom was the overnight jump made by Miss Martha Tilton now singing with Benny Goodman's swing band every Tuesday evening over a coast-to-coast network. Miss Tilton had to go to Hollywood to make good in New York. After training in her home town—St. Louis—she sought a career in the film capital. Benny Goodman heard her there as one voice among many in a "swing chorus." He chose her at once as vocalist for his band, and after a trial tour, now has her singing in New York with one of radio's big-time orchestras.

Pisgah Forest Officials To Trap 200 Adult Deer

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 8.—The principles of wise conservation have been so well-applied in the Pisgah national game preserve near Asheville, that officials of the Pisgah national forest, in charge of the area, are enamored with the possession of too many, rather than too few deer in the 90,000-acre tract.

For a number of seasons the forest service has conducted a systematic program of trapping of adult deer, rearing of fawns to maturity, for transfer to other refuges and public game hunts to reduce the deer herds in the area, said this year to exceed 8,000 animals. During the present winter season the forest guardians hope to entice at least 200 adult deer into special box traps and transfer them to other game refuges in the eastern United States, needing deer for stocking purposes.

Trapping of adult deer has been a part of the regular deer reduction program for a number of years. In early trapping campaigns the deer were driven into large corrals by long lines of beaters who caught the animals and bulldozed them to the ground tying them for crating and shipment to their ultimate destination for liberation. This method was spectacular but sometimes resulted in injury and loss of deer and occasional injury to men handling them.

Through experimentation a new trap has been evolved which has eliminated all the undesirable factors of the old method. The new trap is a crate of two compartments baited with apples, an irresistible lure to deer. The deer enters the first compartment, noses the enticing apple and a gate closes the trap. The deer moves ahead into a smaller box and a second gate falls and the animal is in a restricted box where it cannot struggle or injure itself. Foresters, watching the traps, then remove the crate containing the deer and it is shipped at once to another game refuge where the animal is released.

By this method, deer are enticed to automatically enter their own shipping crates, without injury to themselves. Pisgah forest officials hope that at least 200 of them will be enticed into the novel traps during the winter season. Other methods used in herd reduction in the Pisgah preserve include the rearing of 100 motherless fawns each summer and public hunts which bag 500 to 700 deer, annually.

Dean Schaub said. Experience in erosion control demonstration areas in North Carolina, however, show that farmers can do much to protect their fields by terracing them, farming on the contour so that each row is a little terrace, keeping the land covered with close-growing soil-holding and soil-building crops as much as possible, rotating crops, planting badly eroded fields to close-growing soil-improving or hay crops, vegetating outlets to safely carry water from terraces, developing meadow strips to protect natural draws in the field, contouring and improving pastures, putting badly eroded land back to trees, and planting vegetation in gullies.

Marmalade Is Good At Christmas Time

"Marmalade is good for breakfast, and it has its place in the school lunch. But have you ever thought of it as a dessert?" asks Cornelia C. Morris, State college extension economist in food conservation.

"Spread marmalade on hot, buttered pancakes, roll them up and dust with powdered sugar.

"Marmalade will help stretch the Christmas dollar. Small jars of marmalade, attractively wrapped, make good Christmas presents; they help out in planning Christmas menus."

Marmalade is easy to make, Mrs. Morris stated. The best fruits to use are oranges, grapefruits, and lemons. Select fruits on which the skin is clear and free from blemishes.

One orange, one lemon, and one grapefruit will make enough marmalade to fill six 10-ounce jars.

Cut fruit into very thin slices with a sharp knife. Resharpen knife frequently while slicing the fruit. Measure the sliced fruit, then add three times as much water.

One orange, one lemon, and one grapefruit will make about a quart of fruit. So add three quarts of water.

Boil fruit and water for 30 minutes, or until fruit is tender. Let it stand over night, then boil again for 20 minutes. Measure the mixture and add an equal amount of sugar. Then cook rapidly until the syrup begins to jell when poured from the side of a spoon.

Let the finished marmalade cool for a minute or two, then pour it into the jars. (If poured in immediately, the fruit will rise to the top.)

Farmers Federation To Open New Warehouses

Farmers of Cherokee and surrounding counties who have subscribed to stock in the Farmers Federation, which plans soon to establish a warehouse in Murphy, have been called to meet at the courthouse there at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, December 11.

Plans for the federation's new unit will be discussed at this meeting, which will be attended by James G. K. McClure, president of the farm cooperative; Guy M. Sales, Church Crowell, Vance Browning and other federation executives.

Mr. Crowell, who has been in charge of organizing this unit, has reported that more than 200 farmers and business men in Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties, North Carolina, and Towns, Union and Fannin counties, Georgia, have subscribed to stock.

"I believe," Mr. Crowell remarked, "that this will be the biggest unit operated by the Federation, which now maintains 15 warehouses in nine counties."

Those who have subscribed to stock in the new unit are requested to be prepared to make payments on their subscriptions at the meeting called for Saturday.

Warehouse In Brevard
The Federation is planning to establish a warehouse in Brevard and already has started organization work among Transylvania county farmers.

The Farmers Federation now operates 15 warehouses in nine Western North Carolina counties and is preparing to establish another warehouse at Murphy to serve Cherokee and surrounding counties in North Carolina and Georgia. It also operates a cannery at Hendersonville, a home industries department, two baby chick hatcheries, a forest products department and a number of sweet potato curing houses. It maintains a religious department, which has sponsored the Lord's Acre movement, and publishes a monthly magazine, the Farmers Federation News, devoted to mountain farming.

Starting in 1920 with a few farmer members and a single warehouse at Fairview siding, Buncomb county, the federation has grown steadily until it now has more than 3,100 stockholders. Under the federation's plan of organization, each common stockholder has one vote, the purpose being to keep the organization democratic and to insure that its control shall always rest in the hands of farmer members.

While terracing and contour cultivation is the foundation of any good erosion control program on most North Carolina farms, he pointed out that something needs to be done to take care of the water at the end of the terraces, and that farming methods need to be adopted that will check erosion between the terraces and put every acre on the farm to uses to which it is suited.

Actual tests at the soil conservation service experiment station at Statesville show that tons of rich topsoil wash out the ends of the best terraces that can be built, where farming methods that check erosion between the terraces are not followed.

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Terraces Alone Can't Prevent Soil Erosion

Terracing a farm is not the only thing that is needed to stop it from washing away and improve the soil, said I. O. Schaub, director of the agricultural extension service of North Carolina State College of Agriculture.

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