

Farm Machinery In County Will Undergo Repairs

To keep every farm machine in Macon county in top-notch condition and place every usable piece of equipment in shape is vitally necessary if Macon county is to do its part in the 1942 Farm Defense program, declares C. W. Henderson, chairman of the county USDA Defense Board.

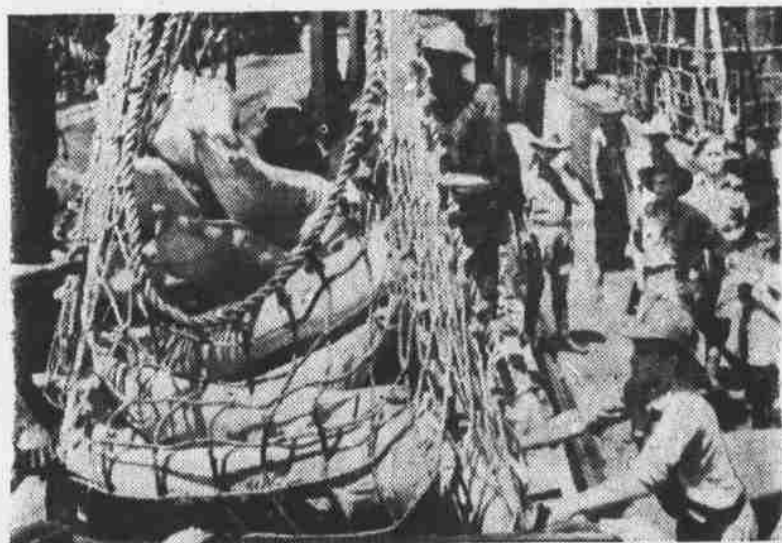
With the manufacture of new machinery and equipment in 1942 sharply curtailed because of defense demands on supplies of steel, copper, and other metals, farmers will have to depend more upon existing machinery. In addition to the scarcity of new equipment, farmers may find the available farm labor limited in 1942.

Any difficulty in obtaining parts or materials needed for the repair of farm machinery should be reported immediately to the County USDA Defense Board, said Mr. Henderson.

County USDA Defense Boards, acting on the request of Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard, are urging farmers to check all machinery and equipment for possible worn or damaged parts and to order replacement parts immediately. Early orders can be expected to get right-of-way, said Mr. Henderson and by acting without delay, farmers may be able to assure themselves of obtaining their needs.

"If many farmers put off ordering repair parts, some will have to go without them and valuable crops may be lost as a result," warned Mr. Henderson.

Food for Singapore's Defenders



Britain must feed the strong force she has poured into the strategic port of Singapore, and here we see frozen pork from Australia being loaded onto railway trucks. The thousands of soldiers entrenched here are prepared to defend the city from possible attack by Japanese operating out of bases in Indo-China.

Demonstration Club Program Changed For '42

Miss Ruth Current, State home demonstration agent, announces that a state-wide Home Demonstration Club program for 1942 has been adopted under the theme: "Thrift and Health for Better Living." All of the 75,000 or more farm women and 4-H Clubs will study the same subjects each month, instead of having single major and minor projects for the entire year.

The month-by-month program will be as follows:
January — Outlook meetings at which time "Family Plans for 1942" will be studied.

February—A study of the nutritional situation; what to do about food production, meal planning, food preparation and preservation, under the title, "Living Above the Safety Line."

March—"My Clothing Needs", including an inventory of what we have, what we need, and how to get it. A study of the minimum essentials of an adequate wardrobe.

April—"Future Security Through Conservation." House furnishings and equipment, and garden and farm equipment.

May—"The Staff of Life—Whole Grain Products and Their Use." This will include a "Better Bread Campaign", a study of whole wheat breads and cereals, and the food value of soybeans.

June—"Home Care of the Sick." Emphasis will be placed on diets, equipment, and good bedding.

July — "Food Conservation," including demonstrations of canning fruits and vegetables.

August — "Planned Recreation" for all members of the family.

September—"Wise Use of Time and Money" at harvest time and when the children go back to school.

October — "Clothing Clinics" to learn the care and repair of wearing apparel and household furnishings.

November — "Building Strong Sturdy Bodies" and the preparation of protein dishes.

December—"Housing Repairs and Improvements for Happier Living."

Carolina Traffic Urged To Avoid Maneuver Area

RALEIGH, Nov. 26.—Officials of the North and South Carolina Highway Departments united today in urging that all civilian traffic avoid the 16-county area of the two Carolinas wherein Army maneuvers are in progress. Delays and other difficulties likely to be encountered by those attempting to travel in this area were cited as reasons for urging that they avoid it.

For south-bound traffic from the east and north, an alternate route is recommended as follows: U. S. 301 via Fayetteville to U. S. 76 in South Carolina and thence along this route via Florence and Sumter to Columbia. Traffic going south from the north and west is advised to use N. C. and S. C. 49 from Charlotte, N. C., to York, S. C., thence on U. S. 321 to Chester and U. S. 21 to Columbia. These alternate routes, one to the east and the other to the west, skirt the maneuver area. North-bound traffic should use these same routes, dependent, of course, on whether it is desired to travel northeast or northwest.

The difference in distance is negligible, it being only about 20 miles further by the recommended western route over the usual route between Columbia and Charlotte, and only about 32 miles further over the alternate Columbia-Raleigh route than over the highways usually travelled between these two points.

Counties in the maneuver area are: North Carolina—Stanly, Union, Montgomery, Anson, Moore, Richmond, Hoke and Scotland; South Carolina—York, Chester, Fairfield, Richland, Lancaster, Kershaw, Chesterfield and Marlboro.

Braille For Blind Soldiers In China

The Braille Literature Association for China, which operates from Shanghai under Christian auspices, is now facing a new flood of requests for Braille primers and slates and books in Braille for soldiers who have been blinded in fighting for their country. Its stock is becoming depleted but it is making efforts to meet as many calls as possible. Three hundred blinded soldiers in one camp in Central China are asking for 50 Braille primers and slates—the latter to aid in learning to read this script for the sightless.

HERBS

Dealers in medicinal herbs such as ginseng and golden seal are adding dandelion roots to their list this fall, paying around 25 cents a pound for them.

SILAGE

University of Tennessee experiments with feeding silage to chickens have yielded good results, both in increased egg production and the rate of growth.

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Q. What is the best green feed for poultry in the winter?

A. Cured alfalfa hay, clover hay, or lespedeza hay make good greens for winter use as a poultry feed provided the green color is retained. Another satisfactory feed is alfalfa leaf meal, and again it is important to retain the color, according to poultry specialists of the State college extension service. They say, however, that alfalfa leaf meal should not constitute more than 10 per cent of the mash. All the hays should be fed in racks since the birds will eat only the leaves and the stems can be thrown in the litter.

Q. What is the AAA payment for planting an acre of trees?

A. Under the 1942 Agricultural Conservation Program, a farmer may earn three of his soil building units, or \$4.50, for each acre of trees planted. However, the trees must be one of the following approved species: Loblolly, longleaf, shortleaf, slash, white and pitch pines; black locust, white ash, red cedar, cypress, Norway spruce, and yellow poplar.

Q. What is the best fertilizer mixture for a tobacco plant bed, and what amount should be used?

A. Two hundred pounds of a 4-8-3 mixture for each 100 square yards of bed space has proven most satisfactory, says L. T. Weeks, extension tobacco specialist. That means, two pounds of 4-8-3 per square yard. The potash in the plant bed fertilizer should be derived from sulphate of potash magnesia.

ABNORMAL

The current year has brought abnormal weather conditions in all sections of the country, especially as regards rain, reports the U. S. Weather Bureau.

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GREEN-WILSON

Miss Inez Wilson and Fred Green were married in Clayton, Ga., on Saturday, November 15. Mrs. Green is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bee Wilson of this section. Mr. Green is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Green of Turtle Pond. They are making their home in Jackson county where Mr. Green has employment.

Zillah Wilson spent a few days in Highlands this week.

Miss Stella Wilson is spending a few days with home folks.

Miss Charlotte Elliott and Mrs. W. S. Davis of Highlands were visitors at the home of Zillah Wilson Friday.

Zoa Wilson spent a few days this week with Mrs. Fannie and Margaret Ballew.

Lucy Carver has been visiting relatives in this community recently.

Uncle Nathan McKinney was visiting relatives in this community last week.

WOOL
Because of a smaller carry-over and an estimated increase in domestic consumption, the 1941-42 Argentine wool export surplus is expected to drop 10 per cent under 1940-41.

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