

### Artificial

#### Breeding Of Dairy Cattle Studied

Following a meeting of Macon County dairymen, held last Thursday at the Agricultural building, to discuss the artificial breeding of dairy cattle, County Agent S. W. Mendenhall this week asked all interested persons list their cow or cows at the county agent's office at once.

Mr. Mendenhall cited the following advantages of this type of breeding:

You would be able to breed your cows to proven bulls. By a proven bull it is meant that the production of his daughters is better than the dams, by actual weight and test. "The county agent explained that our cows now produce approximately 200 pounds of butter fat and 400 pounds of milk per year. By using proven bulls and proper feed this average could be raised in time to 600 pounds of fat and 1200 pounds of milk."

"This new method would eliminate the cost to the individual of keeping a bull; also eliminate the cost of transporting a cow to the bull, which in some cases involves long hauling."

Mr. Mendenhall added that the local veterinarian has agreed that if as many as 300 cows are obtained to breed artificially, an individual may breed his cow as many as three times for \$6.50. Semen will be furnished for Guernseys, Jerseys, and Holsteins, it was explained.

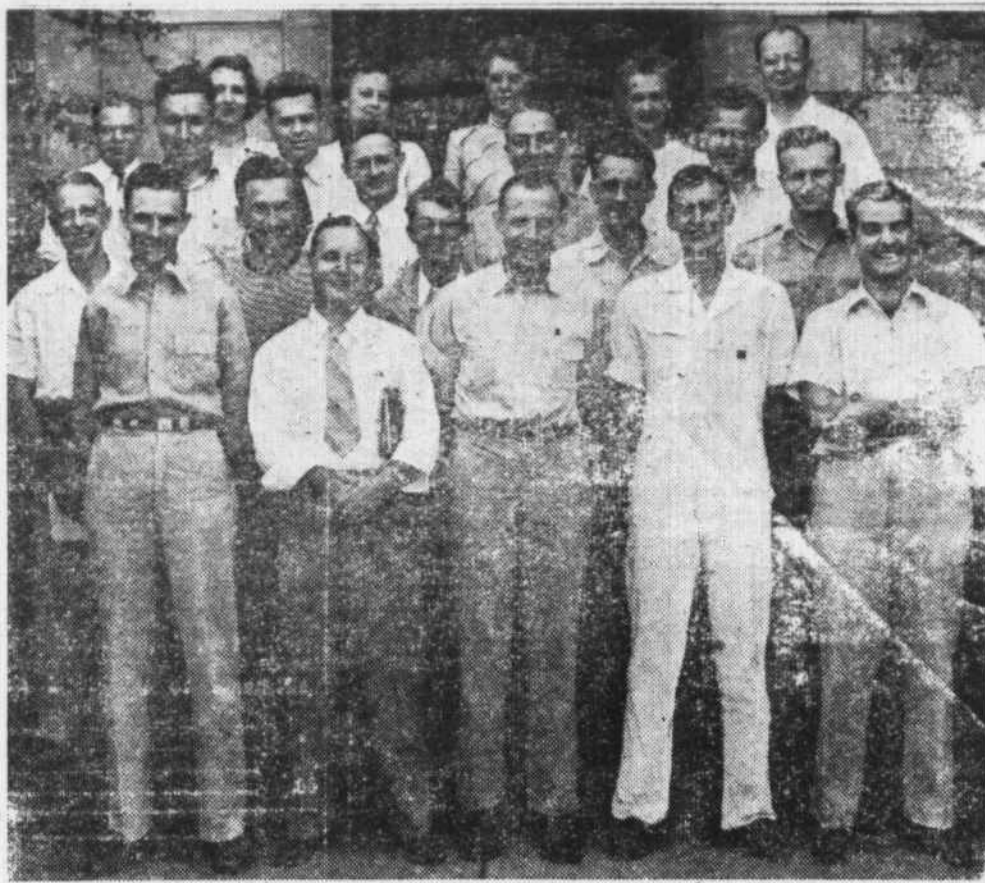
#### 9 From Church Here Attend Youth Rally Of Presbyterians

Nine young people from the Franklin Presbyterian church, accompanied by the Rev. and Mrs. Hoyt Evans, attended a Youth Rally at the Oak Forest Presbyterian church in West Asheville Monday evening. Approximately 200 young people from the Presbyterian churches in Western North Carolina were present.

The main speaker of the evening was the Rev. Walter H. Styles, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Black Mountain.

Those attending from the Franklin church, in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Evans, included the Misses Barbara Wallace, Lillian Jones, Annie Lou Huscusson, Jeana Sue Cunningham, Martha Jones, Anne Flanagan, George William (Buster) Shields, Connie Potts and John Flanagan.

Wheat straw constitutes the major proportion of the small the grain crop produced in North Carolina, and it is estimated that 400,000 tons of wheat straw was produced in 1945.



**ATTEND FREEZER LOCKER SHORT COURSE**—Pictured above are business men who attended a recent freezer locker short course at N. C. State college, together with members of the faculty and staff of the college. During their stay in Raleigh, the group studied a wide range of subjects touching on the expanding freezer locker industry in North Carolina. The only man from this immediate section attending was Oscar Ledford, of Franklin, second from left in the second row.

#### State College Hints To Farm Homemakers

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The homemaker famed for her flavorful canned peaches is now joined by the homemaker who is mastering fine points of freezing luscious fruit.

Choose peaches for freezing with special care. Peaches that would be prime for eating, mellow but firm, and uniformly ripe with no green in sight. Best for freezing are peaches picked ripe from the tree, when this can be managed.

The useful home-canning trick of dipping peaches into boiling water and then into cold, to slip skins off easily, may be used in preparation for freezing, if saving time is important. For freezing it has one drawback; the scalded outer layer tends to soften, so that the frozen fruit turns out a little less firm than if peeled without scalding.

The best treatment to prevent peaches from darkening during freezing that has been found in the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Human Nutrition and Home Economics' comparative tests is to use powdered ascorbic acid (vitamin

C). This prevents browning and also makes the frozen peaches an excellent source of Vitamin C, whereas ordinarily peaches have only a little. Citric acid crystals provide another effective treatment to prevent darkening. Drug stores sell both.

As a management tip, the freezing specialists say that preparing a few packages at a time often has advantages: Hand peeling is less of a chore if the job is small. Any peaches that show green patches can be held out for another day. And preparing a few packages can be more easily fitted into the day's regular work than a large scale freezing job.

You can't get clothes clean unless you rinse thoroughly. Here's why. The soapy wash water has penetrated deep into the fibers of the material and it must be rinsed out. To do this carefully the rinse waters must be warm enough to keep the soap dissolved.

The 1947 acreage of corn for harvest in North Carolina is estimated at 2,182,000 acres, and prospective yields point to a crop equal to the 58,914,000 bushels harvested in 1946.

#### Fish Guide To N. C. Is Now Available

North Carolina's first published account of its fishes since 1907 is now available from Wildlife Resources commission. It is "Important Food and Game Fishes of North Carolina", by Willis King, executive director of the commission.

The 54-page illustrated booklet is intended as a guide for the identification of the more important food and game fishes of the state's inland waters, and to meet a popular demand for information on the species most frequently encountered by the fishermen.

Turkey production from 1929 to 1944 nearly doubled.

## 26 Macon Boys And Girls At State For 4-H Course

Twenty-six Macon county boys and girls, accompanied by County Agent S. W. Mendenhall and Miss Veva Howard, Highlands teacher, left Monday for Raleigh to attend a 4-H club short course at North Carolina State college.

Besides attending class, the young 4-H clubbers will be taken on a tour of the state capital and will see many interesting farm demonstrations at the state extension service demonstration farm.

The group traveled in a school bus which was hired from the Rabun county school system.

The party is expected to return Saturday.

Those on the trip are Edwin Nolen, Bobby Henry, Grady Corbin, Bruce Crawford, Henderson Huggins, Charles Swafford, Frank Deal, Cecil Haney, Maxine Taylor, Emma Lou Ramsey, Wayne Harrison, Kenneth Crawford, Carrol Keener, Rose Lee Hopkins, L. C. Howard, Rose Mary Huscusson, Frances Deal, Ruth Owenby, Margaret Berry, Jerry Potts, Donna Lee Hinson, Patsy Hayes, Eugene Gray, Mary Ann Killian, Luanne Gibson, and Virginia Moses.

#### State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Q. How can I treat a calf that has scours?

A. Leland J. Case, in charge of animal husbandry extension at State college, says scours are caused by spoiled feed or infectious germs; therefore, it is of first importance to remove the cause. The stall should be disinfected, and the milk and other feed cut down. Give one to two ounces of castor oil in one-half to one pint of warm sweet milk. For cases that castor oil will not cure, give a heaping tablespoonful of equal parts of bismuth subnitrate and salol in one-half to one pint of sweet milk or water, three times a day.

Q. What are the main factors to look for in culling the laying flock?

A. Poultry specialists at State college say the most accurate indication of whether or not a hen is laying is the appearance

of the vent. The layer has a large, moist, and dilated vent, entirely white in color, in yellow-skin breeds, after several eggs have been laid. The non-layer has a small, shrunken, dry vent, that becomes yellow in color in yellow-skin breeds when laying ceases.

Other factors that determine whether a hen is laying to any considerable extent is appearance of the comb and wattles, eyes, beak, spread of pelvic bones and condition of the abdomen. The laying bird has a fairly large, smooth comb usually of bright red color and wattles that are bright red and waxy in appearance. The comb and wattles lose their bright color and become shriveled in the non-layer. The pelvic bones usually have a spread of two or three fingers in the layer and close up to one finger or slightly more in the non-layer. A bird in heavy production has a large, soft abdomen and thin, pliable skin. The skin feels thicker and the abdomen becomes harder when laying ceases.

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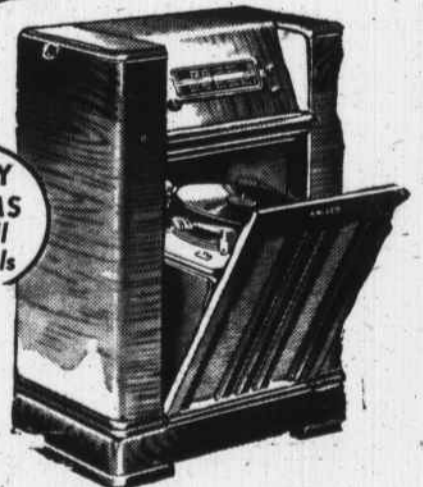
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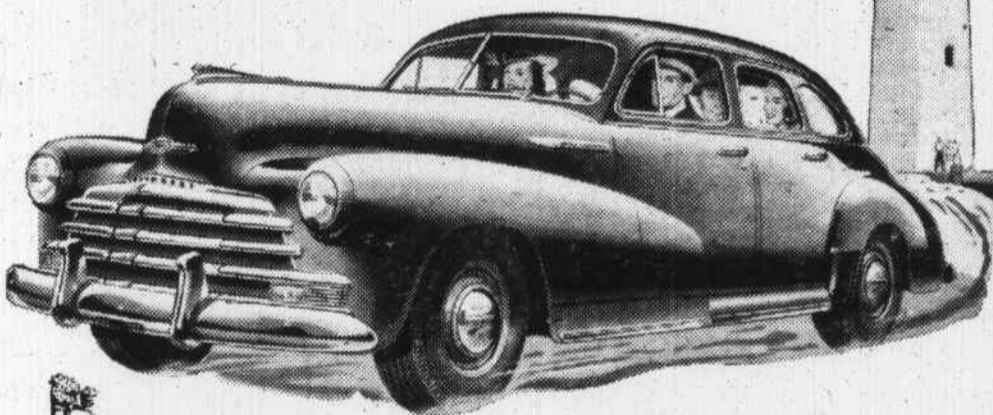
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