Poultry And Livestock Schools Are Scheduled Here Next Week

RALEIGH MEN SLATE TALKS ON LIVESTOCK

Outlook For County And Problems Will Be Features

An all-day livestock school—featuring all phases of management and production slated at the agricultural building Wednesday at 10 a. m., County Agent S. W. Mendenhall announced this week.

On the panel will be several Raleigh officials, including Sam Dodson, Dodson, agronomy specialist with the N. C. Extension Service, A. V. Allen, sheep specialist with the service, J. S. Buch-anan, beef cattle specialist, H. D. Quessenberry, market specialist with the N. C. Department of Agriculture, Jack Kelley, swine specialist and head of the animal husbandry divi-sion of the service, and C. B. Ratchford, farm management

day for plowing or some other farm work, but it is only once a year that this many men who have the know-how can be brought to Macon County. It will be to your advantage to attend this school."

Subjects to be taken up at the school include: Pasture Hay, and Silage Production, Mr Dobson; Profitable Sheep Production, Mr. Allen; Profitable Beef Cattle Production, Mr. Buchanan; Preventing Losses in Marketing of Livestock, Mr. Quessenberry; Profitable Hog Production, Mr. Kelley; Making Livestock Pay, Mr. Ratch-

LEATHERMANS VISIT HERE

Lt. and Mrs. Paul Leatherman and daughter, Connie Sue, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Leatherman, of the Liberty community last week. Lt. Leatherman, who has been assistant adjutant general of the combined post and division headquarters of the 18th Infantry Division at Fort Jackson, S. C., for the past 18 months, has been ordered to report to Specialist.

To farmers the county agent said: "Wednesday may be a fine Command, Yokohoma, Japan."



ergy savers are recommended by home management special-ists to make the homemaker's job easier. Here are some of her suggestions:

Hang often-used small utensils and supplies — measuring cups, spoons, strainers, spices on upper cabinet doors to avoid much stooping and bending.

Sit down to do such jobs as ironing, preparation of vegetables, dishwashing - reduces energy, helps to prevent aching back and feet.

Keep a waste basket in each room; empty all of them into a large grocery paper bag that you can carry from room to room and then throw the whole thing away—saves trips and re-handling of trash.

Make one member of the family responsible for leaving the living room in order at night-it will save time each

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Use plastic food bags for leftfresh foods and bread; overs. they take practically no storage space, and can be a help when you are "pushed for enough space" in your refrigerator.

Keep a measuring tool in all staple foods. For example: A teaspoon in coffee can, a cup and sifter in flour container, a quarter cup in sugar cabinet, etc. Thus you eliminate extra reaching, handling, and wash-

State College Answers **Timely Farm Questions**

Q. What is the fastest way to get young pine seedlings started on cut-over land?

A. The control of hardwoods with chemicals is often required to get pines started again, says James H. Phillips, forestry specialist for the State College Extension Service.

Mr. Phillips reports that there are many acres of cut-over land in North Carolina that will require treatment with chemicals before pines will seed back naturally or before they can be successfully planted.

Two of the most effective

chemicals recommended for killing hardwood trees are ammate

and 2, 4, 5-T, according to Mr. Phillips. These materials are easy to apply and they pose no danger to livestock that may graze the area.

He urges farmers to consult their county agent before ap-

plying tree poisons.
One of the many farmers who know the value of getting young pine seedlings started back on cut-over land as soon as possible is Sidney Randolph, Route 1. Enfield.

With the help of his county agent and the forestry specialtake about 10 or 15 acres of cut-over land each year several years and poison the hardwoods and plant pines.

This Week With Macon County Agents

By T. H. FAGG

The gardening season is about here. It is very important that every farm family, and also where possible city people, have a home garden. Did you know that about 20 per cent of the farm families in North Carolina do not have a vegetable garden? I sincerely hope that this is not true of the farm families in Macon County, and I do not believe that it is. I do believe, however, that we can do much to improve the kind of gardens we raise from the standpoint of quality and variety of vegetables that we grow.

Good gardens are valuable from a financial standpoint. It been reliably estimated that a garden is worth from \$300 to \$500, at least, to the family growing it. Is this not a worthwhile part of our farming operation? Retail values on curb markets last year of 15



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vegetables in sufficient quantitles for one person amounted to \$73.75. For a family of five this would amount to \$368.75. Not only are home gardens

valuable from the standpoint of money, but also from the standpoint of the health of the family. Vegetables taken directly from the garden and used immediately are certainly more palatable and nutritious than those that have been harvested and transported some times hundreds of miles and sold over the counter in a grocery store. ists, Mr. Randolph is going to The different kinds of vegetables grown in the home garden also affects the health of the family. Instead of growing just a few beans, potatoes and onions, each garden should include at least 15 or 20 different kinds of vegetables in order that our people can more nearly balance their diets with the food elements needed in their bodies. Try planting a new vegetable each year, and also try to learn to eat some of all the vegetables grown.

With more and more of our farm families having access to freezer lockers and buying home freezers of their own, home gardens are becoming more and more important. It is just as important to have a good supply of vegetables for winter use as for the summer. Freezing certainly has taken the drudgery out of food preservation for the housewife and at the same time furnishes much better quality foods for winter use. Of course, there are still a few vegetables that cannot be frozen. These can be preserved by canning, drying and storing.

A few tips on producing good said. gardens follow

you are going to plant.

2. Purchase seed and plants of good adapted varieties from reliable sources; disease resistant, where possible.

3. Prepare a good seed bed. Early plowing and a good coat of barnyard manure is not a

tilizer, such as 5-10-10, and a nitrogen top dresser on vegetables requiring it.

5. Large early plantings of regetables to be frozen, canned or preserved, to avoid disease and insects that so badly dam-

age later plantings. 6. Successive plantings of is empty." tomatoes, etc., to insure season

long supply.
7. Efficient use of spray or dust materials to insure control of insects and diseases.

8. Contact county agent's office for latest bulletins on varieties, disease and insect control, fertilization, cultural practices,

Commercial Egg Market Here Will Be Taken Up By Men

Poultry men!

Are you wondering whether to fill your poultry houses again this year or not

Are you asking if this year will be better than last year? What are the possibilities of producing commercial eggs in this county?

These and many other questions on poultry will be answered at a special poultry school next Thursday, February 26, at the agricultural building, according to County Agent S. W. Mendenhall.

C. F. Parrish, head of poultry with the N. C. Extension Service, will be in charge of the school and he will be as-

sisted by W. G. Andrews and Thomas B. Morris, also of the extension service, and Dr. C. R. Border, of the Waynesville poultry laboratory. Mr. Parrish will give the out-look for the poultry industry; Mr. Andrews will talk on feed-

ing and management; Mr. Morris on housing, equipment, and marketing; and Dr. Border on disease control. The school hours will be 10

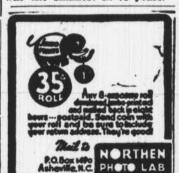
a. m. to 3 p. m., with time out for lunch, the county agent

ardens follow:
Pointing to the ups and
Plan what and how much downs of the poultry industry here last year, Mr. Mendenhall explained that the lower production should help strengthen the demand and price this year.

He said both North and South Carolina are short on commercial eggs and since a quality eating egg is always in demand, commercial production 4. Use of good commercial fer-men should consider.

"The person who is successful with poultry or any other farming enterprise is the one who stays with it," the county agent stressed. "Prepare for the low market and take advantage of the high market; you can't do this if your poultry house

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