

## This Week With Macon County Agents

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Sheep afford an excellent source of additional farm income for the farmers of Macon County. The soil of this county produces good pasture and legume hay and sheep are unsurpassed in their ability to utilize pasture and roughage.

Actually, sheep raising is a "double-barreled" source of income, through the sale of lambs and wool. The availability to a local lamb and wool pool, plus the fact that labor, grain, equipment, and initial investment requirements for a sheep enterprise are small, as compared with other

classes of livestock, should appeal to Macon County farmers as being profitable and desirable.

Sheep raising is perhaps the oldest phase of animal husbandry, as we think back to Biblical days when "shepherds tended their flocks" for a source of clothing and food, and of course there have been many changes along the way. Wars, national and international policies, changes in population, competition for the use of land, labor and capital, and changes in demand may affect the sheep industry, as all industries are effected, but the outlook for the next few years generally is bright for the well-informed and experienced sheep raiser. Knowledge and experience enable those engaged in any occupation to react most intelligently and wisely to opportunities and to varying conditions.

The chief objection of most farmers to starting a sheep enterprise usually is fence requirements and the risk of loss from predators (usually dogs). Sheep are perhaps the poorest equipped of any do-

mesticated animals for their own defense, since their main means of defense is in flight, and losses may come from injury, exhaustion or fright. Many insurance companies offer policies covering such risks and the farmer who has an investment in sheep certainly shouldn't be without this protection.

Perhaps a calendar of practices would enable those already engaged in sheep raising to do a little better job with their flocks and, as most calendars start at the first of the year, we will "back up" and look at the following suggestions:

- January:
1. Start feeding ewes one-half pound of grain daily two weeks before lambing.
  2. Provide lambing pen for each five or six ewes in warmest place in barn.
  3. Get lambs dry and some milk in them immediately after birth.
- February:
1. Castrate and dock lambs at

one to three weeks of age.

2. Continue to feed ewes one-half pound of grain daily.

3. Provide a clean well-bedded creep in barn for lambs and keep grain before them.

4. House ewes with young lambs separately.

March:

1. Creep feed lambs until sold.
2. House sheep in severe weather.

April:

1. Move creep to field when flock is put on pasture.
2. Drench ewes with phenothiazine after lambing.
3. Start shearing when weather gets warm.

May:

1. Keep phenothiazine-salt mixture before sheep from May 1 to Oct. 1.
2. Complete shearing before hot weather.
3. Run rams separate from the ewes until breeding season in the fall.
4. Guard against maggots in the lambs and ewes.

June:

1. Market lambs that weigh above 85 pounds and are fat.
2. Dip ewes for scab after shearing at least every other year.
3. Place ewes on sparse pasture as lambs are sold (to aid in drying off).

July:

1. Wean all lambs by July 15 and dry off the ewes.
2. Shear rams for the breeding season.
3. Drench lambs kept over with one-half ounce phenothiazine in suspension.

August:

1. Put ewes on good fresh pasture two weeks before breeding.
2. Remove tags from ewes.
3. Turn rams with ewes between August 15 — September 1.
4. If weather is hot, keep rams up in day time.

September:

1. Keep ewes on good pasture.
2. Sow a winter green crop for ewes to graze on after lambing.

October:

1. Stop feeding phenothiazine-salt mixture to sheep.
2. Obtain high quality cross-bred Western ewe lamb to keep for breeding ewes.
3. Remove rams from ewes by last of month.

November:

1. Get barns ready to house sheep in severe weather.
2. Begin feeding roughage.
3. Keep ewes gaining in flesh until lambing.

December:

1. Drench ewes with phenothiazine early in month.
2. Get lambing quarters and pens ready for lambing.
3. Begin feeding grain to ewes.

# Tax Notice

## Town of Franklin 1954 Taxes

All 1954 town taxes which are not paid will be advertised for four weeks in The Franklin Press. This adds the cost of advertising to your tax bill.

Sale of Tax Leins will be held at the front door of the Macon County Courthouse at noon on the second Monday in June and 6% interest added from that date to date of payment.

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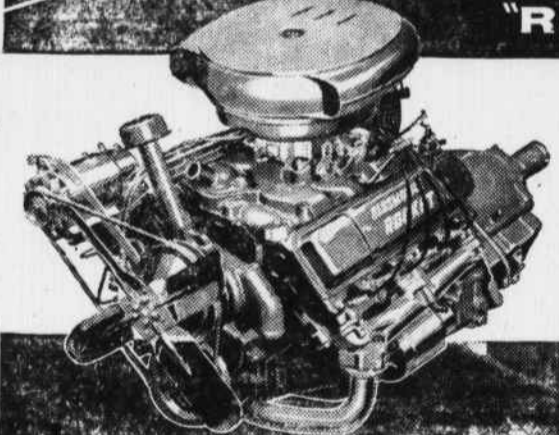
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### MAKE IT SPARKLE

Home management specialists say baking soda cleans, sweetens, deodorizes and is excellent cleaning solution for refrigerators, food containers, freezers, bottles and lunch boxes. Make sure the family refrigerator and freezer are immaculately sweet and clean, spotless and odorless for they safeguard the family's health foodwise.

Make a basic cleaning solution using three tablespoonfuls of baking soda to each quart of warm water.

To clean refrigerator, empty and defrost. Remove all shelves, storage drawers and ice cube trays and wash each with the baking soda solution. Rinse with clean water and dry. Wash lining of refrigerator with basic soda solution, wipe with clean cloth wrung out of clean water and dry. Replace shelves, storage drawers and ice cube trays. Turn temperature to desired setting and return food to refrigerator.

To clean home freezer, or freezing compartment of combination refrigerator-freezer, empty and defrost. Then wash with basic baking soda solution, rinse, wipe and dry as directed for refrigerator. Use basic baking soda solution to clean, sweeten and deodorize food containers of all types.

### State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Q. What is meant by the term Orobanche?

A. The term Orobanche refers to a group of plants which make up what is known as the broomrape family. This is a group of parasitic plants which usually produce no green color and live on the roots of various plants such as tobacco.

Q. Is Orobanche found locally?  
A. It has been noted that certain species are being found on Burley tobacco but only a few cases where it has attacked flue-cured tobacco have been found.

Q. How do you treat for Orobanche?

A. The only relief known at the present time is to pull up and burn immediately any tobacco plants to which Orobanche attached itself. This prevents the formation of seed from which this plant might reproduce itself.

### MACON'S Newest Citizens

(Unavoidably omitted last week)

Born to:  
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fouts, of Pontiac, Mich., and Franklin, a son, April 4 in Pontiac.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon C. Pruett, of Franklin, a daughter, Virginia Beth, April 6 at Angel Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. George Edward Crawford, of Franklin, a son, Max Eugene, April 11 at Angel Hospital. Mrs. Crawford is the former Miss Betty Fouts.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Brown, of Wests Mill, a daughter, April 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Speed, formerly of Highlands, a son, March 24 in Anderson, S. C.

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### Demonstration Club Meetings For Week Are Announced

Meetings of home demonstration clubs in the county for the coming week have been announced by Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, county home demonstration agent. They are as follows:

Today (Thursday): 4-H Training School at Bryson City.

Friday: Cowee Club at 1:30 p.m. with Mrs. George Bryd.

Monday: Hickory Knoll Club at 1:30 p.m. with Mrs. Clarence Vanhook; Highlands Club at 7:20 p.m. in basement of Presbyterian Church, with Mrs. Bill McCall and Mrs. Willard Johnson as hostesses.

Tuesday: Olive Hill and Oak Dale at 2 p.m. with Mrs. Carlos Rogers.

Wednesday: Upper Cartoogechaye at 1:30 p.m. with Mrs. W. M. Beck.

Thursday: Franklin Club at 8 p.m., with Mrs. E. C. Harmon, Mrs. Zeb Conley, and Mrs. J. L. West, Sr., as hostesses.

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### McKelvey Attends Telephone Meeting

R. E. McKelvey, local manager of the Western Carolina Telephone Company, last week attended the Executives' Conference of the U. S. Independent Telephone Association, at Belleair, Fla.

Only one state—Tennessee—reported a rise in coal production in 1954, a total of 6,154,000 tons, against 5,467,000 tons in 1953.

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## the Snapshot Guild



Spring brings many interesting activities, typical of the season. The bird-house painting picture above represents but one of the many opportunities you'll have to make excellent snapshots for the family album.

### Springtime Activities Offer Good Snapshot Material

Everyone is always glad to see spring come. It is such a wonderful season, so refreshing after the comparative dullness of winter that people seem to be more active than ever. And, their activities make excellent snapshot subject material.

As you know, any activity means people in action—doing something, not just standing still for the camera. When we say action, we don't necessarily mean fast motion, but merely "something going on" that makes pictures interesting. Now, with sunny spring days before us, there's much to focus on. Planting in the garden, the first spring blossoms, tuning up Junior's bicycle and Sister's roller skates, the children's backyard tournament of marbles and tops and horseshoes, the fresh coat of paint for house or garden-gate, the brand-new litter of kittens or puppies—all these are part of the season—all are part of the family

history—and all make excellent picture material.

One of the best features of Spring's "call to action" is that every one of these activities can provide a series of pictures—a whole picture story. Consider the case of one small boy, a bucket of paint, a brush and a picket fence. Catch a "before" shot, a picture of concentrated effort as work progresses, the finished product with paint equally divided between fence and boy—and you have your own Tom Sawyer story for the family album!

Or take the antics of baby and a tiny new puppy—baby sunning himself in the playpen, the playful pup trying to get into the pen, finally baby meets dog and they're both inside looking out. Can you imagine how much pleasure such a series will give the family as they leaf through the album in the years ahead?

—John Van Guilder

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