

# Prentiss Community Family Is Featured In National Magazine

## This Week With Macon County Agents

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According to the January, 1955, Farm Census Survey, Ma-

con County farmers used 16,566 acres or 12% of the 135,610 acres of farm land to harvest crops in 1954. All other land, such as woods, waste, etc., accounted for 65%, an increase in acreage due to all woodland being excluded from unimproved pasture. Of the remaining 23% idle crop land and improved pasture accounted for 5% each, and 13% was in unimproved pasture. Hay and corn continued to be the largest crops grown representing 47 and 38 per cent respectively of

the total. Milk cows reported on farms, were about the same number as last year, while cows kept for beef showed a decline. Other items listed were 617 peach trees; 1,703 cords of pulpwood cut; and 3,123 tons of silage made in 1954. The survey also reported 9,360 people living on farms or tracts of three acres or more.

With 65% of our land in woods or waste, there remains plenty of room for reforestation and selective cutting. Farmers of the county are aware of this fact and have placed orders for thousands of pine seedlings. The white pine allotment for Macon County was 100,000 seedlings this year. This supply has already been exhausted but the supply of short leaf seedlings is still available. The short leaf pine does very well if planted in the open at an elevation under 2,500 feet. The spacing is the same as white pine; 6 by 7 feet.

Since the opening of the highways in the county, farmers seem to be more active in their woodlands than last year. As you know, when nature plants a forest she often places many trees on an acre that will never develop into lumber or any other commercial product. As time passes, in the fight for space, many trees are crowded out and die, others become crippled and deformed, and still others are damaged and diseased. Often clean, straight trees are suppressed by crooked, rough trees. The final stand is a mixture of good and bad. We can help nature in her process of selection by removing the undesirable and over-crowded trees early in the life of the stand and thus provide space for the better trees to grow and develop.

James Bates, 4-H club mem-



**Living Room Storage** — Make your living room a place where family members will enjoy spending leisure time. Provide space for reading, playing, talking, and playing music. You will want good storage space for books, magazines, sheet music, records, games, tables, and musical instruments.

Storage space can do much to make your living room attractive, livable, and convenient —shelves built in to hold books, magazines, and sheet music; cabinets to hold games toys, and accessories; closets for card

boards, musical instruments, and firewood. Where it is impossible to provide storage space in the living room, use an adjoining hall or room nearby. And build your storage space to suit your family's needs.

**Fabric Fashions For Table Setting** — Fashion calls for linens with dash and character. Old or white linens may be given new life by dyeing them. (You can do it in the automatic washer).

Place mats may be made, hemmed or fringed, from a wide assortment of fabrics to give variety in table setting. You will find mats in emphatic colors made from sack cloth, butcher linen, fine linen make effective backgrounds for your china and earthenware.

ber of the Otto community, completed a timber stand improvement project on the farm of Bryant McClure last year. If you happen to be going out the Georgia road you may note this patch of pines approximately 18 years old with some white bands on trees that will be left as crop trees. Eventually all trees except these will be removed. Last year on this one acre plot, James worked 36.5 hours at 75 cents per hour with a total labor cost of \$27.38. He cut four cords of pulpwood and sold for \$13.50 per cord for a total of \$54. At this rate James showed a net return of \$27.62 not to mention one-half cord of firewood. As these figures show, selective cutting is not a get-rich-fast deal, but the biggest profit will be realized in later years because this plot will reach maturity earlier with a better quality and quantity of saw logs.

**State College Answers Timely Farm Questions**

**Q. Can Tar Heel egg producers compete with producers in other states?**

A. Yes, if our hens averaged 220 eggs per year we could ship eggs to any state and make a profit. Some states sending eggs to North Carolina have already passed an annual rate of lay of 200 eggs per hen. The average for the U. S. in 1954, was 184 eggs per hen.

**Q. Should a newly-planted apple tree be pruned at planting time?**

A. Yes. It should be pruned

## Teagues' 'New Look' Farm Is Subject Used By Agent

As a typical family emphasizing the "new look" in extension work, the Woodrow Teagues, of Prentiss, are among several featured in the January issue of What's New In Home Economics.

The article is illustrated by three pictures; of the Teagues, their remodeled home, and their living room picture window and its sweeping backdrop of mountains and the lush Prentiss valley.

Author of the article, entitled "Extension Begins a New Method" is Miss Mena Hogan, field agent with the federal extension service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. She visited Macon County last summer to gather material for the article and spent some time with the Teagues.

In the magazine article, she has this to say about the Macon family:

"Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Teague, who live in the Prentiss community in Macon County, N. C., provide a good example of the teamwork which will be expected throughout farm and home development work in that state.

"When Ruth Current, state home demonstration agent, Tom Fagg, and Mrs. Florence Sherrill, county agricultural and home demonstration agents, and I visited this family, we were told of the work of all the members of the family in achieving comfortable and attractive and secure living conditions.

"Getting a good income from the farm was a first and major consideration. All members of the family have worked together to follow recommended practices in dairy, poultry, and other farm management projects.

"Mrs. Teague and daughter, Konda, help cheerfully about the dairy barn as well as pitching in with whatever other tasks there are around the farm.

"Pasture improvement has been a major task in the Teagues' farm and home plan, and we saw lush, gentle rolling pasture land—with mountains and river in the background—form as beautiful a landscape as ever was painted.

"The farm is a 160-acre one, and careful use must be made of each acre. Protein supplements are purchased for the dairy cows and for the 750 New Hampshire Red hens the family keeps. Corn and hay are grown for silage and there are two silos on the farm.

"Farm income came first, but that didn't mean that the Teagues waited for home improvements. Doing most of the work himself, although he grinned and said Ruth (his wife) could drive a nail about as well as he could, Mr. Teague has, over a period of a few years, remodeled an old farmhouse into an attractive, convenient, and livable one.

"Ruth has been local leader in her home demonstration club and now is the home management leader for the county.

"Many of her ideas may be seen in the cheerful living room with its beautiful picture window overlooking the lovely valley mentioned.

"The Teagues' kitchen had been dark and dreary when the family had purchased the farm. Now it is bright and modern and has running hot and cold water.

"A few feet of space had been taken off the kitchen and one downstairs bedroom to form the new bathroom.

"A home freezer, chock-full of food, supplements a canned and stored supply.

"An old unused attic had been converted into two bedrooms—one for Konda and one shared by Victor and Douglas, the 19 and 11-year-old sons.

"These two bedrooms are joined by a living room space, pine-paneled, which provides a pleasant area for the children to entertain their friends.

"Education advantages for the children are important items in the Teagues' plan. College is in the picture for them all."

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**Q. How can you control lice on beef cattle?**

A. By spraying in the fall and repeating in late winter or early spring. Either of these formulas will make a satisfactory spray: one pound of 25 per cent Lindane per 100 gallons of water; or eight pounds of 50 per cent DDT wettable powder per 100 gallons of water.

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