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**FINE ALFALFA
AT WILCOX FARM****Ground Covered With Dense
and Vigorous Growth
of Green**

John Wilcox, county commissioner, has to do something more than earn five or six or seven dollars a month from the county, or what ever the big salary of a county commissioner is, so he carries on farming to supplement that salary. His big farm of 1,200 acres in the Horseshoe of the Deep river, has about half its area cleared for cultivation and pasture, and the spring is far enough along for the land to be showing its worth as a producer of crops. Probably the most interesting phase of the farm operations at this time is the alfalfa field with which Mr. Wilcox has been testing out the possibilities of the red lands of the county. Last year this field was mowed several times, the first yield being about 2,700 tons of hay to the acre, and the following cuttings carrying the total up to a figure that suggests that alfalfa given half the attention that cotton requires will make a better return for the outlay, and with greater certainty of making and harvesting a crop in these days of uncertain labor.

The Wilcox farm is the historical tract once owned by Governor Williams and figuring as the scene of the battle of the revolutionary days when Fanning and Alston brought their antagonism to a climax. The house in which Mr. Wilcox lives sheltered Alston at the time of the battle, and is full of bullet holes that are as plainly seen now as on the day they were made. For a century and a half the farm has been cultivated, and its possibilities to day are excellent. The disturbance of the recent war interrupted and changed farm conditions in the Horseshoe country as elsewhere, and a difficulty in getting suitable help has led to considerable experiment along lines that may help to determine how to farm with more machinery and less man power. The farm is equipped with every modern implement and machine that will accomplish work.

Duroc-Jersey hogs have had a place in the farm program, the red hog appearing to give better results than the Berkshire, which has made such a pronounced hit in the sandy section. Mr. Wilcox does not attempt to explain why the red hog has done better on his farm, for he has tried both red and black and has several Berkshire brood sows in his herd now. He has turned off good crops of hogs, some going to Richmond to market, some to Harry Lewis at Southern Pines, and a large number to persons who buy young pigs to raise. He has sold this spring four or five dozen young pigs in this way, and has more in the lots that will probably follow.

While he has been giving more attention to hogs than to other farm stock he does right well with turkeys, and he hopes to build up a herd of cattle of a good type as he has done with hogs, for it is his opinion that grazing is to be one of the big possibilities in the Deep river valley in the days ahead of us when labor is to be scarce and when crops must be harvested by the animals that can feed themselves in the fields and in the pastures, and save the work of handling the bulky products.

Road improvement has made big strides in the upper section of the county, and with this big change over the old time roads that part of the county will have a better chance. Before the railroad came into the lower part of the county and gave the sandhills the outlet to the world the upper end of the county was far in the lead in development. But transportation changed all that, and the river section was outdistanced. The Norfolk Southern road changed conditions in a way, but good roads came first to the Sandhills and the Deep river was still in the mud. Now good roads have penetrated up that

way, and the people are in hopes of a revival of old time ascendancy and prosperity. A lot of good farms are up in that part of the county, the Wilcox farm, Will Harrington's, Evelyn Harrington, Graham Tyson, Dr. Street, Sandy Jones, and others big and little, all with land of fertility and endurance, good homes, intelligent farmers, fine women and bright children in the homes, electricity and water in the house, telephones and other conveniences that are attractive. One need up that way is more settlers to cut some of the big farms into smaller holdings, for Mr. Wilcox says the old day of abundant labor appears to be past, and to handle such big plantations is almost impossible in these days of the drift of people from country to the towns.

**KIWANIS PUSHING
HOTEL PROJECT**

At the meeting of the Kiwanis club Wednesday the committee having in charge the new hotel scheme announced gratifying results, as many persons are offering subscriptions, and hotel men are taking an interest in the proposition with the end in view of securing the new place if it is built. The committee was continued and instructed to carry on vigorously.

Richard Tufts and Charles Gloma were chosen delegates to represent the club at Minneapolis in June, with Harrison Stutts and Mr. Bass, of Aberdeen as alternates.

The new radio outfit is serving its purpose in the sick rooms and will be moved about from place to place a week at a time to provide entertainment for the largest number possible.

Among the visitors present were two introduced by Bion H. Butler who told the members that John Chilcott of Brookville, Pa., and Fred Lane, of Brockwayville, Pa., had been boyhood playmates with him sixty years ago, and called attention to the three old codgers as about as good a collection of boyhood friends of civil war days as any Kiwanis club in the country can produce at a minute's notice.

**CONVENTIONS THIS
YEAR AT PINEHURST****From Now Until Way in May
Half a Dozen
Scheduled**

Pinehurst will be lively with crowds of people until the season closes the latter part of May, as at least half a dozen big conventions are scheduled along with the other patronage, each meeting probably to bring from a hundred to five hundred delegates. These meetings will be held at the Carolina, but it is likely overflows will have to be cared for at the other hotels. Already dates are secured for conventions in the opening of the season in the fall at Pinehurst, three having arranged for November and December, and these will also be big gatherings. The dates so far announced are as follows:

April 21, 22, N. C. State Insurance Agents, approximate attendance, 150 to 250; April 26, N. C. Nursing Association, approximate attendance, 100 to 150; April 27, 30, N. C. Doctors, approximate attendance, 300 to 500; May 4, 6, N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs, approximate attendance, 200 to 300; May 7, 9, N. C. Bankers, approximate attendance, 300 to 400; May 11, 13, N. C. Dentists, approximate attendance, 200 to 300.

November, Kiwanis; December, Motion Picture Theatre Owners of North Carolina; Dec. 4, 5, Sixth Annual Meeting of the Association of University and College Business officers of the Eastern States.

Take good care of the young pigs this year, they will likely be worth real money next spring. Records show that about half of the pigs farrowed die before being weaned, say swine specialists of State College.

To have a paying corn crop, plant good sound seed.

**POULTRY AND
EGG MARKETING****Lewis Says The People Should
Get More Serious About
This Matter**

The weather has been fine this spring and with early warm weather, every old hen on the place began shelling out the eggs and all at once the bottom fell out of prices much earlier than was expected this season.

In ten days the wholesale price of eggs on the Raleigh market went from 40 to 25 cents per dozen. It was then that the N. C. Division of Markets, in cooperation with the Farm and Home Agents began making plans for shipping eggs in carlots and the first carload of eggs from eastern North Carolina was shipped March 11th from Washington, N. C., at 23½ cents per dozen f. o. b. track.

This past week other cars went out at 25 cents per dozen f. o. b. track and the prices are up to 27½ cents per dozen f. o. b. track in carlots this week (March 23).

When the first car of eggs moved as a cooperative carlot shipment, the farmers were receiving from 15 to 20 cents per dozen, and when it is understood that the Division of Markets plans some 20 to 30 cars of eggs this spring while they are cheap, it can be seen what a saving can be effected to the producers—from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 per car of 400 cases.

So far as demonstrating that eggs can be marketed from this State in carlots, it is now a settled fact and plans are now under way for getting poultry and egg cars operating regularly in certain portions of the State to take care of the surpluses, especially during the spring months when about 70 per cent of North Carolina's present egg supply comes on the market and they are very cheap.

Another project that is being fostered, is the storing of eggs. When a large supply of our production comes within a few months and we are eating so many cold storage eggs from outside the State, it is very practical that we should take care of our supply by storing a good per cent. It is unfortunate that North Carolina does not have more storage space for eggs, but it is being provided and one plant this year can accommodate 50 cars.

As was done last year, live poultry is moving in carlots. Around 15 counties are now interested in this movement and will participate in such shipments during the next 30 days.

Only last week some 19,000 pounds went from Washington, N. C., as a carlot movement and a North Carolina Wholesale Produce firm will load in carlots from three counties this week, the shipments going north and east. Most of these shipments have been bought by firms outside the State, but we are encouraging home facilities in handling the shipments and in developing competition. One North Carolina firm will store 12 cars of eggs this season and is trying to get North Carolina eggs as an advertising feature as well as help develop the industry.

We need to create more interest on the part of North Carolinians in a great industry like that of poultry. This State should now be thinking in terms of \$100,000,000 for poultry and eggs annually and by increasing the quality right along as well as the quantity of the average farm flock, it can very easily be reached.

We could market carloads of poultry and eggs by the scores if we could get them assembled faster, and beginning this summer and fall the Division plans to help develop better methods of assembling and grading of poultry and eggs to be marketed in 1926.

Let's get more serious about this wonderful crop in which the children can lend a help as to labor, as well as which aids in a better distribution of labor on the farm as a whole. Mr. Bill Boll Weevil is standing at the entrance of every cotton field in North Carolina and he is brazen enough not

to wait for an invitation to enter. The poultry and egg money will help keep the children in school if the cotton crop is cut heavy, so let's look after the children and let them help earn this money by having some good poultry and then taking more interest in marketing the products.

V. M. LEWIS,

Livestock & Poultry Marketing,

**LAST CONCERT OF THE
SEASON AT PINEHURST**

The last musical concert of the season was given at the Carolina Theatre Tuesday evening when three great artists appeared on one program. This trio calls itself the Griffes Group in honor of the late Charles Griffes, noted composer. Included Olga Steeb, a young pianist from the Pacific coast, who is being heralded in one press notice as the coming Paderewski, Sascha Jacobinoff violinist of great natural skill ad ability who thoroughly understood the handling of a fiddle, and Lucy Gates, long a favorite with a great many American people. This soprano has had a wide popularity with victrola people and the discs recording her numbers have been pleasing affairs.

The program opened with Olga Steeb and Jacobinoff playing a number of airs from Beethoven, which was followed by Lucy Gates with selections from Greig, Lemaire and Liszt. Miss Steeb and Jacobinoff with three numbers each gave to the audience a rare treat on piano and violin, alone. The program was concluded with the group in concert. The Pilot makes no attempt whatever at Musical criticism but it can probably say for the entire audience of men and women whether they know much or little of music, real artists were recognized and appreciated in the command and superb way they handled their instruments. Miss Steeb is no doubt one of the greatest pianists ever heard in the Sandhills and it was with a great deal of interest her music was received and the light airy way her hands had of moving over the keys.

**WOODLEY RAISES
SANDHILL COTTON****Moore County Legislator Knows
How to Carry on a
Big Farm**

E. J. Woodley, member of assembly from Moore county who lives at Jackson Springs, knows how to make cotton and corn. He came into this county about fifteen years ago from South Carolina and settled in the edge of the county, picking up land in the edge of the three counties, and he has been adding to his holdings until he has now about 1,700 acres. Of this nearly half is cleared, with more getting cleared all the time. It is to be said of the assemblyman that his land tells where it is if you happen to be driving along the road. The good cultivation and clean and business like condition of the farms is not easy to misunderstand.

About 500 acres of cotton will be the crop this year, and some of it is already planted, although it is early in the season yet. But Mr. Woodley says he wants a chance to beat the weevil on some of it. This crop will be slightly bigger than that of last year. The farm is steadily growing. It is also not only a cotton farm, but the feed to run the big place is made there. Last summer corn enough was made to sell some and have enough for the two dozen families that live on the land. Other supplies were produced by the farms and the tenants.

It is apparent that the example of the Jackson Springs man has had an influence on others in his neighborhood, for all around is evidence of improvement in farm practices, indicating a big future for the section in which the Woodley farms are located.

In addition to the big farming interests Mr. Woodley has in the neighborhood of Jackson Springs he also carries on one of the big stores of the Sandhills, and does a big merchandising business.

**CAR OF POULTRY
LOADS APRIL 14****Prices Expected to Run About
Twenty or Twenty One
Cents**

On Tuesday, April 14th, farmers will find the poultry car on the track at Vass to load with all varieties of chickens, ducks, geese, etc., in accordance with the following letter V. W. Lewis writes The Pilot:

"On Tuesday and Wednesday, April 14th and 15th, we expect to ship a carload of poultry from Vass and Sanford, respectively.

"Since this is the first shipment made from this territory, it is very important that we make a success of the venture, and I am asking that the District Agent of that section, together with the Farm and Home Agents of Moore, Lee, Harnett and Hoke Counties, set aside some time between now and April 14th, for properly advertising this shipment.

"We shall be able to notify you by Wednesday, the 8th, what the prices are for the following week. You may rest assured that we will get as much as possible for this shipment, namely, hens, roosters, fryers, broilers, geese, ducks, turkeys, guineas, etc. The main point to consider is getting the proper tonnage for filling the car, and if each one to whom I am writing will get back of the project, there is no reason why we should not give a splendid demonstration of voluntary group marketing of a carload of poultry.

"It is also possible that along with this bid on poultry, we will submit a price on eggs to be taken up at the same time, but the eggs must be in thirty-dozen egg cases and the farmers must furnish the cases, which are to be included in the prices for eggs f. o. b. shipping point."

A letter from the Southern Produce and Commission Company at Hamlet to D. M. McCrimmon says:

"It is hard to quote the market as far ahead as the middle of April, as it is about as fickle as cotton. About the only way is to see if the tonnage may be had, then quote the prices a week ahead of the schedule. We are loading four cars in South Carolina this week at 21 cents for hens and the comprise 90 per cent of the tonnage; old roosters 10 cents, friers 35 cents, ducks, 15 cents, geese 10 cents and broilers 2 pounds and under 40 cents.

"All these cars are loading at different places and a full tonnage is obtained on all; two of the cars were loaded in one county and just six weeks ago we loaded another car in the same county. We should think that around 20 cents for hens would be a fair price to get the movement started in your section. There is a considerable expense attached to a carlot movement. This is especially true in operating the car through for the first time.

"Definite prices will be quoted when the car is scheduled but you can see what they think of the price, and you man count upon us to pay the top market price."

The business people of Vass and vicinity are helping with this movement, and the sentiment now is that it will be a success and open a new field for a farm income of considerable magnitude.

**NEW ELECTRIC SHOP
OPENS IN ABERDEEN**

Henry Addor and Bert Wicker are opening a new electric shop in Aberdeen where they will have for sale everything in the line. This will include radio outfits, lighting and heating appliances, the house furnishings, novelties and miscellaneous material that attaches to electrical wires and current. The names leave mighty little to be added concerning the character of the new place, for they tell of ability and experience.

Tom Tarheel says his children like eggs about as well as town folks and so he only sells his surplus.