

County Agent Urges Farmers to Greater Use of Winter Cover Crops

Low Price of Seed Makes This Ideal Season for Soil Improvement Work

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Farmers this fall are urged to sow all the cover crops that it is possible for them to get put in. With vetch this fall at 8 cents per pound, I have never seen a better time to get some of this started. Some of the most striking results from the use of cover crops are to be found on the farm of Walter McCaskill at Eureka and A. S. Speight at West End. Mr. McCaskill has a field of corn following vetch which at this time is unusually fine; and with little fertilizer. He attributes his success in this work to the fact that he was careful to get his vetch well inoculated. This can be very easily done by taking soil from a field on which vetch has been grown successfully and drill this soil in with the seed. In case you do not have a drill to put this seed in with, it can be put in by hand. Simply take about equal parts of molasses and water, mix this up well, and dampen the vetch seed with this mixture. Then pour the soil and vetch seed all together and stir them up well and sow, covering with a light harrow.

This method of inoculating is much more satisfactory than trying to use

the cultures or bottled inoculations. Sunlight soon destroys the latter but I have yet to see the dirt inoculation fail to catch.

A. S. Speight has corn following velvet beans which at this time has promise of being a good crop, and with only 200 pounds of fertilizer under around 2 acres of corn. He is a great believer in velvet beans and this year has a good crop of them in his corn field. This I think is one of the greatest soil improving crops that we can grow in the Sandhills. They will make some growth on practically any type of our sandy soils.

There is no doubt about cover crops being a paying proposition and something that we are going to have to come back to. The Alabama Experiment Station has found that a good cover crop of vetch is equivalent to about 300 pounds of soda on an acre of land. In addition to this it builds up the humus content of the soil which causes it to hold water under more readily. 100 pounds of sand will only hold 25 pounds of water, 100 pounds of clay has been found to hold 50 pounds of water. With a good crop of legumes turned under on either of these it will just about double the water holding capacity, and after all, this is really what determines whether our crops are good or poor. Without water from somewhere it is mighty hard for us to make a good crop.

Austrian Winter Peas are also very good as a cover crop but I do not feel that they are far enough ahead of our friend vetch for us to use peas in preference to vetch.

I do not know of any crop this year that will make us an awful lot of money but with low prices of seed of different kinds it is certainly one of the best times I have seen in quite a while for a farmer to improve his soil. When things do get better he will at least have his soil in condition to make a good crop. After all it is not so much what you make per acre but the cost of the crop which determines whether you are farming for a profit or at a loss. There are other farmers not mentioned all over the county who are following this practice of soil improvement and finding it a good paying proposition. Try a few acres of these cover crops for next year and convince yourself that it is the thing to do.

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Miss Nellie Fry of Greensboro visited Miss Mehetable Fry of this place the past week.

Issaac Morgan who has spent some weeks in our village left on Friday for his home near Chapel Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Temple Turnley and

children of Kinston were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Dutton the past week.

Ralph Morgan of Chatham county who has spent several weeks in our village returned to his home last Friday.

Mrs. Jane Morgan is spending a few weeks with relatives in Chapel Hill and Durham.

James Wilson and wife left Sunday to visit relatives in Harnett County.

John Smith left Sunday to spend a

few days visiting relatives in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Kelly of these parts have just returned from a few weeks' tour through South Carolina and Georgia. Mr. Kelly saw some fine crops in some sections, but in traveling through a portion of Georgia for about a hundred miles the drought had struck their corn and cotton and the country was in bad shape and in many towns where the mills had shut down the people were merely living on charity.

Cameron and Community

A serious affray occurred at a social at the home of Dock Headen, colored, last Friday night. It seems that some of the guests became too boisterous and Headen endeavored to quell the row, and in the melee Cary Womble was seriously beaten about the head with some blunt instrument; he was carried to Moore County Hospital where he is still in a very critical condition. Dock Headen was charged with the offense, and was arrested and carried to Carthage jail Sunday morning, where he is being held without bail. Headen was station-hand at the depot here.

Curry Spivey, a former Cameron boy and a recent graduate of Guilford College has accepted a position with the American Tobacco Company, and will sail for Athens, Greece, next week; he will be away two and a half years. We understand the position carries a handsome salary. Curry is well and favorably known in town, where he spent his boy-hood days graduating from the High School in 1926.

Miss Effie and Margaret Gilchrist were hostess to Circle No. 2 of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church last Friday afternoon. The chairman, Miss Kate Hunter presided, conducting a spiritual devotional. An interesting Home Mission program was ably presented by Mrs. Carl Clark, Mrs. J. E. Snow and Mrs. Leonard Huggins, after which delicious refreshments were served. Invited guests were Mesdames Carl Clark of Birmingham, Leonard Huggins of Oklahoma, A. J. McRae and Misses Katie Harrington and Jacksie Muse.

Monday evening Misses Flora Mae and Jessie McFadyen at their home, "The Greenwood Inn," entertained at bridge, complimenting their house guest, Miss Vivian Person of Macon. Attractive table decorations and tallies were used and the young people enjoyed several progressions. Miss Catharine McDonald was awarded top-score, and Miss Helen Parker received the consolation. The honoree was presented with a box of powder.

The following guests were present: Misses Vivian Person, Mary and Katharine McDonald, Ruth Wooten, Helen Parker and Jessie Thomas, Messrs. Tom Smith, Robert Wooten, Pete and Jack Phillips, Andrew Muse Hemphill, William Parker and John Matthews.

A short funeral service, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Cook, was held for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Loving at their home in Jonesboro, last Monday afternoon, after which the little body was laid to rest in the Cameron cemetery.

Miss Ruth Wooten, Miss Jordan of Raleigh and Tom Smith left for Washington, D. C., Tuesday. Mr. Smith has a government position and will remain in the city. The young ladies will return Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cannon and children of High Point, after spending a week with Mrs. Cannon's father, J. W. Norman, returned home Sunday, accompanied by J. W. Norman.

Misses Margaret and Mary Emma Thomas, Cecile Seawell and Ira Thomas left Monday by automobile, for a week's sojourn in the mountains of western North Carolina. Ridgecrest will be an important place included in their itinerary.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hartsell returned Monday to their home in Illinois.

Mrs. Thomas Black and little son of Jonesboro were in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat McDonald and children of Carthage, were guests of Miss Vera McLean Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. M. D. McNeill was dinner guests of Mrs. Loula Muse Sunday.

Miss Flora Morrison of Eagle Springs was in town Sunday afternoon, guest of Mrs. Georgie McFadyen.

Mrs. M. D. McIver, Miss Mamie Arnold and Tom Arnold returned Saturday from a ten days' southern trip. They spent several days in Sylacauga, Ala., with their brothers, Will, Henry and Jim Arnold, from there they motored to Birmingham and visited their niece, Mrs. Cooper Harris, after this visit they went to Florida, and Lakewood, Fla., visiting Mrs. Henry McNeill and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Rodwell. Misses Myra and Sarah Spivey and Curry Spivey of Guilford College were

The following members of the class were present: Mrs. Robert Hurst, Ethel Douglas, Sade Badgett, Louise Womack, Haywood Snipes, Tom Smith, Curry Spivey and Charlie Smith; the class is composed of 18 members. Guests were John C. Ferguson of State College, Luther Womack and Robert Hurst. Prof. and Mrs. J. Clyde Kelly could not be present.

Those from here attending the tenth annual reunion of the Muse Clan at Lakeview last Thursday were Mesdames Janie and Loula Muse, H. C. Gibson, A. J. McRae, Jewell Hemphill, Messrs. W. A. Muse and Andrew Muse Hemphill and Misses Mamie, Minnie and Jacksie Muse.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Loving spent Sunday in Broadway, guests of Mrs. F. M. Griffin.

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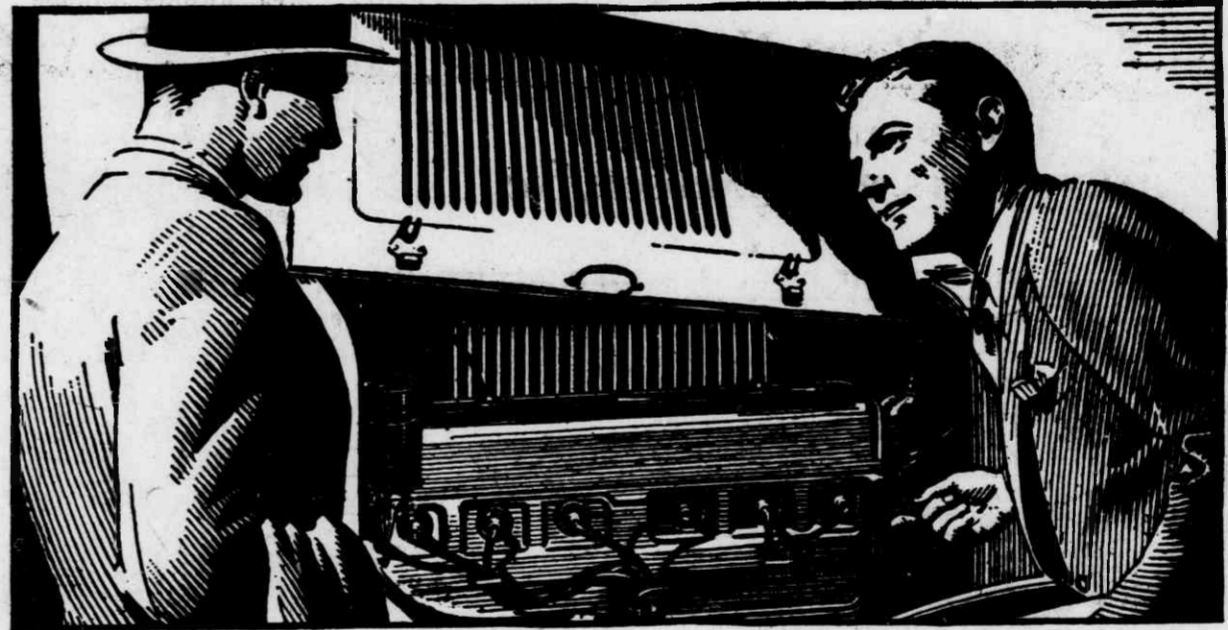
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