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YOU CAN'T MILK THESE MACHINES

This is the machine age. Machines are doing labor of men. Machines are driving men off the soil. Machines have nearly replaced the horse—but we hope it won't be in our lifetime when a machine will be able to replace a cow—a hog—a sheep—a chicken. After all, you can't get milk or beefsteak, ham or pork chops, wool or lamb chops, eggs or a chicken breast—you can't get these from a machine—yet!

Furthermore, it will be a long time before a machine is invented that can replace a reliable, strong mule on a farm. You have to buy gas or oil for a machine; you can raise fuel for a mule.

The Annual Livestock Show of the Moore County Breeders Association has each year brought increased interest, larger crowds and better stock specimens to the affair in Hemp. This year, every indication points toward the largest show of its kind.

It's commendable that livestock raisers in Moore County have sufficient interest in this integral part of farming the land to bring their choice mules, cows, horses and sheep to a central place to show their neighbors and to compare with others.

VARIATIONS ON AN OLD THEME

Because of their hate and dread of any form of fascism, the rank and file of American people have thrown their support behind a gigantic national defense program which is having world-wide effects.

It is apparent, also, to the public that a determining period in this battle against Hitler was begun when the Soviet Union's Red Army proved the first immovable object encountered by the hitherto irresistible force of Hitler's army.

Also, reports from OPM show that nearly one-third of the total dollar volume of defense orders has gone to only six companies while only 56 firms in the country had 73 percent of the orders.

But the record so far does not live up to the promises. Here are some revealing facts:

A Senate investigating committee reveals that the total cost of all army camps will be around \$730,290,703, or \$626 per man, as compared with a cost of \$216 per man during the World War and \$320 per man as originally estimated.

GRAINS OF SAND

The downpours of rain Tuesday night and Wednesday were sucked up thirstily by the sun-dried soil of Moore County and doubtless was a welcome sight to the farmers of the county.

Farmers in upper Moore County looked hopefully at a big black cloud hovering overhead early this week, felt a few drops of light rain fall upon their weather-tanned faces, saw scattered specks of rain splatter powdery dust, shook their heads and continued to work on crops already scorched by hot suns.

We were up above Hemp this week, visiting some of these farmers whose cash crops are food crops and whose livestock and stock feed is just as valuable, if not more so, than any patch of tobacco and cotton.

No question about it, they said, this heat and drought has hurt corn and other feed crops, but there'll be a good harvest just the same.

Among those we talked with were Charlie C. Dunlap and Curtis Comer, both of whom live out of Hemp on route 1 Steeds. They were topping a field of mighty fine looking corn, despite the dry weather.

Water has become really a problem. Dan Dunlap, who lives out on route 2 Hemp, said that it was the first time he had ever had his springs go dry.

Lewis Hussey was having similar trouble. The deep well which sets atop the hill where his house is built, in the Smyrna section, is way down, he said, and his crops are in bad need of rain.

We found one of the patriarchs of Sheffields township, sitting on his front porch, watching his grandchild-

cost \$380 per man while 29 camps on fixed-fee contracts cost \$684 per man. "In the last war the contractor had to work to make costs even more excessive than they would otherwise have been in order to get his large fee," the report commented.

Edward R. Stettinius, director of priorities last year repeatedly insisted that aluminum production was sufficient to meet needs, and opposed expansion of production facilities. Now the public is asked to contribute "scrap" aluminum, chiefly in the form of pots and pans, for defense airplanes.

Some months ago Walter Reuther of the United Automobile Workers submitted a plan to use automobile factories for manufacture of defense equipment. His plan was curiously turned aside.

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Topping all this, the public has been afflicted with an apparently unjustified rise in prices, a curtailment of credit and sharp reduction in consumer goods, due, apparently, to lack of adequate planning of production, while 250 of large companies reporting profits for the second quarter of this year show a net profit increase of 23 per cent.

Rumors are now prevalent that the President is considering another revision of the defense administrative offices—those of production, price control, civilian supply, and priorities planning. On the basis of the record so far, the American public can well hope that the little man and his wants and needs will be given greater consideration than before.

ren play. John S. Hussey—still called "Johnny," despite his 76 years,—is father of four of Sheffields' good farmers, including Charlie Hussey, president of the Moore County Breeders Association.

Peter D. Spinks of route 2 Hemp is more concerned with honey than he is with water. One hive of his bees swarmed recently while he was away, and, when brought back to the hive, instead of building their comb in the hive, the bees started a honeycomb under the hive.

We don't know what "Pete" is going to do about it; but after taking a look at the number of bees around, we know what we'd do. We'd leave well enough alone.

In Hayes' Book Shop the other night, Claude Hayes was analyzing proper approaches to strange dogs. "I don't think it has ever been said better than the way Weber and Fields used to say it on the stage," he recalled, speaking of the veteran vaudeville team.

"Acting as salesmen, Weber and Fields would approach a house where there was a snarling, growling dog.

"I'm not going in there," Weber said.

"Now you know that barking dogs don't bite," Fields replied.

"I know it," Weber retorted. "And you know it. But the thing that worries me is: Does that dog know it?"

Jimmy Woltz, Sanford tobaccoist, who's auctioneering down in one of Fairmont's warehouses this season, was in town this week and predicted a season of high steady prices for the golden leaf this year.

"The crop is light and the demand is good," Jimmy said. "I believe that prices are going to hold up through the season."

All of which should be good news to tobacco farmers.

Two young girls—they were children—ran up to Gene Stevens in front of the post office the other day. "We want to hear the cuckoo," they exclaimed. "When does it cuckoo?"

FARMERS' CLUB NAMES OFFICERS

O. U. Alexander Elected President at Annual Picnic Meeting Near Airport

The Moore County Farmers' Club held its annual picnic on Friday evening of last week at P. S. P. Randolph's lake near the airport, and the occasion proved most delightful for the 60 to 75 in attendance.

The Rev. Mr. Barfield of Hemp made a talk on "Cooperation" which called forth much favorable comment. In the absence of the president, J. C. Stewart of Samarcand, who was away on vacation, W. G. Caldwell of Carthage presided over the business session.

Heretofore the organization has been operating in a more or less informal way, but it was decided to appoint a program committee and an entertainment committee at the next meeting, which is to be held at West End, as the club is showing a healthy growth in membership and interest.

Louisville Slugger Base Ball and Soft Ball Bats at Hayes.

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BYNUM FAMILY HOLDS REUNION

Descendants of Early Vass Settlers at Lakeview for Eighth Annual Gathering

Descendants of the late Joseph H. and Mary Stewart Bynum, early settlers of the Vass community, held their eighth annual reunion at Lakeview Sunday with more than a hundred members of the family and several visitors in attendance.

Miss Joyce Bailey of Southern Pines was in charge of registration and the morning was spent informally in greeting relatives and friends. A picnic dinner was served following an invocation by T. R. Moffitt of Sanford.

After dinner, a short program was given with the president, J. Murphy McDonald, of Hamlet, presiding. Mr. McDonald brought greetings and introduced the speaker, the Rev. T. D. Mullis of Manly.

A beautiful tribute to "grandmothers" was given by Robert Bailey of Southern Pines, after which gifts were presented to the four daughters of the pioneer couple present.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: E. B. Keith, Sanford, president and J. Elvey Thomas, Raleigh, vice-president.

Music by members of the McDonald family from Hamlet, Richmond and Charlotte, and Mrs. J. U. Thrower of Rockingham was an enjoyable feature of the program.

Group of Local Girls Attend Bragg Dance

Last Friday evening's dance at the Main Service Club at Fort Bragg, given for the enlisted men, was well attended by girls from the Sandhills.

Those attending were Misses Barbara Betterley, Helen and Catherine Hilderman, Leone Currie, Louise Blue, Sue Milliken, Priscilla Coleman, Virginia and Patty Broom, Dorothy Dorn, Deal Utley, Mary Blount Rumbley, Ann Cameron, Millie Montesanti, Jane Mann, Betsy Backer, Betsy Barnum, Clarice Dickerson, Edith Matthews, Becky Neal, Frances Schwartz, Iris and Mary Alice Tate, all of Southern Pines.

Variations In Weather Have Different Effects On Crops

Crop Reporting Service Summarizes Present Situation on Major Farm Produce

Extremes in weather conditions have not helped North Carolina farm crops this season, according to the Crop Reporting Service of the U. S. and State Departments of Agriculture.

Cool, late spring, abruptly ended by summer temperatures in mid-April, followed by drought until mid-June, and excessive rains during July resulted in various effects on different crops, the service reported.

Here is the situation on some of the major crops, as reported in August:

Tobacco: The State tobacco crop, estimated on August 1 at 479,035,000 pounds, is nine percent less than last year and five percent below prospects a month ago.

Corn: July weather was favorable for corn and a record yield of 21 bushels per acre is indicated. Since the first of August, deficient soil moisture and high temperatures have hastened maturity of all corn and fired up later plantings.

Wheat: July rains lowered quality and yield per acre of wheat shocked or left standing. Record yield of 14.5 bushels indicated a month ago was reduced to 14 bushels because of weather.

Oats, rye and barley: Yields of these grain crops were exceptionally good this year in spite of early drought. August 1 yield indicates oat production at 6,500,000 bushels compared with 5,952,000 last year.

Hays Show Increase: Hays: With a one percent increase in acreage, North Carolina farmers are expecting a seven percent larger hay crop.

Soybeans and cowpeas: All indications point toward a better than average crop. Condition of soybean crops on August 1 was 87 percent of normal, or five percent better than last year.

Sweet potatoes: The State's sweet potato crop is estimated at 8,240,000

ADVISES GROWING MORE FARM FOOD

Miss Annie Wilson, FSA Home Supervisor, Urges Year-Round Food Planning

Farm families who have little money can't afford to buy all the food they need for a good diet, but they can afford to grow it, Miss Annie R. Wilson, home management supervisor for the Farm Security Administration, said in discussing the part farm families have to play in the nation-wide drive to assure ample food supplies for the United States and other countries resisting aggression.

"Fact is," Miss Wilson said, "They can't afford not to maintain cows to furnish a year-round supply of milk, cream, and butter; to raise enough chickens to provide meat and eggs all year, instead of just a few months in the spring, and to produce a variety of animals for the other kinds of meat, including pork, beef, and lamb."

"Farm families in Moore county being assisted in their farm and home operations by this agency of the U. S. Department of Agriculture are learning that they can have more food and better food for less money by raising bigger gardens, increasing their poultry flocks, and feeding a few livestock for home consumption," Miss Wilson declared.

Miss Wilson said that although borrowers of the FSA have always followed a live-at-home plan and grown most of their food and feed on the farm, a majority of them are planning to produce more than ever this year. They expect to take full advantage of the opportunity to reduce their own living expenses, improve diet, and at the same time produce additional quantities to meet the national needs for greater supplies.

The home supervisor believes that FSA borrowers in this county are in full accord with a recent statement made by Secretary of Agriculture Wickard in which he announced a nation-wide drive to produce every possible egg from present laying flocks this spring and summer.

This effort is a part of the nation's determination to assure ample food supplies for this and other countries during the present emergency. It should, according to Department officials, increase egg production for the whole country in the next fifteen months by about six per cent.

bushels of 16 percent greater than in 1940, the increase being attributed to eight percent greater acreage for harvest and an indicated yield of 103 bushels compared with 96 bushels in 1940.

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