

Local 4-H Club Holds First Meet of Year

The local 4-H club held its first meeting of the year here last week with thirteen members present. Officers were elected and while the definite projects to be followed during the year were not decided upon, the plan of work was discussed at length. Edith Peel was chosen president; Sarah Ramey vice president; Hazel Brown, secretary and Ruth Roberson, reporter.

ERADICATION OF RATS EASIER IN COLD WEATHER

Better If Campaign Is Put On As Community Effort

In cold weather the marauding rat congregates with his fellows in rubbish heaps, dumps, cellars, and other protected places. From these he may be dislodged by a well-planned campaign of eradication.

"Rats are not so scattered in cold weather," says C. D. Schwartz, junior biologist at State College. "A campaign of eradication may be made very effective in winter because of this gregarious habit, and, too, the offensive odor of dead rats is not so noticeable. The rat population may be reduced or eradicated by a definite schedule of systematic poisoning, trapping, and starving. It is better, however, if the campaign is undertaken in a large way as by community effort."

Mr. Schwartz says that the wharf rat, as he is commonly known, has been increasing his numbers this summer by leaps and bounds. Food has been plentiful and farm owners have been too busy to notice his depredations. In winter is the time to note this damage and to check it.

What the pest has not eaten, he has carried off or spoiled for human consumption. In addition to being a robber, the rat also is a carrier of disease. One of the most fatal of these is the "Black Plague" or bubonic plague. This disease may be controlled only by the most rigid of quarantines.

How communities may cooperate to control the rat or to conduct campaigns for his eradication has been made an especial study by Mr. Schwartz. He will be glad to render such assistance as he can, free of charge, anywhere within the State. Those who wish to reduce rodent damage on their farms or in their neighborhoods should write Mr. Schwartz as to their wishes.

COW NEEDS CARE DURING WINTER

Comfortable Cow Is Profitable Cow; Shelter Is Needed

Extra feed can not be substituted for shelter, for the comfortable cow is the profitable cow. When the animals are exposed to wintry winds and rains, much of the feed goes to keep the bodies warm instead of to produce milk.

"Therefore, some effort should be made to keep the dairy cow comfortable during the period of disagreeable weather," says John A. Arey, dairy extension specialist at State College. "Their stalls should be well lighted and properly ventilated, but free from air currents. Ventilation is important but should be so arranged as to prevent the air currents from striking the cow's body. This is accomplished by making the sides of the barn or cow-shed tight and admitting fresh air through properly arranged windows."

Mr. Arey states that the practice of requiring the cow to wade through mud and ice for some distance to get drinking water, is too common in the State and too expensive on the dairy industry. Such needless exposure chills the animals and prevents her from drinking the amount of water that she normally would consume.

Normal milk, says Mr. Arey, contains 87 per cent water, and a cow producing 30 pounds of milk daily

will need from 85 to 90 pounds of water each day. She will not drink this much on a cold day unless the supply is convenient and not too cold.

The dairy cow of high-producing breeds is a creature of habit. Unusual treatment makes her nervous. If she is accustomed to a regular routine of feeding and care, a change from this system will make her nervous and distrustful. She should never be run roughly while being put in a barn. No other farm animal, says Mr. Arey, will give greater returns for good care than the cow, and the herdsman who keeps his animals comfortable in winter will be amply repaid.

GOOD PASTURE ON POOR LAND

Surry Farmer Converts Old Run-Down Farm Into Fine Fall Pasture

An old run-down farm has been renovated, excellent pastures have been built, and clover will now grow on land that was once too poor for this crop is the interesting story that comes from B. A. Booker, a farmer of the Mount Airy section of Surry County.

"Mr. Booker has been building some good pasture on his land during the last few years," says H. E. White, county agent of Surry County. "He started with land of low fertility and by the addition of limestone, manure, and soil-building crops, he now has one of the finest fall pastures to be found in the county. He is also successful with sweet clover."

Mr. White states that when Mr. Booker began with his sweet clover, he took 2 1/2 acres of land to which he applied 8,000 of ground limestone. He sowed seed at the rate of 20 pounds per acre, being careful to inoculate his seed. This was in April of 1927, states Mr. White. Mr. Booker also used 200 pounds of equal parts of

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As a result of his soil-building practices with lime and legumes, Mr. Booker recently said that he could produce ten times the yield of hay or grain as when he bought the farm. He is gradually preparing additional land in this way, and then he intends to go into the dairy business. This, he states, will be more profitable than tobacco growing. He knows that he can improve his land, for he has found the method to use. Lime and legumes will do wonders in soil building, he told Mr. White.

Grape Growers May Build Grape Juice Factory

Grape growers of Burke County are considering the establishment of a grape juice factory to be built cooperatively.

Three Potato Curing Houses Built in Clay

Three new potato curing houses have been constructed this fall in Clay County. One has a capacity of 2,000 bushels and the other two are of 1,000 bushels each.

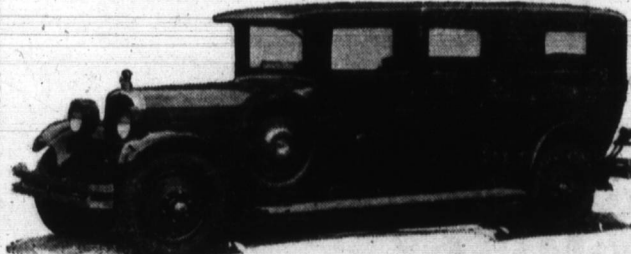
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Under and by virtue of a judgment of the superior court of Martin County in the case "D. G. Matthews vs. Mrs. Lula Modlin et al.," the undersigned commissioner will, on the 3rd day of November, 1928, at the courthouse door in Williamston, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described tract of land:

A tract of land in Jamesville township, Martin County, containing 56 acres, more or less, and being lot No. 8 in the J. E. C. Davis land division, of record in land division book No. 3, in the register of deeds office of Martin County, the description therein being made a part of this description. This the 24th day of October, 1928. B. A. CRITCHER, R. L. COBURN, Commissioners.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of a judgment of the superior court of Martin County in an action entitled "D. G. Matthews vs. M. D. Slade," the undersigned commissioner, will, on the 12th

day of November, 1928, in front of the courthouse door of Martin County, offer at public sale to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property:

Same being a house and lot located in the town of Williamston, N. C., adjoining the lands of G. T. Hill, Gus Coburn, Will Staton, and others, and being the same house and lot occupied by defendant and set out and described in tax certificate of sale. This the 10th day of October, 1928. B. A. CRITCHER, Commissioner.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY UNDER EXECUTION

North Carolina; Martin County. E. G. Weston vs. B. A. Critcher and B. Duke Critcher By virtue of an execution to me directed from the superior court of Beaufort County, I will on Monday, December 3, 1928, 12 o'clock noon, at the courthouse door in Williamston, N. C., offer for sale for cash to satisfy the said execution, all the right,

title, and interest, of B. A. Critcher in the following real estate:

Being a house and lot with boundaries beginning at a post, a corner of a house and lot on the railroad; thence along a row of posts to a fence, Sylvester Hassell's line; thence along said line to a post; thence along a fence to the beginning. This is the same house and lot described in a deed from E. A. Critcher to S. S. Hadley and recorded in the Martin County public registry in book V-2, page 210, to which reference is hereby made for further description.

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