

STILL ONE FARM PRODUCT WHICH HAS NO SURPLUS

The Number of Horses and Mules Decreasing on Many Farms

There is no surplus of farm work stock, and the scarcity of mules and horses will increase as the main breeding centers continue to use tractors for power.

"One important live-at-home policy being overlooked in North Carolina is the production of a farm supply of mules and horses," says David S. Weaver, agricultural engineer at State College. "Horses and mules suitable for farm power are dying off from old age more rapidly than they are being produced. In the western states, which formerly produced a large part of the horse and mule supply, farmers have gone into tractor farming. This has resulted in a displacement of breeding mares. No other section seems to be interested in producing the animals of the size, the Southern farmer needs, and it looks as if he will have to get into this work for his own protection."

Mr. Weaver believes that as long as we have small farms in the state, cut up by ditches and other obstructions, we shall continue to need animal power for farming. This means that a market will be available for mules and horses for a long period. From some figures which he has obtained from the Horse Association of America, Mr. Weaver finds there were eight million horses and mules under four years of age in the United States in 1920. By 1930, this number had de-

Triplets To Get Movie Contract Next Spring

Plymouth, December 4. — The three triplet daughters of Mr. and Mrs. G. Lieberman, of Los Angeles, Calif., who are here visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hardison, will leave next May for their home. They are here with their parents. When they arrive at home each will be three years of age. A motion picture concern has been endeavoring to get the children under contract for work in the movies. It is thought that negotiations for this will be completed when they return to their distant home.

PAYS TO PLANT COTTON OF BUT ONE VARIETY

With the outlook for more cotton than American mills can consume next year and low prices a certainty in 1932, progressive individual farmers and entire communities are seeking some solution of the problem.

"One of the best solutions is, of course, to reduce the acreage drastically next spring and then to grow the medium staple varieties running from 15-16 of an inch to 1 inch and over," says Dr. R. Y. Winters, director of the North Carolina Experiment Station, and an authority on cotton production in the South. "If every farmer in a community will unite and agree on one variety of this length staple and then prevent any mixing at the gin, the problem will be further simplified."

Mills use thousands of bales of cotton in the course of a year, and it is additional expense when they have to pick and choose their cotton from hundreds of offerings. The North Carolina grower is wasting his efforts trying to produce the low grade short staples against competition of machinery and low-priced labor in other sections. The only way this State will remain in the cotton game is to grow the better staples and to standardize on varieties.

There are several instances in North Carolina this season where growers have received a premium on their cotton by uniting on a particular variety of the medium staple length. The cases of Union County and of the Woodleaf Community in Rowan County are well known, says Dr. Winters. In Ball's Creek community, Catawba County, the growers united to make an order of Mexican seed last spring. They had special gin days for the cotton this fall and received a premium of from one-half to three-fourths of a cent per pound. This section has always grown the short staple Rucker, but next season the growers say they will grow practically nothing but Mexican or some longer staple.

KEEP SEED PANS IN USE ON PERSON COUNTY FARM

Fourteen seed pans have been kept busy in Person county this fall, harvesting a supply of home-grown lespezeza seed.

Increased to about two and a half millions.

Over half of the mules and horses living on January 1 were over 10 years old, which will explain the present high death rate of these animals. These figures show a half million yearly decrease in horse and mule population and means that more and more farms will begin to depend on some other kind of power unless the animals are produced at home.

POSTMASTER REMINDS SHOPPERS CHRISTMAS NEAR

Early Mailing and Careful Wrapping Are Urged By Authorities

In mailing those Christmas cigars this year, it is not enough to merely wrap paper around the boxes and address them, says a list of instructions on Christmas mailing just issued by the postmaster general and made public by Postmaster J. T. Price, of this place. "Wrap in corrugated" pasteboard or similar material," the instructions say, for boxes of cigars are now listed as "fragile articles." It is added that "cigars must be in good shipping condition." Nothing is said about the smoking qualities.

Seriously, though, the Post Office Department calls attention to the fact that Christmas is just a little less than a month away, though the weather may have felt recently as if it were months away. They have Christmas in Colon, Canal Zone, though. By reason of the nearness of the holidays, the post office workers are urging that Christmas shopping be done early; at least that part of the gift buying that is designed for mailing. The volume of mail increases about 200 per cent during the period around Christmas, and the quicker the mailing is begun the easier it will be to handle all this matter.

Emphasis is placed throughout the instructions on very substantial wrapping for all packages, as a protection to the articles, for ease in handling, and for protection of postal workers and other packages. Corrugated pasteboard is recommended for wrapping in most instances. It is light and resists crushing and breaking.

Insurance or registration of all articles is urged, and a reminder is given

ROWAN FARMERS MAKING MONEY WITH LESPEDEZA

Threshing machines are humming out dollars in lespezeza seed for Rowan County farmers this fall. J. T. Graham harvested 225 bushels of Korean seed from seven acres of land, and others are turning out certified seed which finds a ready sale.

SAD PROSPECTS FOR CASH CROP FARMING IN 1932

The outlook for cotton, tobacco, peanuts, early Irish potatoes, and corn for grain is unfavorable for the year 1932; but the prospect for fair prices for peaches, strawberries, poultry, and livestock is good if too much expansion is not made.

"After studying the mass of data accumulated by the United States Department of Agriculture and discussed at a gathering of southern economists and agricultural workers at Memphis, Tenn., lately, we are convinced that North Carolina farmers must plan to reduce their cotton and tobacco acreage next season, and plan to further live at home until all home needs are met," says Dean I. O. Schaub, director of agricultural extension at State College. "The cotton acreage must be reduced by 35 per cent, and the tobacco acreage even more drastically. There is little incentive to expand the peanut acreage. Sweet potatoes ought not to be expanded above that of this year, and the early Irish potato acreage should be reduced 35 per cent under this year to get a profit."

The director said the low prices of all feedstuffs should be an encouragement to steadily expand the livestock and poultry industry of the State. Not enough poultry and poultry products, dairy products, beef, and mutton, and pork are being produced to meet the needs of the state at present. This is especially true of dairy products on a home basis. Corn, hay, and other feedstuffs will not demand such a profitable price in the markets, but will pay a profit when fed to livestock.

The outlook for seeds is not any too bright, but North Carolina needs a larger supply of, cheap certified seeds which may be used to plant legumes for soil building, for hay, and other purposes.

RATHER BE IN JAIL THAN OUT

Ellis Brooks Knows When He Is Well Off, According To Letter

(Roanoke Beacon) Prisoners in the Washington County unit of the North Carolina Prison Camps had rather be "on the inside looking out" than on the outside looking in" in these hard times, according to Ellis Brooks, who is in jail for his second term, this time for a sentence of six years.

"As long as I get as good a dinner as I did Thanksgiving Day, it doesn't matter whether I get out or not. Many people in this county had nothing better Thanksgiving Day than barbecue, cabbage, sweet potatoes, biscuits, corn bread, and potato pie. As long as I sleep warm with the good food I get, I don't want to get out now to starve."

Brooks is one of the prisoners who works daily on the State maintained roads in this section under the supervision of L. L. Basnight. The above excerpts are from a letter received at The Beacon office from the negro.

LENOIR FARMERS WELL PLEASED WITH LESPEDEZA

Lespezeza is moving eastward in North Carolina with pleasing results to those farmers who grew the crop this year. Especially favorable results to those farmers who grew the crop this year. Especially favorable results to those farmers who grew the crop this year.

"This hay is of the best quality, thoroughly cured before weighing, and will aid these 20 farmers in living at home this winter," says Ehos C. Blair, extension agronomist at State College. "Each of the men used the common variety, which was planted on oats last spring. No record was kept on the amount of oat hay produced. The lespezeza hay was cut during the last week in August, which gave the crop ample time to reseed the land for another crop next season."

Cuba has just completed the construction of a new 700-mile highway at the cost of \$100,000,000.

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND FOR TAXES

J. S. Ayers, tax collector for the town of Hamilton, North Carolina, have this day levied on the following tracts or parcels of land, and will sell the same at public auction, for cash, in front of the post office in said town, on Monday, the 7th day of December, 1931, at 12 o'clock noon, for taxes due and unpaid for the year 1930, unless said taxes, penalties and interest, plus cost, are paid on or before that date.

J. S. AYERS, Tax Collector.

White	Taxes	Cost	Total
Mrs. J. R. Bunting, house and lot	\$ 9.40	\$1.80	\$11.20
W. R. Bunting, house and lot	12.60	1.80	14.40
J. W. Davenport, hotel and store	14.00	1.80	15.80
P. H. Davenport, house and lot	5.00	1.80	6.80
J. A. Davenport, house and lot	8.20	1.80	10.00
W. E. Davis, house and lot	5.14	1.80	6.94
Mrs. J. H. Edmondson, house and lot	4.80	1.80	6.60
H. M. Peele, house and lot	9.15	1.80	10.95
C. D. Perkins, garage and 2 lots	19.70	1.80	21.50
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John Bonds, house and lot	2.10	1.80	3.90
W. N. Peterson, house and lot	2.40	1.80	4.20
Sabra Raynor Estate, house and lot	.80	1.80	2.60
Laura Staton, house and lot	2.40	1.80	4.20
W. H. Williams, house and lot	3.80	1.80	5.60
Mack Williams, house and lot	1.00	1.80	2.80

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