

Agent Lists Some Timely Pointers On Swine Raising

Balanced Ration, Sanitation and Proper Care Are Necessary

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To raise hogs profitably there are a few simple methods one must follow in sanitation, management and feeding. Internal parasites such as worms found in many hogs can only be controlled by sanitation. Small pigs are more susceptible to the common round worms than older hogs, therefore to control these worms in young pigs is of prime importance.

A clean cultivated field seeded to a temporary forage crop which has not been previously grazed by hogs since it was plowed should be selected for a sow to farrow her pigs on. The land should be free of ditches and mud holes.

A portable farrowing house with board floor and guard rails should be used. About one week before the sow is due to farrow all dirt and bedding should be removed from the house and it should be disinfected thoroughly with boiling lye water.

A few days before farrowing time the sow should be scrubbed with a brush using soap and water to remove dirt and worm eggs, paying especial attention to the udder. After she is dry she should be brushed with oil to control lice and mange. She is then ready to put into the clean farrowing house, bedded down with damp sand in warm weather and two inches chopped straw in cool weather.

When the pigs are farrowed they should be dried off and their tusk-like teeth should be clipped with side clipping pliers, being careful not to injure the gums. Other hogs should be kept away from the pasture and these pigs should be kept away from dirty hog lots. Leave the pigs in this pasture until they are at least four months old or weigh an average of 100 lbs. After they have attained this size it is doubtful if they will ever be noticeably affected with worms and may be brought to a permanent pasture or turned on corn and soybeans.

Save every pig farrowed if possible as it is the number of healthy pigs weaned that counts. Castrate the boar pigs at three to four weeks of age and vaccinate them against cholera from six to eight weeks of age.

A balanced ration in a self feeder should be fed by putting shelled corn or ground wheat or barley in one compartment and a mixture of equal parts of soybean oil meal, cottonseed meal and digester tankage or fish meal in another compartment. When the pigs are about two weeks old, and the sow is on full feed, one to four sows and litters of about the same age may be fed in the self-feeder. A good mineral mixture should be kept in a separate compartment of the self feeder or in any dry place where the sow and pigs can have access to it at all times. The following mineral mixture is recommended: 10 lbs. finely ground limestone, 5 lbs. steamed bone meal and 2 lbs. salt.

When the pigs are 8 weeks old, wean them. Build a fence or creep around the feeder, leaving an opening large enough for the pigs to enter. By this method the sows will get no feed except pasture and in three or four days the sows' milk flow will close and the pigs will stop nursing. The sows can then be removed to another pasture.

These methods have proved to be very profitable and with a little time and effort more and better pigs can be raised at less expense.

Will Assist In Red Cross Work

Miss Esta Martin, bookkeeper for the Hardison Supply Company in Jamesville, has been named home service worker for the American Red Cross in that section of the county, it was announced this week by Mrs. John W. Hardy, chairman of the Martin County Chapter.

Miss Martin will assist Mrs. Edna Laughinghouse, executive secretary, in handling emergency and making investigations, it was explained.

Ragland Will Go On Trial December 9th

TOY COLLECTION

Canvassing the town last Sunday for discarded toys, the local Jaycees reported much progress, but the leaders explained that more are needed if the distribution among the less fortunate children is to be complete. A second canvass is being scheduled for next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and any one having old toys to spare is asked to place them on their porches.

In addition to the toy collection, the Jaycees have received several cash donations.

County Man Badly Hurt In An Attack Following Wreck

Two Men Arrested For An Assault On Will And Burras Ward

Will Ward, Martin County farmer, was badly beaten and his brother, Burras Ward, was cut and bruised on the neck and head late last Saturday when they were attacked just across the county line in Beaufort by three colored men. Complete details of the attack could not be learned here immediately, but reports state that both men were painfully but not critically hurt. W. B. Peel was also attacked but he was not badly hurt, one report stated.

Mr. Will Ward, according to information reaching here, was driving on U. S. Highway 17 in the direction of Washington and started to slow down to turn into his brother's yard. The car, bearing a Virginia license and said to have been operated by one of three men of the Riverside community of Beaufort County, plowed into the rear of the Ward machine and knocked it into the ditch.

One of the colored men said the Ward car had no rear light on it, and when Mr. Ward stated that there were proper lights on the car he was attacked. One report stated that when Mr. Ward pulled out his knife one of the three colored men slipped up behind him and knocked him down, rendering him unconscious. He was hardly able to talk yesterday and his head was badly swollen at that time. Mr. Burras Ward was cut on the neck and about the head. Peel was struck on the head.

Motorists, seeing the fracas, reported to a filling station a short distance away and Beaufort County officers answered the call and arrested two of the men. They were given a preliminary hearing.

Organize Club In Jamesville

Suggested by a former school principal, Jas. Uzzle, before the war, the organization of a Ruritan club was recently perfected in Jamesville by twenty-nine of the leading citizens there and in the township.

C. B. Martin, North Carolina General Assembly representative-elect, was named president of the newly formed club. Other officers are: E. H. Anderson, vice-president; C. A. Askew, secretary; C. T. Gaines, treasurer; A. Corey, chaplain; Hosea Fagan, sergeant-at-arms. Directors are: J. C. Kirkman, C. C. Martin and C. G. Gurkin.

In addition to the twenty-nine members already in the club, half dozen or more are planning to join and be present when the charter is presented at a special meeting to be held tonight in the high school there.

Organized in Oak City several years ago, the first Ruritan club in the county is handling an effective work there. It is predicted that the Jamesville club, drawing a goodly number of members from the farms, will meet with marked success.

Makes Confession To County Sheriff In State's Prison

Admits He Was Alone At Time Attack Was Made On November 8th

Otis Ragland, young Negro man and one of eight prisoners sawing their way out of the Martin County prison camp near here on the night of November 3, will go on trial for his life at the next term of the superior court which convenes on December 9 for allegedly attacking Mrs. Floyd Moore at her home in Williams Township the 8th of this month. The case was tentatively scheduled for trial last week-end after Sheriff C. B. Roebuck had questioned the alleged attacker in State's prison on Thursday.

"While the man denies the crime, he has told enough for us to go ahead with the trial without waiting for the arrest of Chester Marsh, one of the prisoners escaping with Ragland and who was at first implicated in the crime by Ragland," Sheriff C. B. Roebuck said.

A statement, made by the accused man before Prison Chaplain William H. R. Jackson, Assistant Warden Bruce Poole and Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, is being withheld for the present, but the sheriff intimated that he was better satisfied now to go into court with the evidence than he was before questioning Ragland in the prison last Thursday.

While officers themselves were convinced that Ragland operated alone, the man maintained at first that the fellow escapee, Chester Marsh, was the principal in the crime, described as the most dastardly in the annals of Martin County court history. Confronted by that statement, officers had worked unceasingly in pushing a search for Marsh. In his partial confession last Thursday, Ragland said that Marsh was not with him. Since the evidence on that score has been cleared, officers declared they were ready to go into court with the case.

Ragland, still denying the charge, admitted that he went to the Moore home when questioned last Thursday in Raleigh. Prior to that time, he maintained that he waited while Marsh went to the home. In the presence of the chaplain and two officers, Ragland admitted that he had made a false statement, and declared that Marsh was not there. One report said that Ragland made the admission because he was afraid for the safety of Marsh if he were caught.

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Insurance Head Speaks To Club

Mr. William P. Hodges, Williamston native who now holds the position of State Insurance Commissioner, spoke briefly to the members of the local Kiwanis Club here last Thursday night. Mr. Hodges pointed out the protection his department is giving the citizens of the state. "We have thousands of inquiries each year covering a wide range of problems that are of vital interest to every one. Before we permit any insurance company to operate in the state they must be investigated thoroughly as to their solvency and reputation," the commissioner said. The speaker also read several letters and inquiries received by his department relative to the services rendered by his organization in the state.

Mr. W. J. Hodges, father of the commissioner, was a special guest of the club.

Harold Quayle, new member, was also presented to the club.

Returned Saturday From The Hospital

A patient in a Rocky Mount hospital about ten days for treatment, Mr. C. G. Crockett returned home last Saturday. His condition is much improved, but he is not able to get about without the use of crutches.

Malaria Need Not Be Obstacle To A Quite Usual Life

Overwork, Late Hours, Worry And Heavy Drinking Injurious

Families of persons who have suffered from malaria hear so many rumors about recurring attacks that they often build up unnecessary worry about a disease which, if properly treated, does the patient no permanent harm. If someone in your family has had malaria, you owe it to yourself and to him to know the facts.

Along with tropic moons, waving palms and Japs, the well advertised Pacific isles introduced our servicemen to the Anopheles mosquito, the carrier of malaria. In the past the disease was prevalent mainly in the southern part of the United States. But with the return of many of our fighting men, carrying the malarial parasites in their bodies, we may expect it to become a problem in many sections of the country if proper measures of control are not taken.

There are several varieties of the disease. One which used to be the most serious can now be completely cured with good care during the first attack. The most common is the recurring type. Symptoms of an attack are chills and fever, headaches and backache, weakness, dizziness and nausea. The attacks become milder each time and disappear within three years, usually sooner under proper treatment. Quinine and atabrine are used to treat the symptoms of discomfort. Atabrine causes the skin and eyes to take on a yellowish tinge which wears off within a few weeks after the drug is discontinued.

At worst, an attack of malaria will keep a person in bed for a short time. He may feel weak and washed out for a while afterwards. Families should remember that a doctor is the best person to decide what is wrong with a sick person. The patient may be sure he recognizes the symptoms of an attack of malaria, but

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Few Peanuts Are Moving To Market

After gradually pulling out of a slump but failing to fully recover, the peanut market is being stymied by unfavorable weather. During recent days hardly more than 1,500 or 2,000 bags have moved to the market here each day.

As far as it could be learned, prices have settled down to about a ten-cent figure, an occasional lot going to \$10.50 per hundred.

ROUND-UP

Eight persons, charged with law infractions, were rounded up and placed in the Martin County jail over the week-end by local, county and state officers.

One stands charged with forgery, two with drunkenness, three with drunken driving, and one each with breaking and entering and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Thanksgiving Proclamation

We are reaping another annual harvest, estimated to be the greatest in the history of America. While many people in other lands live almost an animal existence on a starvation diet we have sufficient for ourselves and can provide help to many millions of others:

For these opportunities we should be truly thankful for our heritage of good is greater than ever.

Let us be thankful not for just what we have but for the privilege of having enough so that we can extend our aid and comfort to others whom the world has not treated so well. Let us be thankful for the good of the past and for the opportunities of the future.

Now, therefore, I, J. L. Hassell, Mayor of Williamston, in accord with the proclamations of the President of the United States and the Governor of North Carolina, and following a custom inaugurated by the Pilgrim Fathers in 1621, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 28th, 1946, as Thanksgiving Day in Williamston and call upon all business activities to cease on that day and may all our people repair to one or to their various places of worship and render thanks to the Almighty for the wonderful blessings we have received.

J. L. Hassell, Mayor
Williamston, N. C.

Annual Christmas Seal Sale Off To A Splendid Start

County Asked To Raise a Total Of \$2,000 This Year

The annual sale of Christmas TB seals was off to a splendid start yesterday when County Chairman Chas. H. Manning placed 1,500 direct appeals in the mail and soon received favorable answers. "We are sending 200 seals to each of the 1,500 persons, asking them to remit \$2 for each lot," the chairman said.

TB bonds, ranging from \$2.50 to \$25 will be offered for sale within a short time.

Last year approximately \$1,500 was raised in the county, but in preparation for stepping up the campaign against tuberculosis the association is asking for \$2,000 this year. It was pointed out that mobile trucks will be sent into the county as soon as possible to take pictures of all school children and hundreds of adults, that \$2,000 and possibly more will be needed to pay for the films. Every effort possible is being made to eradicate tuberculosis, and the work will be badly hampered in this county if the \$2,000 quota is not subscribed, the chairman explained.

A working organization has been effected and the drive will be advanced in all the schools and in every section of the county between now and the Christmas holidays. During the meantime, the chairman is hopeful the direct mail appeals will bring good results.

Names of those handling the campaign, by townships, C. C. Martin, Jamesville; Rev. W. B. Harrington, Griffins; C. L. Daniel, Williams; Elder A. B. Ayers, Bear Grass; Chas. H. Manning, Williamston; Mrs. Ben H. James, Poplar Point; Craven Roebuck, Hamilton; Nat Johnson, Goose Nest; Mrs. A. P. Barnhill, Cross Roads. The Robertsonville Jaycees are handling the drive in Robertsonville Township.

General Holiday For Thanksgiving

With the possible exception of one or two industrial mills or plants, Thanksgiving Day will be observed as a general holiday here and in the county on Thursday of this week. Even where operations are planned, they will be advanced on a limited scale, it was learned.

The bird season opens that day and many hunters are planning to turn to the fields.

All county schools will close for the holidays Wednesday afternoon and reopen next Monday. No postal deliveries will be made that day and all business houses will be closed with a Sunday schedule in effect for drug stores.

Union church services will be held in the Episcopal church that morning at 10:00 o'clock. Dr. Ira D. S. Knight, pastor of the local Baptist church, will deliver the special sermon, and religious leaders are appealing to the people of the town and community, urging them to fill the church to overflowing.

Six Persons Injured In Series of Wrecks

Three Autos Turn Over on Highways In Martin County

Two Persons Jailed Saturday Evening For Alleged Drunken Driving

Six persons were injured and one or two others suffered shock in a series of automobile wrecks on Martin County highways early last Saturday evening. No one was critically hurt and property damage was estimated at less than \$200 by investigating officers.

Gus Norman Cowan, 41 of Suffolk, turned his 1941 model pickup truck over about 5:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon when he suddenly turned off the hard surface to avoid striking a 4-year-old child on U. S. Highway 64 just west of Williamston. The child, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Heath, started to run across the highway just ahead of the Cowan truck which was running around 40 miles an hour. The driver succeeded in missing the child but the little fellow fell down and hurt his hand. The truck turned over against a yard hedge and was damaged very little. Cpl. W. T. Simpson of the highway patrol said, Mr. Cowan was not hurt.

Driving in the direction of Everett, James Wynne started to pass L. D. Mizelle near the intersection of the prison camp road. Mizelle, booked for drunken driving, turned to the left and struck the Wynne car and almost turned it over. Mizelle lost control of his 1928 model Ford and turned it over. No one was hurt and damage to both cars was estimated at about \$35. Mizelle was quoted as saying, "Let's turn her upright and get going." He was arrested by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and turned over to highway patrolmen who booked him for drunken driving.

Driving into Oak City from Hobgood, Mack Donald Dixon, of RFD 1, Whitakers, lost control of his 1938 model Pontiac, plowed down a ditch a distance of about 150 feet and turned the machine over. Six persons were injured. Katherine Edmondson, 17, cut about the face and head; George Whitfield of Hobgood, cut on the side of his face; Mattie Katherine Brady, 14 of Hobgood, three-inch cut on head and face and hand lacerations; Chauncey Hyman of Whitakers, two-inch cut on chin; Nannie Ruth Stroud, 16 of Hobgood, cut on chin, lip and head. Dixon was slightly cut on the elbow. The victims were removed to a Tarboro hospital where they were treated and discharged later that night. John C. Hale, of Palmyra and a passenger in the car, was not hurt.

Damage to the car was estimated at \$125 by Officer Edmondson and highway patrolmen.

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Officers Wreck Two Distilleries

ABC Officer Joe H. Roebuck and Deputy Roy Peel wrecked two liquor plants in the county last week-end, poured out several hundred gallons of molasses beer and confiscated about one-half gallon of white liquor.

The first plant, equipped with a 40-gallon capacity copper kettle, was found in Bear Grass Township. The officers poured out 100 gallons of cheap beer and one-half gallon of liquor.

Going into the Dardens area of Jamesville Township on Friday, the officers wrecked a crude plant, destroying an old 50-gallon oil drum used as a kettle and pouring out 150 gallons of molasses beer.

Special Service At Rose Of Sharon Church

A former pastor, Rev. C. D. Hamilton, of Fountain, will conduct a special Thanksgiving service in the Rose of Sharon Free Will Baptist Church near Bear Grass on Friday evening of this week at 7:00 o'clock. The public is invited.

Selecting Better Seed For Peanut Crop Next Season

Very Few Suitable Seed Are Available In This Territory

The problems of reconversion are as real to the peanut producer as they are to the automobile manufacturer. The swing these days is from the wartime oil type nuts back to the peacetime edible peanut.

But the producer faced with the prospect of mixed seed stock as a result of the war years, has some good news in store. Next spring when he buys his seed stock there's to be a mighty important little tag for him to look out for. A tag bearing the words "Farmers Stock Peanuts," which means that bag of peanuts consists of pure strains of the large-type nuts preferred for eating.

So far very few peanuts suitable for planting have been found in this immediate territory.

The story leading up to that tag has its beginning this fall. Realizing the plight of many of the peanut farmers of the State who were wanting to reconvert but didn't have the seed stock to do it, and the future demands for peanuts for edible trade, a number of the peanut millers, appealed to their agricultural agencies for help in locating pure lines of the large-type edible nuts for planting purposes. To carry out the program, the cooperation of the N. C. Crop Improvement Association, the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station, the State College Extension Service, the State Department of Agriculture, the Growers Peanut Cooperative, the milling industry, and the individual grower was solicited and pledged.

The Crop Improvement Association, headed by Dr. Robert P. Moore of State College, agreed to furnish an inspector, Thomas Cheers of Edenton, to locate the seed.

Cheers, working with the county agent in each of the peanut producing counties, has sought relatively pure strains of the principal edible nuts—Large Jumbo, Medium Jumbo, Virginia Runner, and Virginia Bunch. In locating these strains, he reports that his best sources have been farmers who have selected their own seed for planting purposes.

When he locates seed that meets his requirements, he attaches a yellow tag to each bag which tells the miller or other buyers that this lot should be set aside for additional inspection which will consist of determination of germination and class.

Once the seed have been stored in the warehouse, the State Department of Agriculture is to send around an inspector who tests the lots for germination and then attaches a tag of approval on those that meet the standards.

This is the tag bearing the words "Farmers Stock Peanuts" for which planters next spring are urged to look.

Cooperation, Dr. Moore says, is the keynote of the entire program. A failure to do so on the part of any of the participating members would play havoc with the whole plan.

However he points out the agreement has been drawn up, and plans already are in execution. And from the growers' standpoint, success appears certain.

At the time the program first was proposed, he explains, the millers who requested it and

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Victim Of Burns Back In School

Little Miss Emma Padgett, victim of severe burns, returned to school in Jamesville last Thursday after an absence of nearly eight months. A patient in hospitals here and at Durham most of that period, the little girl had skin grafted on the burned surface several times. She underwent three operations, and 603 stitches were taken. She received fifteen blood transfusions.

The little girl, a most considerate patient, said she wanted to express thanks to those who befriended her and for the cards, letters and flowers and for the cash contributions.

HEALTH PICTURE

The North Carolina Better Health Association has prepared a series of very interesting movie trailers presenting the pertinent facts regarding the general health conditions in North Carolina. The first of this series will be shown at the Marco Theatre here Thursday and Friday of this week. The special feature will only last two and one-half minutes and Randolph Scott formerly of Charlotte will be the commentator for the picture. A second trailer will be shown at the Watts some time next week.

Victim Of Attack Dies In Hospital Saturday Morning

John Oscar Moore Is Being Sought By Officers In Two Counties

John Henry Ackland, 25-year-old colored man of the Hassell section, died in a Greenville hospital last Saturday of injuries received when he was attacked by John Oscar Moore on November 3. Struck with a peanut stack pole, Ackland never regained consciousness, reports reaching here stated.

Following the attack, Moore fled to Edgecombe County and Justice of the Peace George Leggett issued a warrant, charging the man with an assault with a deadly weapon. The warrant was turned over to Edgecombe County officers, but no trace of the attacker had been reported up until late yesterday. Officers in this county were not notified of the attack until Ackland died and they with officers in Edgecombe are now busy working on the case.

According to meager information received here over the week-end, the two men figured in an argument on November 3 and Moore struck Ackland over the head with the pole. Moore left this county immediately and went into Edgecombe where he successfully evaded the law. A warrant charging him with manslaughter has been drawn against Moore and a hearing in the case will be held in the county just as soon as the man is apprehended, Sheriff Chas. B. Roebuck said this week.

County Filling Station Robbed

Manson Council's filling station on Highway No. 11 in the Hassell section after having its stock almost cleaned out by robbers not so long ago, was entered again last Thursday morning, the second robber carrying away about \$80 in cash.

Council closed his station about 10:30 o'clock that morning to go for some ice. He met Arthur Station, Jr., 20, who was later seen standing under the filling station by one or two persons traveling the highway. Returning to the station, Council found where someone had forced the front door open with a leaf from an automobile spring. In the absence of Sheriff C. B. Roebuck who was in Raleigh questioning a prisoner in another case, Patrolman W. E. Saunders answered the call and arrested Station within two hours after the crime was committed.

Station, arrested at his father's home about two miles from the store, denied the charge. Searching the man, Patrolman Saunders found \$79.06 on his person, Council describing the money. Council said that he had one 20-dollar bill, a number of \$1 bills and about \$15 in silver, and explained that one of the dollar bills had been torn in two that black thread was used in sewing it together. The money found on Station answered the description, and he was jailed.