

### Accomplishments Of Colored Farm Students Outlined

Ten Outstanding Achievements Listed by W. T. Marable, Instructor

Ten outstanding achievements were enumerated among the accomplishments of the New Farmers of America for the last term by W. T. Marable, instructor of vocational agriculture in the Plymouth Colored High School.

Listed in this group are the payment of the state and national dues, aiding 14 destitute families with \$42 worth of groceries at Thanksgiving; beautification of the school campus by planting shrubbery, laying off walkways, landscaping the lawn and planting grass.

Each student helped work on the agriculture building, which is two-thirds completed; delegates were sent to the district meeting in Windsor; George Gaylord won second place in the public-speaking contest for the district; judging team and delegates sent to the annual state convention in Greensboro.

A chapel program was given honoring Booker T. Washington and national health week observed; each student participated in a live-at-home program; supervised practices were carried by the following number of students: poultry 5, truck crops 3, vegetable gardens 10, swine 2, corn 4, improvement practices 8.

Members of the local chapter have reached and given information to patrons, farmers and citizens of the community on vocational guidance and agriculture.

### This Month On the Farm

## JULY



**Boliver Pigg, he sez, sez he:**  
"Don't count too much on what may be:  
Remember that what's good costs work  
While troubles mostly all come free."  
—Sez Boliver P., sez he.

State College specialists offer the following suggestions to North Carolina farmers for the month of July:

#### Cotton

Agronomist Paul Kime says frequent cultivation of cotton during July is beneficial as it maintains a mulch that helps to hold the moisture. The cultivation should be shallow at all times in order to prevent injury to the root system. This also applies to corn and most other cultivated crops.

#### Vegetables

Robert Schmidt, Experiment Station horticulturist, has four suggestions for gardeners. First, he says, set tomatoes early in the month for a fall crop. And be sure to use wilt-resistant varieties. Second, sow cabbage seed for a fall crop. The plant bed may need protection from the sun. Third, July is not too late to sow collard seed. Very often the best winter collards are from late plantings. Fourth, fall crop Irish potatoes are usually planted during the latter part of July.

#### Poultry

Roy Dearstyne, head of the State College Poultry Department, says these hot summer days are trying both for the poultryman and his birds. To keep efficiency as near the top as possible, the poultryman is advised to follow these simple rules: Don't overcrowd your birds, and be sure to provide plenty of ventilation in the houses; provide an ample number of feed hoppers and water containers; cull at all times, destroying crippled and sub-normal birds; check lice and mite infestations; vaccinate against chicken pox; examine birds for intestinal parasites; feed a balanced diet; and collect and market eggs frequently.

#### Dairying

July is a bad month for dairy cows, says John Arey, extension dairyman, because of the annoyance from flies and the heat and variation in the quality and quantity of feed furnished by pastures. Since grazing in most permanent pastures gets short and tough during the summer, temporary grazing crops such as lespedeza and Sudan grass are needed as supplements. Unless they are provided, it will be necessary, in order to maintain a uniform milk flow, to feed silage and increase the protein content of the grain mixture to around 20 per cent. The grain allowance should be increased gradually as the quantity of grazing in the pasture diminishes.

#### Agronomy

Extension Agronomist Enos Blair says one of the most important jobs during July is threshing small grains on farms where they are not harvested with combines. In either case, after the grain is threshed, it should be stored in tight bins where it will be easy to treat with carbon bisulphide should grain moths and weevil attack. These pests usually make their appearance two to three weeks after the grain has been threshed. Blair also advises keeping the mowing machine busy until all weeds in the lespedeza field have been clipped off and until the pastures have been mown over.

#### Fruits

Dr. Luther Shaw, extension plant pathologist, suggests that apple growers should keep up their spray program during this period, since blotch and bitter rot usually make their appearance at this time of the year. Success in the control of these two diseases will depend upon the thoroughness and timeliness of the applications of cover sprays.

#### Flowers

The dahlia, one of the most popular of the fall flowers, requires close attention from the gardener at this season of the year, says James G. Weaver, State College horticulturist. During the growing season, the dahlia requires a large amount of water. If the plants continually wilt during the day and the soil seems dry, this indicates that transpiration and evaporation are in excess of absorption. So, water is needed to keep the balance more even. Plants suffering from lack of water will become hard and stunted, and, of course, cannot produce the best flowers. The best time to water dahlias is late in the afternoon.

### Portion of Old Stage Road Can Be Seen On Farm Near Here

Post Road Once Important Connecting Link With Bath, Washington

Remaining for the view of those who are used to concrete highways and steel tracks for trains is a mile of old road in this county, over which lumbering stagecoaches jostled their passengers between Plymouth, Washington and Bath, according to Romulus A. Tetterton, farmer of the Long Acre section.

Historically minded persons may see the remaining part of this road by visiting the property of the J. B. Lucas heirs, W. H. Gurkin, R. H. Lucas and Mrs. M. A. Tetterton, south of Plymouth, according to Mr. Tetterton.

Old timers estimate this road was the highway for these rumbling stagecoaches 70 years ago. It would take the drivers a day to press their horses the distance from here to Washington, stopping at the Mary Bowen place for passengers to get lunch and take time out to feed and water the four horses that drew the coach. For this reason it became widely known as the "Half-Way Place."

Clerk of Court C. V. W. Ausbon recalls operation of the stagecoach line when he was a boy, remembering that a lady visitor at his home made the return visit to Washington on this conveyance.

Older residents recall that J. E. Skittleharpe, who operated a livery here, renting horses and buggies and dealing in livestock, also operated the stagecoach as well as star-route mail deliveries.

For years after the line was discontinued the old stagecoach remained at the home of Mr. Skittleharpe on Washington street where his daughter, Mrs. Della Jones now resides.

Mr. Tetterton believes the road that now remains open was used by the coach from Plymouth to Washington, while Mr. Ausbon is of the opinion that this road was used on trips to Bath. Mr. Ausbon said that the route to Washington was by Long Ridge and Pinetown.

Coaches enroute to Washington stopped at the farm of Mrs. Mary Bowen for lunch and to feed and water the horses. For this reason it became known through this section as the "Half Way Place."

Plymouth at that time was a distributing point for mail dispatched to Columbia, Windsor, Washington and intermediate points. It came in here on a boat from Franklin, Va., on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. A very small pouch enclosed the small amount of mail received here on those days.

#### HEALTH

Medical services for the farm family represents only about six per cent of the cost of all the goods and services required by the average farm family.

### Farm News about the AAA and other EXTENSION WORK From the County Agent



Don't forget the field day picnic at Wenona July 13th. Every farmer in Washington County should take the day off and attend this picnic. There will be good speakers on the program. Many problems on feeding, livestock and fertilizing crops will be taken up and discussed that day. A horse-pulling contest in the afternoon should interest all who are interested in good horses and mules.

The lamb sale on June 15 was the best yet. Choice lambs sold for \$12; good for \$11; medium for \$10.25; common for \$9; and culls brought \$7.60. Most any kind of a lamb brought a good price. Everyone who shipped was well pleased with the returns. Clyde Robbins, who shipped several good lambs, seemed pleasantly surprised the way these lambs sold. Sam Spruill has made quite a reputation for himself as a grader.

Mr. Paul Fletcher, livestock marketing specialist with the Department of Agriculture; Mr. W. M. Darden, of Plymouth; Sam Spruill, of Creswell; and the county agent plan to attend a cattlemen's meeting and visit several large stock farms in the black belt of Alabama on the 17th of July. Leaving here on the morning of the 15th and returning about the 20th.

All young pulets and cockerels should be vaccinated against chicken pox and "sore head" when they are about 12 to 14 weeks old. It is not necessary to vaccinate old birds to be carried over. These vaccinated birds should not be permitted to run on ground used by other birds or with other birds within 30 days after vaccination. "Sore head" and colds are very rare during the fall and winter months when vaccinating is done in the summer. All pulets should be vaccinated at least six weeks previous to the time they start laying, otherwise laying might be delayed a month or more.

Mr. Parish says to give the old hen some moist mash about noon every day, as it will help production. Feed what they will clean up in about 15 to 20 minutes. Keep the houses clean and well ventilated with plenty of fresh water at all times. Keep the old hens and young birds separated. Cull hens that persist in going broody and those that molt during the summer unless the molt is from a feed upset. Gather the eggs often, keep them cool and market twice a week if possible.

A number of people have been concerned with vaccinating their horses and mules against sleeping sickness,

which usually recurs about this time of the year. There seems to be many differences of opinion among veterinarians as to the type of vaccination to use. There are two types of sleeping sickness. One is caused by moly feed, which may be corn, hay or grass and another is caused by a particular virus, which is infectious but not contagious. The vaccination for one form will not prevent infection by the other. We are not sure whether the true encephalomyelitis has ever made its appearance in this section. A veterinarian in an adjoining county has offered to furnish the serum, come down and vaccinate our horses and mules for \$2 for the two vaccinations, provided several horses and mules could be gotten together in one place. If sufficient interest is shown, the county agent will be glad to arrange a center for this clinic.

Anyone having a team of horses, mules or steers which they would like to enter in the pulling contest at Wenona on July 13th please notify either the county agent or Mr. J. L. Rae at Wenona previous to July 10th.

### Farmers Warned Of Imposed Penalties if Woodland Is Burned

No Benefit Payments Will Be Made By AAA if Offense Permitted

No benefit payments will be made by the Triple-A to any farmer who willfully burns over, or permits or does not attempt to prevent the burning over of, woodland on a farm, announces E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer of State College. County and State AAA committees are empowered to withhold payments in full or in part, based on their investigations of the individual case, he explained.

"Conservation of timber resources is an important part of the Agricultural Conservation Program, and a person who willfully destroys woodland defeats the purpose of the program," Floyd declared. "Burned-over woodland not only destroys valuable timber, but it kills vegetation which controls erosion and prevents washing of adjoining cultivated fields."

The AAA officer said the State Triple-A Committee will act in cases where a farmer owns land in counties other than the one where the offense occurs.

"The county committee will consider each case of burning woodland in the light of information furnished to it by community committeemen.

### First of Tobacco Curings Reported

First reports of tobacco curings in the bright-leaf tobacco belt came last week from Whiteville, where one of the leading Columbus County farmers was said to have made the initial curing in that section. Whiteville is in what is known as the Border Belt, and the report from there was to the effect that the crop was considered one of the best ever grown. Record-breaking production was indicated.

So far as could be learned here, no curings have been made, although it is understood a few farmers will begin priming the latter part of this week. By the last of next week harvesting activities will be well underway generally.

The United States Tobacco Association meets in Old Point Comfort this week to fix the opening dates for the markets in the various belts. With the acreage greatly increased in practically all sections, a record-breaking crop is expected, with the price factor, as always an inscrutable problem at this time.

local and State supervisors, representatives of the State and U. S. Forest Services, and any other person who is in a position to furnish satisfactory information. The Forest Services are requesting their representatives to report all such cases coming to their attention directly to the appropriate county AAA office," Floyd said.

The penalty for burning-over woodland is a part of the Federal Farm Act of 1938, and applies to all parts of the Nation.

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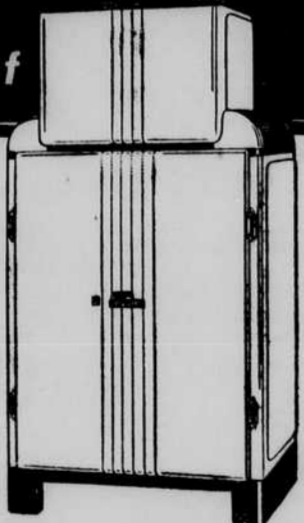
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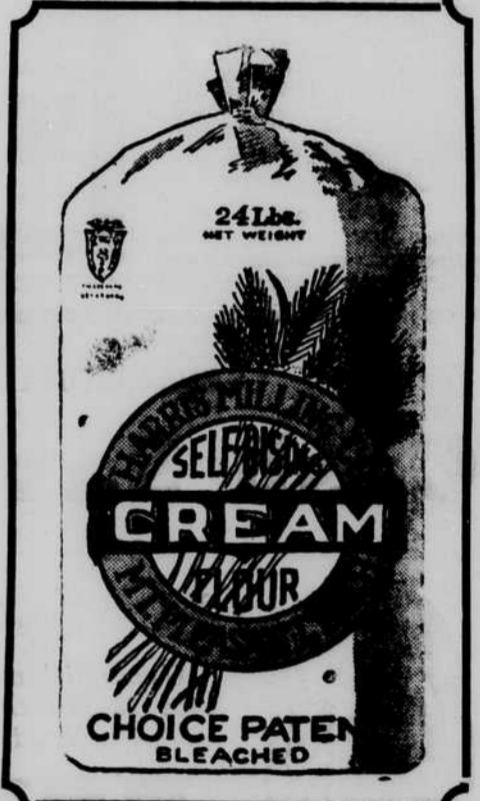
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This 24th day of June, 1939.  
JESSE B. TOODLE, P. A.  
Executor of John T. Ransom.