

NEWS OF INTEREST TO FARMERS

RURAL TELEPHONES

County Agent Arrendale finds that he could do more and better work if more farmers had telephones. In order to help the farmers organize small companies in each community for the purpose of building, owning and maintaining telephone lines, he has asked the farmers and citizens to meet him next week at the vegetable growers meeting, mentioned in another column of this issue. He expects to have at these meetings a man that knows the telephone business to explain the plan and workings of a rural or farmers telephone line.

Do Macon Farmers Want Electric Lights?

When the Franklin power dam is completed there will be enough juice to light every farm home in the county and then some. Our farmers are just as progressive as those in Cleveland county. Think this matter over and see whether you want electric lights and small motors for farm work.

Read the following article "Little by little the Cleveland county electric light program for rural sections is answering the song hit of a few years back: 'How you Gonna Keep 'Em Down on the Farm After They've Seen Pore?'" And because of that program the farm world is taking note of Cleveland.

The above is from the Cleveland County Star, edited by Lee Weathers at Shelby, N. C. Really no need of such extensive identification now for the story of Cleveland county has gone to every nook and corner of this big country of ours. The story has been told by Lee Weathers in his Star and by Max Gardner and by every patriotic citizen of Cleveland.

PUBLIC SERVICE is happy to note and again pass on the story of developments in this progressive county.

And here are some more significant statements from the Star:

"One by one community after community is falling into line in the big county-wide light program. A number of communities will have their lines completed and electric lights in their home by another month and seeing that the movement is a success will bring in the communities that have been somewhat hesitant about taking the forward step.

"Four or five community power companies will have completed their lines by spring with others only a few weeks behind."

That's the story: the little communities are uniting and building lines to the nearest power stations. The people are lighting their rural homes and turning the wheels of their machinery by electricity. They are enjoying the joys of rural life and banishing all its discomforts.

Vegetable Growers Meeting

In last week's issue, we gave an account of the vegetable growers meeting at the court house. Since that time a few farmers have shown some interest in inquiring but only a very few have agreed to grow any vegetables.

Believing that the farmers do not understand the proposition and its importance, County Agent Arrendale is asking the farmers to meet him at the places and on the dates mentioned below:

- Patton School house, Monday March 9th, 10 A. M.
- Higdonville school house, Monday March 9th, 3:30 P. M.
- Slagle School house, Tuesday, March 10th, 10 A. M.
- Holly Spring School house Tuesday March 10th, 3:00 P. M.
- Prentiss Depot, Wednesday March 11th 10:00 A. M.
- Otto, Wednesday March 11th, at 1 P. M.
- Mulberry school house Wednesday March 11th, 4:00 P. M.
- Cowee School house Thursday March 12th, 10:00 A. M.
- Jotla School house, Thursday March 12th, 3:00 P. M.

Mr. Moody must have three hundred acres of vegetables contracted to be grown and delivered to his packing house at a given price per pound before he will agree to come to Macon County. He also wants contracts for not less than 100 and not more than 200 acres of potatoes on the same plan.

Talk this proposition over with your neighbor and do not fail to attend one of these meetings.

The planting season is near and Mr. Moody must know by Saturday, March 14th whether or not the farmers of Macon County will sign the contracts for 300 acres.

We understand that the farmers at Dillard, Ga. and Mt. City, Ga. are anxious to get Mr. Moody to contract there.

Will the farmers of Macon County sit still and let an opportunity like this pass by? We hope not!

See copy of contracts in this issue.

Quite Modern.

About 1882 Marcel Deprez, a French engineer and pioneer electrician, succeeded in transmitting electric power by telegraph wire between Munich and Miesbach, thirty-five miles. This is considered the first successful experiment in long-distance transmission.

INCUBATOR

It seems that some have the idea that Prof. Crawford carried the big incubator to his farm for his own use. In fact it was carried out there to do custom hatching on the same plan as was followed last year. He is ready to start operating as soon as enough eggs are brought in. We see no reason why this incubator should not be operated for several months at full capacity.

Beautifying Home Grounds Is Found Inexpensive

Of all the unattractive places the home grounds without shade trees, shrubbery, and grass heads the list. There is no reason for such a state of affairs existing, because in whatever conditions one's finances may be a few dollars may be dug up for a few shade trees and few clumps of shrubbery. We have seen many small homes almost remade in appearance where not more than \$5 or \$10 was spent for shrubbery and a dollar or two for some lawn seed.

Neither is it necessary to secure the services of a paid landscape gardener in order to beautify the home ground. He would probably make the place look better than the home owner himself yet with the free information that is available for everyone there is no reason why anyone cannot properly locate and plant shrubbery and trees.

State agricultural colleges, county agents, nurserymen farm papers and other agricultural organizations are all glad to supply information of this kind. Where one will take a picture of the house and yard where trees and shrubbery are desired and send it to the state agricultural college, or to nurserymen having shrubbery for sale, detailed information as to the exact kind of shrubbery that is best suited and where it should be located may be had. In sending in such a picture send along a rough drawing, showing the location of house, walks, driveways and any trees or shrubbery that may be already on the grounds.

Also show on the drawing the distance between the house and the driveway and the distance between the trees and house, the height of the eaves of the roof of the house, the height of the porch floor from the ground.

Another source from which much information along this line may be secured is from the catalogues put out by nurserymen, and from bulletins put out by the state department of agriculture, Washington, D. C. They are written by men who are fully informed as to the best methods of beautifying the home grounds and are free to any one who asks for them.

The main point that we wish to make here is that the cost of improving the home grounds is not necessarily expensive. It is true that one may spend an unlimited amount of money in improving the grounds, but it is equally true that a mighty good showing may be made with a limited amount of money.

Another point we would make is that this work should not be put off until the last minute. Many folks intend to plant the grounds but put it off until it is too late in the spring and then say they will do it the following year and repeat the same thing over and over again. Therefore the time to begin studying this proposition is winter, so that the plans may be made the work mapped out etc. before spring.

Nothing will add as much to the making of the house a real home as to beautify the surroundings. Even men who make no pretension of caring for the beautiful are influenced by their surroundings. No one can possibly live in a home with beautiful grounds made so by trees, shrubbery, etc. and not be a better man. Therefore let's say that we care nothing for the beautiful, because we do whether conscious of it or not. Let's not stifle what love there may be in our nature for beauty of this kind.

He Wants to Come Home

The fact that Franklin is a fine place to live is proven by the plight of a man in Florida. This man was a convict in the Franklin jail. One day he perhaps heard Bill Moore extolling the virtues of Florida as a winter resort. So the trusty started for and arrived in the land of flowers. He is there now but much prefers the jail in Franklin. Yea, though he sits beneath the palm trees foot loose and free this man pines to view the mountains through the bars of Macon county's jail rather than to pluck luscious bananas in a tropical clime. Read his letter:

Dear Sir—I am in hard luck. You get the commissioners to wire me \$25.00 or I will have to turn in and get the sheriff to wire for some one to come and get me. I got too far south to get a job. Have it sent at once. Respt

Absent-Minded.

Absent-Minded Husband: "I forgot my umbrella this morning, dear."
Wife (sarcastically): "How did you ever come to remember that you had forgotten it?"
Husband: "Well, I shouldn't have missed it, dear, only I raised my hand to shut it when the rain ceased."

A Lespedeza Episode

Albe, N. C., March, 6, 1925—Sam Love, a World War veteran of Stanly County, although somewhat disabled from an injury to his hip, is proving himself to be very active on his farm and very enthusiastic over the methods he is using to bring his rough hilly land into economical production, states O. H. Phillips, County Agent for the State College Extension Service.

A visiting farmer was complaining to Sam about everything going wrong about the poor season last year, his empty corn crib, his empty barn, and several horses to feed with an exhausted bank account.

The farmer discovered that Sam's barn was full of something that had green tings to it. "Where did you get all that good feed?" asked the visitor.

"That is lespedeza hay, the finest hay I ever fed and I believe it is the best hay to be had anywhere," remarked Sam. Come on out to the barn and let me show you something. He opened a stable door and in front of the visitor stood a nice fat horse almost too fat for spring work. "You see that horse," said Sam "he gets only five ears of corn per day and the rest of his feed is lespedeza hay. Buy this is nothing let me show you in the next stable. Here is an old horse that has not had a thing to eat but lespedeza hay since November 1st. No, sir, no corn, no oats, just good lespedeza hay."

The visiting farmer remarked. That horse looks better than the other one. "Well," said Sam, "If you make friends with lespedeza, sow lots of seed, make lots of hay, and save enough seed to sow on every acre of small grain, you will never need to worry about winter feed, and it will enable you to make lots of improvements around the farm and home that you otherwise couldn't."

"Do you really believe all you say about lespedeza?" asked the visitor. "I believe all that and more," replied Sam.

"How about selling me some seed," remarked the visitor.

"No, I have sold all that I have to spare, and all the local seed have been sold, so you will have to get yours from a dealer."

Money Earning for Women

Many housewives feel a desire for a little more spending money than their husbands are able to give them, and would gladly work for the same if they knew what to attempt. A great many women have obtained help in these ways by little industries of their own.

Some of them produce knitted articles, embroidery, or other forms of handwork. Many of them who are good cooks, will supply some article of food to some store. Others who are skillful in putting up jellies and preserves will provide such supplies regularly for some store. Others sell rugs and mats or other house furnishings. Many women raise poultry, for the product of which there is an unlimited demand. There are plenty of openings for women and girls who wish to earn a little money.

This paper carries the timely farm news and information sent out by the extension division of State College.

Last week we had the Victor Talking Maching program and Tuesday night this week we had the Brunswick Musical memory contest program on the Radio. These were fine and almost every night we have something worth listening to. We keep a good fire and if you want to "Listen in" we will be glad to have you come and spend the evening.

FRANK T. SMITH
PRESCRIPTION DRUGGIST

A School Child's Lullaby

(To the tune of "Good Old Summer Time")

In the good old rainy time,
In the good old rainy time,
Winging broom sage by the ton,
All along the line,
We catch a tadpole by the tail,
And that's a very good sign,
There's mud a plenty at our school
In the good old rainy time.

POULTRY SALE

A poultry sale is being planned for March 18th. A decision will be made as soon as we know whether or not a veterinarian can be sent to inspect the poultry as loaded so that a health certificate can be issued.

Poultry is bringing a very good price in the big markets, owing to the fact that very little poultry has been shipped. A good load of poultry could be shipped.

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Not merely motor oil.

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Doubles efficiency.

Materially increases resale value.

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- Friers18
- Hams,20
- Side Meat,18
- Shoulders,12 1/2
- Soy Beans, 2.50
- Peas, 2.50
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- Corn, 1.25
- Hides, dry,08
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- Pastry Queen Flour..... 1.35

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Farmers Federation

ELMER JOHNSON, Manager.