

"CIVILIZATION BEGINS AND ENDS WITH THE PLOW"—Plato

THINGS TO PLAN TO THROUGHOUT COMING YEAR The Farmers' Day at the test farm at Swannanoa on May 17, 1928.

- Poultry loading depot with facilities for grading eggs. An annual poultry show. Monthly livestock sales. Farmers' own line of delivery trucks. Purebred sires and seeds on every farm. Guernsey cattle breeders association. A semi-annual seed exchange day. A Harvest Carnival one day of the bread and butter show.

Just About the Farm

CANNERY

Its no use to tell folks who know that farmers cannot grow truck at cannery prices and make money. It is not visionary when we say we sold \$100,000.00 worth of produce sold to the cannery this year. The idea is to sell what stuff you can in the green state, and bring the rest to your cannery. "Your cannery" is used advisably, for under our charter, whatever the cannery may make, after the present stockholders are refunded their money, will be divided pro rata among the patrons of the cannery, according to the amount of stuff they deliver. I have talked to several people who have eaten vegetables packed at the cannery last season, and not one has had a fault to find with it, and nearly all have been high in their praise of the quality. Our Mr. Moore is some food packer. I guess—in parenthesis however—that our Mrs. Moore has something to do with it too.

There, may be a cleaner creamery in the land than our Nantahala Creamery, but we have failed to see it.

We have watched this feature pretty closely and never yet have we found a musty smell or any flies about the creamery. Some recommendation that. Three cheers for Mrs. Wyman!

According to tests just completed, the 4-3-2-1 dairy feed beats them all in production. And this is a home mixed feed. No freight to pay, no middle-man's profit, no mixing charges, no sacks or sacking fees. It is:

- 4 parts corn meal 3 parts cottonseed meal 2 parts wheat bran 1 part ground oats, and 1 per cent of salt should be added. All above by weight.

With this feed, plenty of home-grown legume hay, summer and winter pasture, a farmer will make his butter fat at around 20 cents a pound. Not much room there for hollering "A pore farmer ain't got no chance now." We know a poor farmer hasn't got any chance. Nor a poor anything else.

The following men in the order named, are the 10 highest cream producers in the county the first two weeks of the new year:

- C. H. Norton, G. W. Culver, G. W. Dowdle, A. B. Slagle, J. C. Ferguson, E. A. Vanhook, E. N. Keener, D. W. Love, J. H. McDowell, E. V. Ammons. The above is the "Big Ten." Their checks total \$196.67.

HOGS

A lot of people are complaining about rheumatism and down-in-the-back sore joints in their hogs. This is not a thing but the effects of malnutrition. Malnutrition is simply starvation.

I know you feed your hog a lot of corn and slop, but that doesn't say that he gets proper feed. He needs minerals and tankage as well.

The following mineral mixture will prevent all that in most cases: 10 lbs. of wood ashes 10 lbs. acid phosphate (just common or garden fertilizer) 2 lbs. of salt. Mix this well and keep in a dry place where the hogs may have free access to it at all times.

A self feeder will make you money in more ways than one. We have the working drawings for these here in the office, and if you can't come in to get it, just drop us a card.

No man can make pure meat when he grows his hog in a close pen and keeps it standing belly-deep in filth.

The time is near at hand when pen fed hogs will bring less money.

Many do not believe this, but many did not believe we would have flying machines either.

POULTRY

200 jam-up hens on every farm in

Macon county.

Why break your back heaving poles and ties about, when a few hogs and chickens will make you more money and save your health?

A great many weak hearted poultry raisers are not going to grow as many chickens as they did last year, because the prices are not right.

If folks would pay more attention to the cost of production and not guess so much they would find that they are making a good profit at 15 cents a pound for chickens—take it one year with another, and all seasons together. That is, of course, where proper management is exercised.

This egg business. Dirty and undersized eggs keep the market price down. Better eat those and sell your good ones.

A lot of hens are not laying now. How can they lay and fight this cold weather too, when they are left to shift for themselves?

A hen, like a cow, is a highly refined producing machine and she won't work under improper conditions any more than your flivver engine will work with sand in the cylinders.

SHEEP

The following letter was sent to the following men: C. W. Slagle, Joe Sweatman, J. T. Watts, E. R. Bradley, J. M. Cabe, D. L. Cabe, Miss Allie Dills, John Dills, Miss Flora Norton, L. B. Norton, Fred Shope, G. L. Shope, Mrs. Mary Williams, M. S. Burnette, J. W. Byrd, Luther Jacobs, Allie Martin, E. L. Roper, N. C. Hay, Craig Steppe, Lee Russell, D. W. Neal, Sim Roper, R. L. Barnett, C. F. Evans, C. L. Ingram, J. U. Keener, J. E. Taylor, W. S. Moffitt, J. B. Snyder, O. E. Snyder, E. T. Battles, C. T. Byrd, E. G. Cruse, C. N. Dills, E. W. Doughty, R. V. Dills, Hez Dills, Mrs. L. T. Gillespie, J. M. Harrison, J. L. Kinsland, W. B. McGuire, G. W. Moffitt, L. F. Setser, J. R. Slagle, W. W. Hedden, Mrs. J. E. Hedden, F. E. Hedden, A. A. Mashburn, G. D. Hedden, D. M. Rogers, Mattie Moss,

J. H. Fulton, J. A. Keener, Cope, John DeHart, H. A. Hall, R. M. McGaha, J. A. Parrish, J. R. Ramsey, W. G. Rowland, J. L. Smith, E. M. Tallent, G. H. Brendle, G. H. Gibson, V. B. Mason, Mrs. C. A. Raby, Rass Duvall, Hattie Johnson, Tom Cope, J. W. Neal, J. J. Waters, D. M. Lunsford, Matthew Rowland, B. H. Rowland, J. B. Ammons, Edd Cloer.

Franklin, N. C., January 21, 1928.

Dear Sir: There has been a good deal of complaint in regard to the activities of sheep-killing dogs. Several sheep growers of the county have requested me to call a meeting of all the sheep growers in the county, to discuss this matter with the county commissioners and other officials.

They also want to discuss the sheep growing of this county, to lay a foundation for better practices—if it appears that these are needed. There are 84 people, according to our records, who have sheep. To my knowledge there are several others securing sheep for the first time this year. It seems to me that some general policy that is practical, and that the folks can work under their present conditions would increase the value of the returns from your sheep. Particularly, is this true in regard to eradication of worms, breeding of spring lambs, and the importation and exchange of purebred sires.

Please think this over, and if you cannot come, write a letter to the meeting stating your views.

I am trying not to call meetings or to do any shouting or bell ringing in regard to our farm improvement, but I do regard this meeting as one of importance and well worth your while to attend. If you will come this time and we can get acquainted and lay down some definite plan to work to, we will not be calling meetings every whip-stitch, to discuss some little trivial matter.

Do not forget the date, Monday, February the 6th, 1928, at the county agent's office in Franklin. I hope you will consider this matter important enough to be present, for it may mean several dollars more profit to you, and will certainly do you no harm.

Very truly yours, LYLES HARRIS, County Agent. This is a very important meeting and every one of the above named men are very respectfully urged to be present on the date mentioned.

PASTURE

Our pastur land is the most profitable acreage on the farm. Why do we neglect it so much?

A little attention at the right time will double the profit on the average pasture in Macon county. Of course, a lot of people don't believe this—to hear them talk, but talk doesn't buy the baby's shoes anyhow. Not even what we clutter up this page with every week—unless folks read it and put it into practice.

BEEES

It's about time to take a look at those bees and see how they have stood this cold weather. They may need feeding before the honey flow

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starts, and some colonies may need doubling up.

It's not profitable to keep less than 15,000 bees—about 4 to 5 lbs—in a hive.

It takes that many to rear a brood to balance the natural mortality and to store up surplus honey for the use of man.

FARM MANAGEMENT

Here's a question that it would be well for every farmer in Macon county to ask himself and then answer it: What is the status of my business now? What profit is it yielding on the investments and on the labor output?

Another question is: How much of my farm income is due to the uncompensated labor of my wife and children?

It doesn't pay any man to enslave his family in a vain endeavor to make up for his negligence in management.

It always seemed strange to me that a few merchants or manufacturers with \$3,000.00 or \$4,000.00 each can light in and spend half their capital on reorganization, new buildings and equipment, when a farmer with a \$5,000.00 or a \$6,000.00 farm cannot afford to have anything but lean-to sheds and tumble-down barns in the way of farm equipment.

All the legislation in the world will not make up for individual inefficiency.

The only way to get outside recognition is to do the job in hand so well that it will attract outside attention.

4-H CLUB WORK

To make the best better!

What's the best of all that grows on the Macon county farms?

Not all the boys and girls that I have written to in the past few weeks have answered my letters. Now not to answer letters will count against you when your record is scored next fall. Just a post card will usually serve the purpose.

The following boys and girls have answered the letters written to them, promptly and correctly: Charles R. Patton, Lucy Sanders, Bruce Edwards, Lou Ella Rowland, Elmer Rowland, Edgar Hicks, Lucile Morrison, H. H. Hylton, Charles Hunter, Ila Grant, Cecile Gibson, John Davis, Hassie Clark, Woodrow Gibson, Ruby Shields, Cecil Edwards, J. C. Hunnicutt, Robert Davis, Elmer Lytle, Floyd Dills, Gay Dills, Augusta Bateman, Hope Lowry, Etta Lowry, Lester Patton, Katherine Ramey, Furman Stiles, Robert Fouts, J. L. McConnell, Wilmer McConnell, Edna Angel, Marie Rogers, Ezra Srook, Roy Stiwinter, Cora Hedden, Dolly Hedden, Enlah Houston, Bulon Houston, Enlah Houston, Edward Bryson, Oma Wooten, Velma Wooten, Grace V. Bryson, Eddie Clark, Mary Belle Rogers, Mary Cumi Teague, J. D. Dowdle, Hazel Matlock, Earl Rickman, Dorsey Matlock, Paul McCoy. The rest of the 325 have not.

The record books are going forward this week to all members, with a letter explaining in detail. This keeps you busy until I can visit you and go more into detail.

We are up against some stiff competition. Some of these club members have been in club work for years; but wouldn't it be great if some Macon County youngsters beat out some of these old timers? I believe you can do it.

Pender County in North Carolina is sure making a record in club work. They have over 500 boys and girls in club work.

Listen to this: Sam Roper of North Carolina made the State record in the ton litter pig contest last year. His pigs weighed 3165 lbs at 180 days old. Sam has made over \$700.00 from his pig club work in the last two years.

In the corn club, these South Carolina boys kind of think they are up and coming. Three years ago Pat Boland of Newberry, S. C., won the Southern Railway's big trophy cup for the best corn raised in the State. Two years ago it came into North Carolina, to a grown up farmer this time, but last year it was taken back to S. C. by 12 year old Dan Bickley, of Lexington County. Boys, I guess Macon County better take this prize next year. Don't see any way out of it, in fact.

How many of our club members are going to complete their projects they have started? No where in the United States has there been a 100 per cent finish. That is, never have all the boys and girls that started in completed their records. What about setting out to make Macon County make a world's record? It can be done.

WORK STOCK

Look out for your work stock when throwing them into hard spring work. Sore shoulders, over-heat and over-feeding and over-driving at first will play thunder with any mule or horse, no matter how good.

Just give them the same consideration that you do your old flivver engine, and they will make you money in place of burning it up for you.

FLOWERS

What about fixing a place for the old lady and the girls to have a few nice flowers this spring, summer and fall? No one thing you can do will add more to the value of your farm and the pleasure of farm life, than a few flowers stuck around in out-of-the-way nooks and corners.

Right now before the hard rush of spring work starts, haul out a half dozen loads of manure and fix up about one-tenth of an acre in real ship shape and turn the wife and girls loose on it.

SOILS

There's no excuse for some of our fields being so poor that three cow peas have to be planted in one place to get a stand—two to push and one to do the grunting.

Every day should be put in the fields now, plowing if the ground will do and getting ready to plow if the ground is too wet.

Macon County's motto for next winter on the soil preparation, is: Every field a green field. Don't forget it.

A farmer and his son were clearing off a new ground, and the farmer tripped against a root, and exclaimed: "I wish that root was in h—." "Dad, you ought not to wish that," said the boy, "Cause if you put it there you are liable to trip over it again some day."

FARMING AS SHE IS DONE IN MACON

Mrs. Jess Thomas is the earliest we know of with...

these cold days find Jess hunting for a warm place where there are no chicks or setting hens, but he is just out of luck. She has them every where.

There is one young man back up in one of our coves that is on the way to become a master farmer. His name is Claude Henson. Was up to his place one day last week, kind of giving it the once over. He has been putting in this winter—while there was nothing to do—clearing a 20-acre pasture and hauling rocks off a 3-acre field and putting up some fencing. Claude says next year will see nothing but purebreds on his place. He has one of the finest locations I know of anywhere, for ideal farming. His biggest asset is his will to do.

SPEAKING OF THE WILL TO DO

Mrs. W. M. Parrish is making eggs at 17 cents per dozen. She is keeping records and knows what she is doing. When she first began her record keeping her eggs were costing her 51 cents per dozen. She is getting more eggs per hen per month now than she was then.

Another record keeper is George Dowdle, up on Ellijay. He is the junior partner of Gray and Dowdle, farmers. George is keeping records in his cows. He finds he is netting 50 per cent more in his herd now than before he began testing. Incidentally, Mr. Dowdle's fortnightly cream check is larger than any other cream check that goes up Ellijay. And he is way up in the list of the "Big Ten," too.

Mr. J. A. Berry, whom we all know, has been—not I said has been—a life long breeder of beef cattle, is now advertising for 25 bred Guernsey heifers. Nuf sed.

Another fine bred Guernsey bull has come to make his home in Macon county. Mr. John Ferguson has just bought a high class bull. Next to Mr. Hal Slagle's bull, this is the best bred bull in the county. The record of this bull's grand mother follows below:

The new world record Guernsey cow in class CCC, Coker Golden Carnation 135,458, is owned by the Pedigreed Seed company, Hartsville, S. C. It is not the first time she has made an Advanced Register record as she has a class G record of 12,088.7 pounds of milk and 628.5 pounds of butter fat to her credit.

Coker Golden Carnation 135,458 with 12,387.3 pounds of milk and 630.7 pounds of butter fat qualifies for first place in class CCC, being the second daughter of Amelia's Rose Gold of Onhr 80,460. A. R. to make a state leader and national class leader record within a year's time.

"Carnation" is out of Carnation of Coker Farms 133,161 that has a record of 9,795.3 pounds of milk and 429.65 pounds of butter fat in class G.

With such high class stuff as Miss Mae Bervl Moody, and Messrs. Ferguson and Slagle have been bringing

THINGS TO PLAN FOR RIGHT NOW

- That cream check every two weeks. That cannery check every time you come to town. Hog sale first of March. Poultry sales all along. Egg sales. Bread and Butter Show next fall. Encourage the 4-H Club youngsters. Boost your Farmers Federation. Local curb market. Big Farmers Day on March 1st.

into the county, things are bound to happen in the Guernsey cattle line.

Sam Vanhook, the truck farmer, is putting out an acre of asparagus. Sam is also planting scads of truck for the cannery. He says he is going to sell what he can and can what he can't.

Harley Ledbetter is off on a trip to buy himself 50 Hampshire ewes and 4 pure bred rams. Three cheers for Harley! Mr. Ledbetter is putting these ewes on his mountain pasture.

Consult your county agent just like you do your doctor or your lawyer. MACON COUNTY—The Land Of Super-Farmers That Think. LYLES HARRIS, County Agent.

HATCHERY TO START

We are starting our hatchery the 2nd day of January and expect to have it supervised by one of the best hatchery men in the state. We are co-operating with the State Dept.

purebred flocks only, and these flocks to be mated by a representative of the State Poultry association and to be housed, fed and cared for according to the state's plan. We breed for utility, but birds from our flocks have carried off Blue Ribbon at the Western Carolina Poultry Association shows for the past four years.

We have had to disappoint some customers because they did not place their orders until just about the time they wanted the baby chicks. You certainly should place your order at least three weeks before you want the chicks and four to six weeks would be much better. Send a 25 per cent deposit with your order and same shall have our very best attention in both quality and service. Wishing you a prosperous baby chick year as well as wishing you health and happiness for 1928, we are,

Yours for service, SYLVA HATCHERY.

Head Your Farming Right

Wherever there are flocks and herds and big manure piles, prosperity is evident in smiling fields and abundant crops. Wherever there are wide stretches of land planted to cash crops and very little livestock, the fields grow pale and crops look sick. That the reader may get a clear picture of what livestock and manure piles will do toward the upbuilding of a community, the county agent is copying the following from a recent issue of the SOUTHERN AGRICULTURIST:

To get farming and farm life started off right there must be a vision that leads and directs. The German Swiss settlers who located in the Belvidere community of Franklin county, Tennessee, had the vision when they located there about a half century ago. It was a long step from what they started with to that which exists there now. Their ancestors and doubtless some of themselves remembered what livestock meant for soil fertility. They also knew well the art of making the most out of the manure from livestock. They had seen or had been told of the manure pile that was always carefully built just off from the door of the Swiss farmhouse, and that he was a proud farmer who could boast of the largest one. These settlers in Franklin fed cattle, they used plenty of bedding, and they tried to save every ounce of the soil fertility that was possible. The soil responded to this application of manure and crop yields were boosted. A step had been made in the right direction on the naturally thin land. Bone meal was used and this filled a need in the phosphate-hungry soil, and crop yields were boosted again. Lime was used later, and it made alfalfa possible while the land was made better and more feed was grown for livestock. Step by step farming has grown better in that section, and a community that on the start planned everything for soil fertility now gives some attention to the production of cash (Continued on page 3)