

"CIVILIZATION BEGINS AND ENDS WITH THE PLOW"

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.
- Guernsey cattle association.
- A semi-annual seed exchange day.
- A Harvest Carnival one day of the bread and butter show.

Just About the Farm

Last week there was a man in the office looking for some good Guernsey heifers and a good Guernsey bull. Said that he had heard that Macon county had some good stuff. He was from South Carolina.

He wanted to be sure that he could find a bull calf and a dozen or so heifer calves that were in no way related. I could not, of course, tell him anything definite, having no Guernsey Assoc. records for the county.

That condition will soon be rectified when our recently formed County Assoc. gets to functioning.

This prospective calf buyer was the fifth out of state visitor to visit us within two months. Each visitor or group of visitors was from a different state, making five different states represented. They all said that they had heard so much of the progressiveness of the Macon county farmers that they wanted to see first hand. Thus does Macon's reputation spread.

Repetition: No where in the county have the farmers a better opportunity of obtaining economic salvation than they have right within their own county of Macon.

It requires just the right amounts of Mind, Muscle and Manure. Any one trying to farm that has not these and uses them, better change his range, for he is not only an outrage to himself but an annoyance to his country and state. In other words, if one finds himself a square peg with only round hole in sight why look farther.

When the square pegs and the round holes try to fit each other, it is never the hole that gets the cussing but its the peg.

COVER CROPS

There are two farmers of this county who are going to have green in all their fields this winter. Guess there are others for I would hate to think that, with the breaks beginning to come forward at last, that all but two men in this big county of ours are so badly neglecting their opportunities.

The two men alluded to above are two of the old reliables when it comes to thinking and their hustling. Chas. Henderson and Frank Mashburn.

Twenty men have agreed to plant a small plot of Bar Clover and a small plot of Austrian Winter Peas.

These two crops are winter growing and are legumes. They die down in the spring and the clover, if it will grow here, will never need seeding again in our life time, but will come up again and again year after year after crops are laid by.

BREAD AND BUTTER SHOW

The programs for this will be out in a few days. We have tried to cover everything as well as we could with the little we have had to do on. If all farmers will do their part we will have a most profitable and enjoyable show.

It will be necessary for all those having exhibits to let the county agent know by the middle of October how much space they will need for we have to have shelves made. Not to reserve space might mean that you will have to place your stuff on the floor and will be as good as showing at all.

There will be a prize for the best farm exhibit. It will be scored on the basis of how many winnings of one individual gets.

DAIRYING

That was one good meeting that the dairymen of this county had at the picnic on the thirtieth of last month. Mr. Farnham knows his milk.

A lot of people said they did not get any notices of the meeting. Well, no I won't say it. I started to say that I did not care if they didn't. I sent out two thousand

KEEP YOUR FARM AND IT WILL KEEP YOU AND YOURS

The farm pages of The Press are edited by the county agent in collaboration with the editor.

It pays to spray from the beginning to the end of the growing season.

A man was telling me the other day how he was going to grow beans next year. He had some mighty good ideas on the subject—been thinking for a change. After a while I mentioned spraying and the extremely low cost if done in the proper manner. Right there I hit a snag. "No," says he, "I can beat that all holler. I just kept them brushed off. The old woman and the younguns can just give bugs fits and it don't cost me nothing." I said no more except to myself, and what I said to myself was, "Well, that guy works his folks and not his head after all. And his folks are not here so it is no good talking anymore."

Speaking a while ago of folks reading letters—or circulars. I sent the following letter to every farmer in Nantahala township, addressed to him personally, with an addressed franked envelope for reply. Three replies came back promptly. Some percentage. And yet all I hear is the cry for a market. Men were in the office last week several times wanting cabbage, apples and potatoes and beans. Said that they were coming back this week and I wanted to tell them where they could go and buy a load thereby taking the market right to the farmer's door. Course, now, if there were telephones in the country letters would not be necessary and folks would be able to keep in touch themselves—that is if they would.

If you want to answer any of the questions asked below, a post card will do.

1. What have you now on hand that you want a market for?—How much?
2. When will it be ready?
3. When will it be ready?
4. Do you plan to produce cream for the creamery?
5. Would you grow truck for a cannery if you had one near?
6. Would you raise chickens if you could get them to market?
7. Are you interested in sheep?—In bees?
8. What would you rather grow as your main crop?
9. Do you want the active assistance of the county agent on your farm?
10. If you want the farm agent's services, in what way do you need them most?

By giving full answers to the above you will be doing your part toward getting the most out of the county tax money that is being paid for county agent work.

Macon county, the home of super-farmers that think—maybe. LYLES HARRIS, County Agent.

SUMMER'S BUSIEST DAYS

North Carolina 4-H clubs sent 424 representatives to the annual short course and club camp at State college, Raleigh, the week of July 20th. Class work began early in the morning and continued until 12 o'clock each of the five days. A special group of 30 boys and 30 girls studied recreation leadership each day. At 12 o'clock a club conference presided over by club members and directed entirely by them was held in the college auditorium. Recreation and inspirational events filled the afternoon and evening programs. Friday evening the short course concluded with the annual banquet and party for the club members, arranged by a committee of club boys and girls.

TEN YEARS AGO, Webster county, W. Virginia, celebrated this July the tenth anniversary of its 4-H camp. The first camp was a modest affair held on a borrowed site with only one leaky building. The tenth anniversary was held on 4-H owned land, five and one half acres of it, on which the Websters have built 14 cabins, a caretaker's cottage, kitchen, auditorium, dining hall, council circle amphitheatre, and barn for showing cattle. In most cases the lumber for these buildings was given by local lumber companies and the club members of the county were responsible for their erection giving both labor and money. The dining hall and council circle amphitheatre were built during this year's camp, older boys doing most of the construction under the direction of an experienced carpenter. A hydraulic ram was also installed. The daily schedule for the camp included 4 class periods in the forenoon, rest, games and swimming in the afternoon, vespers and council circles at night. Dedication of the new council circle amphitheatre drew a capacity audience of 2,000 visitors from all parts of Webster and adjoining counties. Assistant Director W. H. Kendrick of

the State extension service assisted county agent J. A. Wolfram and presided as "Big Chief" while the 125 "squaws and braves" who were members of the camp, sat in a circle about the dedication camp fire. A member of the Club Leader staff who attended the camp reports that the residents of Webster county take much interest and personal pride in the camp and are actively in sympathy with Mr. Wolfram's program for its further development.

TIMELY POULTRY POINTERS

Suggestions for September prepared by C. F. Parrish, Extension Poultry Specialist

The time of year has arrived when the poultryman should consider the following points with reference to his poultry activities.

Housing Pullets

It is time to transfer pullets from the range houses to the laying houses so they will become familiar with the conditions under which they are to live. As a precaution against false moults and possibly complete moults do not delay moving until the pullets have broken into production or ill results may follow.

Housing Requirements

Build a good house with comfort of hen as first consideration. An extremely cold or hot house is to be guarded against. A low, deep, and properly ventilated house meets the need. A tight house free from drafts and cracks is cheaper than feeding corn to keep birds warm. Windows should be placed under the dropping boards, also on the east side for light and ventilation in summer. Have a curtain to drop over open front on south side of house to be used on cold, rainy, and rough days.

Building Suggestions

Build a house at least 20 feet deep and as long as necessary to house flock. Face the house to the south on slope of a hill with woods or wind breaks on the north side. Three and a half feet of floor space are required per hen for light breeds and four feet for heavy breeds.

8 inch roosting space per

1 foot of mash hopper space for each 12 hens kept.

1 nest for each 5 hens kept. Plans may be had for building poultry houses upon application to Poultry Extension Specialist, State College Station, Raleigh, N. C.

Remodeling House

Use old buildings such as barns, sheds, and tobacco barns which need only slight changes and possibly a little repair. If sketches of out-buildings are drawn in detail and furnished the Poultry Department, with desired information, suggestions will gladly be submitted. Where possible and desired a personal visit will be made by specialist.

Disease Notes

Worm Pullets: Worm pullets prior to breaking them into lay where suspicion arises that there are worms in the flock.

Symptoms: The birds are pale, thin and feathers are ruffled. Worms are found in the intestines. Caeca worms probably do little damage to poultry.

Control for Round Worms: One pound of tobacco steeped in hot water. Mix water with about 6 or 8 pounds of mash for 100 hens and give about ten or eleven o'clock. In about two or three hours follow this with Epsom salts at the rate of one pound per 100 hens. Starve birds before giving treatment. Clean dropping boards early next morning.

The above is for hens out of lay and pullets.

Tapeworms: One teaspoonful of concentrated lye to two quarts of scratch feed covered with an equal part of water and boil for one hour. Feed with starvation treatment and follow with Epsom salts as recommended above for tobacco treatment. Clean houses thoroughly, especially the dropping boards, to prevent reinfestation. The above treatment is for birds out of lay.

POULTRY SPECIALIST HERE

Mr. C. F. Parrish, poultry specialist with the extension service, is here for a stay of four days. Those wishing to consult him about the poultry industry should visit the county agent's office.

More About Dogs

After the robbery of the Barnard Clothing company and attempted robbery of Sanders' store the town board placed R. M. Coffey on duty as night watchman. Mr. Coffey states that he is receiving many complaints about dogs running at large at night. He points out the fact that it is against the law to permit dogs to run at large after nightfall. Mr. Coffey requests owners of dogs to keep them up. Otherwise he will be compelled to protect the citizens of the town by taking such action as he may deem necessary.

THINGS TO PLAN FOR RIGHT NOW

- That cream check every two weeks.
- That cannery check every time you come to town.
- Fat hog sale in June.
- Bread and Butter Show next fall.
- Encourage the 4-H Clubbers.
- Big Farmers' day next fall.
- Local Curb Market.
- Breed sows so that the pigs will go on the market in March, April, August and September.

FARNHAM SAYS GROW ALFALFA

With Proper Seed and Fertilization Alfalfa Will Grow Well in Western North Carolina.

A large number of Macon county citizens who are interested in dairying attended the creamery picnic held here last Thursday in the grove just back of the local creamery. The picnic was sponsored by A. B. Slagle, owner of the creamery, and Mrs. Slagle. Among the visiting officials were Frank Jeter, editor of the extension Service News, and F. R. Farnham dairy specialist with the extension service. By means of many charts Mr. Farnham went into the matter of dairying in such a manner as to be easily understood by all present. He told his hearers that

alfalfa is the principal reason for this prosperity. Mr. Farnham stated that alfalfa will grow in this section of the state and advised the farmers to plant experimental acreages at once. He recommended the Kansas City seed as the best for Western North Carolina. After Mr. Farnham concluded his talk many individual farmers discussed with him the matter of alfalfa. After the picnic dinner was served the county agent organized a tentative Guernsey association with Hal Slagle as president and J. W. Addington as secretary.

Rose Creek Locals

Miss Nobia Southard spent Thursday night with Miss Chloe Parrish. We are sorry to report that Miss Helen Hughes had to have a doctor called to her bedside Thursday but has improved some. Mrs. Rachel Holden and daughter, Dessie, attended the association at Cowee Thursday. Mr. B. M. Hughes spent Monday night with his sister, Mrs. Ella Womack, of Franklin. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Welch and little daughter came on a visit to Mrs. Welch's sister, Miss Helen Hughes, last Thursday. Mr. Norman Houston and family attended the association at Cowee last Friday. Mrs. Fred Lowe and children spent last Saturday night with Mrs. Lowe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Houston. Mr. Graddon Houston and family spent last Sunday night with Mr. Houston's sister, Mrs. Tom Koker of Iotla. Mr. Charles Downs and family attended preaching here last Sunday. Mrs. Tom Roper of Iotla, attended preaching here last Saturday. Mrs. Jim Parrish spent Wednesday with her son, Mr. Carl Parrish. Mrs. Ida Southards went to Franklin Thursday. Mrs. Ralph Ammons of Franklin came to see her sister, Mrs. Helen Hughes, Thursday. Miss Goldie Welch visited her sister, Mrs. J. E. Buchanan of Iotla, last Sunday.

Allison Mills Locals

Mr. Jim Farmer passed through this section Monday on his way to Nantahala where he has been at work for quite a while. Miss Laura Carpenter and Miss Lallie Hastings spent the week end on Nantahala. They reported a nice time. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hastings spent Friday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lum Hastings. Miss Lottie Hastings is staying a few weeks with Mrs. Fred Conley. Rev. Koten is planning to start a revival meeting at Maiden Chapel the second Sunday in September. Mr. Mell Rigby is moving to Bryson City this week.