

MACON COUNTY AGRICULTURE

JUST ABOUT THE FARM

The color scheme has invaded all other business. Wonder when enough pride will be developed in our farm homes so that the buildings will be painted in pleasing colors?

They say a thing of beauty is a joy forever. Then there must be a little joy in some of our drab farm houses in this county.

Dark and drab surroundings are depressing wherever found. But we expect the children to stay on the farm and love it when very little is done to hold them.

The "stew time" for the hogs that were kept in an open pen all summer is past and "freezing time" has begun.

It does not matter though. The hogs can not talk so the neighbors will never notice—cause they are doing the same thing themselves.

There is an increasing number of people calling at the Press office to inquire where they may buy or sell various sundry things. We are glad to have them.

These inquiries run the whole gamut of human wants from where to buy a second hand churn up to where to sell a landing field for airplanes.

We naturally turn to our advertisers when making recommendations.

There are very few hives of bees that have come through the summer with enough food stored up for winter use.

The conscientious owner of bees will take steps at once to remedy this condition.

There are two things to do to correct this condition; first feeding, and second, doubling up the small hives.

This last will necessitate the killing of one of the queens or replacing both of the old queens with a good one.

Bees more than repay the trouble they cause by their work in pollinizing plants.

PASTURES

The thoughts of pastures at once bring up the idea of fences, tho there is an erroneous idea prevalent that it is a good practice to fence the poor land when just the opposite is true.

The Super Farmer knows this but the Hick Farmer is and probably always will remain skeptical—but that is one of the reasons that he is a Hick Farmer.

There is not an acre of land in Macon county that averages \$25.00 per year net profit unless it is fenced. But good rich land under fence and sodded to permanent pasture will net that much year in and year out.

In Australia fencing is required by law and they have a saying that fencing doubles acreage.

IN GENERAL

I wonder how many farmers are planning a course of systematic reading for the winter evenings? There are thousands of good things to read that may be had for the asking on lines of farming. The State College or the United States Department of Agriculture are where they may be had.

Then there is the question of fertilizer and seeds to work out but this is not all, other reading should be done on other lines.

Good, clean fiction is restful and interesting and travel books and autobiographies are restful and informative. Someone has truthfully said, "Speaking maketh a ready man, writing an exact man, and reading a full man."

The great philosopher, Emerson spoke of books as being his best friends for with them he could journey to all parts of the world and enter the pleasant or intricate theories of life, pleasure, business, religion, society and all others too numerous to mention.

Very few men read as much as they ought to and far too many read nothing at all.

I know the argument will be in many cases, "I have never done it." But that reminds me of the negro when the circus man was trying to get him to place his head in the lion's mouth during the performance. The lion trainer told the darkey that the lion was raised on milk but the negro said, "Yassuh, so wuz I but I eats meat now."

To those men who have not made the habit of reading all we can say is its time they changed their ways.

The time is nearly here when many otherwise good dairy cows will be burnt out on too much cotton seed meal.

The best of cows can only digest a pound and one half of meal a day.

Pour more of it to her if you think this is not true and see the results.

Many cows will shiver this winter in wet, drafty sheds but will be called

upon to give milk twice a day just the same. The old car gets a proper amount of gas and oil and water before it will work at all but far too many cows are left to thrive and grow upon "ifs" and "ands" and "I can't's." A cow is like a baby, she thrives on love and care.

BEEF CATTLE

The writer longs to see some very cow minded farmer use dual purpose cattle in this county.

It works satisfactorily and profitably in other parts of the world, hence the belief that it would work here.

The main factor for success is culling and selecting.

The first thing to look for is the beef conformation and next the mammary development.

Everybody Mowing Pasture

(By C. W. Tilson, County Agt.)

Practically every progressive far-

mer in Jackson county has already, or this week, mowing and sprouting and cleaning off his pastures. This is the best sign of real progressive farming I have seen during the four years I have been in Jackson county. A pasture of good sod or grasses and clovers free from weeds, briars and sprouts is by far the most valuable crop any Jackson County farmer can grow. Our farmers are fast realizing the unmistakable fact that their pasture is the most valuable crop they are growing.

Where the weeds and briars or sprouts are too thick to be left lying on the land, they are being placed on scalds and gulleys in preparation for fertilizing the poor spots and sowing them to grasses and clovers next March.

By cutting the weeds, now before the seeds mature this anxious crop will be cut short for next year, and according to the old signs the briars and sprouts cut now as most of the life of the plant is in the top will kill them better than cutting at any

other season. As County Agent, I want to urge every farmer in Jackson county to join with those now at work and clean off the pasture, thoroughly. Use the mowing machine where it is possible, and then the briar blade, axe, and mattock, where necessary, to do the job right. The extra grazing you will get from now until cold weather will almost pay for this work. And you will double the grazing capacity of your pasture for next year. The grasses and clover will come out earlier and much thicker in the spring and will produce a double amount of grazing all next summer and fall.—Jackson County Journal.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Would that this could be said of Macon.

ROTATION BUILDS PROFITS ON COUNTY FARM

When the commissioners of Alexander county placed the county home farm under the supervision of the farm demonstration agent seven (Continued on page 12)

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