

STATE COLLEGE ANSWERS TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS

QUESTION—What is usually the source of black honey?

ANSWER—According to W. A. Stephens, Extension Beekeeper at State College, over-ripe fruit, pokeberries or some other dark fruit may be the source.

If any of these fruits are near your apiary, you can observe the bees feeding upon it. By making some observations as to the direction in which the bees are flying, it might be possible to follow the bees to the source of the black honey and decide it for yourself.

There is nothing one can do to prevent the bees gathering fruit juices unless to destroy the plants and fruit where the bees are getting the juices. However, there is little surplus coming in now and that which is coming in of any value to the bees should be left with them for their own use.

The State College Extension Service has a bulletin entitled Practical Beekeeping which offers many suggestions and practices in beekeeping. A copy of this bulletin may be mailed to you upon request to Agricultural Editor, State College Station, Raleigh. Be sure to ask for Extension Circular No. 274, entitled Practical Beekeeping.

QUESTION—How should a newly freshened cow be fed?

ANSWER—The feed for the first few days after freshening should be very limited in amount. The first day the grain feed should be restricted to bran mash, for the following four days feed a mixture of wheat bran and ground oats, equal parts. A reasonable amount of

Preparation Is Nearing Completion For Farmers Achievement Day Exhibit

The annual celebration of Achievement Day is set for Saturday, September 27, and farm men and women of Jackson county and the boys and girls of the 4-H clubs are at work preparing for making exhibits. Various phases of the work on farms and in homes and the projects of the 4-H clubs will be represented.

County Agent M. L. Snipes and Assistant County Agent George Conrad and Home Demonstration Agent Helen Sossamon, in charge of making arrangements for the day, are urging every person living on a farm to make plans to enter exhibits. Exhibits should be taken to the Community House in Sylva on Friday so that they may be set up and ready for display on Saturday. All exhibits must be called for by their owners before 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon.

The prizes which will be given for the exhibits selected as best in the various groups are expected to be announced next week by the county agents and Miss Sossamon.

The public will be invited to come to the Community House in Sylva and observe the exhibits. There will be sandwiches and drinks for sale by 4-H Club members for the benefit of the 4-H Club camp.

legume hay and a small amount of silage may be fed at all times during the freshening period. On or about the fifth day after freshening the cow may be started on the regular milking ration and gradually brought to full feed over a period of around three weeks from the freshening date. The length of this period should be regulated according to the physical condition of the cow.



It Has Happened There

Most of us thought it would never happen. But it has. According to the Associated Press, the House of Commons on August 8 approved a bill giving the British government authority to tell its people where they must work and what they must do. This means that the government may order men and women to do whatever job it pleases: coal mining, farming, fishing, anything. Moreover, it means the government may choose the place where any man or woman must work.

This is a drastic step. Why is individual freedom thus destroyed by a country with such a long record of high devotion to the individual citizen and to freedom? The answer is simple. Two years ago a socialistic government embarked upon a campaign for government management of leading industries in England. Things were in such a bad way, because of weakness from war, that the people permitted this.

Crisis Upon Crisis

The socialistic government relied upon nationwide sympathy and cooperation. However, this lasted only a few weeks. Then as absenteeism set in and productivity lagged, the whole system bogged down. The crisis came last winter, when a terrible coal famine came to that country with plenty of coal under ground. Under socialism crisis thrives on crisis, and there were more to come. In these crises, it is easy for men to accept disaster, if they think it will prevent more disaster.

This is what has happened. In an apparent final resort to keep government management of industry from becoming a complete failure, the British are taking this more drastic step. Yes, in peace-time one of the greatest liberty-loving countries in the history of the world has given its government authority to draft labor, and to tell each man and woman where to work and what to do.

Let's Have Freedom

Despite their great love of liberty, the British people have now found that loss of individual freedom follows adoption of a government managed economy, just as night follows day. It leads to this every time. It is sad to see this great country, like others that have accepted the blandishments of socialism, willingly give up the freedoms for which her people have shed blood through the centuries.

A considerable number of our people are evidently inspired by foreign ideologies, and some are asking for government control of American industry. This step England is now taking is a real warning to all American workers that with government management of industry there must surely come government dictation to workers. The workers, in the face of constant crisis, are told where to work and what to do.

Seeing that these things point in every direction toward a totalitarian government, our people should make up their minds now that we do not want government managed economy. What is happening in liberty loving England is proof that such dictation cannot be avoided once government management is adopted. Let us determine now that such a blight shall not fall upon the freedom loving land of America.

SCOUTS RETURN FROM JAMBOREE



RETURNING TO THE U. S. from the International Boy Scout Jamboree in France, Scouts Jerry Strader (left), of Fort Worth, Tex., and his pal, Claude Goldsmith, of Fort Arthur, Tex., compare their souvenirs as they embark at New York. Strader went in for items which he could load into that huge sack. Goldsmith preferred Scotch kilts. (International)

able in this field.

LABOR SURPLUS of around 4,000 continues to exist, as stated in our last Digest, "Ours is a definite labor surplus area with absolutely no prospect in the foreseeable future for placing at least 4,000 persons who are now able and available for work." This is a most significant fact for all employers and all businesses in this area because the actual situation which now exists is temporarily sugar-coated with the payment of sizeable sums through the medium of Readjustment Allowances. In June more veterans filed claim for Readjustment Allowance through the Bryson City office than in any other office in the State—2,864 in Bryson City; 1,363 in Charlotte; 2,435 in Asheville. More than 600 veterans have completely exhausted all credits for such claims.

There were an estimated 251,307 flue-curing barns in the State in 1946 valued at approximately 75 million dollars.

Old Jackson Resident Now In Pennsylvania

Along with a check for a renewal of his subscription to The Herald, David M. Pressley, 3 East Prospect Ave., Washington, Pa., wrote last week to The Herald that although he has been away from Jackson county for many years, he still looks forward to reading news about his home county and his friends in The Herald each week. Mr. Pressley stated that he was born 85 years ago on August 19, a fact which causes him to regret that he was born too early to enjoy the educational advan-

McDarris Attends State FHA Conference, Raleigh

Jackson county FHA supervisor J. C. McDarris is attending a five-day conference of Farmers Home Administration in Raleigh this week. The state-wide conference will continue through this week, and farmers desiring to consult Mr. McDarris in the Sylva FHA office are advised that he will not be in the office this week.

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DIGEST REFLECTS LABOR SURPLUS IN THIS AREA

By S. P. Davis, Area Supervisor

SUMMARY—Employment is up slightly in the area with only an insignificant increase anticipated during the next four months. Still an estimated 4,500 persons are UNEMPLOYED in our four counties of Swain, Macon, Jackson, and Graham, as compared with 5,000 in February. In the month of June more veterans of World War II filed claims for readjustment allowances through the Bryson City office than in any other office in the state.

LABOR SUPPLY—The 4,500 unemployed available workers are composed of some 3,500 white males; 585 white females; 264 colored males; and 151 colored females. About 46 percent of the total number fall into skilled or semiskilled classifications; 20 percent unskilled; around 4 percent professional and managerial; and the remainder in clerical and sales, service occupations, and agriculture.

LABOR DEMAND—Very few openings are on file in our office at present although we expect to from 150 to 200 men on a new construction project in 30 days. New manufacturing plants will absorb around 30 men and about 60 women in the next six months. A considerable amount of private construction is under way but not near enough to consume workers avail-

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