

FARM DEMONSTRATION AGENT'S COLUMN

Two extra fine Barred Rock cockerels were received by Mrs. J. E. Bryan on last Monday. These birds were selected especially for Mrs. Bryan by Mr. Oliver who is in charge of the poultry extension department of the State. These cockerels will be mated with the flock of standard bred pullets which Mrs. Bryan has and we may expect some birds from this mating that will rank high.

A group of those interested in poultry met in the County Agent's office on Monday to discuss the advisability of forming a county poultry organization. The pros and the cons of the matter were pretty thoroughly considered and it was finally decided to appoint a committee to draw up a constitution and to hold another meeting on Saturday, Nov. 14, to decide definitely. There is a big field for some such organization to work in and a great deal of good can be done if the members really mean business.

WHAT KIND OF LIVESTOCK SHALL THE FARMER KEEP?—This is a favorite subject of conversation. And the opinions are as many and as varied as are those who express them. One person is sure that the future of the county rests upon the farmer going more largely into the sheep business, believing them just the thing for our steep hillsides; another party is equally certain that the prosperity of the county depends upon the farmer going into the dairy business; still another may believe that the farmer should continue to grow and sell beef cattle, placing emphasis upon the fact that the class of cattle kept all are right and again maybe all are wrong. It is a hard question to answer, so much depends upon the person concerned. One man may like sheep and will make a great success of them where another would utterly fail. On the other hand the one who failed so completely with sheep may make a decided success raising beef cattle. Another may not be so well suited to either sheep or beef cattle but will do mighty well with some dairy cows. The personal element is one that must be reckoned with for while there are those that will do well with anything they may take up and there are those who will fail equally easy, a great many seem to be able to do their best along some particular line. What we wish to bring out is that if a person has strong natural trend in some line and his situation is good for that particular line that is evidently the one he should follow. No one can or should decide definitely for another just what kind of farming or what particular breed of livestock he should adopt; he may point out the advantages and the disadvantages of each but the person who is really concerned must make the final decision. His own likes and dislikes must be consulted as much as possible; if he possibly can follow the sort of farming which appeals to him most he will no doubt succeed best at that. Of course, the country in which one is located must receive consideration, he should select some kind of farming to which the locality and the character and the lay of the land is suited.

WHAT SORT OF LEGUME SHOULD WE GROW

This is another subject which

causes considerable talk. The continued failure of clover on many farms coupled with the success some have had with growing of soy-beans and cowpeas has inclined many to the idea that greater good may result by substituting one or more of these other legumes in place of clover. Perhaps the growing of a considerable amount of hairy or winter vetch in the county this season has led to a similar conclusion. It may possibly profit if we stop and consider the different legumes. There are two reasons for growing legumes; one, because they make a rich and palatable feed for livestock; another, because of the nitrogen that can be added to the soil by turning a growth of them under. We need them in this county for both reasons. We can not turn them under and them for feed also. When we cut and remove a crop of legumes from the soil we have removed plant food from the soil and we have not added any nitrogen to the soil. This is one respect in which red clover has the advantage over most other legumes. We can cut the first crop and a second crop comes in its place which can be turned under as green manure. When soybeans, cowpeas, or vetch is grown this can not be done, the plant is through growing with one crop. Again where other grasses, as orchard grass, red-top, timothy, etc., are sown with the clover we have a sod formed that will stand for several years. This is one thing that needs great consideration in this county, especially on the steep hillsides. It seems to be the best policy to keep these hillsides in grass for three or four years at a time. Some also claim that cowpeas, especially, make the soil on the hillsides so loose that it washes badly, another point in favor of red clover. If your soil will not grow clover now you should if possible put it in condition to grow it; you should continue to use red clover as the main legume but when occasion demands plant one or more of the others. Their value lies in the use of them as catch crops when needed and after some other main crop to be used either as a forage crop or as green manure.

Mr. J. R. Sams, a former County Agent of this county, and a native but now County Agent of Polk County, made a flying call on the writer Tuesday morning. Mr. Sams was on his way back to Polk County after a week-end visit at Mars Hill.

From The SEMINARY

A box supper and Halloween stunts were given at the Seminary last Friday night, sixty dollars was made for the school and church. The behavior was very good and most everyone enjoyed it very much. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Eatmon and family have moved back to their old place at Middle Fork. Everyone was sorry to see them leave.

Miss Chassy and Fay Jackson were in town shopping last Saturday.

Prayer meeting was put off last Thursday night because of the lights being out of order, but they are all right now, and Mr. H. L. Smith will conduct the prayer services this week. Mr. L. L. Roberts and daughter Wanda took lunch with Mr.



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and Mrs. Robert Tweed Sunday. Miss Lace McLean enjoyed a trip to Mars Hill Saturday to see the ball game.

Miss Zora Roberts had a date with Miss Evelyn Tweed Sunday evening, and she filled it, and they enjoyed the rainy afternoon at Miss Tweed's home.

Mr. L. L. Roberts was in town Monday.

We are all glad to hear about Mr. H. L. Smith being out again. He will preach at the Seminary Sunday evening. Everyone is invited to come.

Mrs. C. T. McLean and daughters, Ruth and Evelyn, were in town Saturday shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bridges are living with Mr. Bridges' father, Mr. Andy Bridges.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Chanefey and daughter, Carrie, were the guests of Mrs. Robert Tweed Tuesday for lunch.

Our church will soon be built, we all hope.

We are all sorry to hear about Mrs. Joe Ramsey having the mumps. We hope it don't hurt her very bad and she will soon be out again.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Thad Coats' sister.

Miss Lula Plemmons from Asheville motored down to visit her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Jackson and family.

Best wishes to the News-Record and its readers.

RICE—BRIDGES

Miss Lula Rice and Mr. George Bridges were happily married Saturday afternoon, October 17, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Genny Runion, at Newport, Tenn. The bride was the beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johan Rice. The groom was the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bridges, Sr. both of Marshall, R. No. 2.

They left Marshall Saturday about noon for Newport and were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bridges, Jr.

On Monday night, October 19, their many friends serenaded them by the means of old dish pans, tin cans, and shot guns. The groom was ridden on a pole and the bride by his side in a wheelbarrow. Their many friends wish them many, many happy years together.



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LIVE ALLIGATOR FOUND IN RIVER

(From Asheville Citizen)
Florida hasn't a thing on Asheville now.

Monday the city zoo at the Recreation Park was presented with an alligator captured near the French Broad River near

the Southern Railway Shop. The 'gator measures about four feet long and is a healthy specimen. He was captured by an employe of the railroad who took the animal home and attempted to make a pet out of it. Finding that alligators are neither agreeable or good looking pets the owner decided to present it to the zoo, which now has five of them. According to Norman W. Reed, convention secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, the alligator probably left Florida on account of crowded conditions there and to seek a more invigorating climate.

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