

FARM DEMONSTRATION AGENT'S COLUMN
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FERTILIZE THE SMALL GRAIN

Fertilizer used when the small grain crops, rye, barley and wheat, are sown, will increase the yield and make the crop more certain. This statement is especially true when the grain is sown after the corn crop; after tobacco, where a large amount of fertilizer was used and the grain will have access to the residue of this fertilizer, it is not so essential that more fertilizer be applied. This past season when all the small grain fields yielded good crops, those on which fertilizer was used were the best. A fertilizer of a 10-4-4 or a 12-4-4 mix is probably the one that will give the best results on the most of our soils. From 300 to 400 pounds to the acre will not be too much to use. If you are in position to spread around 2000 lbs. of ground limestone to the acre in addition to the above amount of fertilizer you will have taken another step in the right direction; the limestone will probably increase the yield of the small grain and will also go far toward insuring the clover crop on that ground. Sowing grains early, making a good seed bed and using some plant-food, will make a crop more sure. Winter Barley, which can be grown successfully in this county, should be sown the first half of September for best results; rye can be sown over a long period of time and will do well but to get the most good from the crop, both in pasture and grain, can well be put into the ground during September; wheat should be in the ground by the middle of October. Don't plow the corn land for the small grains unless it be a heavy clay soil that settles together quickly; rather use a disc or a bulltongue plow stirring only the top 2 or 3 inches of the soil. Small grains like a firm seed bed. Use seed of high yielding

strains. This seed will cost you more but will give the most profit. Do not put in too much ground; if the year is good for small grains a small acreage will fill your needs, if the season is poor you will be glad you do not have more ground sowed. Barley will pay better than wheat; use the smooth Tennessee winter barley; Abruzzi rye is better than the native rye. It makes better pasture and more grain. A small careage, on well prepared soil, will yield as much as a large acreage poorly put in.

THE POULTRY FLOCK

How many of your hens will lay this winter? It does not pay to feed a hen all winter for the eggs she will lay in the spring and summer. Go over that flock of hens and pick out the poor ones and sell them. DO IT NOW! If you do not know how ask someone that does to show you. See or write your county agent, he can show you how.

Do not keep those late pullets that are running about. They weigh a pound or a pound-and-a-half if Leghorns or Anconas, two or two-and-a-half pounds if the heavier breeds. They will not lay until spring. The amount of feed they will eat between now and then will cost more than the eggs they lay will sell for. Sell them or eat them.

Put those early pullets and the best yearling hens into a good henhouse, feed them a good ration, keep the house clean and dry, and they will lay the high priced egg.

Don't keep a bunch of male birds around. Do not keep any scrub male bird. Every male, except the few that you are going to eat very soon and what you want for breeding purposes, should be sold at once. There are some good male birds around the county that can be had reasonably, birds of standard bred flocks and

from laying strains. Why not get one or two at the most; that is all the average farm flock owner needs.

Don't scrimp the growing pullet on her feed. She is growing bone, muscle, and feathers; these all require a great deal of feed; if you scrimp her she will develop feathers at the expense of the bone and muscle for she is going to keep warm this winter anyway. The result will be an under-developed, unthrifty pullet that never will be profitable.

A TARGET TO AIM AT—One thing that is the trouble with the average farmer is that he has no vision of the future. The average farmer goes from day-to-day with never a serious thought or without making a plan for the future. The result is that his efforts are not successful, his life is monotonous and uninteresting, he loses all interest, his farm decreases in productiveness; in short we have a discouraged and an unsuccessful farmer. Why not get a mark. What matters if you never quite reach it; you will do better, life will be more interesting and more profitable if you never do quite reach the mark. Indeed if you reach a goal set you should advance the goal.

Here's a good mark for many a Madison County farmer—**"FIVE CRACKING GOOD COWS AND ONE HUNDRED CRACKING GOOD HENS."** It is not out of reach. It is not beyond the possible. There is not a farm in the county that cannot keep this much stock. If reached, the farmer will be in far better circumstances than he now is. As the small boy says, "We'll dare you, double-dare you to do it." What is more we'll help you to do it. You owe it to your farm, you owe it to yourself, you owe it to your county, and above all you owe it to your family to set a mark and to shoot at it.

WHAT ONE SCHOOL GIRL ACCOMPLISHED

—One school girl, working under the direction of Mr. Oliver, sold over \$900 worth of 2lb friers last spring. She did this by working before and after school (Continued on another galley) (Brintnall's article continued) hours. Over half of this was profit above the feed cost. She was no smarter than a great many of our local boys and girls; she had no better opportunity.

GOOD POULTRY IN OUR COUNTY—Mr. Oliver, who spent last week in the county, was well pleased with the flocks of poultry started. We

wish that he could have seen more of them for we know of some that are as good or better than what he saw. There are pullets in the county that will stand up with the best; they show the effects of proper care. There are others, of the same breeding, that show the effects of lack of feed, of the attacks of mites. We were sorry that more could not have listened to what Mr. Oliver had to say; his talks are right down to the ground, talks that anyone can listen to and then go home and put into practice. Those that have followed Mr. Oliver's advice have profited. We can profit if we will listen.

A POULTRY SHOW—The Madison County Poultry Club is arranging to hold a Poultry Show at Marshall on Tuesday, October 5th. Those who were in attendance at the show held last January will remember that there was a very creditable exhibit of birds. It is hoped that the people will respond and make the coming show still better. Mr. Oliver, who judged the other show, has promised to be present at and judge the birds at the coming exhibit. The premium list has not been completed yet but will be published at an early date.

Also, in connection with the poultry show it is hoped to hold a small apple exhibit. It might be well for those who have some nice specimens of apples to keep them and bring them in to the show.

TOBACCO DEMONSTRATION

—On Tuesday, Aug. 31, Mr. E. Y. Floyd, Extension Tobacco Specialist, will hold a field meeting on the farm of J. B. McDevitt, five miles out of Marshall on the Hot Springs

road and up Brush Creek. On this farm in cooperation with Mr. McDevitt, Mr. Floyd has tobacco growing over 13 different mixes of fertilizer. At this meeting Mr. Floyd will discuss the purpose of the work and the results that may be expected. There is information of value to be gained by a visit to this plot. Every tobacco grower should be present.

Tom Tarheel says he washes his mules' shoulders at twelve o'clock and they like it about as well as he likes to wash his face and hands after a hard day of plowing.

Five fresh eggs laid during the mid-winter will pay the room rent of one hen for a modern poultry house says poultry investigators. A good house will cost about \$2 per hen.

Tom Tarheel says that old rocky field, full of stumps, just back of the barn is now one of the pieces of land on the farm since he blew out the rocks and stumps with explosive.

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and would take a straight course, jumping over the curves and only hitting the high places with his car. We learned later that it was a big boy at his home. Mother and son are doing well.
Mrs. Johney Goforth was out and around Sunday and is feeling better. Mrs. Goforth has been confined to her home for several weeks.
Mr. McKinley Redmon drove thru from Detroit and arrived Tuesday, Aug. 17th. McKinley came in to see his wife, who has been very sick for some time, but much improved at this time.
Mrs. Beck Ledford was taken to the hospital at Asheville Tuesday for a slight operation. Beck accompanied her. We wish for her a speedy recovery.
Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson were in Marshall last Saturday to see the doctor for Mrs. Wilson, who is in poor health but able to be around.
Mr. Allen Roberts was in Marshall last Saturday driving his Ford (a one-horse buggy).
Mr. and Mrs. Berry Boyd, J. B. Roberts and Wiley M. Roberts are attending court this week.
The officers broke up a tea party on the creek last week and carried off the pot. The tea would have been peach brandy, but I don't think this tea party will cause as much notoriety as the Boston Tea Party before the 4th of July, 1776.
McKinley Redmon, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Redmon and Mrs. Hannah Dockery spent last Saturday in Asheville and claimed they could not see the town for the house. They took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Redmon at Craggy.

The election of officers of the Sunday School at Caney Fork was held last Sunday. Mr. Garlan Farmer, Supt., Mr. James Wilson, Ass't. Supt., Mrs. Garlan Farmer, Sec., Mr. Harrison Redmon, Singing Master, Mr. James Wilson, Ass't. Singing Master, Mr. Harrison Redmon, Chaplain. The teachers are to be selected next Sunday. Having a splendid Sunday School at Caney Fork. Let the good work go on and all get behind the officers and push.
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OLIE BAKER, WHO REARS ALL THE HORSES, SEE WHAT'S BEING DONE IN A VEHICLE WHICH CAME ON A LONG FOR RIDE IN TRAVELING ON THE ROAD AND MUST TAKE PRECAUTIONS IN RIDE

BUCK DOUGHEY HAS BEEN OUT OF THE SERVICE NEARLY EIGHT YEARS AND HE HAS MET NONE OF HIS OLD FRIENDS "HEY, BUCK SEEM'S HE'S GOING OFF FOR HILL, AS HE'S GOING OFF TO GAIN A BIT BY NOW

MRS. OLIE GOOTEN IS RECOVERING AT A SANATORIUM FROM THE STRAIN OF REARING THROUGH SEVERAL STORES AT ONCE, AND KEEPING TRACK OF THE CHARACTERS AND DEVELOPMENTS