

### Farm Demonstration Agent's Column

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**THE DAIRY COW**—Some of our farmers are beginning to realize that there is a 'big place' on their farm for the dairy cow. Many others are thinking of her seriously. These readers, especially, will find the following unsigned poem interesting reading:

#### THE DAIRY COW (Author Unknown)

The farmer's best friend is his old dairy cow;  
 If he owes a debt she will pay it somehow.  
 She grazes the roadside to eke out her life  
 And works without wages, the same as his wife.

Though Jersey or Holstein or Shorthorn her breed,  
 Hard work is her habit and thrift is her creed;  
 And if when she comes home at night to the barn,  
 You praise her or blame her, she doesn't care a darn.  
 She always has something to add to her pelf;  
 She brings in the coupons, just clip them yourself.

Get out the old milk-stool, sit down with a bump,  
 Grab hold of her handles and pump-pump.  
 She helps with the living and keeps us all fat,  
 The hired man, the baby, the pig and the cat;  
 And Dad takes the surplus to town and by heck!  
 The creamery gives him a wonderful check.

And when she is ready to die of old age,  
 The butcher writes "Finis" at the end of her page;  
 Then back to our table she comes, I'll be bound,  
 In prime ribs and steaks, that cost thirty per pound.

We can live without satin,  
 We can live without silk,  
 But where is the family  
 That can live without milk?

#### THE HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT

—Miss Frances Crafton is Madison County's Home Agent. Miss Crafton started work on Monday morning, Nov. 19. During the week she has met the ladies of several sections of the county explaining to them her work and planning for the future. She also has met with the clubs that Mrs. Ellis, District Home Agent, formed and arranged to carry them along. Those sections which Miss Crafton has not visited yet, and there are many of them, will have gatherings of the ladies arranged for and Miss Crafton will tell them of her plans.

Miss Crafton comes to this county well recommended. She is well prepared for her work. The ladies, however, must realize that, to secure the most from her efforts, they must do their part. We feel sure that the men will appreciate any efforts that the ladies may make in cooperation with Miss Crafton to improve the homes, to round out the menu, and es-

pecially to 'cut the cost of living.' LET'S ALL, MEN AND WOMEN, GIVE MISS CRAFTON OUR BEST HELP.

**THIS SOUNDS GOOD**—Otis Chandley told us the other day that a warehouse man from Greenville was looking at the tobacco grown on the demonstration plot where 1,000 lbs. of a 12-4-6 was used. "This," he told Otis, "is 40 or 50 cent tobacco." This speaks well for the mixture of fertilizer that Mr. Floy is recommending.

Roy Forester, who also had a demonstration plot of the same fertilizer under tobacco, is very well pleased with the way the tobacco is looking. "The tobacco that grew over the 12-4-6," Roy says, "is lighter in color than that over the other fertilizer." Roy's tobacco was on a heavy, rich, red-clay and normally grows a dark colored tobacco.

We are waiting for the warehouse reports on this tobacco. In the field it seemed to have the weight, the texture. How will it cure out and sell? Those using it seem very certain that it will 'be there at the finish.'

**FARMERS, COME IN**—10 o'clock on Monday morning, November 26, in the County Agent's. We want to talk over the Farmer's Warehouse at this time. We want every farmer who is interested in any way present at this time.

Clarence Poe, Editor of the Progressive Farmer, said a lot in his address here on October 30th. We printed this address in the paper on last week and hope that you read it carefully. We hope that you will read it again and think about what it tells. Mr. Poe has more to say about this cooperative buying and selling in the Progressive Farmer for last week. You should read this also.

Please read these articles and then come in on Monday, the 26th., and talk it over.

**THE RECORD CONTEST.**—All of you should have received a letter thru the mail telling about these contests. They are open to every farmer in the county, no matter where he lives. Every one who milks as many as three cows or keeps as many as 50 laying hens can enter the other contests.

If a farmer is going to make the most out of his farm it is necessary that he keep a record. The banks realize this and are

willing to make the inducement for keeping such a record. It isn't necessary that you make the most profit, either net or gross. The method of deciding the winner will take into consideration other things, even giving these other things more weight in deciding the winner than the amount cleared. You had better talk this over with your banker or with the county agent. It will pay you to enter and carry thru whether you win or not.

**LONG LIVE THE DAIRY QUEEN!**

"The cow is the foster mother of the human race. From the day of the ancient Hindoo to this time have the thoughts of men turned to the kindly, beneficent cow as one of the chief sustaining forces of human life. "No nation or people has become highly civilized without her. Without her, agriculture is not permanent or prosperous, people are not healthy or happy. Where the cow is kept and cared for, civilization advances, lands grow richer, homes grow better, debts grow fewer.

"Starting with neolithic man in the dim vistas of the far-distant past, she has been man's friend and companion adown all the ages. Her effigy and that of her brother, the ox, were used to adorn the earliest coinage of the world, because 'omnis pecuniae pecus fundamentum'—the herd is the foundation of all wealth; and in such esteem and veneration were they held that they were worshipped as symbols of Deity in the dawning religious consciousness of humanity.

"The cow has accompanied man in all his migrations and wanderings as he has multiplied and replenished the earth, nursing her own offspring and his also. In times of famine she has been man's preserver, his comfort and aid in times of prosperity, the bearer of his burdens and the cultivator of his fields, the bread-winner of the poor and the pride of the well-to-do. "She consumes the vegetation of field, mountain side, meadow, and prairie, otherwise unavailable as human food, and in the marvelous laboratory of her digestive structure converts it into the most essential, the most assimilable, the most nourishing of foods.

"The dairy cow was the first animal necessary to the pioneers in the settlement of new regions of the earth; and in the complex civilization of the present day she is a vital factor in human welfare as the producer of an indispensable and the only perfect food.

"From the dawn of history she has been associated with the conquering and dominant peoples; she is the most ancient, the most universal, and the most used and the most useful of all animals domesticated by man." —W. D. Hoard, Former Governor of Wisconsin.

"Blind Homer sang of Trojan wars and heroes, Virgil of men and arms, Horace of love and Falernian wine, Dante of the infernal regions, Milton of Paradise, but if I had the genius of all these old masters combined, a harp with a thousand strings, and the world for an audience, I would sing with all my heart and soul and perpetuate her name to the remotest generations.

"If I were a sculptor and had the power to chisel my thoughts in marble, I would search the quarries of the earth for the purest, whitest stone and somewhere in an enchanted land, where the skies are bluest, the waters purest, and the birds sing sweetest far into the soft and mellow moonlight nights, I would begin a work of love and duty.

"I would bid the cold marble speak for me, as I pulled the chisel to its sides until the rough, hard surface took the shape I wished, and at last a cow stood revealed, wide and kind-eyed in a posture of patient waiting to give the rich contents of her swelling udder, and bless the receivers with joy and health and strength.

"I would make a base upon which this spirit of my dreams would stand, and around its rim I would carve the figures of dear little babies, their hands and expectant faces raised toward their best friend in the animal world—the friend that never fails them, the one that puts the firm, pink flesh upon their tender frames, the one that brings dainties and smiles like the touch of angel wings, when she moves, life-giving milk trickles down their tiny throats, and the hot tears fall away and sleep comes to carry off the pain that still is to be suffered.

"The cow is an unsung hero.

without a scepter, and her kingdom is all the land between the seas." —M. R. Patterson, Former Governor of Tennessee.

#### FROM HOT SPRINGS

Mrs. Chas. Burgin spent Monday in Asheville shopping. Mr. Dewey Brown and Buren Coward of Spring Creek were in town Friday. Mrs. W. J. Parker has returned home from Belmont, N. C. Mrs. Reeves who has been visiting her daughters and son returned to her home Monday on Sandy Mush. Mr. W. R. Ellerson spent the week end with homefolks. Mrs. J. W. Morris and sister spent Saturday and Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman. Mr. Edd Harbin of Hampton, Va., who had been home on furlough spent a few hours last week with his niece Miss Carrie Reeves. Miss Joe Culbertson of Bluff and Mr. Cordell Price, of Hot Springs, motored to Newport, Tenn., Saturday and were married. We wish for them a long and happy life. Mrs. Lippard joined her daughter in Asheville Tuesday while shopping. Miss Taylor and several others of Dorland-Bell school spent Tuesday in Asheville.

Rev. Mr. Umberger of the Methodist Church gave both morning and evening sermons Sunday, Nov. 18. Quarterly conference was held at 3:00 p. m. Quite a number of the Marshall Stewards and also Mrs. Umberger and four children attended the afternoon meeting.

Rev. S. M. Stroup is holding a revival meeting at the Baptist Church Services in afternoon and at 7:00 p. m. Everybody invited. Mr. J. W. Johnson of Chicago is visiting his brother, Mr. W. G. Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Johnson reside near the powerhouse.

#### From CROSS ROCK

We are having a good S. S. at Cross Rock church now. Mr. Walter Brown was the guest of Miss Pearl Clark Sunday. Mr. Ernest Ledford was the guest of Miss Beulah Caldwell Sunday. Mrs. Lola Reeves and two children took dinner Sunday with Mrs. Ellen Brown. Misses Pearl Clark and Bonnie Jones and Mr. Walter Brown were out walking Sunday. Mr. Earnest Ledford and Miss Beulah Caldwell were motoring Sunday afternoon. Mr. Lida Clark had a corn husking Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr. Earnest Ledford who has been visiting friends and relatives here returned to his home at Spartanburg



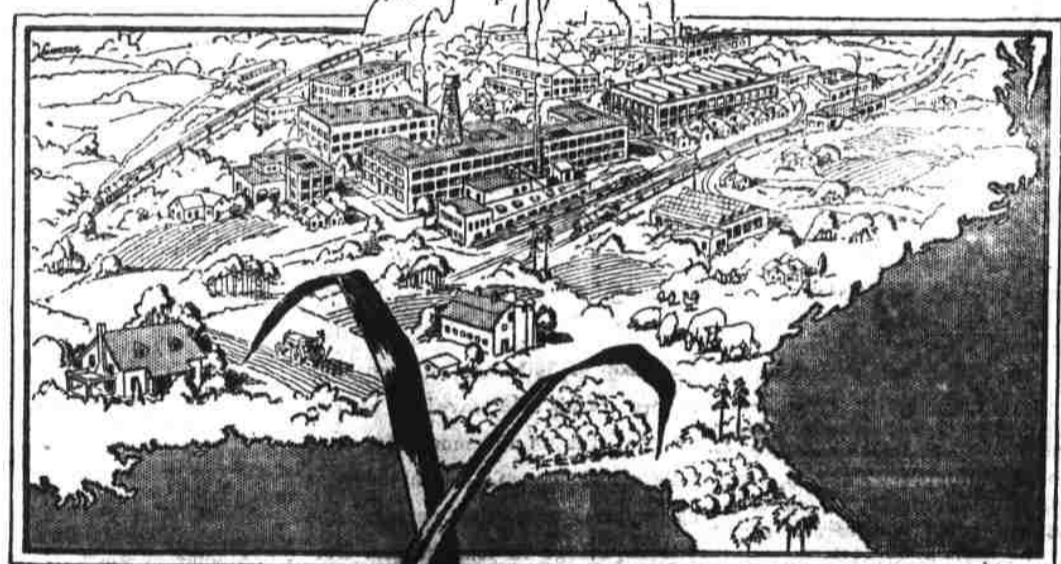
## HAVE MONEY!

**Be Thankful**  
 We should be thankful for the OPPORTUNITY even to make money. Then MAKE it and HAVE it.  
 The squirrel sets us a good example. He puts nuts away when they are PLENTIFUL and he has food for the winter.  
 Money helps DO the things we want to do.  
**Start Saving Regularly NOW.**  
**We invite YOUR Banking Business.**

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 Marshall, North Carolina

S. C. Monday.  
 Mr. Roy Caldwell who has been visiting homefolks, returned to his work at Maggie, N. C., Tuesday.  
 Mr. Vance Ledford left Monday for Spartanburg, S. C.  
 Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Ledford and two children of Spartanburg, spent last week end at the home of Mrs. Ella Caldwell.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Homer Clark left Friday night for Winston-Salem. We hated to see them leave.  
 Mrs. Mary Clark who has been on the sick list is not improving fast.  
 Mr. M. G. Clark is still on the sick list.

Mr. Harest Austin took dinner Sunday with Mr. Lida Clark. Several of the people from here attended the box supper on Big Sandy Saturday night.  
 Miss Rachel West was the guest of Miss Pearl Clark Tuesday.  
 Mrs. Nerva Sprouse attended S. S. Sunday.  
 Miss Sylvia West was absent from S. S. Sunday.  
 Come on office Kat. We enjoy your column.  
 Poker Note: "I bet her she wouldn't marry me, but she called my bet and raised me five."



## Two blades of grass

With the knowledge that it can prosper only as the people it serves prosper, the Southern Railway System is working along practical lines for the upbuilding of the South's industry and agriculture.

The Southern Railway Development Service is maintained for that purpose. It gathers accurate data concerning industrial opportunities throughout the South and is constantly presenting the advantages of Southern location to men who control or influence the establishment of manufacturing plants.

In the past five years 1200 new industrial plants, with a total capital investment of approximately seven hundred million dollars, have been located along the lines of the Southern, giving employment to many thousands, adding substantially to Southern wealth.

The Southern's Development Service also is actively engaged in promoting the welfare of the agricultural South, studying farm conditions, encouraging diversified and more profitable crops, the introduction of pure blooded livestock and poultry, the establishment of creameries and cheese and milk condensing plants for the utilization of dairy products. By reason of the interest thus stimulated, many farmers are making more profit per acre.

Alive to its opportunities, the South strides swiftly ahead. And the Southern, whose destiny is forever linked with the South, makes ready for the greater demands which its service must fulfill as two blades of grass, two ears of corn, two factories spring up where before there was only one.

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