

Fines Creek Boys Write Farm Papers

One hundred per cent of the members of the Fines Creek chapter of the Future Farmers of America have written their annual essays in connection with the state-wide essay contest sponsored by the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Corporation Bureau. The essays written by Fred Hembree, Davis Rogers, and Jarvis Messer were selected to represent the chapter in the state essay contest.

The Fines Creek chapter was represented at the state seed judging contest held in Lexington in February. Milas Greene, Andy Sparks, Neil McFarland, McCrary Beasley was alternate on the team.

The project records of the students of vocational agriculture are now being tabulated. A summary of all projects completed will be filed with the district supervisor of vocational agriculture, Asheville. All students are reporting good project records.

The farm shop students have recently completed the following articles: One kitchen cabinet for home economics department; book shelves and two medicine cabinets for principal's office; storage cabinets for dressing room; repaired 20 chairs and constructed 30 ironing boards.

Pine Trees Used To Stop Washing Of Land



Shortleaf pines planted April 10, 1934, on farm of Frank L. Leopard, Ratcliff Cove Section, reclaiming idle, eroding land. Picture made after four seasons' growth.

Leopard Uses Pine Trees To Stop The Washing Of Land

(By R. W. Graeber, Extension Forester.)

"What can I do with that gullied field?" was the question Frank L. Leopard, Haywood county, asked the county agent. He smiled and shook his head with skepticism when the agent told him to take the cows out and plant the area with pine trees. The idea of planting trees was beyond his vision at that time. He thought Nature could plant all the trees man needed, and especially since most people were trying to destroy trees rather than plant more.

The agent (W. D. Smith) then made this offer to Mr. Leopard: "The Extension Forester will be here next week and he is bringing 1,000 shortleaf pine seedling trees to be planted on some farm as a demonstration. If you will accept them, we will help you plant them right here in this field. I am sure you will be convinced that pine trees are the solution to your problem." Mr. Leopard agreed to this proposition.

It was in 1934, to be exact on April 10th, when the trees were planted as the first forest planted by a farmer in Haywood county. The accompanying picture shows the result after four seasons' growth. A recent check-up shows 90 per cent of the trees growing, many of them taller than an average man. Mr. Leopard is now convinced and so are many of his neighbors.

Since this beginning, many Haywood county farmers have planted trees to reclaim land, shortleaf and white pines to grow timber, black locust to reclaim idle land and produce fence posts. And now Mr. R. R. Smithwick, the county agent, and his co-workers are assisting the farmers in getting trees for the 1938 forest planting work.

Congressional Bill Will Aid Cherokees

The interior department appropriations bill under consideration in the House this week holds much local interest, as five items included would benefit North Carolina.

There is a proposed appropriation of \$4,000 for a hospital at the Cherokee Indian Reservation. For general support of the Indians on the reservation, and administration of the Indian property an appropriation of \$18,000. The Indians will also share in a \$397,000 item for children attending public schools and special day schools.

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park, would receive a maintenance appropriation of \$86,350. The Blue Ridge and Natchez Trace Parkways would also receive for construction and maintenance the amount of \$3,996,200, with a large part, however, to be spent in Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee.

Visitor—Are you the executive officer—I have a grandson serving on the board.

Any Exec.—Yes, madam. He's away on leave just now—attending your funeral.

Tales You Never Hear

"No sir, singeing the hair really does no good."

"I've never thought of writing a play."

"It's all right this time, but don't drive at sixty miles an hour again."

"Yes, that is my farewell tour."

"Here you are sir—two in the front row center."

"Of course, madam, we will cheerfully refund your money."

"My youngster never says anything bright or cute."

"You're a dear, but I really don't need a new coat this winter."

Farm News From Washington

Prospects for some recovery in the output of industrial products during the next few months are reported by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in its January statement on the demand and price situation for farm products. The bureau points out, however, that "the lag between changes in industrial activity and consumer buying power probably will prevent material improvement in the domestic demand for farm products generally before spring."

The bureau says that the current business recession has been less widespread than current comment might indicate, the severe decline having occurred largely in the production of iron and steel, textile and automobiles. Retail trade and general business activity have held up relatively well, it was stated.

The opinion was expressed that if recent levels of consumption were maintained, "surplus stock soon would be used up and industrial production would expand materially during the next few months. The danger is that the effects of the sharp recession in the relatively few lines of business activity which already have occurred will be extended rapidly to other lines."

The bureau summed up the situation as "a race between the prospective revival in one group of industries, on the one hand, against contagious declines in other lines of business activity which have lagged behind the general movement of industrial production since late summer."

A sharp increase in volume of exports of American farm products in recent months was reported; the seasonally adjusted index of exports in November having been the highest in 2 years. A prospective slight decline in the index of prices received by farmers of farm products in January, compared with December when the bureau's index was 104 per cent of prewar, also was reported.

With consumer incomes continuing relatively low during the next few months, it now seems probable, the bureau stated, "that income from farm marketings may be less in each quarter of 1938 than in 1937. While larger crop marketings and government payments will tend to support income in the first quarter of this year, the smaller marketings in meat animals and poultry products in prospect will be an offsetting influence and may keep incomes somewhat below the level of the first quarter of 1937. Continued weaknesses in the consumer demand for meats may prevent the usual increase in prices associated with smaller marketings."

In commenting upon the price situation relative to the major farm products, the bureau said that "wheat prices during the new few weeks will depend largely on European buying. . . . A comparatively stable level of feed grain prices is in prospect. . . . As a result of the unusually large rice crops, rice prices have not been much above the low prices of 2 years ago."

"It is probable that the seasonal advance in lamb prices will not be nearly so great as in the first four months of 1937. . . . A large part of the downward adjustment in prices of the better grades of slaughter cattle, expected for the first half of 1938, apparently took place in November and December, when prices of such cattle experienced one of the sharpest declines on record. . . . Some upturn in hog prices appears probable within the next 2 or 3 months. . . . The large out-of-storage movement of shell eggs during December increases the chances of more favorable egg prices to producers this winter and next spring."

Farmers' cash income from farm marketings in December totaled \$675,000,000, it was estimated today by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. The December income from farm marketings compares with \$713,000,000 in November, and with \$725,000,000 in December, 1936.

Government payments to farmers continued small in December totaling \$8,000,000 compared with \$3,000,000 in November and \$36,000,000 in December, 1936. The total December income from sales of farm products and Government payments was reported by the bureau as \$683,000,000 compared with \$761,000,000 in December, 1936.

He watched the clock. He was always late. He was forever grumbling and complaining. He only half did things. He didn't study up on his job. He associated with his inferiors. He did not strive for promotion. He was the president of the company.

Data for the 12 months on income par-

COUNTY AGENTS' COLUMN

At the meeting of dairymen of Haywood county at the court house in Waynesville on Monday, February 28, a dairymen's organization was formed, the organization to be known as the Haywood County Milk Producer's Association.

J. Earl Ferguson, Dellwood, was elected president; Albert J. McCracken, Waynesville, Route 2, vice president; Glenn C. Palmer, Clyde, Route 1, secretary-treasurer. A meeting of the officers will be held Friday night to further work out the details of the association.

F. R. Farnham, extension dairy specialist from State College, was the principal speaker. Mr. Farnham cited some examples where the work of the dairymen's associations had meant much in the furtherance of the

dairying interests. W. R. Woodall, manager of the local Pet Creamery, made a short talk and introduced R. O. Jenkins, division manager of Pet Dairy Products Co. Mr. Jenkins complimented the dairymen on the quality of milk they are producing in Haywood county and pointed out that the local Pet plant is preparing to handle a greater volume of milk in the future.

There are still a few vacant seats for the trip to Asheville to attend the poultry school to be conducted by C. F. Parrish, extension poultry specialist of State College, at the court house in Asheville next Tuesday, March 8, 1938 (the school to begin at 10:00 a. m.). It is hoped that many of the persons interested in poultry will attend this meeting. It you care to go with the county agents get in touch with the office.

from sales of farm products and Government payments to farmers indicate a total cash income for 1937 of \$8,521,000,000.

Total receipts from crops during the 12 months of 1937 were \$3,882,000,000 compared with \$3,462,000,000 in 1936. The 1937 receipts from sales of livestock and livestock products are now estimated at \$4,272,000,000 compared with \$4,171,000,000 in 1936. Government payments to farmers in 1937 totaled \$367,000,000 compared with \$287,000,000 in 1936.

Produce Prices

This week-end we will pay in cash the following prices:

- EGGS, doz.12c
- HEAVY HENS, lb.14c
- LIGHT HENS, lb.13c
- ROOSTERS, lb.6c

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