

### Wood Is Better Suited For Cattle Production Now Than Five Years Ago

Working with many of the leading cattle men in the county, we hear this statement over and over: "Fifteen or twenty years ago Haywood County was producing better cattle than we are now. In fact the statement has been made many times that more cattle were shipped from Clyde County five years ago than is now shipped from all of Western North Carolina." There are several factors—namely, the selection of pastures, poor management, depression manure—which brought about the present condition of our cattle. In the past five years the farmers of Haywood County have accomplished much in doing something to improve pastures. Through an educational program conducted by the demonstration farms, the people have realized that pastures should be treated like a farm crop. Many farmers consider their pasture as the

best paying crop on the farm. Through experiments conducted on demonstration farms throughout the county it has been found a paying proposition to treat pastures with lime and phosphate every four or five years at the rate of at least one ton of lime and 200 pounds of triple superphosphate or its equivalent per acre. It has also been found profitable to reseed pastures when the lime and fertilizer treatment is applied. To secure a better sod of the more desirable grasses and legumes, pastures should be clipped at least once a year for the first several years after this pasture management program is started.

To measure the improvement in pasture made in the county from 1935 to 1940, we are using as a yardstick the number of tons of lime and phosphate used. In this period Haywood County has used 25,173 tons of lime and 3,389,600 pounds of triple superphosphate (or

### A Herd Of Guernsey Cows



A herd of Guernsey cows grazing on the improved pasture of A. J. McCracken's farm. Mr. McCracken has done a good job in improving his herd of cattle by following a good system of breeding.

(its equivalent).

To measure the growth of the pasture improvement program in 1935, we find that the farmers used

### Home Clubs Will Have Programs On Seasonal Clothing

The members of the home demonstration clubs of the county will study "Seasonal Clothing" for the month of October, according to Miss Mary Margaret Smith, county home agent.

The October schedule of meetings is as follows: Beaverdam club with Mrs. Harley Wright at 2 o'clock on Wednesday, the 2nd; Dellwood club with Mrs. C. O. Newell at 2 o'clock on Thursday, the 3rd.

The Jonathan Creek club with Mrs. Glenn Boyd at 2 o'clock on Friday the 4th; the Maple Grove club with Mrs. C. R. Palmer at 2 o'clock on Tuesday the 5th; the Francis Cove club with Mrs. Robert McCracken, at 2 o'clock on Wednesday the 9th.

The Fines Creek club with Mrs. F. L. Safford at 11:00 o'clock on Thursday, the 10th; Iron Duff club with Mrs. Roy Medford, at 2 o'clock on Friday, the 11th; Morning Star club with Mrs. R. H. Worley, at 2 o'clock on Monday, the 14th.

The Rock Spring club with Mrs. R. F. Rogers, at 2 o'clock on Tuesday, the 15th; Bethel club with Mrs. Horace Peek, at 2 o'clock on Wednesday, the 16th; the Maggie club with Mrs. Cordell Evans at 2 o'clock on Thursday, the 17th; the Crabtree club at the school house at 2 o'clock on Friday, the 18th.

The Clyde club will meet at 2 o'clock on Tuesday, the 22nd, with place to be given at later date; Cecil club at 2 o'clock on Wednesday, the 23rd, with place to be named at later date; West Canton at 2 o'clock on Thursday, the 24th, with place to be given later; Junaluska at 2 o'clock on Friday, the 25th, with place to be named later.

### Exhibits From Haywood Will Be At State Fair

Haywood County will be represented at the North Carolina State Fair which will be held from October 7-12.

Four-H club boys who showed their fat calves at the Western North Carolina Fair and did not sell them will take them to the State Fair where they will be shown and sold.

It is also planned to take the winners of the breeding cattle class which are to be shown at the Haywood County Livestock show.

This will be the first year Haywood County farmers have shown breeding cattle at the State Fair in the past six years, and it is hoped that Haywood County will make a creditable showing at the fair.

no lime and 815,400 pounds of triple superphosphate (or its equivalent) whereas in 1940 Haywood County used 10,100 tons of lime and 1,748,800 pounds of triple superphosphate.

Steps have been taken to improve the breeding program of the livestock of the county. In the last twelve months there have been 38 registered beef bulls and 126 registered females brought into this county. The improvement of the dairy cattle has come along in fine style. In the last twelve months fifty cows have been placed with 4-H Club and F. F. A. members. In the past year two purebred studs and one jack have been added to the improvement of the workstock in the county.

The farmers are making progress in their feeding program. Since lime and phosphate is being used on much of our crop lands, the farmers are able to produce a much higher quality hay. In the past five years many silos (upright and trench) have been constructed and the use of ensilage has been incorporated in the feeding program.

If the farmers of Haywood County will continue in their improvement in livestock production for the next five years as they have in the past five years, it is the opinion of the agricultural leaders that Haywood County farmers will set a new high in the quality of livestock in this section.

### Better Cows Are Needed In County

By County Agent.

A good cattleman remarked recently while looking over the large number of steers assembled at a large market: "Where do all these common steers come from?" He continued, "Fifteen years ago there were more choice steers shipped from Clyde, than will be sold in Western North Carolina this year." "I believe," he said, "that we have over emphasized the buying of purebred bulls and have forgotten that it takes good cows as well as good bulls to produce good beef cattle."

There is much truth in the statement made by this man. There are many farmers in Haywood County keeping cows that produce calves that sell as 2-year old steers for \$50 to \$60, while others have good cows and sell 1-year olds for as much money.

A farmer who has had fifty years experience in the cattle business remarked the other day: "I have concluded that the best money to be made with cattle is selling baby beef calves for \$50 and up." He went on to say that he once kept a large number of cows (mostly scrubs) and sold calves for \$25 per head in the fall or kept them for 2 or 3 years old and sold them for \$60 to \$75.

In 1940 there were twenty 4-H club boys who wished to feed baby beef calves in Haywood County. Only eight calves were fed and only two of these calves were produced in Haywood County. The demand for these calves is increasing each year and with the natural advantages Haywood has for cattle raising, more farmers should go into this business.

Good cows, good bulls, and good feed will make money. Let's work for quality in our cattle!

### Jumping Horses Will Be Shown At Livestock Show

An added attraction to the Livestock Show will be a performance of horse jumping. This feature is being furnished by L. H. Bramlett of Waynesville. This feature will be on the showground and is free to all persons on the ground.

### Horse And Mule Pulling Contest To Be Interesting

This pulling contest is rather new for this section; however, it has been held for a good many years in the middle west. It will be featured on livestock day—Oct. 3rd.

It provides interesting and educational entertainment for people who view it, as well as giving an opportunity for noticing the better effect of good breeding, good hitching, and good horsemanship in obtaining maximum work from draft animals.

The testing is done with a machine known as a dynamometer, which belongs to the Department of Agriculture of North Carolina. The machine is arranged so as to provide an accurate, quickly adjustable, and predetermined load

### Workstock Has Been Improved

The workstock of Haywood County has been greatly improved during the past few years. Through the efforts of the Farmers Federation, Inc., two outstanding Percheron stallions and a registered jack and a registered thoroughbred have been placed in the county.

The Farm Security Administration, in cooperation with the farmers of the county, have greatly assisted in helping bring to the county two registered jacks.

There are other outstanding stallions in the county owned by individuals who are helping in the improvement of the workstock in the county.

for the team to pull.

The winner of this pulling contest will be known as the 1940 Haywood Champion Pulling Team.

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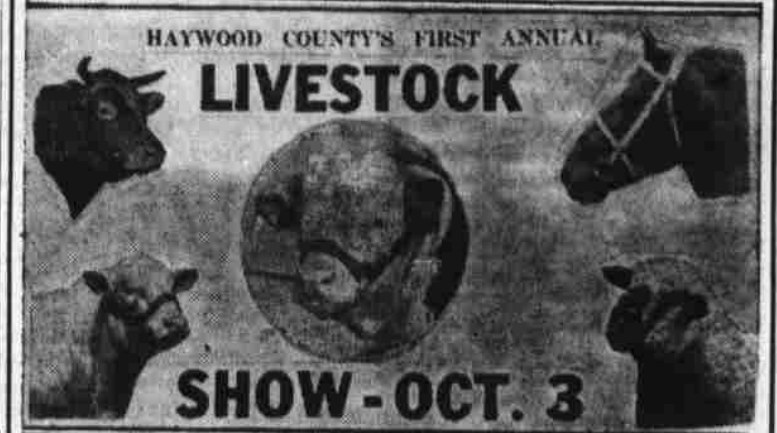
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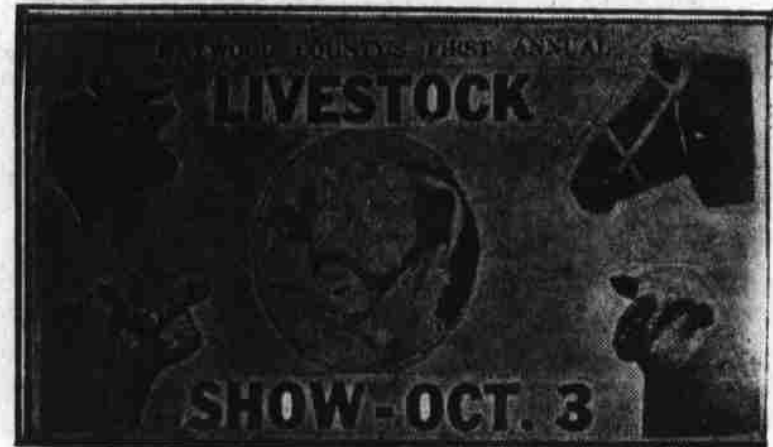
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