

# Ratcliffe Cove People Have Already Made Many Improvements

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Last March the people of Ratcliffe Cove went to a meeting at Hendersonville to discuss the plan for a new community called by their name. The plan was approved by the Hendersonville Community Development Board.

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# SLAIN SHIELDING GIRL FRIEND



RETURNING FROM A moonlight waltz at Pleasant Beach, Ont., Harold Snetzky (right), 18, of Buffalo, N. Y., was shot to death as he and Richard Joseph, 18, who was seriously wounded, fought to protect their girl friends. Attractive Lydia Lusk (left), 16, was with Snetzky at the time. Police arrested George Szendran, 23, of Hamberg, Ont., who they say was identified by the girls as the assassin. (International)

# Expert Gives Pointers On Turkey Raising

If you are among those who plan to raise a flock of turkeys this year, then you will want to follow the recommendations on brooding given below by L. W. Herrick, Jr., extension turkey specialist at N. C. State College.

Poulters should be brooded separate from chicks. Almost any type of brooder stove may be used provided it gives enough uniform heat and can be easily regulated. From 100 to 250 poulters may be brooded under one stove with 200 probably being the most economical unit. The house should be large enough to allow one square foot of floor space per poult if kept in the brooder house eight weeks, or one and one-half square feet if kept in twelve weeks. A sunporch, of equal size, should be built on the south or east side of the house.

Feeder Space  
Two inches of feeder space should be provided for each poult to eight weeks of age and three

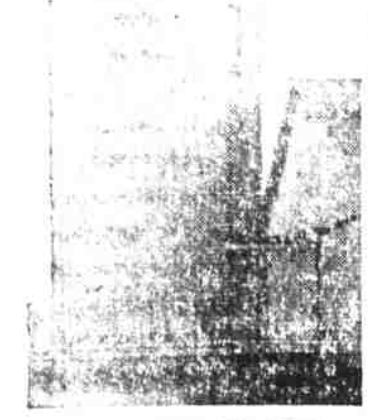
therefore a chick starter should not be used. Most poulters will start to eat and drink right away, but there are occasional groups that need to be helped.

Many "tricks" have been used to teach poulters to eat. Bright glass marbles may be placed in the water and on the feed; crumpled oat meal, short chopped grass, or finely cracked yellow corn may be sprinkled over the feed. Water in glass jars will be emptied twice as fast as water in other containers of equal size, because the poulters are attracted by the bubbles arising in the jar and by its brightness.

A strong electric light placed directly over the feeders and waterers will increase consumption. In some cases, poulters may be taught to eat and drink by dipping their beaks in mash and water. Usually only a few in a group need to be taught, but in some cases nearly all do, and for this reason some growers dip the beak of each poult into feed and water as it is taken out of the box. The longer the poult goes after hatching without water and feed, the less likely it is that it will learn to eat without help.



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# Improving Barn Cuts Costs Of Tobacco Curing

Many North Carolina tobacco farmers could save more than one-third on their curing fuel bill by improving their barns and their curing methods, says R. M. Ritchie, Jr., agricultural engineer for the State College Extension Service.

Defective barns and outdated methods are now causing the waste of several million dollars worth of fuel in the State each year, Ritchie asserts.

The biggest fuel thief in curing, says the State College specialist, is excess ventilation—too much air moving through the barn at times during the cure when very little air is needed. This wasted heat can be saved by stopping up air leaks in the barn and by using a controlled ventilating system.

All holes at eaves and gable ends of barns should be closed. If a considerable amount of air leaks through the walls, they should be covered with some material which will stop the leaks.

Ventilation during the cure should be obtained by means of a ridge ventilator which can be closed tightly when not needed. Bottom ventilation, if needed, is best obtained by a large number of small holes well distributed around the foundation.

A well-built barn can cure tobacco economically without the addition of insulation. However, insulation will save some fuel in all barns. Over a number of years insulation will pay for itself in any barn, particularly in one that is poorly built. Several forms of insulation are available.

Farmers interested in improving their tobacco barns may obtain complete information from Extension Circulars 316 and 322. These publications may be obtained free from the county agent or by writing the Agricultural Editor, State College Station, Raleigh.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Muse, Sr. — cleaned up the pasture, dug irrigation ditches, bought four head of cattle, bought a new section harrow, planted a flower garden to beautiful a bank, bought a new washing machine, spread 25 tons of lime on the pasture, refinished kitchen cabinets, and built a boundary fence. They have already sold 72 1/2 bundles of spring onions and have one more pulling to do. These are just some of the things that Mr. and Mrs. Muse have done.

Mr. and Mrs. Way Ratcliffe — painted the interior of their house, are building two sets of rock steps, completed a concrete basement and are adding an extra room to their house. They've also set out three azalea bushes, planted grass on the lawn and have concreted their driveway.

Mr. and Mrs. James Medford — gravelled the road to the house, painted the outside trimmings, the lawn chairs, tables and flower pots. The Medfords' son, Dale, bought a beef calf.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Francis — rewired their entire home, built a bath room and painted it, poured new concrete on the back porch, painted the porch and enclosed it with windows, reworked 2 1/2 acres of pasture, built a basement entrance and rooted it with tin, and are building some new fence.

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