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Farm Review and Forecast

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Woodland Unsuitable For Pasture

Woodlands make poor pasture for cattle, says Fred B. Whitfield, extension forestry specialist at State College.

He says that Charlie Ledford of the Otto community in Macon County is just one of many Western North Carolina farmers who have learned this tragic fact.

In a recent conversation with Whitfield, Ledford pointed to his deep woods and said: "You could put cows into this woodland cove and forget them." Explaining quickly that to turn cattle into such woods would likely bring a quick death from poisonous plants, he added facetiously, "When they are dead you can forget them."

Whitfield points out that many Western North Carolina farmers have learned too that cattle seek out plants that grow in the richer soils first and leave the dry ridges until there is nothing left in the coves to eat. They eat the more valuable trees such as yellow poplar, white oak, and white pine, leaving trees like black gum and hickory to fill the spaces.

Cattle pack the soil, depriving trees of needed moisture. This packing causes water to run over the top of the ground, taking soil with it, and exposing fine feeder roots to the sun and wind.

In addition, when cattle roam through trees which are too large

ing inventory before you pack away summer clothing. Mend any rips or tears, remove all stains since the longer stains stay in your clothing, the harder they are to remove. It's a good idea, too, to take off all pins or metal ornaments which leave rust or other marks on fabrics in storage.

You'll probably find it more practical to store away unironed garments; however, if your storage space is at a premium, ironed and carefully folded clothing will require less space.

For those best dresses and suits, store them in a garment bag—hanging. They'll keep their shape much better.

Attention Hemorrhoid (Pile) Sufferers

A Wonderful New Discovery Just Put On The Market An ointment that has been used for the past two years by a prominent Mt. Holly, N. C., doctor who states, "During the past thirty-seven years of general practice I have used all the well-known and accepted remedies for the relief of Hemorrhoids—without a doubt, the formula known as SUTHERINE gives the most satisfactory relief that I have ever used." SUTHERINE is especially recommended for the soothing relief of pain and itching in Hemorrhoid (piles). In many cases bleeding has been stopped. Ask for SUTHERINE at all drug stores.—Adv.



HAMPSHIRE BOAR donated to the Bethel High FFA chapter is examined by M. C. Nix (kneeling) and B. C. Nave (left), vocational agriculture teachers, and students Grover Calhoun (center) and Carroll Chambers in the new Bethel FFA barn.

The porker, a distant relative of the Hammus Alabammas, was presented to the school by Richard Trull, father of Howard Trull, a former student who is now in the armed forces. (Frances' Photo Service).

Size Of Egg Unrelated To Food Value

Is the fall of the year pullets are just coming into production and that means more small eggs on the market, says R. S. Dearsstyn of the State College poultry science department.

And although some storekeepers are reluctant to stock small eggs, Dearsstyn emphasizes that small eggs often are a better buy than standard size eggs or a pound for pound basis.

He says that sometimes people get the idea that large eggs are better than small eggs, the inference being that the large ones have higher food value. This isn't the case because food value is not related to egg size.

Egg size is inherited. It usually takes eight weeks or more for birds to build from small egg size to standard size. Thus the producer is confronted with the problem of a market for small eggs for a few months after the birds come into lay. And although it's rough on the producer, it's a break for the housewife who is a thrifty buyer.

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ANSWER: It changes the appearance of cattle and is recommended only for fattening cattle to be slaughtered.

North Carolina Corn Crop Cut By Hurricane Damage

On the basis of probable yield reports from growers, as of October 1, the state's corn production is forecast at 63,643,000 bushels, according to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service.

The present forecast is a decline of 6,159,000 bushels since September 1 and 10,265,000 bushels since August 1 before the hurricanes "Connie," "Diane," and "Ione" struck the state. Yield per acre is indicated at 31.0 bushels compared with 24.0 for the drought-stricken year 1954.

Unfavorable weather conditions prevailed during September in the main corn producing Coastal Plains area. In this section of the State two hurricanes struck about mid-August and were followed by heavy rainfall for two or three weeks. On September 19 and 20 the third hurricane, "Ione," struck in almost the same area, causing heavy damage to the crop.

Prior to "Ione" the corn crop in the Coastal Plains area was badly twisted and crossed, with considerable acreage almost flat on the ground. This latest hurricane slowed to almost a standstill over the Plains Area and was accompanied by high winds and heavy rainfall, together with high tides, that caused complete losses to some growers and resulted in very low yields to many other growers.

In the Piedmont and Mountain sections of the state the crop is mostly good to very good. Weather conditions in these areas have been generally favorable to above average throughout most of the growing season. In spite of adverse weather conditions, mostly in the Coastal Plains Area, the State's production of corn is expected to

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

QUESTION: Can I keep lard from becoming rancid?

ANSWER: Yes. Extension Animal Husbandry Specialist John A. Christian says that rancidity can be prevented by adding an antioxidant to the lard when it is rendered, or sealing in jars while it is hot to keep air out.

QUESTION: Should hens be "stimulated" into early lay?

ANSWER: R. S. Dearsstyn of the State College poultry science department reminds that sexual maturity is an inherited characteristic, that diet has little if any influence on it, and the process can't be hurried by so-called "short cuts".

QUESTION: How does a dairyman know what size bulk tank his farm needs?

ANSWER: A rule of thumb is: Buy one big enough to hold three milkings during the flush season where there's an every-day pick-up. If milk is hauled every other day, the tank will need to hold five

be the best since 1951.

Harvest of the crop has been under way for two or three weeks, mostly in the lower Coastal Plains area. Very little corn has been harvested in the western half of the state as the crop is less advanced in this section.

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QUESTION: What is this stilbestrol I've been hearing about?

ANSWER: Stilbestrol is a syn-

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Haywood County CHECKERBOARD NEWS

By Joe Cline and Dick Bradley

CLINE-BRADLEY COMPANY

The Why And How Of Pig Worming

Roundworms are costing us our shirts and many of us don't even know it. Did you know a single full-grown female worm may contain 26 or 27 million eggs—more than enough to infest all the pigs in Iowa?

Well, I didn't until I read it in a Purina Research article. It's hard to believe, but almost a third of the pigs farrowed never reach market. Worms can drag a pig down to the point where he's neither thrifty nor strong.

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In fact, in an effort to maintain her body, a sow will resorb some of the tiny embryos. You may lose pigs you never even see because the sow's nutritional requirements are not met.

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