

ORANGE COUNTY FARM AGENTS' COLUMN

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TOBACCO LOSS

Chiefly because of acreage reduction farmers of Orange have lost \$800,000 in annual tobacco income since 1955. Yet, the total estimated gross income this year from all crops and livestock of \$5,820,000 is approximately \$300,000 more than it was in 1955, which indicated that in spite of the loss in tobacco income there has been more than a million dollar gain in income from poultry, dairying, beef cattle, swine, and sheep. Admittedly, the "gross income" figure is no sure indication of farm prosperity, but it is the only figure available. It would be much fairer to give net income figures if it were possible to do so. However, net income varies from farm to farm according to each farm's efficiency. Using any yardstick, it is certain that poultry and livestock farmers have made great progress in this four-year period.

PASTURE

With the trend toward more livestock farmers in this section should take a new look at their permanent pastures. In Orange County during 1958 farmers increased their acres of improved pasture by 500 or from 15,111 to approximately 15,600, but in order to meet the livestock 1960 goals set for the county it will be necessary to increase pastures by at least another 1,500 acres.

In studying the Land-Use Maps of the Soil Conservation Service it is evident that some of the best potential pasture land, fertile land lying along streams, on many farms is in unprofitable woodland or brush. Unless this land is well set in good quality timber it is highly probable that it would be more valuable cleared up and put in pasture.

Putting more acres in pasture is just one way to increase the total forage yield. The other, and perhaps the most practical way, is to in-

crease the yield per acre. On Laido clover-grass pastures it is absolutely necessary to first, maintain the proper lime content in the soil, and second, provide the necessary plant food, such as phosphorus and potash.

From now until spring is a fine time to take a soil test of each field, and while the sod is frozen apply the necessary lime and fertilizer.

Our North Carolina Experiment Station has some figures that are revealing. They say that each "man-hour" of labor spent in pasture production returns \$23, in experiments they conducted, compared with \$4 per hour for corn, and \$6 per hour for wheat. To continue to advance in livestock production more good pastures must come first.

SOCIAL SECURITY TAX

A recommendation to pay more tax is usually not very popular, but farmers, especially those 60 years of age would do well to figure their income as high as possible, and pay the highest amount of Social Security tax. Of course, the reason for this is that after retirement at 65 the retirement rate is based on the amount of income the farmer paid tax on. For example, if he paid tax on an income of only \$600 the man and wife would receive approximately \$45 per month, but if he paid tax on the maximum of \$4200 they would receive a monthly return of approximately \$162.

Any questions regarding Social Security should be submitted to the District Social Security Office in Durham. We have found their personnel courteous and cooperative and always willing to answer individual questions.

TRENCH SOIL

With all the snow, many dairymen having trench silos would gladly swap with Walter Lloyd and sons of the White Cross Community, who built a roof over their 18 foot wide trench silo and covered it with galvanized iron. In spite of the addi-

In The Snow



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tional cost Mr. Lloyd says he would not do without this protection. The man who itches for fame has a lot of scratching to do.

Carrboro Negro Man Released After Probe Of Wife's Death

Carrboro police officers today had released a Carrboro Negro after holding him briefly for investigation of his wife's death Sunday night. Officer Albert Pendergraft said that investigation has shown that 36-year-old Cora Foushee died of natural causes. She was dead on arrival shortly before 9 p.m. Sunday at N. C. Memorial Hospital. According to the officers, Mrs. Foushee died of a heart attack after a family fight with her husband, Prevet Henry Foushee, at their home on Broad St. Officer Pendergraft said the woman ran from the home after the fight and to her father's home nearby. She died there of the heart ailment, he said. Foushee was jailed during the investigation and then released, he said.

Professor Fined For Trespass

Peter H. Nash, 37-year-old University of North Carolina professor, was fined on two charges of trespassing early Tuesday at the end of what some local observers called the longest Recorder's Court session in history here. Nash, an associate professor in the department of city and regional planning at the school, was originally charged with peeping secretly at the Hillsboro Street Apartments, but the prosecution agreed to change their warrants to trespassing just before the session ended at 1 a.m.

Judge W. E. Stewart fined Nash \$50 and costs on the two charges, which arose from his alleged late-hour appearances at the apartments on the nights of Sept. 19 and Oct. 23. Nash pleaded nolo contendere to the Sept. 19 charge of trespassing and guilty to the Oct. 23 charge. Three residents of the apartment testified they saw Nash apparently looking into the lower-floor rooms of the housing facility on the dates charged and also on Oct. 30.



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