

# ORANGE COUNTY FARM AGENTS COLUMN

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### SALE SUCCESSFUL

Beef producers in this area sold 782 feeder calves at the Hillsboro sales on September 24, for an average of \$129 each. The average weight was 471 lbs. for which they received 27½ cents a pound. There were 182 more feeder calves sold this year than last.

### DAIRY NEWS

Seven of the larger grade A dairies in Durham County are joining with Orange County dairymen in their production testing program. These dairies will be represented by three directors: Isaac Terry, Milton Thompson, and Albert Ray. Clarence Symes has been employed as technician and will visit each farm once a month and compute the milk and butterfat production on each cow in the herd.

Don Collins & Brothers and the Arrowhead Farm were among the high 10 herds in the state during the month of August. For September the 10 high herds in the county association were: Snipes Brothers 38.9 pounds butterfat, Arrowhead Farm 37.3, Hi Hope 36.9, L. R. Cheek & Sons 36.2, J. E. Latta 36.1, Glenn Caruthers 35.5, Berry's Mill 34.6, Dr. Joe Beard 34.6, Teer Brothers 34.5, and Joe Dick-ey 32.7.

### IMPROVE WOODLAND

One of the biggest problems confronting Orange County wood-landowners is how to get loblo-

ly pines growing in cutover areas. As a rule these cutover areas are growing up in lowgrade hardwoods. The ASC offers some assistance in converting these worthless areas to productive forests. They will pay \$8 per acre for poisoning weed trees, and \$10 per acre for the use of a bulldozer in mechanical preparation of land for planting pines. Land owners interested in this work can make application through the local ASC office.

### MAKES PROGRESS

Mr. R. C. Compton, of the Cedar Grove Community, has made rapid progress in improving his herd of Angus beef cattle. Proof of this is shown by the average price received for his calves at the annual Hillsboro Feeder Calf Sales. In 1957 Mr. Compton's calves averaged \$119 per head, in 1948 \$150 per head, and in 1959 his calves averaged \$188.51 per head, for the highest average of any farm selling in the Hillsboro Feeder Calf Sale.

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## Hulon to talk before PTA at junior high

The organization, program and curriculum of the junior high school will be discussed by the new school principal, Harold Hulon, at the first meeting of the junior high school PTA next Thursday in the auditorium of the Franklin Street elementary school at 8 p.m.

Although not new to Chapel Hill, this will be Hulon's first opportunity to get acquainted with the parents. A graduate of the University, he was for the past six years principal of the Orrum High School in Robeson County.

During his last year at Orrum the school underwent evaluation for accreditation for the Southern Association of College and Secondary Schools and was recommended for membership in the Southern Association.

Prior to going to Orrum, Hulon was principal of the Hoffman High School in Richmond County and taught science for two years at the Oak Grove High School in Durham County.

He was recently honored by the State Department of Public Instruction in being asked to

serve as consultant for a regional conference of beginning principals to be held in Burlington on Oct. 19. Hulon is married and has one child, an eight-year-old daughter.

Other items of business to be taken up at the meeting will be the introduction of new teachers and the current officers. The president, Walter Spearman, is expected to announce membership of his committees. Following the meeting a social hour will be held.

## Rural Activities

**S. N. SHELTON**  
Negro County Agent

**(MRS.) BONNIE B. DAVIS**  
Negro Home Agent

A meeting on rural housing will be held at Cedar Grove Elementary School, Friday, Oct. 31, at 7:30 p.m. Mr. W. C. Warrick, Housing Specialist from State College in Raleigh, will be in charge of the meeting.

All persons in the county who are planning to build or remodel a home should plan to attend the meeting.

The final date for having Rural Progress Score Sheets returned to the Agriculture Agents' office is Nov. 2, 1959.

All persons who are interested in participating in the drawing during Rural Progress Night must complete at least one practice on the score sheet.

If a person has lost his score sheet, he will have an opportunity to get a new one.

Score sheets will be mailed to every family on Oct. 15.

A total of 353 pigs were sold at the Feeder Pig Show and Sale, held Oct. 1, at the Livestock Market in Hillsboro. The pigs averaged sixty-two pounds, and sold for \$9.43 each.

Farmers who plan to participate in the spring feeder pig sale should breed their hogs in November.

Louis Parker, a Central High 4-H Club member, Route 3, Mebane, recently harvested 65 bushels of Gold Rush sweet potatoes from one-eighth of an acre.

The potatoes were practically all number ones, and of very high quality.

Louis plans to exhibit three bushels in the Western District Sweet Potato show scheduled to be held in Reidsville, N. C., sometime in February, 1960.

Have you ever seen a sweet potato digger?

Alonzo Parker, Rt. 3, Mebane, recently purchased a Howard Rotary type digger from a company down east.

The digger is tractor drawn and does a very good job "digging out potatoes." This type of digger is practical to use on any farm growing at least one acre of potatoes and not more than six acres.

### H. D. Schedule:

Monday, Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m.—Mars Hill, hostess, Mrs. Madell Richmond.

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 7 p.m.—Ridge Road, hostess, Mrs. Inez Gattis.

Friday, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m.—Sartin, hostess, Miss Mae Fannie Jones.

### Hints for Lighting your Home:

(1) When the inside of a bulb become blackened, relegate it for duty in a closet, storage room or attic where it will be used occasionally. Put new bulbs in

your important reading lamps and fixtures. There may be plenty of life in the blackened bulb, but it can waste as much as 25 per cent of the light.

(2) Remove cellophane wrapping from shade when lamp is put to use. Heat from the bulb

and climatic conditions affect the cellophane and cause it to shrink, bending the frame and wrinkling the silk. To keep shades clean use shade covers which are made for the purpose and will not distort the shape of the shade.

(3) Lamp bases last longer if they are waxed. Wood bases and all types of metal bases other than chrome, should first be dusted with a soft cloth, then covered with a thin coat of wax and polished when dry. Glass, pottery, marble and onyx bases can be washed.

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