

Properly Graded Leaf Brings High Prices

A little time spent in sorting tobacco carefully has been known to earn a farmer more money than all the work he spent in the field growing and harvesting it.

In the warehouses it's a common sight to see a "pin-hooker" buy a few baskets of mixed leaf from the growers, grade it carefully, and sell it to the buyers for considerably more than he paid the farmer for the same tobacco, said E. Y. Floyd, of State College.

The farmer who grows the weed could get just as much for it as the pin-hooker if he brings it to the warehouse carefully sorted and packed attractively as the baskets, Floyd continued.

Buyers don't like baskets of mixed leaf, and they won't bid very much for them. But after it has been resorted and packed in lots according to body, quality, color, and size of leaves, they will bid the top price for the particular leaf in each basket.

Adequate light is needed in the sorting rooms so the leaf can be seen clearly and graded accurately. The same kind of leaves into bundles or bands, and have enough different lots to cover the full range of quality, length, and color of the crop.

Tobacco of low grade will often bring a fair price when it is properly prepared, but even the best grade on the market won't bring top prices if it is mixed with inferior leaf.

Growers who have more leaf than they can sell tax-free will find it pays to sell their best leaf first, and pay tax only on the lower priced tobacco, as the higher the price, the higher the tax will be. However, some growers with excess tobacco are planning to buy extra marketing quota cards from growers who do not have enough tobacco to use up the full amount of their cards.

Winter Cover Crops Build Up Farm Land

Growing winter cover crops is one of the best things a North Carolina farmer can do to build up his soil and make his farm a better place on which to live.

And with the help of AAA payments, farmers find they can do a lot of things to improve their soil they have been wanting to do for years, but felt they could not afford, said John W. Goodman, assistant director of the State College Extension Service.

In encouraging farmers to grow more cover crops this winter, he has pointed out that they will help farmers:

By keeping a lot of that fertilizer you bought last spring from leaching out of the soil this winter.

By keeping your good soil from washing away.

By helping you start a good crop rotation.

By producing more feed and thereby reducing your feed bill.

By adding valuable organic matter to the soil, when turned under.

By helping you add more livestock to your farm.

By helping you balance your farming operations and make them pay more profits.

By helping make idle land pay its way.

He added that by growing legumes on well inoculated land, and turning them under, farmers can add much nitrogen and organic matter to the soil that will be good for the next several crops.

You and your soil will get a lot more good out of green fields this winter than either could get out of the dead remains of last summer's crops, he pointed out.

Let's keep North Carolina green this winter.

JOHN TO GET MOD-EST JOB IN BOSTON

Boston, Aug. 11. — John Roosevelt, youngest son of the President, will go to work in a Boston Department store (William Filene's Sons) soon after his return from a wedding trip with his bride, the former Anne Lindsay Clark, the store announced Tuesday.

John and Annie will return to Boston next Monday from Bermuda and he will report for work late in August.

A spokesman for the store said the President's son will receive the "same treatment as anyone else; he will start at the bottom and take whatever job is available at a modest salary."

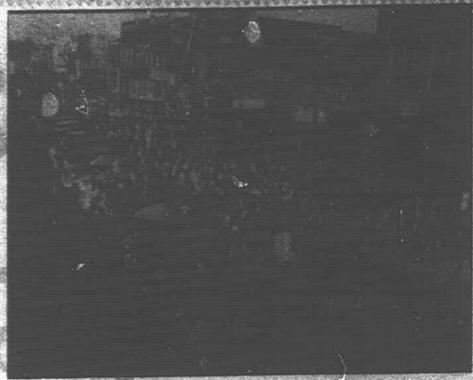
The amount of the salary, the spokesman said, was not decided upon at an interview before John and Annie left on their honeymoon, but an attaché of the store ventured an \$18 a week estimate.

Leave Home

A recent survey by Roy E. Wiley, rural sociologist at Iowa State College, indicated that more than one-half of the rural children of Iowa leave home at the age of one out of five years.

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FAMILIAR SCENE IN FARMVILLE'S BUSINESS DISTRICT

Rural Electrification For The Farmville Community

In the summer of 1936 a small group of farmers, assembled in the Town Hall at Farmville, North Carolina, perfected an organization and decided to make application to the United States Rural Electrification Administration at Washington, D. C. for sufficient funds with which to construct 35 miles of rural lines in and around the Farmville community.

After many months of waiting and no word from Washington, an effort was made to find out why the loan had not been granted; whereupon, it was revealed that the project was too small to merit a loan. Shortly thereafter a representative of the REA was sent down to help work up a larger project.

After making what was thought to be a thorough and complete survey of all available territory, a project of 62 miles was surveyed and application made therefor. In the spring of 1937 an allotment of \$60,000.00 was made for the 62 mile project, and after many further technical troubles and delays the contract was finally let in August, 1937, and work began in November, 1937.

No one had taken much interest, and in fact had very little faith, in the project up to the time that work began. From that point on, however, the idea of Rural Electrification was enthusiastically received and as work progressed, numerous applicants popped up along the lines that one had thought would be interested.

In one instance when right-of-way was refused for half a mile, the line was re-routed around some six miles of road, with the result that several new customers were secured. When the contractor had completed some 65 miles of line with the first money allotted, some ten to fifteen miles

of the originally staked lines had not been built.

These people, along with others, were not clamoring for the electric lines. A petition was made for a supplemental loan of \$25,000.00 with which to build an additional 25 miles of line. This loan was granted in June, 1938, and work started in July, 1938. Before this could be completed, it appeared that so many people living near the proposed lines had gotten themselves on the way of the line, that an additional twelve miles of line had to be built. So a third petition was carried to Washington and a third loan of \$15,000.00 was granted with which to finish out 105 miles of line, at a total cost of \$100,200.00 for the Pitt and Greene Electric Membership Corporation.

But even now calls are received daily to add one to five customers on the end of some line—the applicants stating that they live within eight of the present line. There seems to be no end to where lines could be built for those living on farms who desire electricity.

The same little band of farmers, coming from both Grand and Pitt Counties, all living within five or six miles of Farmville, to-wit: J. Lee Tugwell, J. C. Parker, O. L. Erwin, T. H. Rouse, Seth Barrow, and W. C. Hinson, who started out trying to get 35 miles of line, have worked faithfully for over two years, trying to supply the wants and needs of electricity to the farmers of their two counties, but keeping always in mind that the money used to build these lines must be repaid with interest, and therefore have refused to construct lines that would not pay the required revenue.

The directors of the co-operative as named above have at all times

tried to keep expenses down, and keep the deposits and rates as low as permitted by REA officials.

Every land owner, whose land is served by the co-operative must be a member of the co-operative, and pays a membership fee of \$5.00 thus each and every member has exactly the same interest in the lines of the co-operative.

As the construction of the 105-mile project nears completion, it does not necessarily mean that expansion is now complete. Just recently a large number of farmers in the southwest part of Greene county petitioned the directors of the Pitt and Greene Electric Membership Co-operative to make even a fourth petition to the REA for funds with which to build some 50 to 60 miles of additional electric lines in that portion of Greene county. Surveys have been made with 250 signed customers; all membership applications signed, fees deposited, easements have been granted. This work was done within about ten days time by farmers living in that section. Even though the necessity came during their business season.

Rural electrification is one of the greatest contributions yet made by the New Deal, and the farmers of Pitt and Greene Counties quickly recognized its advantages, it seems to advertise itself; when a farmer sees the poles going up in front of his neighbor's house, he immediately begins making plans to have it installed in his own home.

The Pitt and Greene Electric Membership Co-operative has its headquarters at Farmville; purchases all of its electric energy from the municipally owned power plant of Farmville, and has also contracted for maintenance and operation. The Contractor is F. G. Hitt of Culpeper, Va., and the engineer, Col. P. M. Andrews, of Washington, D. C.

The contractor, the engineer, and the officials of the Co-operative have received splendid cooperation from the farmers living along the routes of the lines. Easements have been readily granted, even though the landowner was not to receive lights.

Says Milk Is Best For Summer Drinks

Milk shakes the best hot weather drinks, for they are nourishing as well as refreshing, said Miss Ruth Current, state home demonstration agent at State College.

They offer the food value of the milk, and contribute more calories in the chocolate, caramel, fruit pulp or syrup, and other ingredients that may be mixed in.

Vanilla and almond extracts make good flavors. Nutmeg and cinnamon can be sprinkled on top the drink. A patch of mint growing in the backyard will supply an attractive garnish.

For a banana shake, crush very ripe bananas to a pulp, then shake this pulp with milk until it is blended smoothly. Other soft fruits may be used in a like manner. A "float" can be made easily by placing a scoop of ice cream in the milk shake. Always add a dash of salt to milk shakes and other summer drinks. Salt not only improves the flavor, but also is needed to replace the large quantities of salt lost in perspiration during hot weather.

As a matter of fact, Miss Current added, it is wise to use plenty of salt in seasoning food, too, when the mercury rises toward 90 or 100 degrees. A bowl for mixing, an egg beater or a regular shaker are the only equipment necessary for mixing milk shakes. Have the ingredients cold. Mix the drink quickly and serve at once. Vary the flavor combinations for variety and to suit the family taste.

Careful Preparation Needed To Grow Lawn

Growing a really beautiful lawn is much harder than keeping grass out of row crops where it is not wanted, said Glenn O. Randall, horticulturist at State College.

To establish a good lawn preparation of the soil should start at least one year before planting time. The first step is to grade the grounds, if necessary, then apply plenty of organic matter to provide plant food and to keep the soil from baking hard.

Green manure crops such as soybeans or cowpeas may be plowed under, or rotten stable manure and leaf mold may be spread over the ground at the rate of one to two cubic yards for each 1,000 square feet.

After the manure has been worked in, broadcast fertilizer over the area and rake or disk it in. In the coastal plains, apply about 800 pounds of a 5-7-5 fertilizer per acre; in the Piedmont and mountains, about 500 pounds of 4-8-4.

The ground should be firm beneath the surface, but should be loose, fine, and mellow on top.

The best time to seed a lawn in North Carolina, is the last of August or first of September. Use only the best seed, divide the seed into two parts and sow each part at right angles to the other to insure uniform distribution. Harrow or rake in the seed, but don't cover them with more than half an inch of dirt.

A good lawn can be sown with 40 pounds of Italian ryegrass and five pounds of white clover seed per acre, with Bermuda grass root cuttings dropped six to eight inches apart in eight to ten inch shallow furrows. Put in the cuttings, cover them up, then sow the seed.

The glutton is the man who will eat anything.

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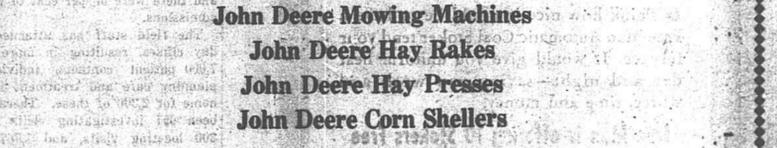
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