

PITT COUNTY FARM NEWS

(By W. C. EAGLES)

A representative of the Coastal Plain Soil Conservation District was in the field planning some erosion control practices with Mr. R. H. McLawhorn, farmer of Benston community. Terracing and contour tillage of an eroding hillside had been suggested by the technician.

"All my life I've been laying tile in open ditches and cleaning corners and strips in order to have large fields and long straight rows, and now you are recommending that I cut up my fields with terraces and contour tillage," spoke Mr. McLawhorn.

"Yes," answered the technician, "that is what we are doing. You see that during the years this hillside has been farmed you have paid a heavy price in lost top-soil for the privilege of permitting your tenants to plow and cultivate without regard to the slope of the land."

"I see now that your statement is true. Our yields are low on these red spots that once were fertile and productive before erosion took its toll," answered the farmer. "But why can't we plow across the terraces?"

"Contour tillage in conjunction with terracing has proven the more effective of the two in preventing and controlling erosion. Either do both, letting each complement the other or else leave off terracing," advised the technician.

"All right!" answered the farmer. "Let's get started. Give me the best job you can. I want to rebuild this field. And, Son, (to his fourteen year old boy, with a smile and a twinkle in his eye) "if he doesn't give us some terraces that we like, we can plow them down, can't we. And so the job was on."

Next day as an inspection was made of a 1500 ft. terrace, 24 ft. wide and 2 ft. high, the farmer's reaction was evidently good as he said, "I don't believe we can or will plow it down. It looks as though it will do its part of the job."

And it was a self-evident fact that a farmer's love for his soil had won in the debate over the desire for straight rows.

Tom Smoot of Greenville came in the Coastal Plain Soil Conservation District office, located in the Edwards' Building just behind the Pitt County Court House.

"Remember that—whatever you do call that vine you are always talking about for hay and pasture and erosion control!" asked Mr. Smoot.

"Kudzu! Just remember that cow's CUD and ZOO, and you will have it," answered the soil conservationist.

"We cut it for hay—fed it to the mules green, and did they like it and thrive on it all summer long," enthusiastically reported Mr. Smoot of about an acre that was planted years ago on a badly washed hillside. "Had I a farm I would certainly want some next to my pasture for my live stock to graze on during the long summer droughts."

This is a little incident that the Coastal Plain District thinks should be repeated hundreds of times in Pitt County.

D. L. Turnage was speaking over the phone.

"Can you help me establish the tile grade line through a wet field tomorrow?" he asked his soil conservation technician.

So a date was made, the survey followed, the ditch was dug, the tile was installed, and said Mr. Turnage with a look of deep satisfaction: "As a boy I plowed this field and always because it was wet, poorly drained, and lacking in organic matter, we would harvest only ten or twelve bushels of corn per acre. Now with good drainage and the legumes I am turning under I believe it should give me easily forty to fifty bushels of corn and soybeans for my hogs every year."

The Coastal Plain District stands ready to help farmers attack this problem of poor drainage. If you need this help, why not contact the District office at your earliest opportunity?

CATTLE

Farmers turning cattle into corn fields this fall are warned to take special precautions against losses from "cornstalk disease," says Dr. C. D. Grinnell, livestock specialist.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

North Carolina, Pitt County,

In the Superior Court.

Roy Daughtry

vs.

Emma Louise Spell Daughtry

The defendant, Emma Louise Spell Daughtry, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Pitt County, North Carolina, to secure for the plaintiff an absolute divorce from the defendant; and the said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of said County in the Courthouse in Greenville, North Carolina, within 30 days after the 15th day of December, 1942, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

J. F. HARRINGTON,

Clerk of Superior Court.

This the 15th day of November, 1942.

Superior Cockerels Pay Good Dividends

The rooster is more than a food source that wakes us up in the morning and picks a fight with every other male bird on the place, says Dr. C. H. Boston, with the Agricultural Experiment Station at State College. He is the head of the flock and probably the father of seven or eight hundred descendants in one laying season.

In many cases poultrymen expect no more of their roosters than a high percent of fertile eggs. But when we stop to think that a good rooster is just as essential to the poultry producer as a good bull or boar is to the livestock breeder, then the rooster takes on a real significance.

To show the importance of good cockerels Dr. Boston cites the performance of two birds when mated with two separate pens. Male No. 40 had 86 daughters whose average annual production was 186 eggs. Male No. 4815 had 144 daughters that averaged 249 eggs per year. Each daughter of Male No. 4815 laid, on average 63 more eggs than the daughters of Male No. 40. At 45 cents per dozen for ungraded eggs, each daughter of Male No. 4815 produced \$2.25 more income than the daughters of Male No. 40.

Neither of these two males was rated above the other in appearance and handling qualities, and their dams had laid about the same number of eggs. Actually, No. 40's dam laid 282 eggs and No. 4815's dam laid 246 eggs. The difference was that No. 4815 was from a family which had been tested for several years by the performance of entire groups of sisters without any culling.

Many other instances could be sighted, offering further proof that superior males will pay when used with the flock, Boston said.

If you expect to have a mansion in the skies you are supposed to furnish the material for building it.

TOWN AND FARM IN WARTIME

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imported "certified" seed potatoes have been set by OPA at \$1.00 above established ceilings for U. S. No. 1 tablestock potatoes, and for "war-approved" seed potatoes at 50 cents above tablestock potatoes.

Can Hold Shoes 30 Days Without ration payment dealers may not hold shoes bought on a will-call or lay-away plan, or by special order, longer than 30 days after they become available for delivery, OPA has announced.

Requests For Penicillin The War Department never has controlled penicillin nor received the entire output, Surgeon General Norman T. Kirk of the Army Medical Department explained recently. A civilian request for penicillin, the new drug which prevents growth of infection bacteria, should be made through the civilian's doctor. The doctor should communicate by telegram, telephone, or personal letter with Dr. Chester S. Keefer, Evans Memorial Hospital, Boston, giving complete details of the case.

Control Of Apple Sales Sales by apple growers and shippers who package their apples in boxes with a net weight of not more than 26 pounds are not under price control if not more than five boxes are sold at one time to one buyer and if they are shipped by parcel post or express. However, when these packages are resold by wholesalers and retailers, they are under price control, OPA said.

Western Gasoline Aids Attack Gasoline drawn largely from West Coast and Rocky Mountain areas is

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in Section No. 2435 of the North Carolina Code, for repairs to personal property, the undersigned will on Friday, December 10th, 1942, at 12 o'clock, Noon, in the Farmville Motor Company's Garage, located on Main Street, in the Town of Farmville, North Carolina, sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, one 1942 Terraplane Four door Sedan Automobile, Motor No. 98277; Serial No. 413499, registered in the name of Theodore Nichols and possession delivered by one Clifton Corbett.

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College Enrollments Drop. Enrollments in colleges and other institutions of higher education this year are more than one-quarter below the 1940 peak, according to a preliminary survey by the U. S. Office of Education of the Federal Security Agency. This year's total of about 1,110,500 persons is eight percent below last year's figure. Of those enrolled this year almost one-quarter have been assigned by the armed forces for specialized training.

Increase Coal Prices. Anthracite coal ceiling prices have been raised by OPA an average of 62 cents a net ton at the mine. Increases range from 35 to 70 cents a ton, depending on the size of the coal. On June 1, 1944, the new ceilings at the mine will be reduced by an average of 25 cents a ton, leaving net increases of about 34 cents a ton. The exact amount of these increases can be passed on to

the consumer. Purpose of the approximately six months of higher ceilings is to compensate mine owners for the retroactive feature of recent wage increases.

Merchant Marine Combat Bars have been awarded to more than 48,000 officers and seamen for active service on a ship that has been in direct combat action. The combat bar consists of horizontal sky blue, white, crimson, and navy blue stripes. Bars denoting active Merchant Marine service in the Atlantic, Pacific, and Mediterranean-Middle East war zones also are being distributed. All bars may be worn by recipients on civilian or uniform coats.

Save Fiber Board Cartons. Shoppers can help reduce the load on the un-manned pulp and paper supply business by using and re-using local hospital or health center surplus fiber board cartons for taking food home from the market, says the War Food Administration. This is but one of the trifles which amount to imposing totals when saving ways are adopted by millions of families.

To Register Nation's Nurses. Every graduate nurse throughout the nation is asked by the War Man-

power Commission to register as a National Nurses Mobilization Week, beginning February 7. The appeal is being made to graduate nurses of all ages, no matter where they live or how long they have been away from active practice. As war fronts expand, more and more nurses will be demanded by the armed forces, and they must be replaced by nurses now inactive.

Save Jars For 1944 Canning. Home canners are urged to save all glass jars and tops suitable for re-use. They will be needed to round out new supplies next summer, the Department of Agriculture says. Many commercial jars—those containing coffee, pickles, peanut butter, and mayonnaise—are now standardized as to size and type of opening, so 6 1/2 x 4 jar and its screw cap may be used for home canning by buying only a metal sealing disk with flowed-on rubber compound.

Army To Release Vehicles. Non-combat Army vehicles, manufactured in 1940 and before, will be made available for essential civilian use in the near future, according to the War Department. Jeeps will not be released. Details will be announced later.

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