

Poole's Medley

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The early settlers had a pretty hard life. Folks have had a hard time always, we suppose, so we keep trying.

Father and I went to Rockingham along about September 9th, and sold chickens and eggs and butter. We sold out before noon.

We had no cover on the wagon. We camped two miles from town the night before, and drove into town after breakfast. We got pretty good prices.

I had killed four good mutt-tons, averaging 40 pounds each. I sold them directly and when we arose on the second day out, snow was falling lightly.

It continued to fall and thaw as fast as it fell. It slacked occasionally, and the melting snow filled the ditches full of water.

That was on Friday. On Sunday night the thermometer registered zero.

We waited until Monday noon to start for home. It was cold but the sky predicted a pleasant day.

We drove all day in the snow that was kneedeep but frozen hard. That team walked steadily ten hours without feed or water.

That was as uncomfortable a ride as I ever took. Home never looked better.

Drowning creek has its source two or three miles southeast of the town of Candor, in Montgomery County.

Drowning creek is as crooked as a snake's tail all the way. It is full of little bends.

It is noted for its catfish and trout. There are a number of lakes formed by the creek.

In some places there are plenty of briars and deer make their lodging in the swamp.

During the Civil War, numbers of men stayed out of the way by camping in Drowning Creek.

In some places there are quantities of big blue huckleberries.

An honest man will not take one penny not rightly his, nor does he cost the county more than the law allows.

"Yield not to temptation, for yielding is Sin". Each victory

will help you a victory to win.

When I was a young man, the greatest sport in the spring of the year was piling swamp pine logs more than three feet through. We had all liked to get invitations to these.

The tobacco acreage has already been reduced for 1953. The present way of fixing the acreage for tobacco is not right. The past should not be the basis.

There are two dogs in this town that bark at each other all day and night. They are much like folks. I guess neither will ever learn any better sense.

FARM ITEMS

County Agent

TREAT CATTLE FOR LICE AND GRUBS

Lice are more abundant and injurious to cattle during the winter and spring months when the hair is longer than at any other time. Lousy cattle are unthrifty and do not make good use of their feed. The hair is rough and coarse and sometimes large hairless patches on the neck and body are caused by the animal rubbing the irritated area.

If you notice cattle rubbing or scratching this time of the year, it is a good indication that they are infested with lice. Three species of lice found on cattle are blood suckers. The other type is a biting louse. Now is a good time to treat your animals and rid them of this pest.

A material that is used as a dust and is effective in controlling lice is Rotenone-Sulphur dust. If rotenone is used, two treatments at 14 day intervals must be given for control. The dust can be applied by using a shaker-can and covering as much of the body as possible with the material. A second treatment is necessary about two weeks later to kill the nits that later hatch out.

Methoxychlor is another chemical that is widely used as a spray, especially for dairy animals. This is recommended in preference to DDT for dairy cattle. One pound of 50% wettable powder methoxychlor in 12 gallons of water applied thoroughly to back, legs, undersides, and around the head, will do a good job of control. It will take about 2 quarts of the mixture to treat each animal. Repeat as often as is necessary to keep lice under control.

For beef cattle, DDT 50% wettable powder, 1 pound in 12 gallons of water gives satisfactory control. For a good job of control, it is necessary to wet the animal thoroughly.

Cattle grubs, also called warbles and wolves, cause a great

loss to cattlemen through damage to hides and loss of weight. This pest not only damages the hides, but it also damages the meat of some of the most valuable parts of the carcass. For control of this pest, dust with powder containing 1-2% rotenone. Apply material to backs of cattle as a dust and rub in with finger tips. This should be repeated every 4 weeks until 3 or 4 treatments have been given.

Lice and grubs cost livestock producers large sums each year through the loss of meat and milk production. Time and money spent in controlling these pests is effort well spent.

Support Is Urged For Farm Census

Agricultural leaders throughout North Carolina are urging that farmers support the annual State Farm Census which is being taken in every county this month.

Purpose of the census is to obtain reliable information on land use, crop acreages, and selected livestock numbers. Information of this type, say agricultural leaders, is needed to plan and carry out the most practical agricultural programs for each county and for the entire State.

Any business of considerable size needs reliable records of its operations, and agriculture—the greatest business of all—is no exception, says David S. Weaver, director of N. C. State College's Agricultural Extension Service. As a matter of fact, he adds, agriculture probably needs reliable figures on production more than any other business.

L. Y. Ballentine, State Commissioner of Agriculture, points out that the State Farm Census provided figures needed to plan North Carolina's long-range agricultural program, "The Challenge". Further, he says, it will provide data needed to check up on the success of new plans and policies.

The State Department of Conservation and Development uses information from the census in trying to attract new industries to North Carolina, says F. H. Claridge, State forester.

Other State agency heads also have endorsed the Farm Census and have urged that farmers give it their full support. Similar statements have been made by Harry B. Caldwell, master of

the State Grange, and R. Flake Shaw, executive vice-president of the State Farm Bureau Federation.

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