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PURE-BRED COWS BRING PROSPERITY

By B. W. Blackley, Agricultural Agent, Southern Railway

The dairy cow has been most appropriately named the "Mother of Agricultural Prosperity." Wherever she is found in numbers, there also is found paved roads, attractive farm houses, good rural schools and churches, rich land and most important of all—healthy, contented farm families.

There are several reasons why dairy farming promotes prosperity. The work on the average farm is not distributed evenly throughout the twelve months of the year. There are seasons when the farmer is flooded with worth and there are seasons when he is idle. The dairy cow affords him profitable employment every day in the year. The milking and caring for the milk and cream must be done.

The farmer who is milking a few cows receives some cash each week of the year. This money, coming in regularly, makes him independent of charge accounts at the store. Invariably the man who is in a position to pay cash for what he needs can buy at a lower figure than the man who asks the merchant to credit him for several months at a time. In other words, ten dollars in cash each week has a great deal more purchasing power in a year's time than an equal amount (five hundred and twenty-five dollars) payable at the end of the year.

Dairy cows furnish a cash market for the home grown feeds, some of which are too bulky to sell profitably. Even the best quality of hay must be baled before it can be disposed of unless it is fed on the farm. There is no other animal that is as efficient a machine for converting rough feeds into cash as is the dairy cow. When the farmer feeds his crops to cows he not only gets paid for the feed in milk but he also retains most of the fertilizing value of these crops to return to the land in the form of manure and in this way enriches his farm each year. A system of agriculture which does not provide for keeping up the land cannot endure and is unsafe even for a short time.

There is no food that will quite take the place of milk, especially for children. Every farmer needs a milk cow for the family. It will be good business for him to keep several more for a cash crop.

FIRES CREEK

J. H. Barlow, T. M. Hicks, Sam Roach and Verlin Martin have been hauling lumber for Ledford Bros., for the past few days.

Sam Roach is drilling in wheat for J. H. Barlow.

S. J. Leatherwood is moving to Andrews this week.

Mr. D. Brooks and son and his son's wife made a trip to Sylva, N. C., last week to see his mother who was very sick.

Arkie Dale, who has lived for many years on Mrs. Aubrey's place has moved to the Lon Watson place.

Van Roach moved into his new dwelling last Friday.

The Fires Creek School is progressing nicely and the children are all pleased with their teacher.

Rev. Will Haden has gone to Robbinville to run a meeting.

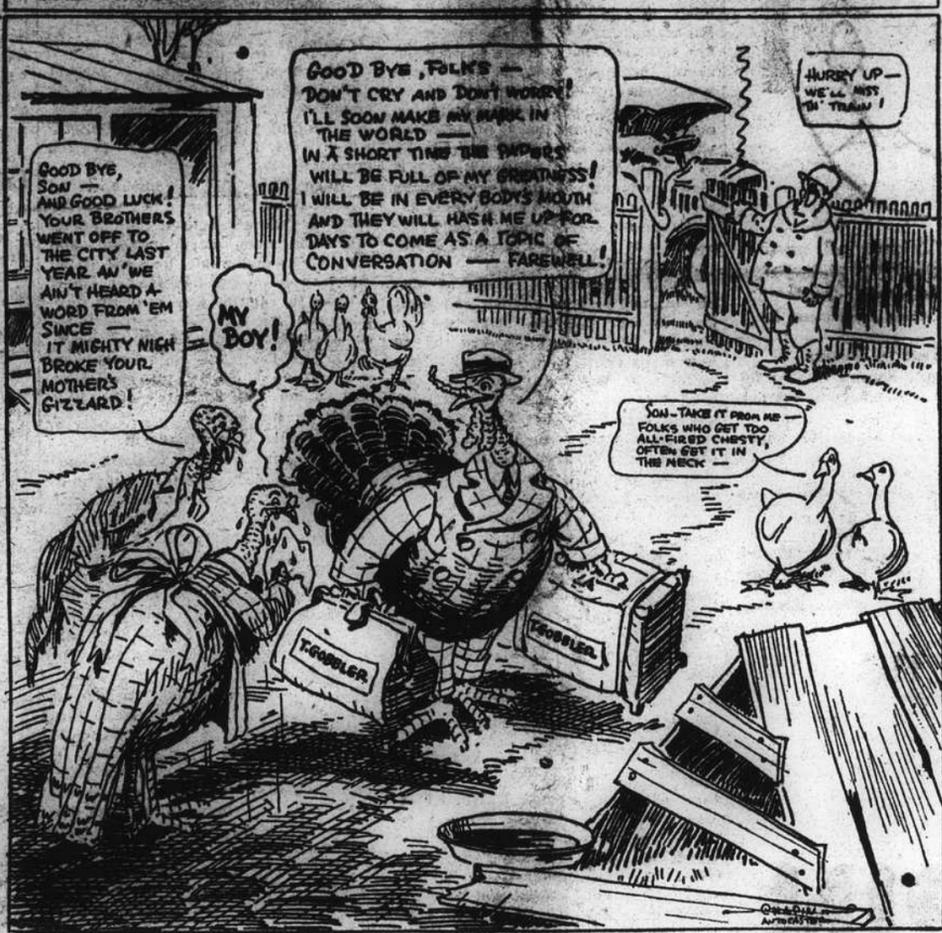
CORRECTIONS OF ERRORS IN LAST WEEK'S ELF NEWS

Mrs. Crawford, wife of Dr. Wiley Crawford, of Curdsville, Ga., was not dead, but very ill. The reason this mistake was made, a telegram was sent to that effect.

The above husband of the above mentioned ball team was 31 and 1 member of Elf, not 12.

BREAKING HOME TIES

By A. B. CHAPIN



PINELOG NEWS

Farming is very backward in this section.

Captain R. A. Dyer and family spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. H. E. McClure Sunday.

Mr. Paul Cabe entertained his many friends with a corn husking and musical Saturday night.

Prof. Joe Myers made a business trip to Murphy Saturday.

Rev. Sam Green filled his regular appointment at Pine-log Baptist church Sunday.

Sandy Carter filled his regular appointment at the home of H. E. McClure Saturday night.

J. C. Evans was a visitor on Pine-log Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Dewey Hanson recently moved to the Pine-log teacherage.

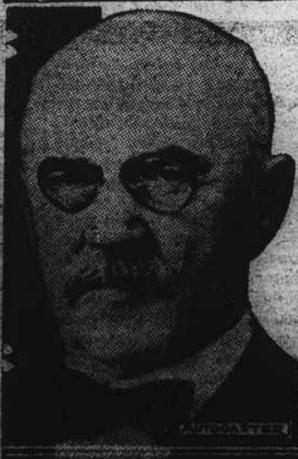
Mrs. F. M. Bell and daughter Stella were visitors at the home of Mrs. Fannie Ivester.

Miss Carrie Moffitt who teaches on Pine-log spent last week-end with home folks on Shooting Creek.

Mr. Cren Reece spent Sunday with P. J. Milber.

Mr. A. D. Evans who has been to Asheville attending Federal Court returned home Thursday of last week.

Judge James R. Hamilton



Famous Texas jurist before whom the Rev. J. Frank Norris will be tried on the charge of murder at Austin, Texas, starting January 10th. Judge Hamilton recently exposed K. K. membership in a sweeping investigation.

GRASSES AND PASTURES FOR MACON COUNTY

By J. R. Sams

I have been requested to write a short article for the Franklin Press on the above subject. Some farmers may be surprised at the great number of grasses throughout the world.

Authorities state that about 6000 different grasses have been classified and named in the world. While this is true, the farmers of Macon county could get along quite well with eight out of the six thousand grasses so far as hay crops and temporary and permanent pastures are concerned.

These eight grasses are as follows viz: Orchard grass, Tall Meadow Oat grass, Meadow Fesene, Kentucky Blue grass and Bermuda grass.

Then there are six clovers, (so-called) viz: White Dutch, Japan, Alsike, Hop, Burr and White Sweet clover that should be used liberally in every grass mixture. Bur clover will not do much in Macon county except on rich warm natured land. White Blooming Sweet Clover will do well in any section of Macon county when lime is used freely. And on some soils it will do well with little or no lime; but it is a lime requiring legume. White Dutch clover, Japan clover and Hop clover are small pasture plants independent of lime requirements. Alsike is to some extent perennial and produces heavy crops of seed when not grazed too close and will remain in the pasture for several years. The White Dutch clover is perennial, and the Japan, Hop and Bur clovers are annual reseeders. They should be sown in every pasture mixture for more reasons than one. They give variety to live stock. They come along from Bur clover in February to Japan clover in September, and they gather nitrogen from the atmosphere and place it in the soil to aid the grasses in growth, which have not this power. Now with these eight grasses and six clovers, the farmers of Macon county have nothing to keep them from enjoying the most beautiful and profitable pastures, only to select rich land and sow proper mixtures of these grasses and clover, and then

take the proper care when established.

No one ever thinks of preparing a piece of rich land and planting good seed corn in the soil and then going away till harvest time and expect to come back and reap a good harvest. Why then should a farmer expect more of grass and clover when planted than corn? Yet, the grasses will endure great negligence and abuse and still yield a dividend; but the dividends will be much larger when proper care is bestowed. Until properly established, weeds and bushes should be kept down; it should never be over-grazed, and should be reseeded, cultivated and fertilized when it shows failure.

What I mean by cultivation is by using a spike-tooth harrow on the sod occasionally and sow a light dressing of seed. In some instances where the sod becomes sod bound and the land becomes hard and tough, a disc harrow and the spike-tooth harrow should be used with caution; and reseeded with an application of lime and acid phosphate is good for the pasture. Any management that keeps the grasses and clovers a dark green, and vigorous is good for the pasture for the live stock and also for their owner.

264.4 Miles Per Hour



Major Mario De Bernardi, Italian aviation ace who established a new world speed record of 264.4 miles per hour to win the Schneider Cup at Norfolk, Va.

MR. CRAWFORD ANOTHER GOOD WHEAT GROWER

CROWS 258 1-2 BUSHELS ON 11 ACRES

Mr. H. M. Crawford of the Elf community, Hiwassee Township is another good wheat producer, he produced 258 1-2 bushels on 11 acres last year, this being 23 1-2 bushels per acre. Mr. Crawford did not make any special preparation of the land that he grew this wheat on, it being just ordinary Clay county land, he only used 200 pounds of fertilizer per acre on part of the eleven acres and 150 pounds on the rest.

Mr. Crawford is one of Clay county's most progressive farmers, he keeps his land built up by diversification of crops deep plowing and the turning under of all refuse matter on his farm, by doing this he keeps his land in a highly productive state, and makes good yields each year. Mr. Crawford would not have made 23 1-2 bushels of wheat per acre if he was not a real farmer, a farmer who makes a business of farming. We consider this a splendid yield of wheat. If all Clay county farmers made such wheat crops and did not ship it out of the county but chop up the surplus and feed it with other feeds that can be produced right on their farms and feed this to a dozen or more good hogs it would not be long until Clay farmers would be as prosperous as any farmers any where.

HOG FEEDING GETS RESULTS

Eleven Pigs Gain 202 Pounds in Three Weeks on Old Country Rations

The following record came to my attention through the County Agent's Office. The Countk agent dropped in to see Mark Weaver's pigs as he was the first man to put the pigs on feed, they had done so much beyond his expectations that he and Mr. Weaver decided to weigh them and see just what they had done. Three weeks ago eleven pigs weighed 281 pounds or an average of 25 1-2 pounds each, estimated gains were 102 pounds in this three weeks, making them weigh 383 pounds. When the scales were applied this was what happened, the pigs that weighed 281 pounds or an average of 25 1-2 pounds each, estimated gains were 102 pounds in this three weeks, making them weigh 383 pounds. When the scales were applied this was what happened the pigs that weighed 281 pounds three weeks before at this weighing weighed 483 pounds a gain of 202 pounds, they had exceeded the estimate gain 100 pounds, they had went from an average 25 1-2 pounds to an average of 44 pounds each. If these pigs continue to gain not as they have gained for the last three weeks but an average gain for the next two weeks they will weigh 579 pounds, a gain of 288 pounds. This will mean the following; that they have over doubled their weight going from an average of 25 1-2 pounds to 52 pounds and they will have eaten \$15.00 worth of feed and made over \$30.00 worth of gain. "WATCH THE PIGS," they will fool your expectations. Scrub hogs have been paying lots of Clay county debts, good blooded hogs will make her prosperous. Quite a number of Clay county farmers have begun to feed hogs for the market whose record of feeding and gain we have not yet secured, but they will be published as soon as they are available.

You can live on love if you love potatoes.

The teachers at Elf are doing some fine work this year. This is one of the best schools we have had at Elf in a long time.