

Walden Weaver Good Farmer

BESSEMER CITY, July 10.—Someone has said, in effect that behind every successful businessman, there stands a loyal and good wife.

Walden Weaver, Gaston County dairyman, is no exception to that homespun philosophy, and he readily admits it. In fact, Mr. Weaver emphasizes that any success that may be his today, after 34 years in the dairy business, is shared by Mrs. Weaver.

And Mr. Weaver has made a success in the chosen field of agriculture despite the fact that he started milking cows when all the odds were against him as compared with today's modern knowhow.

"First off," Mr. Weaver said, "I'm not a successful dairyman measured by the yardstick of the Yxtension Service. I'm not bragging about that because I know how much the practices the service recommends are worth to the farmer."

HAD 6-COW HERD
But things were different in 1919 when he got into the business with six cows. Today he has 130 registered Holsteins and he farms 125 acres of land.

Back in those early days, Mr. Weaver said, "we didn't know anything about soil conservation. We knew less about how to care for a pasture, the proper fertilizer to use, and the many other excellent agriculture practices that farmers put into use today as a matter of course."

It is little wonder, he said,

that farmers used twice and three times as many acres of land then as they do today to raise the same amount of feed, the same amount of food for human consumption.

"I marvel at the fact," he said, "that we were able to raise as much food as we did with the little knowledge of agriculture that we had."

A LOYAL PARTNER
But he had a loyal and good wife who carried her end of the business. "I couldn't have done it," he said, "without her help. Dairying was a business we thought we would like. And after some 34 years we haven't changed our minds."

Mr. Weaver was the first dairyman to deliver bottled milk in Bessemer City. At first he said he sold both butter and milk. There were few, if any, milk distributors then, and he sold his milk to the grocery stores for 10 cents a quart and it was retailed for 12 1/2 cents.

He had no such cows back in those days that he milks now. Each one of the 63 that are producing milk today gives better than 11,000 pounds, average, a year. He points with pride to some of his cows that top 20,000 pounds yearly and one cow that gives 21,000 pounds. The butter content is better than 400 pounds average per cow a year.

"I don't have sufficient land," Mr. Weaver said, "to grow all the feed I need. Therefore, I have to buy a lot of alfalfa hay and grain."

GOOD PASTURES
But in the spring, he turns his cows on the lush pasture of Ladino and scud, alfalfa, sweet clover and Bermuda grass. When the dry weather hits, as it has this summer and for the last two summers, Mr. Weaver feeds his herd silage and alfalfa hay and a mixture of grain which he prepares himself.

The grain mixture, which he calls the "Weaver Special," is composed of corn, barley, oats, wheat bran, soybean meal and cottonseed meal.

Mr. Weaver operates his own hammermill for the preparation of his feed, and right now is installing machinery to add molasses to his feed. He has used molasses-mixed feed in the past, but this has been commercially mixed.

SONS HELP HIM

Mr. Weaver is aided in the operation of the dairy by three sons. They are John, Billy and Joe. He seldom employs outside help except in an emergency. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver also has three daughters, "and all the children are at home at night," he said.

When I first went into the business," Mr. Weaver said, "I settled on two things: First, get as good cows as possible, secondly, treat the cows as good as I know how."

He added, that if "I had had the advantage of the advice of the extension service and the Soil Conservation Service when I entered this business, I'm sure things would have been quite different with me today."

ENJOYS PROGRESS

But "things" have gone quite well for Mr. Weaver. He maintains one of the finest dairies in Gaston County. He has just completed a huge, concrete dairy barn, and with the installation of the feed blending machine, supplemented by two silos that hold 147 and 115 tons each, his farm buildings and dairy equipment will be outstanding in this county.

He is interested in the dairy herd improvement association, and to continue in the herd, a cow must produce profitable pounds of milk.

It is profitable for a man to operate a dairy on this basis," Mr. Weaver thinks it is. In fact, he said that "if I would take the same step over again, a man must have a love for the work he is doing, and I know of no business I had rather be in than dairying. I like to work with good cows."

Inventory Of State Motel Association To Be Made Soon

Raleigh, July 13.—It is the resolve of the new North Carolina Motel Association that investors who are attracted to the motel industry of the State shall be protected, as well as the already-existing industry of more than 600 motels.

President E. L. Washburn has announced that one of the first projects of the new trade association will be a state-wide inventory and evaluation of the motel industry. The information and data so gathered and compiled will be furnished to financing agencies and to prospective investors.

The information will pinpoint the areas of North Carolina where motel construction is needed, as well as indicating areas where saturation in motel construction has been reached," Washburn said.

Motel building without correct information or guidance in other areas is costly and in some cases, a waste of money. Investors, as well as the uninitiated investor, are being misled by unscrupulous promoters and speculators.

The association is looking to the motel industry for quiet retreats, and has been busy lately financing the construction of new motel establishments and operation will be a basic part of the state-wide survey.

It is not only the motel industry that has not been for some time, a field has been opened up in the "motel road," Washburn said. "It is in need of a field of work for the professional, or for the man who is willing to work 18 hours a day, seven days a week to make motel accommodations his profession."

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have applied to Dr. Jack Ramsaur, the county health officer.

2. County Home manager. This position will be given to a man and wife. Dwight Beam and his wife are currently paid \$41.50 a month plus room and board. Beam will resign this fall to take the office of sheriff, and expects to be sworn in as sheriff the first Monday in December.

One or two telephone operators to handle the switchboard to be installed at the courthouse. Salary of the switchboard operator has not been fixed.

DALLAS SOLDIER FINISHES OFFICERS SCHOOL IN KOREA

25th Div., Korea—Pvt. Lewis L. Heilig Jr., whose father lives in Dallas, N. C., recently graduated from the 25th Division's 35th Infantry Regiment Non-Commissioned Officer School in Korea.

Heilig received instruction in the principals of leadership, small group tactics, weapons training, appearance of the individual soldier and methods of instruction for military subjects.

Son of Mrs. Desie Heilig, East Gastonia, he is a member of the regiment's Headquarters Company. Heilig entered the Army during May 1953 and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C., before arriving in Korea last December.

PFC HAROLD SCRONCE WITH 17th ARTILLERY IN KOREA

1 Corps, Korea — PFC Harold Scronce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Scronce, Route 1, Vale, N. C., recently helped the 17th Field Artillery Battalion celebrate its 37th birthday anniversary in Korea.

He is a driver in Battery A of the 17th Field Artillery and arrived in Korea in days after the fighting started in 1950.

Scronce entered the Army in July 1953 and arrived in Korea last March.

STANLEY SOLDIER RECENTLY PROMOTED TO CORPORAL

Bremenhaven, Germany—Hazel Talent, 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgo Talent, Route 5, Shelby, N. C., recently was promoted to corporal while serving in Germany at the Bremenhaven Port of Embarkation.

Located in a U. S. enclave on the North Sea, Bremenhaven is the major supply port for U. S. troops in Germany and the only principal seaport in Europe controlled by American forces.

Corporal Talent, a stevedore terminal operations specialist, arrived in Europe last January from Fort Story, Va., where he completed basic training. His wife, Frances, lives at 506 Oakland St.

Expanding Cotton Markets Brighten Growers' Outlook

Important market outlets for the staple are expected to increase sharply within the near future. That would be a boon for thousands of farm families in cotton-growing areas who still depend in large measure on cotton for their livelihood.

The increase in cotton's use in important fabric markets is forecast in a new study by experts of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. They are such as sportswear, women's ready-to-wear, and the Department's Market Organization and Textile Branch, Market Research Division.

With outlets for cotton in expanding markets and increasing demand for the staple, the outlook for the hundreds of thousands of cotton growers in Alabama, Georgia, the Carolinas, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas is bright.

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N. C. Is Brick Capital Of The United States

North Carolina brick manufacturers obtained 10 times as much business in proportion to the total construction dollar as the national average during 1953, according to a study prepared by the U. S. Department of Commerce, Washington.

Dr. Newcomb's survey, prepared for Structural Clay Products Institute, included North Carolina in its regional classification with Virginia and South Carolina as is done by Government statisticians. As such the 3-state area known as Region 7 was at the head of the pack.

But since the Tar Heel state produces over half again as much brick as her two neighbors combined, a special breakdown of the Newcomb tabulation is necessary to show the true prominence of the North Carolina industry.

U. S. Department of Commerce figures show 460,772,000 bricks shipped by North Carolina manufacturers in 1953, while the North Carolina Dept. of Labor statistics show a value of \$138,710,000 for building permits issued for the same period. This gives a proportion of 3,330 bricks for each \$1,000 of construction activity in North Carolina, or over 10 times the U. S. average of 312.

Such statistics lend force to the claims of the local industry that North Carolina has become the Brick Capital of the Nation.

Commodity Credit Corporation investments in price supported farm commodities totals \$6.5 billion; storage costs for commodities owned by the CCC total \$700,000 daily.

Shipments have made available a large potential market outlet for cotton.

"Consumption of cotton in tufting yarns alone shows prospects of reaching 300,000 to 400,000 bales a year."

Bulletin Describes Mastitis Control

Continuous spread of mastitis, or inflammation of the udder, results each year in enormous losses to dairymen, according to Wright Parker, assistant county agent.

More effective control of this condition would go a long way toward improving the efficiency of the dairy industry and helping individual dairymen to meet today's competitive standards, says Parker.

The many causes of mastitis, methods of prevention and treatment, and the relation between general good management of dairy cows and udder health are described in a recently revised farm bulletin by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The bulletin, entitled "Udder Diseases of Dairy Cows," reports that mastitis is one of the chief causes for the heavy turnover in dairy herds.

Even with mild chronic mastitis, cows cannot produce as much milk as they could otherwise. As the disease becomes more acute, production may decrease as much as 25 per cent or more, and early disposal of the animal may be necessary.

Fortunately most bacteria found in mastitis are harmless to people and, when milk is properly pasteurized, danger to public health is eliminated. Mastitis organisms are a threat chiefly to the profits of the producer, says Parker, but that is reason enough to control them.

A single copy of Farmers' Bulletin No. 1422, Udder Diseases of Dairy Cows, can be obtained free of charge from the Office of Information, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C.

SHELBY SOLDIER WITH ARMY ENGINEER CORPS IN KOREA

U. S. Forces, Korea—Pl. Sam Fessner, 25, whose wife, Janie, lives on Route 3, Shelby, N. C., recently observed the 17th anniversary of the Army's Engineer Corps while serving in Korea.

Fessner, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Fessner, Route 4, Shelby, is an engineer construction specialist in the corps' 378th Engineer Combat Battalion, which is constructing building, roads and bridges as part of a revitalization program for South Korea.

He entered the Army in September 1952 and was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., before arriving in Korea the following April.

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