



# AGRICULTURAL NEWS

## OF INTEREST TO POLK COUNTY FARMERS

Dope Gathered Here and There Which Has a Local Angle that Makes It Worth the Progressive Farmers Attention

Edited By "A Dirt Farmer"

Potatoes are something that everybody in America eats with regularity. There is always a market for them although sometimes a temporary glut brings the price down lower than it rightly should be. It is the farmer's business to prevent such gluts.

California through its Fruit Growers Exchange has eliminated overabundant markets with California leading markets with California grown fruits. Through a well systemized tabulation of shipments from competing sections they are able to divert their own products to points where a demand exists, it cost a lot of money and it took a lot of time to perfect that organi-

five times before it becomes ineffective. Experiments have shown that the plateaus of Western North Carolina are splendidly adapted as to altitude soil, precipitation and freedom from disease conditions to the growth of seed potatoes, producing a seed that will yield higher returns in the Piedmont and coastal plain than seeds from Maine and other sections of the country.

Story of what one Alabama Boy did with White Potatoes

Down in Baldwin County, Alabama one 17 year old boy last year made

Roadside Markets Prove Profitable To Pennsylvania Producers

Now that we are getting hard-surfaced roads all over North Carolina, and particularly leading into our cities and towns, the following experience of some of the Pennsylvania farmers will be of interest. Roadside markets have been established and found most successful close to large towns and along main traveled highways. It takes an honest pack of well graded fruit to hold the motor trade, producers find Apples and Peaches were the leading fruits handled by this method during the past season.

A Potato Re-Drying Plant Found of Value

"Pocatello," according to E. T. Murray, manager of the Kahn Potato Packing plant of that city, "can boast of the only potato repacking plant in the country. He said potatoes handled at the plant were now being shipped to points as far East as New York City, and to Florida and Pacific Coast cities. During the ten weeks the plant has been operating," Mr. Murray said, "approximately 200 cars of potatoes have been handled at the plant and the company has made potato purchases in the section involving an outlay of \$80,000."

Urban Development

Nearly 20,000,000 people in the United States, of about one-fifth of the population, live in villages, and 30,000,000 farming people use these villages for purposes of business, education, religion, health and social well-being. Yet these centers of rural population are usually unattractive and often very ugly. Villages are generally much superior to those of the United States in design, in the character of their streets and public buildings, and in their approaches and recreation spots. A

young people of the farms. As the farmer's chief point of contact with outside interests, the village can make a big contribution to the happiness of farm life, even if it be considered from no other standpoint than the fact that it is the place where the farmer spends a large part of his income.

Where villages are being made more beautiful the impetus has come in nearly every case from local initiative. Villages that have well-planned streets, attractive recreation spots, and pleasing approaches are nearly always indebted for these advantages to the energy and public spirit of some small group of citizens. Under such inspiration dump heaps have been turned into garden spots, unsightly shacks, and dilapidated stores have been torn down and replaced by smart, substantial business buildings, and extensive programs of landscape gardening, and tree planting have been undertaken. Villages that embarked on this path are finding that beauty pays. It improves local business and attracts tourist business. It enhances real estate values, and has a powerful influence in raising individual standards of efficiency and enterprise.

It is time all of the towns in Polk County united in an effort to form some cohesive building plan which will make them places of beauty and exceedingly attractive to the eyes of passing tourists.

Columbus and Mill Spring are going to grow rapidly and this is the time to lay plans for the future. Saluda and Tryon are growing. They haven't, however, grown so far that a planning system can't be written into their records.

The era of expansion is just beginning in Western North Carolina and we must make the towns beautiful, interesting and attractive if we hope to win real recognition as a resort section.

It can be done!

Happiness

True happiness is of a tired nature and an enemy to pomp and noise. It arises, in the first place, from the enjoyment of one's self, and, in the next, from the friendship and conversation of a few select companions.

Another Theory Blasted

Decision by beauty specialists that mental vigor makes hair luxuriant should set bald-headed men to thinking.—Rochester Herald.

## County Correspondence

TRYON ROUTE 1

Valentine Day has just past and left our county the "very bestest" valentine; we don't aspire to feel much greater than to have Miss HOLderbaum (or our new Home Demonstrator. Already, news has arrived from Greens Creek that they were "terribly pleased" with their first meeting with hat and hair demonstrations.

We are glad to have the absent one of our literary crowd appear again... He'll soon be turning our rattle-snake tales like chewing gum out of a slot machine of which he is so famous, and we all enjoy his items.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Nance, Ruby, Polly and Bob Brown of the children of Spartanburg were long distance motorists at Walnut Grove last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Rice of Canton were Sunday guests of Miss Sallie and Mr. J. D. Carpenter.

We were sorry to hear of the recent serious sickness of our sweet friend, Miss Leona Egerton who is now in St. Eo's Hospital in Greensboro, and who is now some better. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

"We'll say" its time we, like the ground hog, should appear in our gardens even if we have to go back in again.

Well, I'd better discontinue this stuff for fear our carrier won't get over the mud holes with it. Let us forget, we do need some road fixing as the tax fixing want forgotten. If you don't believe it, just ask the mail man.

MILL SPRING ROUTE 1

Several from here attended preaching services at Pea Ridge Sunday.

Miss Minnie Womack spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. V. B. Hyder.

Mrs. William Searcy and Mrs. Charley Early spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. G. B. Parker.

Gordon Hyder spent last Thursday night with John Grant Lynch.

Several from here attended the Lyceum course at Columbus Thursday night, and all report a good time.

Barney Searcy who is working in a garage at Mill Spring spent the week end at home.

Miss Mildred Womack spent the week end with Miss Minnie Ruppe.

LANDRUM NEWS

Miss Annie Bell Painter writes the NEWS that she will be glad to send in interesting items from her community including Landrum and Route 4.—The Editor.

Miss Annie B. Laughter is very ill with chicken pox, but we hope she will be out again in a few days.

Mr. B. G. Sellers was a guest at a

Valentine party Saturday night at Shudea.

Mr. Oscar Hyder and Mr. A. D. Sellers were visitors at Mr. H. C. Painter's Sunday.

Mr. H. Jackson was a pleasant visitor at Mr. Donohoe's Monday.

Mrs. Canna Thompson was visiting her mother Mrs. Odessa Sellers one day last week.

The forest fire started at Mr. Miller's saw mill Friday evening was a bad thing for this section.

Rev. Gault held services at the home of Mr. J. Donohoe, Sunday, in the afternoon and had a wonderful meeting.

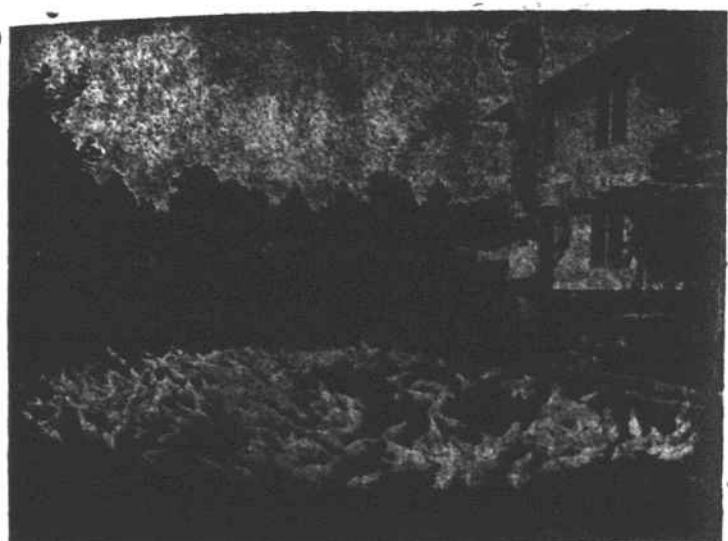
The school master at the old Prince school is having order, and that is what is needed there.

Miss Earlin Jackson's brother visited her Sunday.

Mr. L. Barnett had a wreck with his car but no one was badly hurt. We are having some windy weather.

Mr. Elphos McIntire was home from Arcadia Saturday, and Mr. Alvin McIntyre and Harlie Jackson were in Landrum Saturday trading.

Miss Mary Foster has been visiting her aunt who is very ill.



Chickens Mean Cash In Your Pocket

It has proven its value. Sooner or later the farmers of the South engaged in truck growing will form an organization along similar lines. It is sure to come.

But I've been digging into potato possibilities. Henderson and Buncombe County are growing large quantities and managing somehow to sell them. Polk County has plenty of available acreage suitable to the cultivation of potatoes on a commercial scale.

Use good seed potatoes. Western North Carolina grown if you can get them. Use formaldehyde or corrosive sublimate solution to treat them so that healthy plants may be secured. Seed treatment will prevent disease being carried into the new crop. Use either one of these two methods.

Corrosive Sublimate Treatment

"Dissolve 4 ounces corrosive sublimate in 30 gallons water. Treat tubers for 1 1/2 hours. Solution must not be used in metallic vessels. Tubers should be soaked before they are cut. Solution can be used four times, but addition of one ounce corrosive sublimate to 30 gallons solution after each batch is soaked, keeps the treating solution at proper strength. Treat before the seed show any sign of sprouting. Soak 24 hours in water, then dry before treating. Use crates rather than sacks. Caution: Use with great care. Very poison if taken internally.

Formaldehyde Treatment

"Consists of 1 pint formalin (40 percent formaldehyde) to 30 gallons water. Soak seed tubers for 2 hrs. and spread out on clean surface to dry. Tubers should be treated whole. This solution may be used

Prices of Seed Potatoes in New Orleans

Of interest to the "seed" potato



Milk Goats Produce Profits

producers of Western Carolina is the following letter from C. R. Newton regarding the New Orleans market:

Quite large quantities of Triumph and Burbank seed potatoes have been coming into this market for the last few days. Sales are being made in considerable quantities at prices ranging from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per cwt. on Bliss Triumphs and \$2.25 to \$2.50 on Burbanks. I have not quoted these sales in my wires, because it was my belief that what is desired is the market of table stock, and I have seen no quotations from other cities on seed stock."

start, however, has been made toward beautifying the American village.

It is more as a buying than a selling place that the farmer makes use of the village. In marketing his principal products he generally deals with some large distributing center. But he purchases his household supplies in the village. He goes there for amusement and for social purposes generally. His children often go to school there. An attractive village, says the department, is an important influence in stabilizing farm life and in counteracting the attractions which cities have for the

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- 12:40 P. M. Carolina Special; Spartanburg, Columbia and Charleston
- 6:08 P. M. Savannah, Charleston also Jacksonville and Florida points, also Atlanta and New Orleans
- 6:35 P. M. Carolina Special; Cincinnati and Indianapolis, and Chicago.

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