F INTEREST TO POLK COUNTY FARMERS

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

Edited By "A Dirt Farmer"

E REMAINED ON THE FARM

s the man who remained of the rm worse off than his friend who nt to the city?

I am inclined to think not, and d for this reason I am asking the itor to print part of a letter I cently received from an old hool mate who saw fit to remain a farm and work out has destiny ere he was born and reared. He s spent practically all of his life rming, and this is what he has to y:

"While in Atlanta on business rently I met a man who was reared a Polk County Farm. Of course d attended the same school, re had attended the same school, hed together in the same creek, nted thes same hills. Of course were glad to see each other d talk over old times. But after r talk I did some thinking and came to the conclusion tha rming, hard, as it may seem at nes, is not so bad after all.

"This friend of mine got a good b in the city many years ago hen I first heard of the wages he s getting, I used to get restless. t there seemed to be nothing left me to do but stick to the farm. d I stuck to the job with all the dity I had. The family scraped d gradually we cleaned up the ortgage on the place. I built up a od herd of Holstein cows, and e farmers in this vincinity are careful breeding and proper re and feeding I managed to get nice little profit from my cows ery year.

"Oh yes, it seemed small, but ring those years the family lived asonably well. We had no big nt to pay, no high prices for milk, eat, and butter to pay out. And y land kept steadily increasing in lue and the new buildings made e place worth more.

"And now today I've got an ghty acre farm worth about enty thousand dollars. My three ildren went through the high hool and the two girls are teach g in the county and the boy took short course and is back running e farm pretty much himself.

"We've got enough to live on. I d the wife get away occasionally st winter we went to California r a few months And somehow I el as though I have been pretty ll paid for all my years of hard rk.

"Of course this don't mean much rhaps. Prehaps times are pretty d for most farmers right now. I think that the young fellow ys on the farm today will be tter off in thirty of forty years om now than the lad who gets dissfied and goes after the attrac e jobs offered tn the city.

The writer of the letter apparly does'nt mean that farmang is t what it ought to be. He does'nt tempt to go into the problem from economic or political standpoint. e merly seeks to point out the ighter side. He is happy and ntented as is and he has reason doubt the happiness of his friend the city, who has prehaps worked rder during the passing years d who has much less to show for effort.

"My old friend made money all e years since I knew him so well, t he must have spent it as fast as made it. He is still renting a t, and his children are workin bookkeeping work in city offices. d from what he says, they don't d it easy either.

I am certainly sure that this year ll be my last year's service as nty Agent in your County; as I now rounding up my seventyth year, which means that wisom suggests a less strenous life om now to the close. This does t mean that I am fixing to leave lk County; but that I mean to y to take deeper roots by putting to pratical operation in a small y some of the things I have tried do.

Polk County is too good a place leave.

But all this is not the message I nt to give you just now. We are st at the opening of the planting ason when most of our crops hich cloth and feed the folks in e farm homes and in the town d city homes are planted.

I want to appeal to you as never fore to use your best judbment mmon sense, and plenty of it; tion of crops, and in the way you prepare your land and cultivate this year. I know you have the good common sense, and plenty of it; it; if you will only use it.

1st by all means do not risk your whole effort on any single crop, the first aim of every farmer should be to grow every thing that the family and the live stock need for the coming year on the farm. Don't think for a moment that you can buy cheaper than you can produce it; for you cannot. Don't think you can buy irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, sogrum, eggs, poultry, hams, etc., cheaper than you can produce them on your farm; for you cannot. So now is the time to plan for a beautiful living for the home and a surplus of several crops to go on the market from time to time.

Certainly cotton is the chief cash crop and always will be until the rising generation finds out that they have one of the finest dairy counties in the land; then they will have two fine cash crops instead of one.

In the second place, let me entreat you to use every ounce of Barn Yard and all other domestic manures on your farms this year, and prepare your lands better than any preceeding year. Cultivate fewer acres if necessary and give better cultivation. We are still passing through the world war reconstruction period and there will be more or less uncertainty about the price of cotton and all other crops. Therefore your safe plan is to grow them intelligently and I see no reason why the farmers of Polk County should not be in a good strong position next fall to pay debts and live like kings and queens in their own homes and have good thoughts for mankind who are not fortunate enough to live in Polk County.

In conclusion let me urge on all Uolk County farmers to take and read your County Paper (Polk County News), they are trying to build up our County and you should back them up in their efforts to do so

Respectfully
J. R. Sams,
County Agent.

STATE FAIR PRIZE WINNERS FOR POLK COUNTY

Those who contemplate entering exhibits at he various fairs to be held in North Carolina this fall need to keep in mind that plans for growing most of the exhibit material should be made his spring, say agricultral workers of the State College extension service. Making exhibits at fairs gives both advertising value and cash returns. The State fair alone distributed $10,191 75 in premium money to residents of seventy-five counties last year.

The managment of the State Fair reports that the dates have alreedy been set for this year. The week of October 12 has been determined upon since this week follow immediately after the Virginia State Fair and comes immediately before the South Carolina State Fair. The North Carolina State Fair this year will be more of a public institution than ever before according to the reorganization plans recently announced by the Fair managment. The State College of Agriculture, the State Department of Agriculture, and the Executive Department of the State government will share with the old Agricultural Society in the managment of the Fair in the future.

In the distribotion of premium money last year, Wake County led by receiving $1,888: Catawba came second with $840.50; Buncombe was third with $762; and Craven was fourth with $650.50 Some of the other counties whose citizens won liberal amounts of the premium money were: Almanance, Forsyth, Wayne. The smallest amount won by any county went to Bertie where only one dollar was distributed.

The Polk County prizes totaled $52.50 distributed as follows, Mrs. J. R Foster, Mill spring, Home Economics, $1.00; Dorothy Corwith club Demonstration Contest, $3.00; Saluda, Horticulture, $28.50.

According to E. V. Walborn, manager of the State Fair, the records show that the fair is truly a state-wide institution when seventy-five of the one hundred counties shared in the premium received no share of these funds.

The present deficit in State finances is as nothing compared to the loss suffered by landowners from the washing and erosion of bare, unterraced hillsides.

There is no better way of stoping gullies than with cedar brush. If they are long ones, build several dams across them. For small ones, broom sedge weeds, leaves and grass are good. The cheapest way to stop gullies is to have the children do it. Give them a hoe and an an axe and show them how, and most children will like the work. It is just like play to them. Teach them to take care of the land and make it look beautiful; and you will teach them to love the farm instead of goinb to the city to pet a job.

FARMING A BUSINESS

There is quite a distinction between the man who lives on a farm and the farmer.

The latter makes farming a business. He is a business man with budget and bookkeeping. He studies both the growing and marketing of his crops.

The man on the farm may not necessarily be a farmer. The acreage he lives on is merly a farm in the sense that it is land suitable for cultivation.

The man in this class fails to recognize business principles. He does not consider the elements in the soil as his resources. He lets them lie idle.

Can you imagine a banker allowing his resources to lie idle. Yet farming is just as much a business as banking.

Thes elements can be used to advantage. Rotation of crops, through cultivation, irrigation, an d application of fertilizers are ways in which the farmer may put his resources, the elements in the soil, to work.

The merchant would not pack his shelves with goods for which there is no demand. The farmer should look to money or cash crops rather than spend his energy and time on commodities difficult to market.

Ice Plants Can Help Farmers Save Eggs

One of the livest subjects among North Carolina egg producers today and will continue for three months is "Where am I to sell eggs at a fair price?"

Last year an egg buyer in this State bought eggs in the early spring at 20 to 21 cents per dozen stored them for about six months and sold them for 33 to 42 cents per dozen. Not only did hebuy the eggs cheap and get a good price for them later, but based on warehouse receipts, his banker allowed him an advance of $5.00 per case on them until sold.

The State Division of Markets is interesting North Carolina ice plants in the projects of egg storage and there will be eggs stored at many points his season. The great trouble with our egg producers is that they are not in position to do what this egg buyer did as to storage and an advance in money based on the warehouse receipts since they are un organized and each producer fretting and fuming indepedently while the other fellow makes the money.

The State Division of Markets in cooperation with the Extension Service will ship several cars of eggs this season in addition to getting some eggs stored and the Division is in better shape than ever before to render assistance. If there should be other ice plants and producers who become interested in this project a few points along this line are suggested below.

1. Frrom February 15th to around May 1st, North Carolina eggs are cheap but properly candled and graded make good storage eggs.

2. If stored in ice plants, separate storage space should be allottet.

3. Keep at emperature of 30 o 32 degrees F.

4. Keep humidity around 85 (Too moisture iduces mold and dryness causes rapid evaporation of egg contents.)

Home Mixed Fertilizer Saves Farmer Money

Indications are that this will be a good year to home-mix fertilizers, say agricultrul workers of State College. Some farmers have found that they can save as much as ten dollars a ton by buying the raw materials and mixing at home.

This seems a sensible thing to do especially when the farmer understands the requirement of his soil and crops. With the raw materials on hand, he may vary his fertilizer formulas without very much trouble and apply to the various types of soil on his farm the proportions of plant food that will bring the most profitable yields. He also has the advantage of knowing exactly what materials go into his fertilizers.

One disadvantage in the home mixing of fertilizer is the fact that some materials, if mixed several weeks before being used, have a tendency to harden, making it hard to distribute them when planting time comes. This trouble may be avoided by waiting until a day or two before planting time to mix such materials as nitrate of soda and muriate of potash.—

SCHEDULE FOR HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB MEETINGS IN POLK COUNTY.

Green River; 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in each month. Girls' and Women's Clubs. 10:30 a. m. for girls; 2 p. m. for the women.

Columbus; 2nd and 4th Mondays at 3:30, Women's club.

Saluda Girls' Club; 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, at 3:30

New Hope Women's Club; 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 2 p. m.

Melvin Hill; 1st and 3rd Thursdays Girls and Women; 2 P. M.

Greens Creek; 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 10:30 a. m. for girls and 2 p. m. for women.

Sunny View; 1st and 3rd Fridays Girls Club 2:15 p. m.

Mill Spring; 2nd and 4th Fridays Girls' and Women's Clubs; 9 a. m. Women and 2:15 for Girls.

Varnish for Wall Paper

A home-furnishing suggestion is the use of varnish applied to wall paper By this means it is said that the paper is preserved longer than ordinarily, and when necessary it can be cleaned with a damp cloth. The rather shiny finish might, however, prove a drawback.

Under a Tree

In summer, looking upward into the yast expanse of green boughs, is an intricate architecture, an inimitable roof, whose lattice windows are set with transparent lapis lazuli, for the deep blue of the sky seems to come down and rest upon it.—Richard Jeffries.

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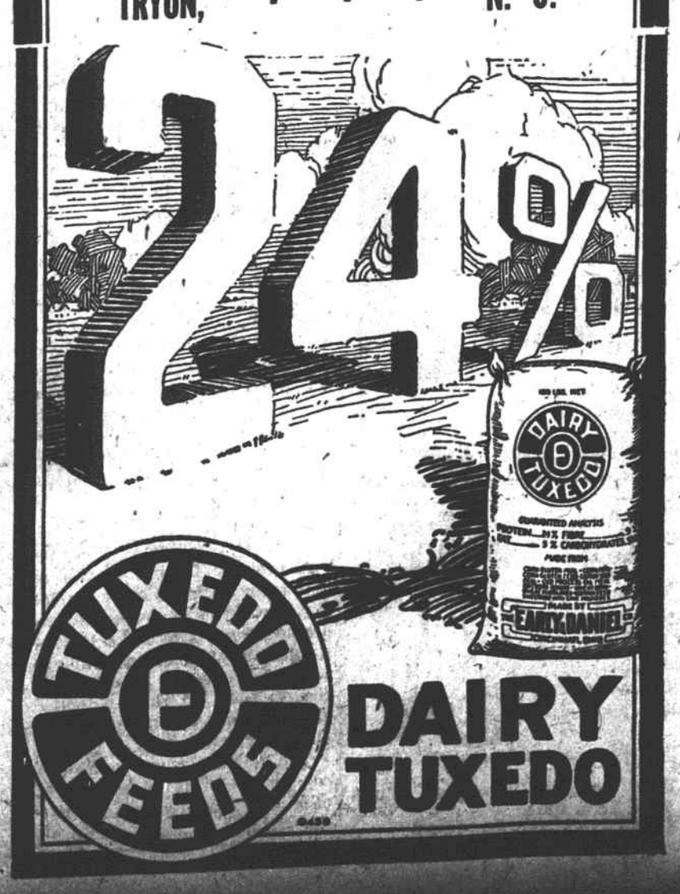

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