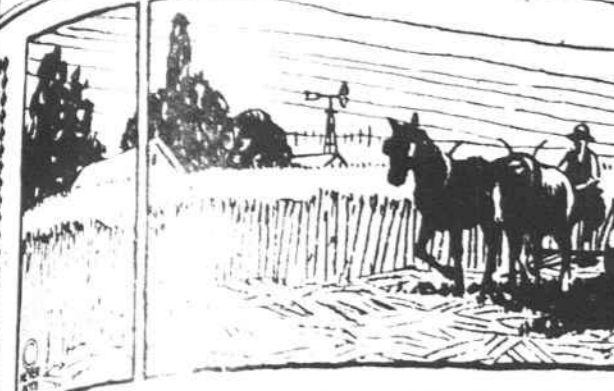


AGRICULTURAL NEWS



Hand Knitted Sport Clothes
All the Rage at Palm Beach
and will feature Summer Fashions

Hand Knitted Sweater Essential Part of Every Woman's
Wardrobe According to Fashion Authorities
of the Country

Written especially for Polk County Women

Hand knitted sport clothes have made herself a knitted one adopted from the original lumberjacket of the Northwest, with its big patch pockets, ribbed cuffs and hip band and small collar over collar in contrasting color, perhaps to match her stockings or belt hat.

Former Empress Zita Chooses Hand Knitted Dresses for Youngest Daughters

Hand knitted and hand crocheted dresses with a crocheted cord doubled around the waist and tied in front are the style garments that the former Empress Zita of Austro-Hungary selects for her two youngest children, the Archduchesses Charlotte and Elizabeth Charlotte, who was born after the death of her father.

Former Empress Zita with the exiled head of the "House of Hapsburg" called "King of Hungary and the Emperor of Austria" and the seven brothers and sisters of the 13 year old Otto upon whom are pinned the hopes of monarchistic element in the former dual monarchy, are living at exile Lequito, Spain.

Empress Zita selects the most simple and healthful garments for her children that one can imagine. The tie of the sailor suits or the belts of the knitted costumes with its hard pompon ends completes the decorative note. The little knitted dresses are one piece with round neck, elbow sleeves of stockinette stitch with 4 wide bands of purling. The bottom of the skirt is a band of purling and the other 3 bands are placed so the top one comes just above the waist line.

Sweater a Health Style Garment

No garment is more necessary as a part of one's wardrobe than the hand knitted sweater. In various forms, it not only plays an important part in Fashion's demands as a jumper, vest, slip-on, wind-breaker, dress or shawl, but it also plays an important part in the scheme of health. On very cold days when the winter cloak is not proof against the chill and dampness of the air, the sweater under the wrap gives warmth and comfort. It acts as a preventive for colds and grippe by keeping the circulatory system active. In between seasons the sweater and its various forms bridges the extremely gap, as it can be worn under a very light coat. There is nothing to take its place.

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"

SOIL BUILDING

We sometimes speak of soil building and of soil conservation as being the same operation on the farm. However, soil conservation is the process of keeping good rich soil up to its present state of fertility and at the same time take from it useful crops, annually. This can be done by growing legume crops, application of domestic and commercial fertilizers and proper methods of cultivation. Soil building implies that the soil has been run down and to be able to produce useful and profitable cropping is so run down that it will of fertility capable of doing so.

When land by washing away of the soil, and depletion by exhaustive

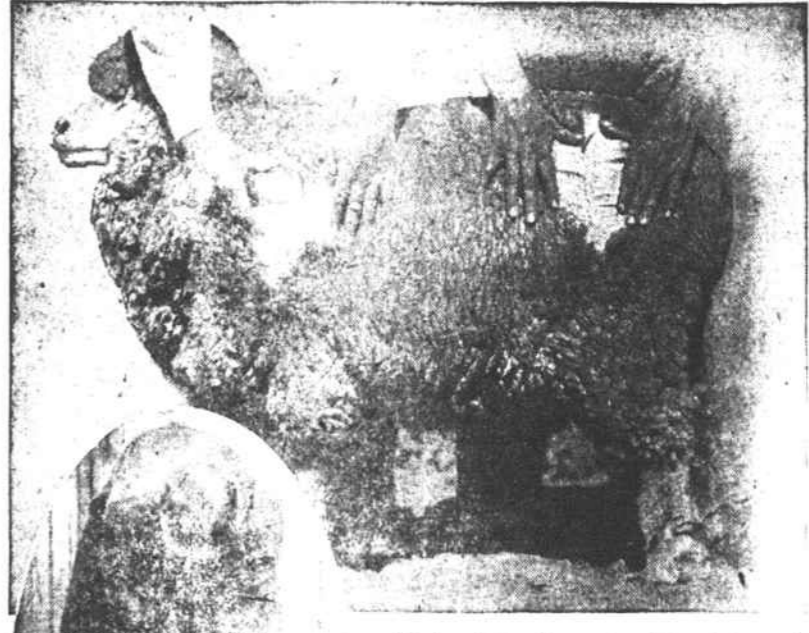
cropping is so run down that it will not produce a good way to bring such land back to a state of fertility, is to first remove the cause. Where there are gullies and galls, nothing is better than to fill them with brush and litter of a kind that will hold the water in check, and go off and forget it, and nature will rebuild it for you. If you have money to buy labor or have labor stored away in your own muscles, then by application of those two agencies in an intelligent way, it may be accomplished in a very short time.

In the Piedmont section of North Carolina soil building is the most important project to be attended to, because almost all the land in cultivated crops, and in pastures are far

below the standard that will produce profitable crops, and to make them do so they must be built up to the standard. So if the farm has gullies, brush and litter to stop them, begin with legume crops, begin with less, as it will grow without the use of lime, but use lime and grow all kinds of clover, alfalfa, soy beans, cow peas, and grow livestock and apply home manures and commercial fertilizers and see how your soil will grow in fertility, your bank account will grow and you will grow in the estimation of your self and in the estimation of all who know you. Try it and be convinced.

Respectfully,
J. R. Soms, County Agent.

Changes in Harvesting the Wool Crop



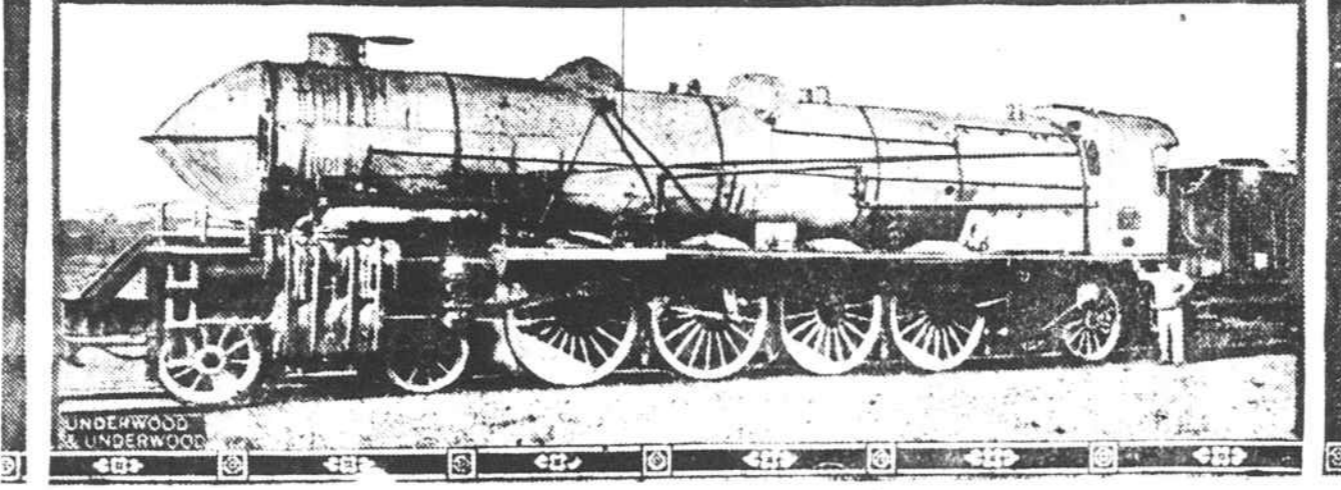
Wool with a long, fine fibre brings the highest price. LEFT—Doing a smooth job with a machine shear.

Changes have taken place in the method of removing the fleece from the sheep's body. Shearing sheep now is easy and simple compared with the old days of hand blades. Mechanics has done wonders towards solving many of the farm labor problems. Today, the automatic shearer, either hand or power operated, provides a quick and efficient method of harvesting the wool crop on the average farm as well as on the large sheep ranches. Machine shearing leaves no ridges and secures the maximum amount of fleece which is very important with wool at present prices.

For tying up each fleece, use, if possible, a paper twine. If binder twine is used, experience has shown that the fibres of the twine get into the wool, and as they cannot be removed, they are a damage to the resulting manufacturing woolen goods. In preparing wool for shipment, large sacks which will hold several fleeces are used.

The program of sheep owners should include plans for most effectively harvesting a quality wool. The wool crop will be a large source of income this year, as it will be for years to come. High prices are being offered for the 1925 clip, and extremely satisfactory returns are assured. The changes that have taken place in the methods of harvesting wool are of great value to the sheep industry.

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RICHARD LLOYD JONES SAYS

Don't Be a Knocker

You can trust the thoughtless to "knock" the thoughtful. No good work is safe from misconstruction. Every saint has had his defamer. That which made him a saint was the power to rise above the untruths hurled at him by those who could not themselves create truths.

The negative forces in this world always oppose the positive forces; but in the whirl of new events and the fresh tomorrows, the world, in its desire to honor those who push good forward, is glad to forget those who pull backward.

Those who follow the lines of least resistance, who glide away from the difficulties of life, who seek only personal ease and comfort, are always quick to condemn those who labor for a common good and for the comfort and the liberties of the many.

The man who lacks an accurate eye and a steady aim can make a loud noise with blank cartridges but he makes a poor soldier. Those who produce nothing attempt to justify their own inertia by criticizing those who do produce something.

When criticism is observation, it is constructive; when it is jealousy, it is destructive. The one seeks to correct; the other to contemptuously destroy. Criticism becomes noble when it seeks not to antagonize but to foster a good work.

Truth at all times is service. When criticism attempts to rectify error, improve judgment and refine public taste, it becomes a public benefaction. Criticism becomes strongest when it exhibits the weakness of a thing only to suggest something better.

The criticism that counts is the criticism that builds and encourages good effort. The criticism of those who can do the thing criticized less well or not at all has little weight and is soon forgotten.

The critic suggests something better; it is the "knocker" who condemns and offers nothing in return.

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