

# AGRICULTURAL NEWS

## INTEREST TO POLK COUNTY FARMERS Gathered Here and There Which Has a Local Angle Makes It Worth the Progressive Farmer's Attention Edited By "A Dirt Farmer"

**COURSE FOR FARM MOTHERS**

Farm mothers of Polk County are being organized into a club which will attend college during the summer of 1926.

The course of instruction will be given in planning meals for the family health, the essentials of good nutrition, and the daily food needs. Household furnishings, clothing and poultry work will also receive attention. The women cannot enroll in more than two courses, and some will probably take only one. Instruction in some form of arts and crafts, such as rug weaving, basket making, lamp shades and other crafts will be given each afternoon while the women are at the college.

The faculty for these courses will consist of members of the home demonstration forces, and the college will provide ample dormitory room. Mrs. McKimmon states that a nominal charge of \$7.50 will be made to cover expenses of board, room and the demonstration materials. The course is provided primarily for those farm women who are now members of the home demonstration clubs, but any farm woman from any county will be welcomed.

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### COTTON DUSTING PAYS WHEN DONE RIGHT

Raleigh, N. C., June 5.—The boll weevil is beginning to be an old story to the cotton grower of North Carolina, and perhaps some growers think that the pest will never do serious damage in this state.

"There may come a time, though, when weather conditions and weevil conditions will go hand in hand to destroy a cotton crop," says W. Bruce Mabee, extension entomologist at State College. "The weevil came first into this state in 1919 and covered the cotton growing area by the fall of 1922. Since that time much loss has occurred in some sections, but the state as a whole has been spared the great loss which has occurred in some other states. North Carolina is comparatively young in weevil experience, and the growers should always be prepared for facing heavy weevil infestation and resulting loss."

Mr. Mabee states that dusting with calcium arsenate is the one best method of controlling the boll weevil. This dusting will not make cotton — it merely protects such cotton — it cannot be done in a careless way to get results. It is a hard job and must be done right. When done right, good profits are obtained as in the case of one Halifax county farmer last year who made a profit of about \$50 per acre over all expense in comparison with his undusted cotton.

The detailed directions for dusting cotton as worked out by the state and government entomologists should be followed in the work. There are many good machines to use for the different acreages which growers might wish to treat. Mr. Mabee states that the Extension Service has issued some excellent bulletins on this subject, and copies will be mailed to those who wish to have the information. He states, however, that it is not too early now to be making plans for the work.

Silage keeps up the milk flow of dairy cattle in winter, and the time to prepare for having silage is during early summer, say dairy workers of State College.

The young calf should be kept off pasture until about three months old. Fresh pasture and a milk diet will cause stomach disorders in the young animal.

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### GOOD HAY SUPPLY BASIS OF DAIRY SUCCESS

Raleigh, N. C., June 5.—The dairy cow is a roughage consuming animal, and fares best when furnished an abundant supply of this material.

"But the roughage must be of the right kind," says John A. Arcey, dairy extension specialist at State College. "Legume roughage is best. There are a number of summer legume crops which will do well in North Carolina, and the most important of these, because of its adaptation to our climatic conditions, is the soybean. The hay from the soybean is relished by dairy cattle and feeding trials show it to be equal in feeding value to alfalfa hay, if cut at the proper stage and well cured."

The proper time to cut soybeans for hay is when the lower leaves begin to yellow, states Mr. Arcey. If the plant is allowed to grow more mature, the leaves all drop off and the stems are so coarse and woody that they are not eaten by the dairy cows.

Mr. Arcey states that there is a substitute for legume hay in satisfactory milk production. Sometimes, however, one's plans may fail and, on account of drought or other conditions, it is impossible to grow a good supply of legume hay. When this happens, he states, some quick growing substitute may be planted, and no other plant fills this place better than Sudan grass.

Sudan grass is drought resistant, and may be used for either summer grazing or for hay. When planted on good land, it will produce a heavy yield within fifty or sixty days after planting. Mr. Arcey states that the grass may be sown broadcast or drilled using from 15 to 20 pounds of seed per acre. When used for hay, the crop should be cut from the time plants head until the seed reach the dough stage.

### DOES NOT PAY TO SUCKER CORN

Raleigh, N. C., June 8.—Unless the boys on the farm need some kind of job to keep them busy, it might be better to let them go fishing than to put them to "suckering" corn. Demonstrations made by leading farmers prove that this practice does not pay.

"At this season of the year, we get many inquiries as to whether it pays to sucker corn," E. C. Blair, extension agronomist at State College. "It does not. Last year R. H. Holleman of Hartford county found by a careful demonstration that the increased yield secured by pulling suckers was hardly enough to pay for the job. Mr. Holleman pulled suckers from two rows, one hundred feet long, and let the plants on the two adjoining rows produce as many suckers as they could. He had a perfect stand on all four rows and both plots were treated exactly alike with the exception of removing the suckers on one plot. The two rows from which the suckers were removed produced 38 ears, including nubbing, weighing 55 pounds. The other two rows produced 117 ears weighing 55½ pounds."

This would indicate, states Mr. Blair, that pulling suckers tends to increase the average size of the ears and to decrease the number. The total weight of the ears was increased. If these yields were calculated on an acre basis, the corn from which the suckers were removed yielded 46.8 bushels, while that left untouched yielded 46.2 bushels. The small difference of four-tenths of a bushel per acre would hardly pay for pulling the suckers and the labor could better be used in some other timely job.

Mr. Blair states that there is one timely job in the cornfield, however, and this is to add the side application when corn is about knee high.

Some quick acting ammonia like nitrate-of-soda or sulphate-of-ammonia should be used.

### COLLEGE WILL COLLECT AGRICULTURAL RELICS

Raleigh, N. C., June 8.—To aid in preserving the agricultural history of North Carolina, the School of Agriculture at State College has plans under way now to collect agricultural relics and curiosities in an agricultural museum. This museum will be operated for the benefit of farmers of the state and students taking the agricultural courses.

According to Dean Schaub, the various departments of the school now have quite a collection of interesting material. These range from the various geological specimens in the soils department on through the various farm implements and machinery of

the agricultural engineering department. Some central location will be obtained in one of the college buildings to house and mount these specimens so that they might be observed and studied by all visitors to the institution.

One of the first contributions to this proposed museum is an ancient cotton planter used in Chowan county, according to authentic records, back in 1868. This planter has attracted much attention on the campus and was donated by M. W. Smith of Tryer. The machine is a one-horse affair, home-made throughout. The seed container is an old oak keg, bolted between the two side beams with holes for the seed to be dropped through as the keg is revolved. A small wooden plow is used for opening the furrow in front, while a smooth oaken roller covers the seed and firms the soil.

Dean Schaub states that other farmers who have some interesting agricultural curiosity or relic on the farm which they may wish preserved for future generations are invited to take up the matter with the college authorities. The School of Agriculture is anxious to make the museum representative of the farming progress of the state.

Spinning tests show that cotton fibres from the improved varieties recommended by the North Carolina Experiment Station have both body and good spinning quality.

The Government of Southern Rhodesia in Africa will send a student to State College for two years to study tobacco growing.

Alfalfa will grow well in North Carolina, but the land should be limed and prepared well in advance of seeding.

### NOTICE OF SALE.

Pursuant to the power of sale contained in that mortgage deed executed by John N. Parks to John P. Lockhart on the 2nd day of April, 1923, and of record in the office of Register of Deeds for Polk County, in Book 18, at Page 175, to secure the indebtedness and conveying the lands therein described, default having been made in the payment of said indebtedness, the undersigned will sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash, at the Courthouse door of Polk County, on Monday, the 5th day of July, 1926, at Eleven O'clock, A. M., the said lands described in said mortgage as follows:

Situated in the County of Polk and State of North Carolina and in the Town of Tryon, bounded and described as follows:

Situate in the Town of Tryon, beginning at a large Pine Tree on the Eastern side of Wilcox Road, distant approximately 300 feet North of the Speculation line, and running thence with the Eastern side of said Wilcox Road North 7 3/4° West 87 feet to a Locust Stake which bears North 81 3/4° West 4 1/2 feet from a small Oak Tree, marked; thence South 78 1/2° East 180 feet to a Locust Stake; thence South 18 1/2° West 88 1/2 feet to a stake; thence North 76 West 150 feet to the place of beginning.

This being the same tract of land conveyed to said John N. Parks, by deed from John P. Lockhart and Nicie E. Lockhart, his wife, this conveyance being made to secure payment of the purchase money therefor.

This 1st day of June, 1926.  
 JOHN P. LOCKHART,  
 Mortgagee.  
 WALTER JONES, Attorney.  
 June 3-10-17-24

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### EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as Executor of the estate of Thomas C. Mills, late of Tryon, Polk County, N. C., this is to notify all creditors or persons having any claims against the estate to file the same with the undersigned at 218 Tate Street, Greensboro, N. C., on or before the 3rd day of June, 1927, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at said address.

This the 3rd day of June, 1926.  
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