

## Poultrymen Supply Beaufort, Morehead Markets

Two Carteret poultrymen are producing broilers on a large scale and supply Beaufort and Morehead City markets. They are Robert Smith, West Beaufort road, and Douglas Lewis, Otway.

Smith, who several years ago maintained both a rabbit and chicken farm, has now turned to production of chickens for the most part.

Biddies are raised in individual brooder houses and at about two weeks of age are placed in outside pens which on each side have feeders and waterers.

Lewis, who has been operating about three months, differs from Smith in the methods of raising his poultry in that the chickens are raised from biddie to marketable product in one large concrete block building.

The building, 100 feet long by 40 feet wide, is divided into four sections and is of 7,000 to 8,000 capacity. As the chicks grow, they are moved from one section to the other and sold when their weight reaches 2½ to 3 pounds.

## Home Agent Lists Plentiful Foods

The U. S. department of agriculture's list of plentiful foods for March features eggs and apples. Mrs. Carrie Gillikin, Carteret county home agent for the State College Extension service, said this week.

Apple stocks are high for this time of the year, and March, historically, brings increased egg supplies to market, she said.

Protein foods on the plentiful list include frozen fish fillets, cottage cheese, broilers, fryers, peanut butter, dry beans and heavy turkeys.

Stocks of frozen fish fillets are about 30 per cent larger than a year ago, Mrs. Gillikin said. Among the varieties in particularly good supply are haddock, cod, flounder, sole and rosefish.

Lettuce, Irish potatoes, and sauerkraut are the vegetables on the list. There will also be plenty of processed citrus fruits, along with liberal supplies of honey for March shoppers.

Lettuce supplies in March will come from California, Arizona and Florida. Improved yields in Arizona may more than offset the heavy freeze loss of acreage in Texas and lower yield prospects in Florida. Mrs. Gillikin points out. The forecast on Feb. 1 indicated a winter crop of 11,553,000 crates, compared with 10,858,000 crates last season.

## State 4-H Boy Wins Award



Sherley J. Blackburn, 20-year-old Mountain Park, N. C., boy, wins national 4-H Club forestry honors.

For outstanding achievements in farm forestry, Sherley J. Blackburn, pictured above, won a \$300 scholarship plus an all-expense paid trip to Chicago. The scholarship was presented November 30 at the twenty-ninth National 4-H Club congress in Chicago.

The North Carolina youth earned his award by putting sound forestry practices to work on his father's farm. In addition to plant-5,000 shortleaf pine trees on a steep and eroded hillside, young Blackburn spotplanted 500 white pines in the farm woodlot after improvement cutting.

He also thinned two separate one-acre plots on the farm woodlot and planted a half-acre wildlife border of sericea and bi-color lespedeza. In all his farm forestry work, the Mountain Park 4-H winner strives for standing improvement by cutting scrubby trees for firewood and leaving straight sound trees for more valuable timber crops.

In the last seven years young Blackburn has made a profit of \$9,525 from his 33 4-H club projects including forestry, dairy, baby beef, tobacco, wildlife, garden, corn, pig, soybeans and pasture improvement.

Blackburn hopes to use his scholarship to attend Appalachian Teacher's college at Boone, N. C. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Blackburn of Mountain Park.

Each year four national winners receive scholarships from Ameri-

### 4-H Advisor Releases March Club Schedule

James Allgood, 4-H advisor, today released the schedule of 4-H meetings for the coming weeks. They are as follows:

Today, Beaufort school, 10:49 a. m.; Thursday, March 8, Atlantic, junior club at 9:35 a. m. and senior club at 10:15 a. m.; Monday, March 12, Smyrna, junior club at 9:30 a. m. and senior club at 10:30 a. m.; Morehead City, 1:47 p. m.

Tuesday, March 13, Camp Glenn school, 1 p. m.; Wednesday, March 14, Newport, senior club at 2 p. m. and junior club at 2:44 p. m.

can Forest Products Industries of Washington, D. C. This public service organization, representing the nation's leading wood-dependent industries, encourages the Tree Farm system and Keep Green programs, both active in North Carolina.

Purpose of the 4-H forestry award is to interest American youth in farm woodlands as a source of income and to encourage good forestry practices through tree farming.

### Farmers Want to Know

**Question:** My nearest neighbor planted a hybrid corn variety last year on a plot next to my farm. I noticed that the corn looked good while it was growing, but he tells me the yield was very disappointing. Can you give any explanation?

**Answer:** Your neighbor evidently used non-certified seed of Midwest hybrid—in other words, a hybrid variety not adapted for planting in North Carolina. Simply selecting a corn hybrid is not enough to insure good yields. For best results, choose certified seed of a hybrid variety adapted for use in North Carolina.

**Question:** Is there any way to store home-rendered lard so that it will keep longer than a few months without becoming rancid?

**Answer:** Yes. Experiment Station scientists have found that home-made lard will keep well for a year if sealed in glass jars while hot and stored at room temperature or below. You should cool the jars quickly and store them in a cool, dark place. Freezing is also effective. Place the lard in a moisture-proof container and store at 0° F.

**Question:** When is the best time for top-dressing small grains?

**Answer:** Between February 15 and March 15 is the best time for applying nitrogen top-dressing in North Carolina. If it's put on before March 15 yields will be higher than if application is delayed beyond that date.

## Native Materials Cut Fence Costs

As North Carolina's livestock expands, more and more farmers are facing the problem of keeping down fencing costs. Best way to do this, says N.C. Teter of the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station, is to use native materials whenever possible and build sturdy fences that will last.

"It costs no more to put up a good strong fence than to erect a shoddy, poorly stretched fence that has to be repaired constantly," says the State College agricultural engineer. "If fences are well planned and carefully built, they will last 15 to 20 years without too much attention — and that's where the farmer saves money."

Posts are the limiting factor in fence-building, since they are usually the first part to break down. However, Teter says the Tar Heel State is fortunate in having available plenty of native materials which can be used for making long-lasting posts.

Poles obtained by thinning a pine stand make excellent, long-life posts when properly treated, says the agricultural engineer. Of the untreated woods used for posts, black locust has the longest life. Because of the plentiful supply and ease of treating, however, pine poles probably are the most practical for use in North Carolina.

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