

Suggestions for Farmers for '58

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Most farm families are rather concerned over what 1958 will bring. Some are afraid that the economy will not be good and they are wondering just what steps to take. A study of the economy in 1957 clearly indicates two things (1) Economic Activity has been at an all-time high, (2) Inflation has further reduced the value of the dollar. Even though overall economic activity has been at record levels, farmers have not shared in the prosperity. Prices received by farmers have risen, yet prices paid by farmers have risen at an equal rate. The forecast for 1958 will be a year in which our economy will operate at less than maximum capacity. It will be a period in which productive capacity will not be expanded as rapidly as it was in 1955, '56 and '57.

The following suggestions may help you in making sound management decisions this year.

1. Plan your farm and home program together. This is something very important for every member of the family. By planning together and exchanging ideas things might work out a little better than we expect.

2. Watch your spending. We are told it pays to shop around before buying. The truth still remains today. There are bargains, but it takes time and study to find out when and where these bargains are. Remember that a "dollar saved is a dollar earned".

3. Be sure to use the right fertilizer for each crop. If you haven't taken a soil sample, remember that the Soil Testing Division of the Department of Agriculture offers free services. All that you need to do is to take a sample or samples from the land and fill out the information sheet giving the required information, which includes your fertilizer program, crops planted last year and the crops you plan to plant this year. This is the best assurance to use the correct analysis and right amounts of fertilizer. It eliminates the guess work, all you have to do is to follow the recommendations.

4. Give your farm machinery and equipment proper care. Well cared for machinery and equipment that is free from rust, properly serviced will work much better than poorly cared for equipment.

5. Raise A Square Meal Around

Home. A good year round vegetable garden is worth more than \$400 for the family. Eggs, poultry, pork and other things added to this can mean a lot in savings during the year.

6. Study your Agricultural Program. In doing this, check with your Soil Conservation Office, the ASC Office, and seek advice from your Extension Workers and other Agricultural leaders. Find out what the Soil Bank can offer you and give your farming and homemaking the attention at the beginning of the year that it needs.

7. Attend all meetings possible that are planned for you. Your Agricultural workers cannot get to see near as many people as they would like to; therefore training meetings, Community and County-Wide are held. You are in mind when these meetings are being planned and you will find each one very helpful.

8. Take an active part in your Sunday School, Church, P. T. A., Community 4-H meetings and other organizations in your community. This will be of much help to you and your children as well as the support that you can give the organizations.

4-H Notes

The 4-H Clover Club met January 29, in the educational rooms of the Chiquapin Chapel Church. President Dolores Heath presided and Pat Humphrey led the devotion.

Don Phillips gave an interesting project report on "herd replacement in cattle", and Wilson Lowery Jr. reported on "a color code for safety". Raymond Price and Don Phillips reported on what they had done for safety around the farm.

Miss Heath explained to the group a score card for giving demonstrations. Several members want

to work up some demonstrations and give them in the near future.

After a recreational period Pat and Donald Humphrey served refreshments.

Raymond Price and Pat Humphrey will give project reports at the next meeting on February 24.

Mrs. Walter Ives and Mrs. W. W. Lowery met with the group.

Angus Sale Friday At Rocky Mount

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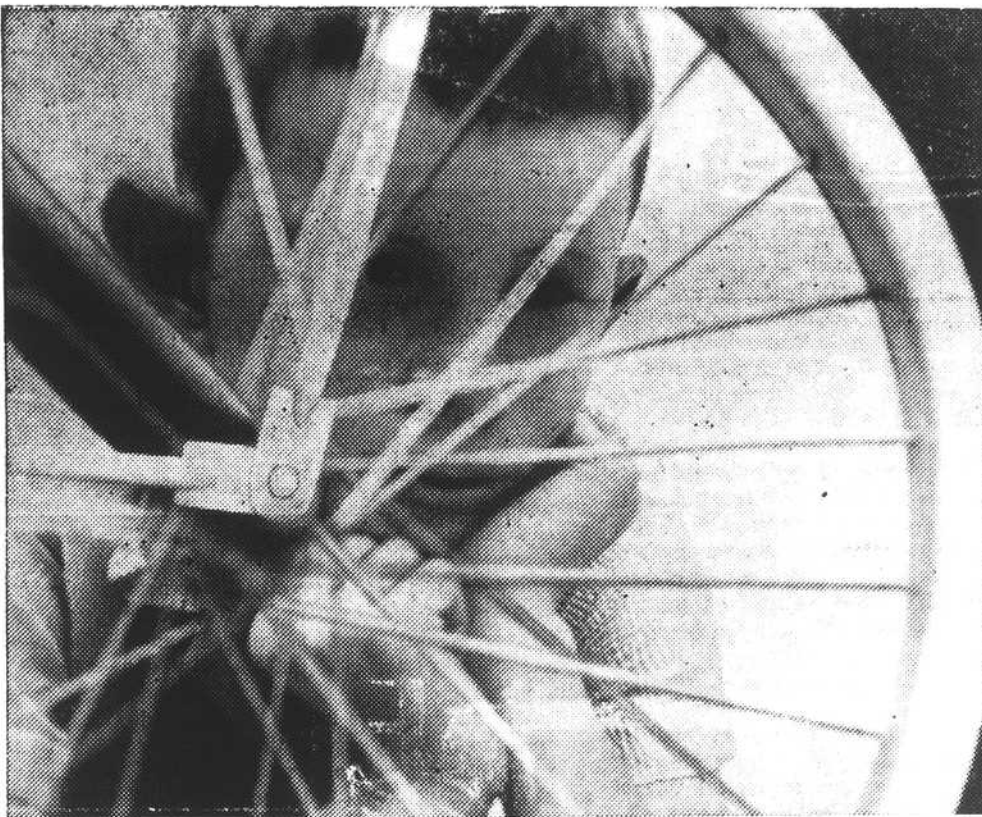
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