

**HOW TO MAKE MONEY
IN SPITE OF THE BOLL
WEEVIL'S RAVAGES**

In the growth of cotton as of any other crop it is always wise to keep slow production to a point where there will not be an over-production. For this reason it will be wise that as a general way our cotton growers in North Carolina shall not this year plant too big an acreage to cotton. At the present time, it would appear from all the facts available that the acreage of cotton in the state should not be increased over that planted last year. In fact, it is evident that we as a state will profit by a reduction in acreage, and make up as much as feasible the reduction in acreage by increased production per acre. Other things being equal, the cheapest production of cotton is that secured by moderately large yields secured by planting cotton on good land, fertilizing properly, and planting and cultivating well. Cotton farmers will be forced more and more under boll weevil conditions to put into practice methods of growing cotton which will result in economically higher yields per acre than many are securing in the state at the present time. Those farmers who are producing only from one-third to one-half bale per acre will, to a large extent, be forced out of business by the coming of the boll weevil unless they plant their cotton on better land or else improve by rational means the poor land they have been using for cotton growing in the past. North Carolina cotton growers will have to reduce, in all probability, the acreage they have been devoting to cotton to what they can look after promptly and well as growers have had to do in the weevil infested states to the south of us, in order that they may plant and cultivate the cotton at the exact time and in the best manner to circumvent the boll weevil most successfully under full infestation. Particularly will this be so with our coastal plain growers. The acres released from cotton should go into suitable food, feed and soil improving crops needed to meet the needs of the growers' family, laborers and livestock on the farm, and to build up the production of our soils. In many cases, in fact, in most cases, outside of possibly our northeastern and eastern farmers, the acreage to corn and soy beans might this year be materially increased. The corn to supply feed for the livestock and bread for the home (and there is none better when properly cooked. Why cannot we eat more corn bread, muffin bread, etc., and teach our friends to the north of us to appreciate the full value of this grain for bread-making purposes?) Grow soybeans and cowpeas for seed; for soil improving purposes; and for supplying at least in part, the roughage and grazing for the farm stock. Where the beans and peas are used for soil improving purposes, crops like cotton and corn which follow will usually show considerable increase in yield which should be a cheaper cost per unit of crop. These are no Utopian schemes, for thousands of progressive North Carolina farmers are already following this plan of providing most of their food and feed and are producing good yields of cotton and other crops and at the same time are building up the productivity of their soils from year to year.

Some other crops that may be used on many cotton farms to a much larger extent than at present are rye, crimson clover, vetch, in some cases peanuts, velvet beans (certainly in the southeastern section of the state), sweet potatoes, and sorghum to supply syrup for the home, tenants, less provident neighbors, and perhaps to those in the near-by villages and towns who have not lost their taste for good country "eats."

Lesson number two is to play safe in farming where cotton or other crop is the main money crop, we must as near as practicable do so, provide for and grow the feed needed by the farm family and laborers and the work and other livestock of the farm. When this plan is followed the farm will become largely self-sustaining and the farmer independent and happy. He should and usually will with industry and intelligence have something to spare for educating his children; for promoting civic and religious work in the community; for making improvements in the home and on the farm; and then something more for putting aside for investment and a rainy day.

Mother Has 12 Babes in 6 Years.

Brownsville, Ky., Mar. 6.—That the stark has favored them with six years of generosity unequalled, perhaps, anyway else in this country, is the claim of Mr. and Mrs. William Potest who became the parents here today of four more children, making a total of 12 in six years.

During the first five years of their wedded life, four pairs of twins were born to Mr. and Mrs. Potest. The eight twins and the four born today are all living and apparently in good health.

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FAIRM STOCK

INCREASE OF BETTER SIRE

During Last Quarter of Year Many Persons Have Done Away With Scrubs and Gradts.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)
The "Better Sires—Better Stock" campaign, inaugurated by the United States Department of Agriculture in the autumn of 1919 to stimulate the replacement of low-class breeding animals with purebred sires and improved females, has gone ahead with increased impetus in recent months in spite of depression in the farming and live-stock business. During the last quarter year ending September 30, 894 persons were enrolled as having done away with all scrub and grade or crossed sires and having determined to use only purebred sires henceforth for all classes of stock raised. This shows a promising increase over the two preceding quarters in which 714 and 333 persons, respectively, were enrolled. There was a corresponding gain in both animals and poultry reported by these owners, the combined total for the three months reaching 108,906.

One of the encouraging developments of the campaign is the spread of the improvement idea throughout the country. Farmers and breeders of all kinds in nearly all the states are signing the pledge to eliminate poor blood in their herds and flocks. The leading state in the number of new members for the last three months was Virginia, with 287. Ohio was a good second, with 230, and exceeded Virginia by a considerable margin in the number of animals and poultry pledged to be bred only to purebred sires. Nebraska was third, with 173, and Kentucky fourth, with 147. Oklahoma, the next in order, although lacking comparatively few signers, showed a widespread interest, with 19 new counties joining the ranks.

Belmont county, Ohio, led the counties in the country in the progress made during the last quarter, with 54 new signers. Hardin, another Ohio county, had 45, and Licking county 39. Six counties in Virginia had more than 20 each. Three counties in Kentucky had more than 25 each, and three in Nebraska each exceeded 20.

In the two years that the campaign has been in progress 102,457 cattle have been listed by men who have signed the Better Sires—Better Stock pledge; also 11,829 horses, 493 asses, 49,357 swine, 72,821 sheep, 2,780 goats, and 404,717 poultry have been listed. This makes a total of 643,943 animals



An Excellent Type of Bull Calf.

and fowls. Of the breeding stock owned by persons using only purebred males the highest percentage of purebred females is found among swine—64.7 per cent. Of the cows listed 36.8 per cent are purebred, of mares 12.6 per cent, of sows 33 per cent, of ewes 18.7 per cent, and of many goats 10.0 per cent. Of the female poultry entered by the signers 69.1 per cent were standard bred.

In the number of persons to whom certificates have been issued Virginia leads with 1,509, and Nebraska is second with 892. The latter state, however, leads in number of animals and poultry listed, having 51,006 and 101,683, respectively, against Virginia's 43,110 and 91,863.

The ten leading states in membership are Virginia, Nebraska, Ohio, South Carolina, Kentucky, Washington, Massachusetts, Texas, Vermont and Connecticut. There is now a total of 5,184 persons in the United States who have pledged to use no more sires of any kind not of pure breeding. There are six pledges in the island of Guam and one in Porto Rico.

Feeding Silage to Sheep.

In feeding silage to sheep care should be taken not to give the animals any that is spoiled. Sheep are peculiarly susceptible to injury from feeds which form gas.

Feeds Needed by Cotts.

The draft colt should be well fed in order to keep it growing and in good health. It is the early feeding and care an animal receives which determines its quality and development to a large extent. It needs bone and muscle-building feeds.

Fat on Breed Sow.

A brood sow ought to put on some weight and fat during the winter, but not an excessive amount, so that she is exceedingly heavy or overburdened with weight.

PENNY COLUMN

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LOST YOUNG STEER WEIGHING 400 pounds, Jersey colored with white spots. Reward if returned to D. A. Beam, Shelby. 3-14c

FOR SALE—PURE BRED RHODE Island eggs. 75c per setting. G. L. Hamrick Lattimore, N. C. Star route.

FOR RENT—TWO HORSE FARM 3 miles East of Shelby, H. M. Loy.

FOR SALE—ONE SECOND-HAND Ford car in good condition at a bargain to quick buyer. See Flay Hoey at Cleveland Drug store. tf-

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AUCTION SALE CONTINUED—On account of the bad weather, we will continue the sale of the personal property of the late J. Matt Hord, consisting of household and kitchen furniture and some farming tools. The sale will be conducted at his residence on N. DeKalb St. Saturday March 18th, beginning at 10 a. m., rain or shine. Mrs. Sallie Hord, administratrix, J. Mat Hord, deceased.

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FOR SALE 191 ACRES; 35 ACRES bottom all new buildings \$50 per acre three miles from Alexis station. C. H. Stephens, Alexis, N. C. R-1. 16-24p

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GRADUATION RECITAL AT WACO HIGH SCHOOL. Miss Mary Holford presents Miss Zona Jane Hord, pianist in her graduating recital at the Waco high school auditorium Friday night March 17th beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The following is the program.

William Tell Overture—Rossini.
Zona Hord and Fannie Putnam.
Grand Polka de Concert—Bartlett;
Prelude—G Minor—Rackmanoff; To Spring—Grieg; II Desiderio—Cramer; Rondo Capriccioso—Mendelssohn; Il Trovatore—Verdi; Fannie Putnam.
Caprice Hongrois—Ketterer; Lustspiel Overture—Keler Bela. Zona Hord, Fannie Putnam and Mary Holford.

If God made the country, did He make the mudholes in the county roads.

LIVE STOCK

SHEEP CARE DURING WINTER

Breeding Ewes Should Be Kept Thrifty and Not Allowed to Lose in Weight.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

At this season the flock owner is principally interested in fall and winter feeding and maintenance. The shepherd should train himself to read the condition of his sheep by feeling the bone of the loin or back. At no time while they are in lamb should ewes be allowed to lose weight. In open, wet, fall seasons there is danger of waiting too long to start feeding.

Winter management is very important in its effect upon the returns from the flock. Leguminous hays, straws and cornstalks usually form the main part of economical winter rations. Clover, alfalfa or cowpea hay, if of good quality, may be used as the sole feed until near lambing time. From 3 to 3½ pounds daily being sufficient for ewes weighing less than 150 pounds. Oat and wheat straw are better than rye or barley straw. Cornstalks placed where the ewes can eat off the leaves may be used as a part of the roughage ration. If this ration is made up largely of cornstalks or straw, a nitrogenous concentrate should also be used. Timothy hay is not good sheep feed.

Silage will reduce the cost of the ration, but it is best to use it with hay. Feed only silage made from well-matured corn, and be sure that it is not spoiled, frozen or moldy. Three pounds per head a day is the limit for this feed. For beef ewes, roots, particularly turnips, should be used sparingly until after lambing. The two rations here given will be found satisfactory for ewes from 120 to 145 pounds in weight:

Ration No. 1.
2 pounds alfalfa or cowpea hay,
2 pounds corn silage,
½ pound shelled corn.

Ration No. 2.
2½ pounds alfalfa hay
2 pounds corn silage.

If the ewes run on fall wheat or rye during the winter the pasture must be supplemented by some dry or concentrated feed. Silage and roots are not desirable when the pasture is green. One-half pound of cottonseed meal contains the daily protein re-



A Good Pasture to Range Over Provides the Best Exercise for the Breeding Flock.

quirement for pregnant ewes and it should be used when the price is right. However, a quarter-pound along with other feeds containing protein may be better than one containing a larger amount of cottonseed meal.

Exercise for the ewe in winter is necessary if strong lambs are to be produced. They can be induced to take exercise by scattering their feed over the ground which will induce them to do a great deal of walking. Another way is to do the feeding some distance from the shelter. Winter pasture will, of course, solve the problem of exercise. But the flock ought not to be out in rain or wet snow, as a wet fleece is a frequent cause of colds and pneumonia. A sheep will shake off dry snow and be none the worse for having been out in a storm.

Present conditions should be no discouragement to a person who thinks of starting a flock, for the man who succeeds with live stock is the one who goes in and stays in through fat years and lean. Perhaps it is better to go in when prices are low, for then it costs less for foundation stock.

It is doubtful whether a man should start keeping sheep unless his farm will allow the keeping of at least 30 ewes, and in most cases 60 or more will be handled better and more economically than a very small flock. Old ewes should be discarded at five years of age. When this is done and the poorest of the ewe lambs are sold a flock will ordinarily double in size in three years.

CASTOR OIL GOOD FOR SWINE

Simple, Harmless and Generally Effective Remedy for Animals When ON Feed.

Castor oil for hogs that are off feed is a simple, harmless and generally effective remedy. Put salt on the hog's tongue, and when she starts to lick up the castor oil in her mouth with a spoon. Two table-spoons is the right dose. (Give it immediately you notice a hog is off feed.)

LINCOLN COUNTY NOTES

OF LATE HAPPENINGS

B. and L. Associations Cannot Supply Demand—Held for Reckless Driving.

Lincoln County News.
Mr. A. W. Inabinet of Lincolnton was arrested by Deputy W. D. Baxter this week on a warrant charging him with reckless driving of an automobile and running into the mule of Mr. Bob Lawing on the highway in east Lincolnton last week, an account of which accident was published last week. The case will come up for trial before Squire D. H. Shields on the 18. Mr. Inabinet gave \$500 bond for his appearance.

Mr. E. I. Mosteller who was a visitor in the city yesterday says he meant to say rain would fall on 14 days of February, that being half of the days in that month. And, said he, it did rain on 14 days of February just like he predicted it would when it rained on Feb. 1. He says it rained a little on the last night of February up in the late hours when everybody but the weather sharps were asleep.

There is not enough money in the building and loan associations in this town to meet the demands here for building purposes. A person who carries B. & L. stock is a home builder. By paying on stock the holder makes money available to those who desire to build a home in Lincolnton. More homes are needed here, more B. & L. stock buyers will help build Lincolnton. Carry some stock. Help your home town.

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SHELBY BOYS TO PLAY

PIEDMONT HERE TODAY

The Shelby high school baseball team will play Piedmont high school on the local diamond Friday March 17th. Shelby people may be surprised to see a much better school team than has represented Shelby in the past few years. It is too early in the season to lay any claim to Championships but Shelby expects to have a good team.

The men showing up best at the different positions are: Arrowood and McMurry catchers, McKee, Morrison, Hennessy, Logan and Lever for pitchers; Thaxton and Branton first base; Hendrick and Long, second base; Connor and Rudasill, shortstop; Grigg and Self, third base, Hoyle, Lutes, Dedmon, Austell, Sparks and Allen are looking the best in the outer garden.

Shelby will play a hard schedule this season with such teams as C. M. N. A., Westminster, Greensboro high, Charlotte high, Gastonia high, Lincoln high, and Cowpens, all of these games will be played in Shelby. This will be Shelby's first chance to test their strength and a good game is promised. Game called at 4 p. m. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

FOR SALE—COLE 8 1918 MODEL 7 passenger first class mechanical condition, new tires all around, a good family car \$600.00. will buy it. Will take cotton at 20c per pound. Write or see H. T. Willis, Austell Barber-shop, Shelby, N. C. 4-10p

FOR SALE—ONE BUGGY AN harness at a bargain. See J. A. Jenkins, Lattimore, Route 1. 3-17p

APARTMENT STO RENT—TO party without children H. Field-Young. 3-10

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