

Has Cleveland County A "Master Farmer"?—You Nominate A Man

Agricultural Forces Searching For One In Each County, And Have Ten Or Fifteen Gold Medals For The Best "Master Farmers" In The State.

Nothing the agricultural leadership of North Carolina has undertaken in many a year is likely to arouse more widespread interest than the recently announced "Master Farmer" contest among the soil-tillers of Tarheeldom. Extension service leaders are out on a lively hunt for a "Master Farmer" in each county. Gold medals are to be given the best 10 or 15 "Master Farmers" in the state.

These "Master Farmers" for each county are being nominated now. The 10 or 15 foremost "Master Farmers" will be picked out from the county nominees this fall. The medals will then be awarded at a "Master Farmer" banquet, given in Raleigh by the Progressive Farmer with state and national leaders participating in the ceremonies.

"Master Farmers" Committee For Cleveland County
The committee in charge of the "Master Farmer" search in Cleveland county is composed of the following:

- 1.—E. S. Millsaps, district farm demonstration agent, honorary chairman.
- 2.—Alvin Hardin, county farm agent, active chairman.
- 3.—Mrs. Irma Wallace, county home agent.
- 4.—V. C. Taylor, teacher of vocational agriculture in the county.
- 5.—Lee B. Weathers, editor.
- 6.—Geo. Blanton, banker.
- 7.—O. Max Gardner, farm chairman.

An official "Score Card for Master Farmers," consisting of a total of 1,000 points, has been prepared for the guidance of this committee and to secure uniformity in scoring.

To begin with, the committee will probably select, sift and reject until not more than three farmers are left on the list as possible nominees from Cleveland county for 1927 awards.

Having selected these possible nominees, merely on "general information and belief," the entire committee (or as many as can go) may (1) visit the farmers selected and assist in scoring, or a sub-committee of three may be named. Then the committee will (2) see what is the total number of points awarded to the farmer in question by each scorer and (3) see what is the average number of points awarded by all scorers to this farmer. Then after each farmer has been scored, the farmer receiving the highest average score will be recognized as having been chosen as Cleveland county's nominee for the "North Carolina State Master Farmer competition."

The district agent and Prof. C. L. Newman, associate editor of the Progressive Farmer, will then visit Cleveland county's nominee, and will make their own score, and compare this score with the score of every other nominee in this district agent's territory, together with other data furnished. They will then select from each of the five North Carolina Extension service districts 3, 4, or 5, or more, of the best of the county nominees as North Carolina's Master Farmers.

Nominations are in order. Any one who knows or thinks he knows material for making a "Master Farmer" may nominate his candidate by giving his or her name to the county agent or any member of the county committee.

The Score for "Master Farmers" To be eligible for entry in this contest a person must be a white farmer, of good moral reputation, including reputation for paying debts (no drunkard must be considered,) and must live on his own farm. A woman who is a good farmer is eligible on equal terms with men.

In condensed form, the score card by which nominees will be judged is as follows:

Operating and organization of farm	400
1. Maintenance of soil fertility	85
2. Cropping system for adaptation to soils, markets, and efficient use of man and horse labor	75
3. Adequate tools, machinery, and equipment, well housed and repaired	65
4. Living at home	50
5. Crop yields	40
6. Adequate buildings conveniently arranged	30
7. Livestock: Feed production	25
Livestock: Quality of animals	20
Livestock: Care of feeding	24
8. Good seeds	25
9. Layout of fields	15
10. Care and management of timber lands	10
Business Methods and Ability	125
1. Marketing methods	50
2. Farm on cash or bank financed basis	25
3. Mastery of handicaps difficulties	25
4. Keeping farm records	25

General Farm appearance and Upkeep	100
1. Repair and upkeep of buildings	50
2. Conditions of fields	20
3. Maintenance of fences, ditches, and roads	15
4. Appearance and condition of yard and lots	15
Home Life	190
1. Convenient and attractive home	50
2. Labor saving equipment in house	50
3. Character as husband and father	40
4. Education and training of children	50
Citizenship	125
1. Neighborliness	30
2. Interest in schools and churches	40
3. Interest in other community enterprises	30
4. Interest in local, state and national governments	25

TOTAL 1,000

Some Points To Remember

It is not claimed, of course, that the men nominated in each county for 1927 "Master Farmer" awards will be the best farmers in their respective counties. There are so many farmers of nearly equal enterprise, progressiveness, and achievement that hardly any committee can hope to say with positiveness, "We have selected the Master Farmer of our county." But they can say, "We have selected a Master Farmer—one of the best farmers in our county," and he will be presented as his county's nominee for the 1927 "Master Farmer" awards.

It is not the wealthy farmer that is sought, nor is it the fancy farmer, but the real tiller of the soil whose business and home is his farm—the true husband and father and community leader. The Progressive Farmer will bestow gold medals on the 15 or more North Carolina farmers chosen for the "Master Farmer" degree and will have them all gather in Raleigh late next fall for their first "Master Farmer" banquet and a general good time. Every citizen of Cleveland county should be interested in this contest. If we do have a farmer who through his methods and successes shows the requirements for a high score by the above score card then we should find him and declare him a "Master Farmer" of Cleveland county. The committee will be glad to receive and publish these "Master Farmer" nominations.

Every community, or some one in each community, is urged to get in touch with County Agent Alvin Hardin and nominate a candidate for the "Master Farmer" from your community. Do this at once by telephone, mail, or personal call. See that your community has a candidate sure.

INJUNCTION FILED ON TAX SALES IN DURHAM COUNTY

Durham.—Relief was given to upwards of 2,500 Durham county taxpayers this afternoon when Judge N. A. Sinclair, presiding in Superior court, continued the restraining order filed by James N. Umstead against Sheriff John F. Harward and the Durham county board of commissioners, restraining them from advertising for sale on June 1st all property in this county upon which there are unpaid taxes, and continuing in effect until August 1st.

The injunction is the first in the state in which permanent relief is secured, it now being in effect in the discretion of Sheriff Harward when he shall advertise the property of those who have not paid their taxes.

Sheriff Harward stated on the stand that he had not intended to advertise until August 1st, and that property would not be sold until the first Monday in September. He was the only witness to take the stand, identifying the 1926 tax book and reading the order of the commissioners on October 1st requiring him to collect the taxes under the law existing in 1926.

"If property is advertised for taxes now it will work a great hardship upon a great many people," the sheriff testified. "There are fully 2,500 names on the books now of unpaid taxes. Most of these will pay in June and July when they have more money, and close to September 1st when they will be selling their tobacco."

Chairman Carson of the Person county board of commissioners also told Judge Sinclair that the advertising of property for sale at this time would be a severe blow to a great many people in this county.

Skyscrapers are a plague.—Thomas Edison.

SILK TEDDIES!

(Actual \$2.95 Values)
Pure silk, lace and ribbon trimmed tedds. Only about a dozen or so left. Closing out—
SPECIAL, 2 FOR



CARD TABLE COVERS

Heavy quality black Oil Cloth Card Table Covers. Beautifully painted designs representing the Aces of the deck.
DOLLAR DAYS — EACH

Friday - Saturday - Monday WILL BE GILMERS BIG VALUE GIVING EVENT!

Children's Voile Dresses!
Sizes range from 1 to 14 years. Mothers! Here's an opportunity to supply your children's needs in dainty little Voile dresses. All well made and neatly trimmed.
Gilmer's Dollar Days, Special

Window Shades 2 For \$1
Full width 36 inch regulation shades in colors of green, tan and white.
Dollar Days, 2 for

Dollar Day

DURING GILMERS 3 BIG VALUE GIVING DOLLAR DAYS, YOU WILL FIND NEW ITEMS NEVER BEFORE OFFERED AT SUCH LOW PRICES. FOLKS FROM MILES AROUND WILL WELCOME THIS EVENT.

COOL HOUSE DRESSES

(Actual Values up to \$2.95)
Ladies! Here is one big lot of House Dresses that have been marked down to a price that will move them in a hurry. Please understand that every dress is not a \$2.95 garment, but there are quite a few and the rest were higher than we are selling them now.
Dollar Day Special

"Clean Sweep" CARPET SWEEPERS!

"Clean Sweep" Carpet Sweepers, 12-inch size, rubber tired wheels, good brush.
Be sure to get one of the new devices. ONLY

Full Fashioned Silk HOSE!

Guaranteed Pure Silk Full Fashioned Hosiery. Silk top and soles. An extra good value, purchased especially for Dollar Days. All sizes. Newest Shades. Gilmer's Dollar Days, CHOICE

MEN'S FANCY TIES

3 For \$1
Men's Crepe and Silk Ties in the very newest patterns. Regular 50c values. Select yours now at only, 3 FOR



GOOD NEWS MEN! 300 Fine Dress SHIRTS

Newest novelty patterns in Broadcloth and Madras Shirts. Every shirt fast color. Collar attached styles. Stripes, checks, and solid colors. This shirt ordinarily sells for \$1.48. Size 1 to 14. Special during Gilmer's Dollar Days

BRASSIERES!

2 For \$1
1 Lot of Brassieres that are slightly irregular. Actual \$1.00 values. A real value during Gilmer's Big Dollar Days— 2 FOR

Child's Play Oxfords!

Children's leather play Oxfords in tan color. Sturdy build. Sizes 5 1-2 to 8. Supply your needs during Gilmer's Dollar Days, PAIR

HIT AND MISS RAG RUGS

Beautify your home for the summer with these 27x54 inch Rag Rugs. Very special for Dollar Day— EACH

Ice Cream Freezers

2 Quart Galvanized freezers. Ideal for the small family. Freezes Cream in ten minutes. Dollar Days— EACH

Boy's Wash Suits

Mothers, bring your boy to Gilmer's and fit him in a dandy little Wash Suit for only— \$1
Snappy little suits with fancy belts. Trimmed in guaranteed colorfast materials. Come in today and see what real value this is.

Ready Made VOILE CURTAINS!

Full 2 1-4 yard voile Curtains. Cream color with pink or blue borders. Ruffles of cream. These curtains have valances, and tie backs, complete as pictured here— \$1

Seasonable PIECE GOODS

- At Gilmer's Special Dollar Day Prices —
- 36 Inch 35c Quality Voiles—3 Yards \$1.00
- 40 Inch 39c Quality Voiles—3 Yards \$1.00
- 36 Inch 39c Quality DIMITIES—3 Yards \$1.00
- 36 Inch 59c Quality Rayons—2 Yards \$1.00
- 36 In. 25c Quality Voiles—5 yds. ... \$1.00

"FATHER GEORGE" SHEETING
10 YARDS FOR ONLY \$1.00
Limit 10 Yards to a customer.

200 COVERED FOOT STOOLS!

(Actual \$1.50 Value.)
Velvet And Tapestry Upholstered. Nothing can equal this value. Special for Dollar Days, Only

AN EXTRA GOOD VALUE IN FANCY CRINKLED BED SPREADS!

Size 81x90
These Spreads are made of excellent quality material, bought especially for Dollar Days. Pink, Blue, Yellow, and Lavender stripes. Special during Dollar Days, Your choice