

Trapping Profitable Even In Summer For T. E. Madre

There is little doubt that swapping off five young chickens for ten opossums would have been a good bargain in winter, when the fur of the opossum is valuable, but T. E. Madre, one of Perquimans County's most prosperous farmers, who made such a trade in August, feels that, considering the possible future operations a whole brood of the notorious chicken thieves might have conducted for the next few months, he hasn't done so badly, fur or no fur.

To catch an opossum in Perquimans where much small game abounds in the swamps, is not unusual. Trappers of opossum, muskrat and mink net tidy sums from the sale of furs every winter. But to catch ten opossums at one time, nine of them by accident, so to speak, is a record.

It seems that five of Mr. Madre's young chickens disappeared on Thursday night. Suspecting an opossum, the farmer set a tray, a big trap of the eel-pot type, on Friday night. Next morning the opossum was in the trap, all right, and with her brood of nine young ones.

Mrs. Alice Chappell Dies In Indiana

The many friends of Mrs. Alice P. Chappell, who died recently at her home in the State of Indiana, were grieved to learn of the death of a woman who was known and loved by so many in the Whiteston and Belvidere communities of this county.

Mrs. Chappell, who was 79 years of age, was a granddaughter of the late Samuel and Rebecca Binford Parker, who migrated from Perquimans to Indiana approximately a hundred years ago, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Parker.

She was married in 1889 to Thomas Chappell, a native of Perquimans, who later went into the ministry. For several years both Mr. and Mrs. Chappell taught in the Whiteston High School, while Mr. Chappell served as pastor of the Friends churches, Up River and Piney Woods.

Mrs. Chappell was a woman of fine Christian character, devoted to her home and family, and also finding time to participate in organizations that contribute to the religious life of the community. She was active in the W. C. T. U., the Missionary Society, the Sunday School, the Auxiliary and any church work that presented itself. One missionary thanked her later for encouragement and influence which were directly responsible for her becoming a missionary to Africa.

For one of her years her literary talents remained remarkably keen. The ladies auxiliary of Upland, Indiana, leaned heavily on her for their original and interesting programs. She wrote original missionary stories, poems, etc. On leaving they asked her to plan their program for an entire year.

It was impressive that her spirit was so young that she gladly left Indiana friends and relatives to accompany her son to a new field at John Brown University, in his Christian teaching. Her idealistic spirit and intense interest were untiring for each morning she sent him to the class room with a prayer and each evening she listened to a report of all details. She knew all of his students by name and accurately followed their progress. So poignant was her spirit, though advanced in years and handicapped by deafness, that students caught her idealism and unselfishness and some of them were lead to dedicate their lives to Christ. To those who knew her least, she was a beautiful example of one who had grown old gracefully. Though handicapped by deafness, she impressed those she casually met with her vital sweetness and cheerfulness.

She will long be remembered in Perquimans for the beauty of her character and the sweetness of her disposition.

GOVERNOR HOEY WAS IMPRESSED



When Governor Clyde R. Hoey met with the 950 4-H club members attending the recent short course at State College, he was deeply impressed with their fine appearance, vigorous physical condition, their excellent behavior, and their attention to their conferences and class room work. Mr. Hoey is seen here in the front center of the short course group gathered near the Memorial Tower on the State College Campus. Among those with him in the front row are: Miss Frances MacGregor,

assistant 4-H club leader; Roy Coats of Johnston County, president of the club group; Governor Hoey; Miss Elizabeth Randall of Cleveland County, secretary of the club group; L. R. Harrill, club leader at State College and Dr. C. B. Smith, assistant director of extension, Washington. Dean I. O. Schaub and others standing further down the line do not appear in the picture. The short course was said by those in charge to be one of the best ever held during the 25 years of the work in this State.

Pine Beetles Ravage Many Valuable Trees

Southern pine beetles have been ravaging valuable pine trees over North Carolina this summer, according to Rufus H. Page, Jr., assistant extension forster at State College.

Beetles are most often found where pine debris has been left on the ground to give them a breeding place, he stated.

To breed in sufficient numbers to successfully attack and enter healthy trees, the beetles must first enter diseased or damaged trees or freshly cut pine stumps or pine debris.

Delaying pine cutting until the middle of September will check beetle attacks, Page continued. But if pines are being cut before that time, a number of precautions can be exercised to protect the living trees. Remove all the trunk and limbs of felled pines that are more than two inches in diameter. Loos smaller limbs and brush and scatter well so they will be exposed to wind and sunshine.

Peel all high, freshly cut pine stumps to ground level and burn or otherwise remove bark from the stand.

Clear away pines that display a yellowish-green foliage and around whose base is found reddish sawdust-like material. "S-shaped" galleries in the inner bark are a sure sign of pine beetles.

Remove from the stand all trees that are badly diseased, damaged, or otherwise weakened. Many infestations start from a single weakened tree.

Now Is Time To Sow Winter Cover Crops

In North Carolina the time for sowing winter cover crops is at hand, says E. C. Blair, extension agronomist at State College.

Cleaned crimson clover seed may be sown in the mountain region during the month of August.

Crimson clover seed in the hull may be sown in eastern and central North Carolina corn, cotton, tobacco, and other row crops at this time, he continued. Unhulled seed sown now will not germinate for several weeks. Some 30 pounds of unhulled clover seed are required per acre, while 20 to 30 pounds of cleaned seed are recommended. Cover the seed lightly with half an inch of soil. This is best done when the ground is moist.

Vetch, Austrian winter peas, and cleaned crimson clover seed may be sown in piedmont and coastal plain areas between August 20 and October 10 at any time soil conditions are

apples.

Question: Should moist mash be fed to the poultry flock all the year?

Answer: There is little to be gained by feeding this mash continuously, but it has an important place in the feeding schedule of most flocks at some time during the year. It should be used with early hatched pullets to prevent a partial or complete molt with late hatched pullets to hasten production in the fall; with laying

hens to keep up production until October, and with breeding hens to hasten production in January. Three pounds of the regular laying mash moistened with hot water or milk for each 100 birds will give excellent results. This should be fed about two o'clock in the afternoon.

Question: Is there any fertilizing value in tobacco stalks that are plowed under in the fall?

Answer: There is a certain

amount of benefit to the soil, but the greatest benefit will come from the control of insect pests. Stalks that stand in the field after harvest furnish food and a wintering place for a large supply of insect pests to attack the tobacco the following season. All stalks should be plowed under or cut immediately after harvest. This also applies to plant beds where the growing plants furnish a breeding place for these pests as do the suckers on stalks left in the field.

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