

H. D. Club Project

Home and Garden Home Demonstration Club has solicited roadside improvement as one of their main projects for the year. They would like to urge every Home Demonstration Club to take this as a project and they would like the help of everyone living along the stretches of road to be improved.

There are many ways in which we can help improve the looks of the highway that passes our homes. They are little things that cost little or no money; mostly just a little time.

Here are some of the ways:

1. Clean up junked machinery and trash heaps.
2. Stack up in neat piles any lumber or firewood.
3. Hide behind shrubs, trees, or buildings any stacks and piles of things that are needed, but may look unsightly from the highway.
4. Repair broken gates, broken doors, fences etc.
5. Painting or whitewashing buildings will be a big help to the looks of your place. Paint will also make things last longer as well as look better.
6. Planting a lawn around your house and keeping it mowed will really "dress up" your home.
7. A few shrubs or flowers around your house will improve it, or a few trees in your yard to give you shade.
8. Everyone going along the road sees your mail box, so put it up neatly on a straight post, not on some fancy support that is weak and hard to keep looking nice.
9. Don't allow advertising signs to be put on your fences, buildings or trees.
10. When the slope along the road has been covered with grass and lespedeza, don't plow into the slope. The slope was covered to stop washing of the soil on the roadside and plowing into it just starts erosion all over again.

11. Don't cut trees which the Highway Commission is saving in the highway rights of way in order to make roadsides look better for out of State visitors as well as North Carolinians.

12. The planting of trees or shrubs along the highway right of way is the last step to be taken in roadside development and along most roads little if any planting will be needed. Get a permit from the Highway Division Engineer before planting trees or shrubs on the highway right of way.

Any Home Demonstration Clubs interested in entering the State Model Mile Contest should see the Home Demonstration Agent.

CHICK HINTS

BY I. C. YAGEL

Some chicks have already been placed under the brooders but perhaps the largest number of chicks for layers will be started in March with some in April. Chicks started in March should be laying in September when egg prices are climbing. These early chicks should lay a good number of eggs during the fall and winter months when egg prices are usually highest.

In order to raise chicks successfully you should have adequate equipment. Check the equipment so that each chick may have a chance at the feed, water and heat.

If the floor space is adequate, you will have 1/2 square foot per chick at first and 1 square foot after the 6th week. Each chick should have one inch of feeder space for the first three weeks and then allow two inches. Keep a good quality feed before the chicks at all times in order for them to make good growth. Clean, fresh water is essential and should be available at all times. Each hundred chicks will need two three-gallon water fountains. A wired or slatted platform for the water fountain is very desirable.

The feeding and watering equipment used in raising baby chicks does not need to be complicated or expensive. Homemade equipment will work just as well as the most expensive items. For more information on homemade equipment, ask your County Agent for Extension Circular No. 327. Remember that chicks will grow and develop rapidly. Small feeders and waterers used the first two or three weeks are soon outgrown and larger feed hoppers and water fountains should be supplied.

16 Million Bales Of Cotton Asked To Be Produced In 1951

The nation's mobilization effort, civilian requirement, and fiber needs of U. S. allies abroad create a pressing demand for the 16 million bales of cotton the Department of Agriculture is asking farmers to produce, the National Cotton Council emphasizes.

If all the needs could be filled, the Council estimates, the entire current supply of 16.8 million bales of cotton—6.8 million bales carryover from the previous crop, 9.8 million bales produced in 1950, and .2 million bales imported—would be virtually exhausted by August 1, 1951.

From the total supply of 16.8 million bales it is estimated that domestic demand will take 10 million bales or probably more. If they could get the cotton, foreign customers would buy approximately 6 million bales. This would leave a carryover dangerously low in view of the present world conditions.

In the United States greater industrial activity, full employment, increased spending, and population growth have upped the demand for cotton. Foreign demand is being stimulated by rearmament and the world-wide shortage of cotton is increasing with the rise in dollar earnings abroad due to U. S. stockpiling of strategic materials from abroad, greater purchases of foreign made goods by U. S. consumers, and more buying of foreign raw materials by U. S. industry.

The same factors which account for the current high consumption of cotton are expected to prevail in the 1951-52 crop year.

In 1951-52 it is estimated U. S. consumers will continue to use at least 10 million bales annually. The U. S. Department of Agriculture has estimated that 6 million bales of cotton will be needed for the export market. This figure is in line with last year's exports and with the estimated amount that could be exported this year is available.

At the above rate, domestic consumption and exports alone would require all the 16 million bales farmers have been called upon to grow, leaving no stocks to increase carryover at a time when this country will need cotton desperately in its mobilization program.

NEW HOPE MYF MEETS

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of the New Hope Church met in the community house on March 12 with Dickie Baker presiding. The devotional was given by Ruth Foster. Readings by Audrey Stallings and Calvin Butt were then given. Following the closing hymn a short rec-

reational period was conducted with refreshments being served by the committee, composed of Barbara Butt, Mattie Wray Morse and Anne Stallings.

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