

By Way Of Mention

Lois Beattie

Malcolm Patterson of Erskine college spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Calloway Henderson and daughter Betty Leu spent Sunday in Cherryville.

Mrs. A. E. Cline had as her guests Sunday Mrs. John A. Isenhour and

Mr. Stine Isenhour and Miss Betty Saunders of Conover.

Mrs. Herman Falls had as her guests for the week end Mr. and Mrs. Basil Wheeler of Gaffney.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clark had as their guests for the week end Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blanton of Wilmington.

Mrs. James Staley spent Sunday with her husband, Mr. James Staley of Oteen.

Mr. Eugene Gladden and Miss Mildred Rippe were married Saturday October 25.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee Blanton had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gladden of Charlotte.

Mrs. Jim Staley spent Monday in Charlotte.

At Home On The Farm with The City Cousin

Travelin' around over in Columbus county last week, Charley Raper and myself pulled up during a rainy spell to visit with Jack Walters—one of these "all-round farmers" you hear about.

Bein' county agent for the State College Agricultural Extension Service, Charley knew Mr. Walters pretty well. I was tellin' the agent before we got there that since it was cold and rainy, we'd most likely find the farmer sittin' around the house.

"No", says Charley, "I believe you are wrong there, Cousin. Jack's like a lot of us—he gets mighty fidgety when he's confined too close."

Sure enough, we found the friendly farmer out in his tobacco barn, pattering around with packing his tobacco sticks and cleaning things up in general.

"Makin' room to put tools and machinery under the shelter," Jack says, after we'd had a very casual introduction. "I'm one who believes in wearin' 'em out—instead of lettin' 'em rust an' rot."

When we got around to talkin' about the balanced farming principles at work on Mr. Walters' farm,

Soil Conservation News

By Joe N. Craver and W. I. Shope

Yates Brooks, Route 4, Shelby, is using a winter cover crop of Austrian winter peas and crimson clover on his cropland, which will be disked under in the spring as a green manure crop. The seeding was done some weeks ago, the result being an excellent stand, which should have obtained a good growth before the winter weather sets in. He says: "We should use our winter months to grow cover crops for our soil and control soil erosion, just as we use an annual lespedeza during the summer months." Yates is using also, sericea lespedeza and alfalfa in natural draws on his farm, as meadow strips, to take care of terrace water from his fields. His fish pond dam is sodded also, to take care of erosion on the dam and banks. Recently, he received fish for stocking the pond through the Soil Conservation Service.

Clyde Randle, Bethware community, has seeded a mixture of crimson clover, Italian rye grass and small grain, for winter grazing. He

said he just couldn't get along without his cow. Agent Raper passed the word along that Jack has one of the few registered Jersey cows in the county.

In the spring, Jack seeded a pasture for his cow, using Dallis grass, lespedeza, and white Dutch clover. By next spring, he expects to have plenty of grazing.

From the ensuing conversation, I learned that Jack also takes a lot of pride in his sow. "Just can't get along without my hogs! Is the way he put it. He admitted he'd made some money on hogs this year, besides providing meat for his table.

The rain was about to stop as we got around to leaving Jack to his work. When we were down the road a bit, the agent told me:

"Cousin, now there's a farmer who doesn't believe in depending on tobacco alone. He's a good tobacco grower, all right, and his sales on the warehouse floor this year prove it. But you can see that Jack would not be content without his milk cow and his hogs."

"Lot's of farmers are, tough—I says."

says: "I did not get my seeding done as early as I would like to have done. I believe it was around the 15th of September, however, I will be able to start grazing it within the next two weeks, if I need it. Through the use of summer and winter temporary grazing crops, I can keep my cows on full pasture 10 months out of the year."

Hal Green, route 2 Kings Mountain, is using his farm tractor to construct terraces on his on his cropland, which is another way of taking care of the soil through tracting with the equipment available on the farm.

Will Waterson, Patterson Grove community has seeded some alfalfa this fall and is looking forward to the time when he will have enough lespedeza sericea and alfalfa on his farm to furnish hay for his livestock without cutting his annual lespedeza for hay. Will says: Our land, especially my land needs more lespedeza turned back to it as a soil builder; it is our cheapest source of fertilizer." He has been following recommendations which he worked out in a farm plan with the Broad River Soil conservation district three years ago.

W. E. Clary, Crowley community, is making plans to construct a farm fish pond on his farm this winter. He will secure the service of a bulldozer and pan to construct the dam and cut the necessary diversion ditches.

Dairy farmers with an abundant supply of good quality hay and other roughage can operate in the Nation's food conservation campaign and at the same time cut down feed bills by feeding considerably less grain to growing dairy heifers.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced that 1,335,000 long tons (50,812,054 bushels) of United States grain and grain products were exported in September of this year.

The Commodity Credit Corporation has offered to purchase 65,000 bales (more or less) of American growth cotton for export to Japan, the U. S. Department of Agriculture announced.

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