

Check Farm Equipment To Avoid Accidents

The condition and operation of the hundreds of tractors with plows which Tar Heel farmers will be using during the spring planting season will be an important factor in determining the 1948 farm work accident toll, according to H. M. Ellis, in charge of Agriculture Engineering for the State College Extension

Every farmer should make preparations for safe, efficient machinery operation, Mr. Ellis said. See that all farm equipment is checked before field work starts. Defective hitches, seat clutches, wheels, brakes, steering and

unguarded gears, chains or shafts mean accidents can take free reign. Equipment that does not operate properly is irritating and fatiguing to the operator. It helps reduce his alertness and increases the temptation to take chances. Well conditioned machinery saves time and costly field breakdowns and makes farm work easier, Mr. Ellis said. The National Safety council points out that careful operators will also take time to equip tractors with fire extinguishers and provide secure holders for grease guns or other servicing tools carried on a tractor. Loose accessories on tractors may cause falls or other casualties. Provide a secure step or grab bar if it is easy to slip getting on or off. Mr. Ellis also advises a careful check of the fuel lines and the fuel servicing equipment. A leaking hose or valve can easily lead to a costly fire, he said. If the fuel supply is too close to farm buildings for safety, take time to move it before the start of spring work.

Employment Office Had Busy January

A total of 100 workers were placed on jobs by the N. C. Employment Service Division, Employment Security Commission, in Kings Mountain during the month of January, according to a report yesterday from Mrs. Mary B. Goforth, head of the Kings Mountain office.

The report, which showed an active month for the local office, stated that a total of 150 new job orders were received during the month, approximately half of them from Walmore Mills, Inc., which is planning to begin production of towels later in the month. Mrs. Goforth said no difficulty in staffing the new plant is anticipated.

Mrs. Goforth also reported a total of 1,054 reception contracts at the local office during January. She pointed out however, that this number did not indicate different persons, as some job-seekers made more than one visit to the office.

Adding that the number of claims for Employment Compensation had been low, Mrs. Goforth urged employers to list job opening with her office.

"Applicants are definitely interested in jobs and by listing job openings employers not only are likely to obtain quicker replacements, but they are helping to keep unemployment in the community at a minimum," Mrs. Goforth said.

A non-laying or low-producing pullet requires from 55 to 60 pounds of feed a year.

H. Y. Belk

AND HIS NEWS OF NEBO VALLEY

I met my friend Cap Miller up town Monday. He wasn't hunting the Groundhog either.

I was glad to meet our friend Mr. McDaniel from Charleston, S. C. He and his little boy were up to visit Robt. and wife, and to see his other friends. He's an engineer and reads the Nebo news.

Met Ross Hambright in the city Monday. I hadn't seen Ross in a long time.

Tom Doster from Rock Hill called to see your reporter Friday.

Mr. Ross came out to see us Friday from Cora mill.

That man Pig Wallace will not carry a single state I said.

I've got this to say in favor of women. When the Lord created the

world—the climax that crowned the work was the creation of woman—as the final touch in establishing society. God made all women beautiful.

Did you know that dogs played an important part in winning the war? More than 20,000 dogs were sent to the Army to be trained for sentry, scout and messenger services in the last war. All of them have been shipped back to their owners. A dog is man's best friend—if they don't go mad and bite you.

Rob Parrish is not the only man that tried to trade me out of my newspaper job. My friend, Simp Bridges wanted to trade me fish. I don't want the city lake. I've got to have money to buy my girl's candy and cigarettes. Simp is a good boy and I like the boy. But Mr. Harmon does not want to trade me off—he might get cheated.

This talk of another World War certainly should refer to the last war. For, with the atom bomb one more world's war will mean one less world.

This country is certainly paying a terrible price for what a few devils created.

When you give a dinner to a man who says there is no God, keep your eyes on your pocketbook, ladies.

What a world, with Russian big shots trying to take over the United States. The Communists seem certain they will conquer America by 1956. Lets move out if they do.

Speaking about this being such a terrible winter I think its been fine 1886 was the driest year on record August 31, 1886 came an earthquake the worst that ever shook up America. Winter started off in October and the earth was a snow bank all winter. It was terrible. I remember back then—coffee was a dollar a pound. Sugar only for breakfast Sunday morning, rice too. No shoes. Whiskey 90c a gallon. Flour bread only on Sunday morning. Corn 40c Meat 5 cents. Beef steak 6 cents. Sheep 75c to a \$1.00 a head. A good cow sold for 15 dollars up to \$25. Eggs, if you could sell them, 8 cents Spring chickens 15 cents a piece. We had to haul our cotton to Charleston to sell it, then Charlotte opened up a market. During the War Between the States, brought a dollar a pound in Charlotte. Leather sold for a dollar a pound. Everybody had a bunch of geese. We got our wild meat out of the woods. Deer meat, coon meat, wild hogs, were plentiful. I went to school three miles through the woods when I could get across the creek. One little log hut with a stick and dirt chimney. At dinner time we played cat ball and fought. Then the teacher fought when he called books. Three months was a school term. I reckon I went six weeks. I hated that old log pin of a school house. It leaked. My toes were frost bit.

How in the world did the old Ground Hog know what the weather was going to be, but he did. All we talk about is the weather, but we don't do anything about it. If we could it wouldn't suit the other fellow. We don't ever all want the same thing at the same time. I never heard of anyone praying for rain when it was raining all the time. We are always hoping for things we haven't got and can't get. Wait until it gets very dry then we look up and hunt the clouds and wait for it to thunder and rejoice if the clouds don't go around and leave us on the waiting list. Man at best is altogether a small potato, few in a hill. When the Lord made a woman He crowned her with glory.

When the Lord made man and He saw what a devil it was; it repented Him that He created man.

The casual readers of a newspaper can have little realization of the magnitude of an editor's efforts and his newsreporters to please all his readers. As they set in a comfortable corner and read the daily news. An editor and his news reporters are just like you trying to please everybody which we can't and don't. Then we have to make a living by your help but we have to try to make you like our work. That's not easy.

Its weather and more weather. One of the oldest weather sayings is the one that Jesus Christ spoke when he was asked for a sign from heaven. When it is evening, ye say it will be fair weather for the sky is red and in the morning it will be foul weather today for the sky is

red and lowering.

That's all for now.

You never thought I'd be a poet:

Oh, the beautiful snow.

Filling the sky and the earth below.

Trying to kiss a fair lady's cheek.

Beautiful snow from Heaven above.

Snow so pure when it falls from the sky

So many children to welcome

The coming of the beautiful snow.

It lights up the face and sparkles the eye.

Timing Important In Buying Chicks

One of the greatest problems of the producer of market eggs, says Professor R. S. Dearstyne, head of the Poultry department at State College, is buying chicks at a time that will give him eggs in the late summer and produce during the season of high prices with a minimum chance of autumn neck molt.

Usually such chicks live better and grow faster than late hatched chicks, Prof. Dearstyne said, providing there is good breeding in back of the chicks and careful management is practiced.

Generally speaking, he said, the American breeds hatched from March 1 to 15 should give the desired results. Leghorns hatched from March 15 to April 15 should produce early eggs with a minimum chance of molt.

Orders should be placed at once by those desiring such chicks, Prof. Dearstyne said, because many of the hatcheries are booked far in advance.

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