

Farming, Inc. Is Discussed

Corporate farming or "Farming, Inc." These are terms that are being heard with increasing frequency as more and more farmers debate whether to incorpo-

ate their farm. But should a farm be incorporated? What the advantages? What are the disadvantages?

Farm management specialists at North Carolina State University at Raleigh, hear such questions quite often these days. As a result, they have prepared a publication which is designed to help farmers make a decision about incorporating.

Included in the publication is information on such subjects as the trends in corporate farming, advantages and disadvantages, costs of incorporating, tax angles, and procedures of incorporating.

A copy of the publication may be obtained free from county extension offices. Or a person may get a copy by writing to the Department of Agricultural Information, N. C. State University, Raleigh.

The farm management specialists point out that corporate farming is on the increase in the United States and North Carolina.

In 1942, for example, there were 52 farm corporations in North Carolina. There were 159 in 1960.

The specialists say there are several reasons for the increase. One reason is the large amount of capital that is needed for efficient farming today. Changes in income tax laws is another reason. Still another reason is the desire of farm owners to make sure that their farm business continues after their death.

While there is a trend toward more corporate farming, this doesn't mean that incorporating is recommended to every farmer. The free N. C. State publication should help farmers to decide where the practice would be profitable and where it would not be.

BETHWARE OAK GROVE NEWS

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In the quarterly business meeting of Oak Grove Baptist church the following men were elected to serve as deacons: Mr. Horace Bell, Mr. Milvin Lovelace, and Mr. Giles Bell. The budget was approved and all Sunday School and Training Union officers for coming year were elected.

Mrs. Marnie Gibbons and Mrs. Mervera Philbeck visited Mrs. Sam Lovelace this week. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vess, Jr. announce the birth of a son Saturday, Mrs. Vess is the former Margie Hoyle of Cherryville.

Mrs. C. B. Clary surprised her daughter Pamela, with a birthday party on her 18th birthday. About 25 young people were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Turner and children and Elaine Davis spent the weekend at Ocean Drive Beach, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Giles Bell and children moved this week into their new home on the Oak Grove Road.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Champion Sunday were Mrs. Elva McSwain and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lovelace and Kathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace McSwain of Shelby visited Mrs. Elva McSwain last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Blanton of Danville, Ga. and Mrs. Lee Blanton visited Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Blanton Wednesday. In the afternoon they and Mr. and Mrs. Blanton visited Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Patterson.

Recent visitors in the home of Mrs. Sarah P. Lovelace were: Mrs. Lester Harmon and Billy; Mrs. Robert Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Evans Cooper and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Fite and Mike.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brock of Sanford, N. C. visited Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Bolin recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wells of Washington, D. C. visited Mr. and Mrs. Lee Devenney and Mrs. L. V. Hoyle.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Giles Bell Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Newell Thornburg and children, Mrs. Claude Morrison and Mrs. Henry Kiser of Bessemer City.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Dixon and children spent Sunday with Mrs. Mary Wright.

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Newell Thornburg were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ledbetter and children of Rock Hill, S. C.

Newell Thornburg and Howard Champion are spending a few days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Carl Champion of Eau Gallie, Fla.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. Mae Bell Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bell and Mrs. Fern Carpenter and daughter; Mr. Arthur Bell and grandson and Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Bell of Charlotte.

Mr. R. F. Elam of Oak Ridge, Tenn. visited Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Eaker last week.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gamble were Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Dedmon from Shelby, N. C. and Mrs. Bertha McLaughlin and Mrs. Howard Blanton, Lori and Timmy of Pensacola, Fla.

Judy Blanton has accepted work at the Baptist Center in Shelby.

Ensign Charles G. Fisher and a friend, Ensign Albert L. Marcantonio of Norfolk, Va. spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fisher, Jr.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thornburg Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Thornburg and grandchildren, Terry and Tracy Cook and Mr. Dewey Grigg, Mr. and Mrs. Othe Thornburg of Rock Hill, S. C., and Mrs. Thornburg Joe Auten.

Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Fisher of Shelby Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Blanton and children of Columbia, S. C. spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Blanton. Visitors on Sunday were Mrs. Oran White of Charlotte, and Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Blanton and Mrs. Fred Weaver and Susan.

The Thomas Lovelace reunion was held at Oak Grove Baptist church Sunday. The following were elected officers to serve two years: Mrs. Daphne Ware, President; Mrs. Frank Ware, Vice President; Mrs. Will Waterson, Secretary and Melvin Lovelace Treasurer and Crawford Lovelace, Historian. The Continental Quartet of Charlotte and the Bright Family of Gaffney, S. C. provided a special musical program before the business meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Davis visited Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Davis of Bessemer City Sunday night.

Mrs. Zay Moore and Miss Ova Adams visited last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Calhoun of Rutherfordton, N. C.

The P.T.A. of Bethware school had its first meeting Wednesday night.

Miss Judy Blanton and Carl Davis visited Mr. and Mrs. John Calhoun of Rutherfordton Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Kiser visited Mrs. T. A. Champion Sunday afternoon.

Planting Of Quality Seed Will Boost Grain Profits To Farmer

Planting seed of low or unknown quality is one of the biggest gambles a farmer can take with his small grain crop.

The result of cutting corners and taking chances in selecting seed can be a disappointing harvest, according to Thomas H. Nunalee, specialist with the N. C. Crop Improvement Association.

"Seed is probably the least expensive item in crop production," Nunalee observes. "Yet, some farmers are willing to run the risk of an unprofitable harvest by selecting seed of unknown quality in order to save a few dollars on seed cost."

North Carolina farmers are now planning or already seeding their small grain crops. "The farmers usually have little choice in the type of soil they must till, but nearly all of them do have a choice in the quality seed they plant," Nunalee asserts.

"Selecting the highest quality seed of an adapted variety is probably the cheapest single way to increase total production on a given area of land."

Nunalee added that total profit from any crop, of course, depends on a combination of production factors. "If any one of these factors — seed quality included — is weak, total yields will be reduced."

The specialist recommends that farmers who want to use their seed should have the seed tested by the State Seed Testing Laboratory at Raleigh. "This is the best way to determine quality," he emphasized.

"If the seed do not measure up to standards, then seed of higher quality should be purchased. Certified seed may be bought from certified producers or from reputable seed dealers." Nunalee lists three major benefits of planting certified seed:

In reference to varietal purity, Nunalee pointed out that a grain such as wheat that has a mixture of varieties will have a mixture of maturity dates. "Thus, losses occur at harvest due to shattering of the earlier variety or higher moisture of the later variety."

Using certified seed also reduces the chance of weed damage. "Weeds may be carried on the land in many ways, but if weeds are increased by planting weed-infested seed, the farmer alone is to blame," said Nunalee.

"If any grain is to be called 'seed,' it must be cleaned, tested and treated. Good seed of high quality is the best and cheapest insurance one can buy," the specialist concluded.

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