

# County Agent's FARM NEWS

**R. L. Wickham**, president of the Laurens County Beef Cattle Association, has announced a meeting for all beef producers both purebred and commercial. The meeting will be held at Thornwell Orphanage at the club house down by the lake. All beef producers are invited. This will be a supper meeting beginning at 7:00 p. m. External parasite control, insect control and forage crops will be discussed.

Fred and Rufus Wood of the Greenwood community, have purchased two new silage wagons and are making plans to construct a new silo. Silage is one of our cheapest feeds and one that a dairyman can't afford to be without.

The Greenwood Feeder Calf Sale will be held April 14 at the stock barn in Greenwood. The same rules apply as did at the Spartanburg sale, with the exception that horned cattle will be accepted at Greenwood and sold separately. Heifers must have been tested within 30 days of the sale, calfhood vaccinated or tested at the barn at owner's expense.

The sweet potato crop requires plenty of potash for the production of high yields with high quality. In the production of approximately 365 bushels of sweet potatoes per acre, 209 pounds of actual potash is taken from the soil. A 4-12-12 or 3-8-18 fertilizer will supply the required high potash level if liberal applications are made. Research work indicates that magnesium must be readily available for the plants to make the best use of the high levels of potash. Your fertilizer should contain two per cent magnesium oxide.

R. J. Bennett, Assistant County Agent, announces that 100 chicks were placed through the Sears-Roebuck poultry chain to each of the following 4-H members: Bobby Gwinn, Billy and Hugh Means, Terry and Jimmy Simmons, Mona Kay Balentine, Brenda and Jimmy Sharpe, William Adair, Jack Morgan, Jackie Ray Waters, Calvin Jones, Elizabeth Woods, and Calvin Robertson.

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It has become necessary to use sound business principles in poultry operations in order to succeed. Competition between growers within the state and from other states emphasizes the need to follow the latest recommendations in management practices. Record keeping is the first consideration in a good management program. You can be of much assistance to you and other poultrymen of this state if you and 500 other poultrymen participate in the South Carolina egg, feed, and mortality record program. This program is an effort on a large scale to determine and establish a yardstick by which your operation can be evaluated and compared to others. It is time to stop wishing and hoping—know the facts.

### LUNCH ROOM MENU

Week of April 25-29

**MONDAY**  
Milk, tuna loaf, tomato juice, whipped potatoes, biscuit or corn bread, butter, sliced peaches.

**TUESDAY**  
Milk, potato salad, sliced cheese, steamed cabbage, buttered green peas, corn bread, butter, plain cake with icing.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Milk, hot sliced pork, cabbage and carrot slaw with dressing, lima beans, biscuit or corn bread, butter, banana pudding.

**THURSDAY**  
Milk, hot dogs, chili with beef, mustard and onions, turnip greens, whole kernel corn, buns, butter, fruit cobbler.

**FRIDAY**  
Milk, ham salad, carrot sticks, green beans, hot rolls or biscuits, butter, grapefruit sections.

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## STROM THURMOND TO PEOPLE

**SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICAL BENEFITS**  
In every election year, the Social Security law receives the attention of Congress. Actually, the Social Security program of the National Government includes a variety of payments, among which the most well known are Old Age and Survivors Insurance Benefits, Unemployment Compensation, Public Welfare, and Assistance to the Blind.

The Old Age and Survivors Insurance Benefits program, which affects the most people is financed through taxes imposed under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act. Under the terms of this Act, there are, at least nominally, three separate taxes imposed. The first tax is imposed directly on each person who works for wages and must be withheld and paid to the government by the employer. The second tax is imposed on the employer, and although paid by the employer, is carried on his books as an expense incurred for labor. It is, therefore, a part of the employee's earnings for all practical purposes except the computation of income for tax purposes. Originally these taxes were imposed on the first \$3,000 of wages, but this was raised later to \$3,600 and now stands at \$4,800. For 1959, the tax on employees and the tax on employers were each 2 1/2%; they are each now 3%, and they rise progressively until 1968, when the rate for each will go to 4 1/2%. The third tax is imposed on persons who are self-employed, and now stands at 4 1/2% of the first \$4,800 of earnings, and this rate increases progressively to 6 1/2% in 1968.

Each time the benefits of the program are increased, the rates must be increased to a proportion larger than the increase in benefits, for invariably the increased benefits are extended not only to active participants, but also to those already eligible to receive benefits and who are, therefore, no longer paying premiums.

The program has proved inadequate on a basis for retirement income for elderly and retired people, largely due to the inflationary spiral or cost of living increases we have experienced in the last two decades. At the head of the list of things which are beyond the reach of the benefits received by retirees is medical service, which has more to offer than ever before, but like everything else, at a higher cost. The problem now facing the Congress is how to deal with this problem. The problem is recognized universally as one that cries for a solution, but on the method of approach there are great and basic differences.

The most publicized proposal calls for the inclusion of medical services payments in the Old Age and Survivors Benefits. This would involve either a direct increase in tax rates which are already burdensome to the point where they are prohibitive, and/or a raise indirectly by increasing the base wages against which the taxes are applied. This approach does not face up to the basic difficulty, which is inflation. Inflation can best be curbed by a decrease in spending by governments, particularly the National Government. This unfortunately, appears more difficult as an approach for legislators, and apparently has little chance of prevailing.

One suggestion which appears to have merit involves a change in the income tax law. At present, if a child or children of aged parents or relatives contributes to the medical

expenses of the aged parent or relative, they can only deduct the amount of the medical expense they contributed which exceeds 3% of their gross income. Assistance with payments for medical services by children for their aged parents and relatives would be greatly encouraged if the entirety of their contributions could be deducted, just as it could be deducted by the person over 65 if paid by him.

### EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

By Bishop Herbert Spangh

How do you face obstacles, difficulties? In your own strength or in God's strength? Are you living by the "self-sufficiency" plan or the "God-sufficiency" plan? The power of the human mind and spirit coupled with the power of God possesses strength that all the power of the world cannot overcome.

Try these simple rules for meeting difficulties and obstacles:

1. Don't run after trouble and temptation. Don't court it. Don't ask for it. Don't carry a chip on your shoulder waiting for someone to knock it off.
2. Don't run away from reality. Don't run away from problems that must be faced sooner or later.
3. Don't offer excuses for your weaknesses such as bad temper, bad language, profanity, inferiority complex.

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4. Face your problems. Take a good look at each one of them.
5. Get another friend, counselor, or advisor to look at the problem with you.
6. Turn around and ask God to look at it with you. You and He should be able to face up to any issue which life presents to you.
7. Pray and ask God to send you directions as to what to do. Ask Him to send help. He has promised to do it if you will ask Him.
8. Now work the prayer lever. Archimedes, the ancient Greek scientist, said that if he could get a lever long enough and a fulcrum he could move the earth. Work that prayer lever against the fulcrum of a life yielded to God. Pray "Not my will, but Thine be done."
9. If you don't feel that you can work that prayer lever enough yourself, get someone else to pray with you. Make a prayer compact with that person and claim the promise, "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father who is in Heaven."
10. Now that you have put your problem up before God, leave it there. Stop taking it down and looking at it. The longer you look at your troubles and problems the larger they become.
11. As soon as the Lord sends down an order, obey it. Follow directions, but don't outrun them. The Lord expects you to do your part, and will show you what that part is.
12. Practice the presence of God daily. Learn to pray as you work and as you play.

**Hartline Infant**  
Laurens—Claude Lawrence Hartline, Jr., month-old son of A2C and Mrs. Claude L. Hartline, died Saturday afternoon in a Greenville hospital.

Airman Hartline is stationed at Donaldson Air Force Base and lives at 111 Constitution Ave., Laurens. Surviving besides the parents are his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hartline of Laurens, and Mrs. Jack Knight of Laurens; the great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hopkins of Laurens, and Mrs. G. P. Watkins of McCormick.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 3:00 p. m. at the Second Baptist Church by the Rev. Grange S. Cothran and the Rev. Kenneth Word. Burial was in Forest Lawn cemetery.

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### BE REALLY REFRESHED AROUND THE CLOCK!

Serve this Seafood Barbecue with ice-cold King Size Coca-Cola for dinner. Broil frozen rock lobster tails on an hibachi or table grill until browned. Make a tangy oriental butter sauce by adding a few drops of liquid pepper to melted butter. Serve lobster tails with butter sauce, slice of lime, heated crinkle-cut frozen French fries and lettuce and tomato.

### TRY THESE TEMPTING TREATS WITH BIG KING SIZE COKE

At lunch, serve this "Penny-Checkers" Chef's Salad with ice-cold King Size Coca-Cola. Use strips of luncheon meat, bologna, salami, sliced yellow cheese. Garnish with tomato and hard-boiled egg, serve with greens and French dressing.

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