

**LAURENS COUNTY IS PROGRESSIVE**

**Prof. Barrow, Who Recently Visited In This Section, Writes of His Impressions and Observations.**

I have had the pleasure of spending the past few days in Laurens county and of getting acquainted with a number of the live farmers of that section. Like the farmers in the rest of the state, these are anxious for any information along agricultural lines and kept the writer so busy answering questions for the two days spent in the little city of Laurens that he scarcely had time to think. And the "thinking" was particularly necessary, for seldom have I been besieged by questions from a more intelligent body of men.

Usually in conducting a farmers' meeting one is confronted with an array of gray heads and it is a common thing to hear the complaint that the younger men are not attending these meetings as they should. A very large proportion of the faces before me in these meetings at Laurens, however, have the impress of youth. It was indeed a pleasure to note the earnestness with which these same young men piled their intelligent questions.

It was my privilege to go over the farms of several of these younger men and on every hand was evidence of progress and intelligence that are bound to tell. Last year was far from being a favorable crop year upon these Piedmont clays, so an average of a bale of cotton on every acre was no mean achievement. What if some of the land was fresh land? The rest was old enough to make up for this advantage—so old that much of the past three years has been spent in defacing gullies and building up the soil. Such is the farm of Mr. Dendy upon the outskirts of Laurens.

Of Mr. Dendy's fresh land I have but one criticism; that is, that he has not yet removed the stumps. This is only for lack of time, however, as among his first inquiries of the writer was, "Where and at what price can I get a satisfactory stump puller?" Upon receiving the information his remark was: "If I can get it here in time, I will have those stumps out this spring before I plant." Contrast Mr. Dendy's field of 82 bales upon 82 acres with that of his neighbors, who on an equal area of land fully as good originally, marketed 41 bales, and we have the old and the new—an example of what doing the right thing and "do-

ing it now" will accomplish. It is needless to say that Mr. Dendy's slogan is "rotation of crops, legumes and vegetable matter."

**It Has Been Done.**

Laurens is among the too few sections of this state in which there is live and growing interest in dairying. So great is this interest that the time is about ripe for the formation of a local dairymen's association, or better still, a branch of the State Live Stock association. With such an organization in their midst I venture the assertion that there will soon cease to be much of a demand for nitrogenous fertilizers in this section. In fact judging from the size of many of the cotton stalks I saw in this neighborhood, nitrogen is even now not the greatest need of much of this soil.

When we learn that Laurens is the home of that wide-awake dairyman and president of the State Live Stock association, Mr. W. D. Byrd, one is not surprised at the unusual interest in dairying. Even if such men as Byrd and Dendy should settle in less progressive communities, they would soon prove the heaven to start the whole community to "rising."

So much for the taffy, if you choose to call it such, although I have written every word in the greatest earnestness. Now for the medicine.

We hear a great deal more about cholera among hogs in this state than the facts deserve. I found one farmer with the usual cholera scare. While not an expert upon hog diseases, the description of the symptoms bore every earmark of this scourge. I was about to urge him to send for the State Veterinarian when I thought to ask about the food the hogs had been receiving. Beef entrails, while they may be fairly nutritious when fresh, certainly do not improve from a sanitary standpoint with age, and the man who is feeding his hogs upon such stuff should be no more surprised when they show symptoms of cholera than he would be at being attacked by "cholera" if his customary diet was rotten meat. The symptoms of cholera and ptomaine poison are very similar, and it is more than probable that much of the so-called cholera we hear of in this state can be traced directly to bad food. It is a lamentable fact that the majority of people seem to think that the hog possesses some power, not possessed by other animals, of digesting and thriving on material that would be sure death to all others. "Not fit for a hog to eat" is an every-day

expression and expresses the prevailing idea.

When will our people recognize the fact that there is a very close resemblance between the physiologies of all animals, especially those possessing a single stomach, and that if food is unfit for one, it is unfit for all. While the feeding of beef entrails is not a common practice—largely because they are not always easy to obtain—yet it is to often the custom to lay aside the inferior and damaged corn for the hogs and many farmers, in showing their hogs, in pride have said to me, "I've fed them nothing but nubbins and damaged corn." He may have been proud of his hogs. The hogs could not speak, so I did not get their opinion of him.

The sooner our people realize that good sound food fed in a sanitary way is as great an inducement to health in the hog as to man, the sooner will the hog industry of this state be placed upon a firmer footing. With proper care and feeding there is no animal upon the farm that will pay a bigger board bill. But we are asking for more than we deserve if we expect this to be the case if we do not provide healthy food. The hog is primarily a grass and root eater. Because he lives and even thrives upon foods that it has never intended by nature he should eat, many of us rather use him as the common scavenger of the farm. It is needless to say that his flesh when formed from such material is about as healthy and the idea of eating it is as appetizing as would be roast buzzard or carion crow pie.

**One Of The Best.**

This was the first opportunity I have had of really seeing something of Laurens county, and it strikes me that this is one of the best of the Piedmont counties. Not that the soils themselves differ so materially from the rest of this formation—they are the usual good red clay—but the general contour of the land is much less broken than other sections. It is more of a rolling than a hilly country, and I saw many fields of apparently large acreage in which the slope of the land was so gradual that but few terraces were even now deemed necessary and many of these could be dispensed with if deeper plowing was practiced.

As a consequence of these gentle inclines, much less washed and gullied land was in evidence, and the whole country presented an appearance of good farming that was a delight to see. Laurens county will again be heard

from, from an agricultural standpoint.—D. N. Barrow, South Carolina Field Editor, Progressive Farmer.

**FACTS FROM RABUN CREEK.**

**Young People's Society Organized by Mrs. Beason.**

Rabun, March 15.—A large number of young people of this community met with Mrs. Cora Beason as leader, Sunday morning at Rabun to organize a young people's society. The meeting opened with reading and prayer by Mr. Walter Baldwin, after which the following officers were elected: Mr. Sloan Mahon, president; Miss Rucia Wolff, vice president; Miss Allie Babb, secretary and treasurer; Miss Mae Babb, organist; Misses Vivian Owens, Mae Babb and Mr. Walter Owens, music committee.

The members enrolled: Mrs. Cora Beason, Misses Vivian Owens, Allie Babb, Mae Babb, Cora Putman, Mamie Stone, Rucia Wolff, Dr. J. W. Beason, Sloan Mahon, Laurens Mahon, Claude Mahon, Laurens Stone, Palmer Roper, Horace Gray, Haskell Gray, Walter Owens, Jesse Wolff, Archie Owens, Eugene Bolt. We hope at our next meeting which will be the second Sunday morning in April at 10 o'clock to have many more join in with us. The society was fortunate in getting such a leader as Mrs. Beason.

Mr. Laurens Babb, of Green Pond spent Saturday night with his uncle, Mr. G. W. Babb.

Mrs. Rebecca Owens spent several days last week with her daughter, Mrs. Emily Holder near Green Pond.

Mrs. Lula Baldwin was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. Coats of Friendship, Saturday.

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