

Western N. C. Begins Raising Seed Potatoes

Their Growth and Development Will Be Tested in Competition With Northern Grown Seed

The thriving little town of West Jefferson, located in Ashe county on a branch of the Norfolk and Western railroad, witnessed an unusual event in the history of its agricultural industry in early spring when the first carload of seed potatoes, 500 bushels of the Irish Cobbler variety, was shipped to farmers in eastern North Carolina, writes H. R. Niswonger, of North Carolina State College, in the Charlotte Observer.

These potatoes were certified by Obed Castello, of the state department of agriculture, and placed by him among 20 or more farmers who grow this variety for the early potato markets. The Norfolk & Western railroad, on hearing that a shipment was to be made, sent their traffic manager of the freight department to West Jefferson to supervise the loading of the car and routing it to its destination. The shipment arrived in excellent condition after 72 hours in transit, and was considered by the growers who purchased them as exceptionally good seed potatoes. The farmers in Ashe county who furnished these potatoes received \$1.60 a bushel, 10 c. in West Jefferson, while the local price for table potatoes at the time of the shipment ranged from 75c to \$1.25 a bushel.

This carload of potatoes has been planted in eastern Carolina in the same field with Maine grown seed and will be the first of this kind on a large scale, although similar tests of similar acreage have been conducted by the department of horticulture of State College. The results of these previous tests have been in favor of mountain-grown seed in that they matured as early and yielded as much or more than Maine seed.

This shipment aroused a great deal of interest among many farmers and business men of Ashe county to the possibility of making the growing of seed potatoes one of the leading cash crops for that section of the state. The extension specialists and county agents have been at work for several years not only in Ashe county but also in Watauga and Avery in the promotion of this industry, but production has not reached the volume necessary to attract the markets until this year. Lack of storage facilities and transportation difficulties have, in a way hampered the growing of seed potatoes on a commercial scale.

The growing of Irish Cobbler seed potatoes was begun in Ashe county in 1925, when five farmers planted one acre each. In 1926 there were 12 growers and eight acres planted; in 1927, 30 acres of Irish Cobblers were grown by 17 farmers while this year there will be 42 growers of seed potatoes having a combined acreage of 150. The average yield last year was 200 bushels per acre, while one grower averaged 270 bushels of No. 1 seed potatoes.

The original seed stock came from Prince Edward Island, which was shipped into Watauga county in 1923 and further selected by farmers of that county by eliminating diseased and off-type tubers. The most encouraging part in this progress is that some growers are planting a larger acreage and will use potato growing machinery, such as planters, potato harvesters and traction sprayers. It now appears that the industry is developing on a commercial scale with the volume of seed potatoes gradually increasing.

The first air-cooled storage house was built last year by one grower who has planted 30 acres to Cobblers this year. A bank-type storage was constructed where a temperature of 41 degrees was maintained from the time potatoes were put in until they were loaded in the car.

The logical shipping points with storages erected at these places appears to be Lansing, West Jefferson and Todd on the branch of the N. & W. railroad running from Abingdon, Va., to Todd, through Ashe county. The latter shipping point is about 12 miles from Boone, Watauga county, and will be an outlet for seed potatoes in that section where around 5,000 bushels will be planted to Irish Cobblers this year. It is believed that, as this industry develops, the business men of Ashe county will be interested in financing the erection of storage houses and the railroad officials will establish a commodity rate for potatoes.

The demand for mountain grown seed potatoes has been unlimited this year. Orders amounting to 62 cars have been received by the county agent of Ashe county in addition to \$400 worth of cash orders returned. This demand came from the states of Tennessee, Florida, Virginia, North and South Carolina. There are hundreds of acres of available land in this mountain area suitable for potato growing. This kind of sod land was formerly used for pasturing when beef cattle prices were high. Although much of it is still being used for grazing sheep and cattle, there is plenty of it now lying idle which could be diverted into profitable potato growing. Two acres of this type of land will graze and feed a steer for one year at a profit of \$25, but when turned under and cultivated to potatoes has possibilities of producing 500 bush-

Foe of Gov. Smith



SENATOR TOM HEFLIN

SENATOR HEFLIN DENOUNCES SMITH AT WINSTON-SALEM

Perhaps eight thousand men and women gathered in Winston-Salem Monday evening at Brown's warehouse to hear Senator Thomas J. Hefflin of Alabama deliver a fiery broadside against Tammany Hall and against the presidential candidacy of Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York. Denouncing Tammany as having three times bolted the Democratic party—1916, 1920 and 1924—the senior senator from Alabama declared that Smith will never be nominated at Houston and will receive not more than 550 votes in the convention. He closed his address with an eulogy to the state of North Carolina, "the foremost leader in the sisterhood of southern states," and issued a clarion call to the voters to "hold the line."

With the Churches

Announcements and News of Interest to Local Church Goers as Prepared by the Various Pastors.

BOONE BAPTIST CHURCH

REV. P. A. HICKS, Pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a. m. W. R. Graetz, superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., by the pastor. B. Y. P. U.'s 7:00. Mid-week prayer service Wednesday 8 p. m. You are cordially invited to attend all these services.

BOONE METHODIST

REV. C. H. MOSER, Pastor. Sunday school Sunday morning at 9:45. J. D. Rankin, superintendent; Prof. A. M. Norton, teacher. Comrades' Bible Class; E. N. Hahn, teacher. Men's Bible class; Mrs. J. L. Winkles, teacher. Women's Bible class; J. B. Steele, church lay leader; H. G. Farthing, chairman board of stewards; Mrs. Paul Coffey, superintendent of Beginners' department; Miss Annie Stanbury, superintendent of Primary and Junior departments.

11 o'clock: Sermon by pastor, subject: "Citizenship." 7:00 o'clock: Senior League will meet. 8 o'clock: Sermon by pastor. Wednesday evening 7:30: Mid-week prayer service. We welcome the stranger at our door.

Every county farmers have sold all of their wool in a co-operative pool at 50 1-4 cents a pound, according to County Agent C. B. Baird.

ATTENTION, COMRADES

Watauga Post, American Legion, will hold its monthly meeting on May 18, instead of May 4. On that date we expect to have present the state service officer, state commander and other distinguished visitors. We want every ex-service man in the county to be present at that time. Good string music and plenty of eats.

L. S. ISAACS, Com. J. W. NORRIS, Adit.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING AT PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH

Zionville, May 2.—The fifth Sunday meeting of the Three Forks Baptist association convened with Pleasant Grove church on Sunday, April 29, the following program being carried out:

- 1. Song service. 2. On motion, N. T. Byers was elected chairman, and Nora Mast secretary. 3. The program for both Saturday and Sunday was taken up. Because of bad weather, the program was not carried out Saturday. Question 1. How do Baptists work together? (1) In the local church; (2) In the regions beyond, discussed by Smith Hagaman. Question 2. How do Baptist women work? Discussed by R. C. Eggers. Question 3. The deacon and his work. Discussed by J. R. Isaacs, Smith Hagaman and R. C. Eggers. Benediction by R. C. Eggers. Noon 1. Singing by choir. Sermon by R. C. Eggers.

els of seed potatoes under intensive soil management and spraying with favorable seasonal conditions.

Political Events of the Past Week

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Borah Says Corruption Will Be Main Issue in Next Campaign Chicago, April 28.—Warning Republican leaders that corruption will be one of the outstanding issues in the coming presidential campaign, Senator Borah of Idaho, declared here tonight that party success is dependent upon giving the people courageous leaders, clean candidates, decent organizations and a platform of principles. "Give the voters these," he said in an address at the annual dinner of the Hamilton Club, "and they will demonstrate that the Republican party belongs to neither crooks nor cowards—refuse them these things and I leave the future to tell its own story. In such an event, I do not seem to penetrate the veil." In delivering his first pre-convention speech, Senator Borah, who has been endorsed for the Republican presidential nomination by the Republicans of his state, chose clean government as his topic rather than the prohibition issue, an issue which he has given notice he will carry to the country before the Kansas City convention.

Hoover Gains in Betting

New York, May 1.—Secretary Hoover was quoted yesterday for the first time in election betting as an odds on favorite for the Republican nomination for president, when one betting broker reported a wager of \$6,000 to \$5,000 on Mr. Hoover. Previous odds ranged from 8 to 5 to even against Hoover's chances.

The same broker reported odds of 3-1-2 to 1 against former Governor Frank O. Lowden, and a wager of \$1,000 to \$5,000 that Vice President Dawes would receive the nomination. Negro Named to Succeed Madden Chicago, May 1.—Oscar DePriest, negro, former Chicago alderman, today was selected to replace the deceased Martin B. Madden as the Republican nominee for representative in congress from the first Illinois district. If elected, which politicians say seems certain, he would be the first negro congressman since 1901.

DePriest will be the first negro to occupy a seat in the house since George White represented the second North Carolina district in 1897 to 1901. There is now some apprehension among Republicans that the migration of the negroes in large numbers to industrial northern centers, and their segregation in certain localities, will become a black thorn in the side of the party. In New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, St. Louis, as well as Chicago, negroes in great numbers have been segregated in localities where they are demanding perquisites from their old, professed friend, the Republican party, and when these perquisites and favors are not granted, the race threatens to transfer its allegiance and votes to the Democratic party, a thing that has already happened in Harlem, the black belt of New York city, where the negroes have supported Governor Smith, because of his friendship for the race.

Good Market Exists For Dogwood Timber

Dogwood furnishes ideal timber for the manufacture of loom shuttles, spool heads and numerous other similar articles. On account of the texture of the wood, it retains its shape and size with no shrink or swell after being thoroughly cured.

"We are finding that dogwood is in good demand and finds a ready sale at the present time," says R. W. Graeber, extension forester at State College. "During the last two years, farmers of Fredell county have marketed more than \$30,000 worth of this timber. This is in contrast to the usual idea that the dogwood is a worthless tree and should be destroyed. Two years ago, F. F. Parry and Bert Hyder located a dogwood mill in Fredell where 300 cords of the timber was harvested. About the same time, O. B. Jernigan located a mill at Harmony, buying wood from the farmers of that section. Both these mills have now been established at Statesville and are buying timber over a wider range of territory. These mills buy dogwood from farmers for cash and take any amount that is hauled to them."

Mr. Graeber states that in the past many farmers have been inclined to destroy the dogwood trees as a worthless crop. Yet the young growth fits in well with other timber, making a good understorey in stands of second-growth pines, and helps to fill in the openings in mixed stands of hardwood. It will grow to merchantable size as quickly as any other timber and thus adds to the returns from the land.

The trees may be easily marketed at good prices after they reach a size of five inches in diameter and like other timber, the larger the size the more profitable the harvest, states Mr. Graeber. Landowners, therefore, are being urged to preserve the young growth now found widely over the state.

HATCHING EGGS from Park's Strain Barred Rocks, \$1.50 per 15; \$5 per 100. Also few choice breeding hens and cockerels. Price reasonable. Parks registered permit 28-C-231. JAS. A. HODGES, Shulls Mills, N. C., R. F. D.

LISTING PLACES FOR YEAR 1928

Township tax lists will be at the following places on the dates mentioned for the purpose of listing taxes for the year 1928:

Boone Township Courthouse May 5, 12, and 19. Deck Mast's store May 7. McNeill's store May 14. T. L. Critcher's store May 14. Abe Edminsten and David Bingham, list takers.

Blowing Rock Township Blowing Rock, May 19, 21 and 22. Leniz's store, May 23, a. m. Cool Springs school May 23, p. m. G. M. Sudderth, list taker. Blue Ridge Township Shull place, May 10. Hampton's store May 11. Aho postoffice May 12. Samson, or Fenly schoolhouse May 14.

Nile Cook, list taker. Bald Mt. Township Todd May 17. Castle's store May 18. Willett Miller, list taker. Beaver Dam Township Don Haganan's store May 18. Sherwood-Perry's store May 19. Beaver Dam schoolhouse May 21. Dewey Greene, list taker.

Cove Creek Township Sherwood's store May 10. Sherwood's store May 9. Mast postoffice May 10. Silverstone, May 11. Mabel May 12. Zionville May 14. Smith McBride, list taker.

Elk Township C. C. Triplett's store May 8. Middlecan, May 9. Cox's store May 10. N. G. Wheeler's May 11. P. G. Carroll, list taker. Meat Camp Township Mrs. N. E. Moretz's store May 15. Cleveland Moretz's store May 16 p. m. Mrs. N. E. Moretz's store May 15. Cleveland Moretz's store May 16, a. m.

Stevenson's store May 16 p. m. Miller's schoolhouse May 17. D. W. Cook's store May 18 a. m. Rufus Jones' store May 18 p. m. Noah Winebarger, list taker.

North Fork Township Thomas' schoolhouse May 16. A. E. Ellison's store May 17. W. C. South list taker. Stony Fork Township Laxon postoffice May 11. A. G. Miller's store May 12. Cook's store May 14. McNeill's store May 15.

Roby Winkler, list taker. Shawneehaw Township Matney schoolhouse May 14. Dutch Creek schoolhouse May 15. Valle Crucis school May 16. Hackett May 17.

Lue Carrender, list taker. Laurel Creek Township A. C. Mast's store, May 21. Watauga Falls May 22. D. M. Edminsten's store May 23. Rominger postoffice May 24. Luther Ward, list taker.

Watauga Township W. W. Mast's store, May 7. Shull's Mills, Harbin's store, May 8. Foscoe May 9. I. M. Hodges' store May 10. Martin Herman, list taker.

Under the provisions of the statutes of North Carolina, taxes in all counties of the state must be listed during the month of May. I have endeavored to make the listing places as convenient as possible for all citizens. It will be more pleasant and more profitable if every one will list as early as possible. This will cut down county expenses, and county expenses means higher taxes. HENRY J. HARDIN, Tax Supervisor.

BABY CHICKS—Barron English Strain Single Comb White Leghorns, the best Leghorn that can be bought. Our Leghorns have proved to be money makers. Blood tested, state inspected, Jamesway quality hatched. The biggest bargain ever offered in chicks: \$10 per 100, \$9 per 1,000. One cent less per chick if you place your order three weeks in advance. Satisfaction guaranteed. Champion Poultry Farm, Champion, N. C.

PASTIME THEATRE

- The Place of Good Shows Friday-Saturday, May 4 and 5—Rex, the King of Wild Horses IN "No Man's Land" Monday, May 7—Ranger, the Wonder Dog IN "The Law of Fear" Tuesday, May 8—Colleen Moore IN "Her Wild Oats" Wednesday, May 9—William Haines and Joan Crawford IN "West Point" Thursday, May 10—Dolores Costello IN "The College Widow"

THREE PATRIOTIC KITTENS ARE BORN TO "TABBY"

San Francisco, May 2.—Tabby, household pet of Mrs. Charles White of Forestville, Cal., has given birth to three kittens.

That in itself is nothing unusual, but the feline trio flaunts the national colors. One is brick red, one is pure white and one is Maltese blue. They have been dubbed the Spirit of '76.

E. B. Atkinson, candidate for mayor of Asheville in the last city election, was sentenced to serve 20 days in the Buncombe county jail by Judge Hoyle Sink Saturday afternoon after he had been adjudged guilty of contempt of court following an affray in the rotunda of the courthouse between Mr. Atkinson, his two sons and George Pennel, prominent Asheville attorney.

THE Crosley Icyball We have taken the exclusive agency for the Crosley icyball, the most novel and economical refrigerator yet devised. By the use of a few spoonfuls of kerosene oil every 24 hours you are enabled to freeze desserts, ice cubes and have all the advantages of refrigeration by the use of ice by the use of ice or electricity, at practically no expense. One of these refrigerators is now being demonstrated at our store. It is something entirely new and we would be glad to have you see it. Boone Music Store BOONE, N. C.

REAL ESTATE! The season is here; inquiries are coming thick and fast. If you want to buy or sell, see us; we are better prepared than ever and have more listings and more inquiries. We have inquiries at present for a good store and location. We also have an inquiry about a restaurant, also a shoe shop, a garage and repair equipment. Also two small truck farms close in. Also acreage for development and a number of vacant business and residence lots. Also a furnished apartment house, and a few inquiries for house for rent. If you want to rent or sell any of the above mentioned, see us, or if you want to buy see us. We have it or we will get it. MONEY TO LOAN We are also prepared to loan you money on long or short time—easy payments. If you need money see us and you can get it. We do the appraising. WESTERN N. C. DEVELOPMENT CO. (INCORPORATED) S. C. EGGERS, Pres. BOONE, N. C.

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