

Twenty-Four Watauga Farmers Aid In Testing TVA Materials

Twenty-four "experimental" farms in Watauga County are co-operating in testing new T. V. A. fertilizer materials, N. C. Experiment Station Recommendations for fertilization, and N. C. Extension Service advice in managing their farm operations.

David Farthing of the Beaver Dam Community, who operates a 110-acre dairy and beef farm, is the newest addition to this group. David agrees to follow N. C. Experiment Station recommendations in fertilizing his crops, and to test new fertilizers produced by T. V. A. at their Muscle Shoals, Alabama, plant. The fertilizer now undergoing test in Calcium-Meta phosphate, which analyzes in excess of 61 percent phosphate. When compared with regular 20 percent super phosphate this is a very high analysis fertilizer. David will be well prepared to take advantage of the new provisions of the Social Security law inasmuch as he will keep an accurate record of his expenses and receipts as a part of the Unit Test Demonstration Farm program during the five year period he is a demonstrator.

Other T. V. A. Test Demonstration farmers are D. F. Greene, Otto Thomas, W. R. Vines, Ferd Michael, A. C. Moretz, Milton Moretz, Ernest Hillard, Hiram Brooks, Sanford Creed, Ned Glenn, Cecil Swift, R. G. Shipley, Joe Wilson, Howard Edmisten, Royce Perry, Hade Smith, W. C. Smith, Victor Farthing, Roy L. Moretz, Mrs. Janie Dishman, Ivan Dishman, Bill Krider and Lester Warren.

All these farmers will participate in the U. T. D. program for five years except six, who are selected as "long time" farmers, and all are required to keep farm records.

These farmers are "experimental farm" operators in another sense also, as they are asked to carry out the improved cropping and livestock practices advocated by the N. C. Extension Service, and to test new varieties of corn, tobacco, forage crops and vegetables under practical farm conditions.

The farm record books of these men for 1954 were recently summarized, and, as you might guess, many were victims of the cost-selling price squeeze and dry weather. However, these farmers are studying their farming operations from an income standpoint, and many will not only do a better job with older accepted practices in 1955 but will be trying in a practical way other means of adding to the family income.

Dr. Graham Takes Red Cross Post



DR. FRANK P. GRAHAM

Dr. Frank P. Graham of Chapel Hill, prominent educator and statesman, has accepted appointment as a national vice-chairman of the 1955 Red Cross campaign for members and funds, according to Stanley C. Allyn of Dayton, Ohio, national campaign chairman.

Dr. Graham, United Nations is one of 50 volunteer vice-chairmen, selected from eminent national leaders, who will serve. He will advise and assist Red Cross chapters in North Carolina in planning and organizing for the 1955 campaign, which gets under way March 1.

Dr. Graham has been a prominent figure in public life for the past 25 years. He served as president of the University of North Carolina from 1930 until 1949, when he was named to the United States Senate. He has served in his present capacity with the United Nations since 1951.

\$700 IN SHAVING KIT

Hot Springs, Ark.—After a stay of several days in this resort city, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilliaret checked out of a motel and headed for Mexico City. A few miles out of town, Mr. Gilliaret remembered he had left his shaving kit behind. They raced back, but the shaving kit was gone and so was the \$700 hidden in it.

TVA Test Farms In Burley Tests

Three T. V. A. Unit Test Demonstration farmers conducted tobacco experiments in 1954 in Watauga County. Sanford Creed and Joe M. Wilson conducted experiments testing 15 varieties of Burley, and Otto Thomas conducted an experiment testing various analyses and rates of fertilization.

Although official results of these experiments are not yet available, it appears that Burley 21, a new variety resistant to Root-rot, Mosaic, and Wildfire, will be highly desirable when seed are commercially available. Farmers who have had good success with Kentucky 18 are advised to continue planting it for the present.

By all means secure a soil test on your tobacco fields before transplanting time. Use these recommendations and good management practices for highest returns. Good tobacco fertilization starts in the plant beds, where 1½-2 lbs. of 4-9-3 tobacco plant bed fertilizer per square yard is recommended for beds not fall treated with cyanamid or 16-6-2, with which we should use 3-4-1 pound 4-9-3 at seeding.

DRUNK DRIVING COSTLY

St. Paul, Minn.—Earl M. Larimer, State Safe Driving official, recently reported that motorists driving while under the influence of alcohol were involved in more than 2,600 accidents on Minnesota's streets and highways last year, with 46 fatal accidents.

Lights Deadly To Ham Mites

Ham mites can be controlled easily with ordinary electric light or daylight, according to results of tests at the North Carolina Experiment Station.

That's good news to farmers, locker, plant operators and meat packers, because mites will destroy all the lean meat in a ham in an estimated four to six months under ideal conditions. They always work in the dark.

To kill the mites, light must shine directly on the hams. Yet they should be covered by a paper or cloth or both to protect them from skippers. When exposed to light, the ham is left open to skipper damage.

The simplest way around this problem is to put the hams inside a recommended cover immediately after curing to protect them from skippers. They should have no mites then because the curing salt keeps them from getting into the meat. Then put a strong electric light in the ham store room for 24 hours, once every two weeks, to kill any mites that get in there.

Another way to keep mites away is to build a wooden frame for a cage and cover it with 30-mesh screen (much finer than ordinary window screen) and store the ham inside. Hardware dealers can order the screen. The ham should be hung some place where light can get at it—near a window or electric light bulb. Another important point: keep all skippers off the ham before putting it into the cage.

ROTARY STAMP

An eight-cent stamp commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of Rotary International will be placed on sale in Chicago on February 23, according to the Post Office Department. The basic design of the stamp was executed by W. W. Wind, who was commissioned for the task by Rotary.

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