

News From Around The Farms In Chowan County

BY C. W. OVERMAN, CHOWAN COUNTY EXTENSION CHAIRMAN

Lost A Valuable Man: Over the weekend Chowan County and this area lost a valuable man, particularly in the field of vegetables. Comparatively he was a small seed and plant dealer, yet one whose knowledge reached far and wide. Edgar L. Pearce was a seedsman who studied and closely maintained a knowledge of the latest developments in vegetable varieties.

In many instances he obtained seed and tried on his farm new varieties one to two years before the Departments of Agriculture had mentioned them. He also studied and kept abreast of many new chemical developments for disease and insect control in vegetable crops. We can only assume that Our Maker needed a good helper in His garden above.

Our sympathy is extended to his family and all of us will miss him. **Preparing For Peanuts:** Weather permitting, two weeks from now growers will begin planting peanuts. Of course, weather is an important contributing factor but the highest yield of best quality peanuts from a field depends on the growth. The following production

practices are important at this time. Turn trash and cover crops under deep and leave it there to aid in preventing Southern Stem Rot. Lime should be and fertilizer may be broadcast before land is broken, putting plant food in the root zone area. Have a germination test run on seed peanuts saved by sending a composite pint sample of shelled seed to Seed Test-

ing Division, State Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C. Be sure you will have good seed to plant. Soil fumigation to control nematodes is needed on most farms. When in doubt, take a composite or representative soil sample as for soil testing, mix well, fill a quart size plastic freezer bag about two-thirds full, tag field number and bring to our secretary, giving her the needed information. In about five days we should have a reply indicating the nematode rating.

Many peanut growers still think they need to apply some nitrogen in peanut fertilizer. It costs less to inoculate seed at planting time than to use nitrogen and inoculum acts throughout the growing season. To get 30 pounds phosphorus and 60 pounds potassium per acre would take 333 pounds of 3-9-18 fertilizer, costing \$8.27. To get the same it would take 300 pounds of 0-10-20 cost-

Demonstration Of Dogs Slated

A Canine Demonstration will be held Friday night at 8 o'clock with Chief George Leonhirth of Aulander in charge. Chief Leonhirth operates a highly respected canine school in Aulander. Police Chief James H. Griffin said the demonstration, free of charge, will be held at Hicks Field. The public is invited to witness this demonstration. Officers from police departments in surrounding towns have been issued a special invitation to attend. Chief Griffin pointed out that Sgt. H. J. Lup-ton of the local department is currently attending Chief Leonhirth's school with his dog.

Minutes Of Special Meeting Board Of Public Works

Edenton, N. C. March 17, 1967. The Board of Public Works of the Town of Edenton, N. C., met this day in special session at the Edenton Municipal Building at 8 P. M. Members present: Messrs. Jesse L. Harrell, Chairman; J. H. Conger, Jr., James P. Ricks, Jr., W. J. P. Earnhardt, Sr., and Thomas C. Byrum, Jr.

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