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## SOIL IMPROVEMENT.

### How to Maintain the Plant Food Supply While Growing Crop after Crop of Corn.

If for any reason the farmer should desire to follow corn with corn and the land needs green manure, the following plan will be found quite practicable and profitable and will greatly aid in maintaining the plant food supply of the soil in an available condition.

The corn crop should invariably be cultivated late enough to insure a sufficient conservation of moisture to mature the crop already on the land. Corn is generally "laid by" too soon in this state, after which the midsummer drought catches the crop, burns it severely, and frequently reduces the yield at least one half. Cultivate shallow, frequent, and late is an excellent motto for the corn growers of North Carolina.

Rye and crimson clover should be sown broadcast in corn and covered by the last cultivation. This will serve as a cover crop and green manuring crop for the corn the following year.

Do not pull fodder or cut tops from corn when the following crop is to be corn also. Let both fodder and tops dry up in the field. In the spring, when rye and crimson clover have made a good growth and are ready to plow under, the farmer wants to bring a sharp disc harrow into action. The old corn stalks, the rye, and the crimson clover should be cut into bits. The old stalks must not be plowed under whole to hinder the proper cultivation of the following crop, but should be so reduced that they will give no trouble by pulling up hills of corn or catching and dragging in the cultivator's teeth.

The discing should be done when the crimson clover is coming into bloom. The rye will likely be heading out by this time; but the discing and plowing should be done with reference to the development of the crimson clover.

When the discing has been done the land should be plowed some eight or ten inches deep, depending on previous depths to which the land has been plowed, and disc once more to break clods and further mix the organic matter with the soil stratum. The soil should now be allowed to settle and become somewhat compact before planting after which the land should be prepared and the corn planted according to the method outlined for this crop when following wheat.

We do not recommend the sandwiching of a pea crop between two corn crops for green manuring purposes because, in case the crop is cultivated as late as is generally necessary, the pea crop would make but an indifferent growth before frost and we would not only fail to get much of a pea crop to plow under but would not be able to put on our winter cover crop for green manuring in the spring.

In view of the general practice, however, peas may be sown in the corn at the last working, allowed to mature, and cut up with the corn stalks and plowed under in the fall, after which a crop of rye and crimson clover may be sown as a winter cover crop and a green manuring crop in the spring. This method is likely to reduce the yield of corn by exposing the crop to the midsummer drought which saps the land of its moisture content and checks the development of the plants.—Bull. N. C. Department of Agriculture.

### To Mothers—And Others.

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## Ten Things to do This Month.

1. Get the land ready for the crops. Plow well; harrow and re-harrow until a perfect seed-bed is obtained. Remember that good preparation is half the battle.

2. Use good seeds. It will be cheaper to pay a good price for seeds than to plant those of poor quality. Then arrange some seed plants and grow your own seeds.

3. Get the tools out some rainy day and see that they are in good condition to do good work. Look after the planters especially. You can't afford to have a poor stand from careless planting.

4. Take special care of the horses. See that the harness does not rub and that the collars fit. Groom well and rub their shoulders three or four times a day.

5. Study the feeding of brood sows; fix up the farrowing pen; when the pigs come give them careful attention and keep them growing.

6. Make a start with pure-bred poultry. Fix up houses and runways. Rid the premises of lice.

7. Put the spray pump to work in the orchard. Keep up the garden planting and cultivation.

8. Paint the house. Buy a lawn mower and start it running. Whitewash fences and outbuildings.

9. Order needed seed of cowpeas, soy beans, etc. Arrange to grow your own hay this year and to get the nitrogen you need from the air.

10. Give the boy an acre to work in corn or cotton, or a calf or a litter of pigs. Interest the girls in tomato growing or poultry raising.—Progressive Farmer.

### The Hangman's Noose at the End of the Road.

It may be, and doubtless is true that many murderers have escaped the just punishment of their crimes, but in the great majority of cases the law has exacted the full toll. It is a matter of record, too, that murderers, "made cowards by conscience," have confessed their guilt under the mental lash. But whether overtaken by the law's machinery or voluntarily acknowledged, "murder will out." It is one of the seven deadly sins crying to heaven for vengeance, and its bloody trail must sooner or later lead to the assassin's door. The cry of "murder!" has always been one to numb the brain and strike terror to the human mind and heart. It was such a cry that Shakespeare invested with all the horrors of human imagination; around the crime of murder he painted scenes of frightful vividness.

"Murder most foul, as in the best of us," will not down. Those who are guilty of it may lose themselves into feeling of comparative security in the passage of time, but ever and anon the specter will rise and haunt them. The murderer knows no real rest, for "wherever you go, the thing you are will follow after you." The fear of discovery is always upon the wretch whose hands are stained with human blood; his ears are never closed to the death cries of his victim.

In the pursuit of the manslayer the law is unrelenting. A mass of legal technicalities may delay the day of reckoning, or circumstances temporarily insurmountable may favor the culprit, but the hangman's noose is always at the end of the road.—Asheville Citizen.

### Glorious News

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## GENERAL MATTERS OF INTEREST.

### Big Events Reduced to Little Paragraphs for the Readers of This Paper.

Nearly one million coal miners in England are out on strike demanding an increase in wages. The strike is felt throughout Europe.

The textile manufacturers at Lawrence, Mass., have announced a five per cent. raise in the wages of their employees, who have been out on a strike for the past several months, but it appears that this will not settle the strike.

As he was preparing to become one of the pall bearers at the funeral of Dr. H. C. Spencer at Gainesville, Fla., recently, Harry G. Welch was arrested on a warrant charging him with the murder of the man he was to help bury. Welch had been living at the home of the latter for several years.

Announcement has been made of the selection of Greensboro as the location for the establishment of a branch manufacturing and distributing point of the Armour Fertilizer Works of Chicago. The Greensboro plant will cost about \$250,000 and will be in operation by next fall.

Senator Gardiner, of Maine, has introduced a bill under which the government would take over the express companies of the country. He estimates the total cost at something like forty millions and he would regulate rates something like that which prevails in the post-office department.

Governor Hooper of Tennessee, who has been named among the nine republican governors who are for President Taft in his fight for re-nomination, last week announced that he will keep hands off in the fight in the state republican convention. Governor Hooper is himself a candidate for re-nomination.

After writing a letter to his wife, telling her he was short in his accounts and declaring "It is this or go to the penitentiary," Postmaster H. L. Marsh of Asheville, S. C., committed suicide last Wednesday by firing a bullet into his brain. Marsh was 71 years old and an old union soldier and has been postmaster for twelve years. He leaves a widow and five children.

In the new foreign office Sunday. Yuan Shi Kai was formally inaugurated provincial President of the republic of China in the presence of a great gathering of delegates, province envoys, military and naval officers and other prominent personages. Many foreigners attended the ceremonies but legations were not represented. Yuan Shi Kai, who was in military uniform, read a declaration promising faithfully to develop the republic, observe the constitutional laws and retire when the National Assembly appointed a permanent President. The ceremony was solemn, almost pathetic and typical of China's transition.

Fears of a strike of a hundred and eighty thousand anthracite coal miners April 1, caused a general rush on the part of consumers for coal to carry them over the strike period. The sudden demand is widespread. Many dealers have increased prices. It is reported the railroads' supply is running short.

### Repels Attack Of Death.

"Five years ago two doctors told me I had only two years to live." This startling statement was made by Stillman Green, Malachite, Col. "They told me I would die with consumption. It was up to me then to try the best lung medicine and I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery. It was well I did, for today I am working and believe I owe my life to this great throat and lung cure that has cheated the grave of another victim." It's folly to suffer with coughs, colds or other throat and lung troubles now. Take the cure that's safest. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at All Druggists.

## Captain Amundsen Discovers South Pole.

London, March 9.—Capt. Roald Amundsen's triumph is generally acknowledged as complete. The Norwegian explorer is hailed as the conqueror of the South pole. Many Britons are still clinging to the hope that Captain Scott's return may furnish a dramatic climax to the Antarctic story.

The Royal Geographical Society is awaiting news from Scott before committing itself. Rear Admiral Peary, Sir Ernest Shackleton, and Dr. Charrier are prominently displayed in the newspapers as supporting the surmise that both the British and Norwegian explorers, may have reached the goal and each remained in ignorance of the other's success.

### The Price of a Big Toe.

What is a man's big toe worth? At the next term of Forsyth county superior court for the trial of civil cases a jury will be called upon to decide this question. As to the man who lost the toe, he estimates the value of the missing member at \$2,500. And so it is asserted in the complaint filed recently by Attorney Fred M. Parrish in the case of R. C. Aldridge, suing by his next friend, R. L. Aldridge, vs. the Cook-Lewis Foundry Company, of this city. The complaint alleges that the young man lost his great toe by reason of the negligence of the defendant company, for whom he was at work. The accident occurred on February 15, 1909. Young Aldridge, who is 17 years old, was serving as an apprentice at the foundry and was assisting some negroes to carry a heavy iron column, when he stumbled over some iron and fell dropping the heavy weight from his hands to his foot. Not only was the big toe severed entirely from his foot but the toe next to the big toe was smashed until it is of no more service. For these injuries the plaintiff asks that he be allowed damages to the amount of \$2,500.—Winston-Salem Journal.

### One Kind of Modern Girl Not Fitted for Housekeeping.

Deliver us from the modern girl if she is the kind that is always seen on the streets, who if turned loose in a kitchen, would not know the difference between a skillet and a saucepan, who knows not the difference between "salt-rising" and any other kind of bread. Woe unto the man who is so unfortunate as to get one of these "creatures" for a helpmate. For should the cook fail to turn up, a most likely happening, on any one of these frosty mornings, he must go breakfastless to his work or else suffer the pangs and horrors of indigestion caused either by his wife's leaden biscuits or the fare from some down town restaurant. Give us the old-fashioned sunbonnet girl who knows how to prepare a meal which shall really satisfy the inner man.—Gastonia Gazette.

Early tomatoes rot badly here. How shall I prevent? Spray the plants in the seed-beds with Bordeaux mixture, and after they are set out spray every ten days till the fruit is half grown. This will prevent the rot and the leaf blight, but will have no effect on the Southern bacterial blight. The only thing for this is to use uninfected soil.—W. F. Massey, in Progressive Farmer.

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## STATE NEWS.

### Items of Interest Gathered From the Atlantic to the Appalachians.

A Workingman's Club club, said to have 250 members, has been organized in Raleigh to promote the candidacy of Judge Clark for the United States Senate.

Henry Campbell, a negro man about 40 years of age, committed suicide last Thursday afternoon at his home several miles from Mooresville by sending a load of shot through his brain. He had not been well for some time and his mind had become affected. Several weeks ago people in his community said that Campbell was crazy but he did not appear at all dangerous and no steps were taken to confine him. He was a very large man, seemingly in perfect health, and had been considered a peaceable harmless and a thrifty sort of fellow.

Solicitor Frank A. Linney, of Watauga county, says that he will not be a candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress in this district. Mr. Linney spent Tuesday night (last week) in Statesville, going from here to Taylorsville, Wednesday morning, and when questioned by a Landmark reporter about the statement made in the Salisbury Post that he would be a candidate for the nomination, he was very emphatic in his answer that he will not be a candidate. He said the statement in the Post was made without his knowledge or consent. Statesville Landmark.

W. H. McEntire has been captured in Tampa, Fla., and will be brought back to North Carolina to stand trial for the murder of half a dozen men who disappeared from time to time in Rutherford county. The last murder he is charged with is that of an old hermit named Hines, disappeared under very mysterious circumstances. McEntire tried to get possession of the old man's property after his disappearance and when suspicion was aroused he left the court. It is alleged that he burned the bodies of all his victims in the furnace of his illicit distillery.

The college commission, having in hand the choosing of a site for the Mt. Amoeba Seminary, will visit the several places offering sites and donations, and will meet on Wednesday, March 27, to make a final report, which will be presented to the regular meeting of the Lutheran Synod at Charlotte in May. Salisbury, Albemarle, Lexington, China Grove, Landis, and Mt. Pleasant all have made inviting proposals.

The mystery of the death of Myrtle Hawkins, whose dead body was found floating in the waters of Lake Okechoa September 10, 1911, was brought a step nearer to solution Friday afternoon when the Henderson county grand jury, sitting at Hendersonville, returned true bills charging murder against Abner McCall, his wife, Beatrice McCall, and George Bradley, and a woman "unknown to the jury." "Boney" Bradley, a brother of George, is charged with being an accessory before the fact to the murder, and Dan McCall father, of Mrs. McCall, is charged with being an accessory after the fact. Immediately following the reading of the bill of indictment, warrants were issued for the idiotic parties and all were arrested and placed in Henderson county jail.

One of the worst wrecks in the history of Wilmington occurred Friday night at 8 o'clock, when the Atlantic Coast Line passenger train No. 5 from Sanford collided head-on with a yard engine just as it was about to enter the city limits, instantly killing Yard Foreman H. B. Goodnight, who was on the yard engine, Engineer Walter M. Williams and Fireman Borden Branch of the passenger train, all white and residents of Wilmington.

## How Pigs and Sheep Will Help.

The farmer who grows a field of corn and a field of peas and soy beans, purchases a good brood sow and feeds the corn and peas to her offspring; then disks the stubble land, sows in rye and crimson clover and feeds that crop to the second litter of pigs, will surely make more clear money in the long run than he who grows a crop and sells it in the raw state, and will have just as fertile a farm at the end of ten years as will the man who turns under for manure half the crop his land produces during the ten years, and I will wager he will have a better credit by far at the bank. Thirty dollars will pay for a brood sow that will produce pigs enough to grow \$150 worth of pork the first year, and a dollar's worth of feed need be purchased, if the land is kept in work as it should be growing crops every month of the year. But there will be products from these crops—corn fodder, pea hay, etc.—that the huge cannot use; there will also be more permanent pasture grass than they will consume, and to prevent the wasting of the feed value of these by products a small flock of sheep will be needed. These sows will care for their feed and the lambs will pay the bill the next spring, laying the sheep and wool to pay for the feed and caring of the flock. Some cattle will be needed also, as there will be much of the coarser parts of the rough feed that the sheep cannot handle to advantage, and to carry out this plan of saving all the feed value of the crops thus raising the whole to a minimum the cattle will do their part.—Progressive Farmer.

### We Must Learn to Save Labor.

No conditions, no prejudices, no possible combination of circumstances can stand in the way of a more general and complete use of labor-saving implements and machinery or we are doomed to remain "hewers of wood and drawers of water" in the agricultural world for all time.

There is a tremendous reach of progress between the old cradle used in the harvesting of small grains less than a century ago and the combined header and thrasher of today, but this sets an example which the Southern farmer must follow in the improvement of his farming methods. Unless this spirit of progress takes firm hold of our agriculture, our favoring climatic conditions of abundant sunshine and moisture, our monopoly of the greatest field crop known to the farming world, and the number and varied excellence of our other agricultural products cannot continue to overcome that tremendous disadvantage of the failure to use labor-saving farm machinery, under which we are now suffering.—Progressive Farmer.

### What is Lent?

The name Lent is derived from the old English word Lencten, meaning Spring, and so may be called the Spring fast, and is kept in commemoration of the forty days spent by the dear Lord in the wilderness.

The Lenten fast has been observed and kept by the Church from a very early date. Traces of its observance are found in the writings of the Anti-Nicene Writers Irenaeus and Origen. So it runs all through the Christian Centuries back through Jewish history to the days when Israel was delivered from Egyptian bondage.

Lent is the special season for drawing nearer to God, for special acts of charity and devotion, for giving up certain things that might tend to draw the heart away from God, for the deepening of the religious life, for placing the heart in a purifying process to cleanse it from sin, for the uniting us with and drawing us nearer to the Christ.—Ex.

## SOME OF ROWAN'S OLDEST CITIZENS.

### Who are They? Is This List Correct? Send in Some From Your Neighborhood.

- We are still getting names for our old folks column and filling in the dates of birth of others and making slight corrections. Any aid extended will be appreciated.
- Jacob Holsbomer, Litter Township, born June 1st, 1816, now 96
  - Mrs. Elmina Shuman, of Salisbury, born June 2nd, 1816, aged 96
  - Mrs. Elizabeth Cartwright, Scotch Irish Township, born November 2nd, 1816, aged 96
  - Henry H. Steadman, Scotch Irish Township, born February 13, 1819, 94
  - John Pether, Landis, born 1819, now 98
  - Mrs. Leanna Thomas, Franklin Township, born 1819, now 98
  - Mrs. Caroline C. Misenheimer, living near Granite Quarry, born September 17, 1820, 91
  - Chas. Morgan, Morgan Township, born November 29, 1821, 90
  - W. M. Barker, of Salisbury, born November 29, 1821, 90
  - Miss Elizabeth Schuler, route No. 2, China Grove, born September 26, 1823, now 88
  - I. S. Lombard, lives east of Spencer, born Nov. 26, 1823, 89
  - Andrew Barger, Providence Township, born Oct. 7, 1823, 88
  - Matthew Meunier, Steele Township, born February 24, 1824, 88
  - Phillip Bowers, Salisbury Township, born 1824, 87
  - Ahner Walker, Atwell Township, born 1824, 86
  - Mrs. Mary Ann Beaver, China Grove, born April 7, 1820, 82
  - Capt. Biles Blackwelder, No. 2, China Grove, born December 18, 1825, now 86
  - Miss Mary E. Gilleard, born April 15th, 1826, age 85
  - Mrs. Annie Oress, Franklin Township, born December 8th, 1826, 85
  - Mrs. Rozetta Boston, China Grove, born 1826, 84
  - Capt. Wm. A. Lucky, Olive-land, born Sept. 1, 1827, now 84
  - John H. A. Lipard, Wood-leaf, born 1827, 84
  - George Deal, China Grove No. 1, born July 4th, 1827, 84
  - Mrs. C. E. Blackwelder, China Grove, born 1828, 88
  - Mrs. Mary E. Meunier, Steele Township, born February 26th, 1828, 84
  - Nathan Morgan, Providence Township, born May 31, 1828, 88
  - Samuel Deal, China Grove Township, born January 17th, 1830, now 83
  - Miss Sarah E. Schuler, R. D. No. 2, China Grove, born November 6, 1829, now 82
  - Jacob A. Klutz, Franklin Township, born April 27th, 1830, 81
  - Jacob Albright, Atwell Township, born 1830, 81
  - Mrs. W. H. Neave, Salisbury, born January, 1831, 81
  - Martius Blackwelder, No. 1, China Grove, born September 1st, 1831, now 80
  - J. L. Deal, China Grove, No. 1, now over 80
  - Mrs. Jacob Albright, Atwell Township, born 1831, 80
  - J. G. Albright, China Grove, born 1831, now 80
  - Mrs. J. G. Albright, China Grove, born 1831, now 80
  - Catharine S. Earnhardt, born July 14, 1831, now 80
  - Levi Powlas, Unity Township, born April 11, 1831, old soldier, has been blind for 18 years, now 80
  - Isom Hosky, col. East Spencer, born May 8, 1811, 100
- Who are the others? Send in the name of the oldest person you know, and give nearest date of their birth.

### Gold Knob School Closes.

The school at Gold Knob closed Friday, March 8th. The closing exercises which began at 4:30 p. m. consisted of recitations, dialogues, songs, etc., was rendered well especially by the little folks. Seven very nice gifts were presented to the (principal) teacher by the larger girls. Succeeding this several social games were played in the yard. About all of the students parted with tears in their eyes. A very nice crowd was present.

The school was successfully taught by Miss Gertrude Hart as principal and Miss Nellie Park as assistant. WAWAY.