

OPEN FORUM

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THE RED CROSS

Editor of The Port Pilot: Splendid returns from the high school show the Red Cross has filled the minds of the young people, the prompt carrying of this message for 1936.

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For this reason it is impossible to recommend certain colors for blondes and others for brunettes and consider the color problem solved.

The safest way is for each person to try various colors next to the face, choosing colors which emphasize the best features without calling attention to bad ones.

If the eyes are the best feature, while the hair and skin are not so good, do not emphasize the eyes at the expense of the hair and skin. The skin is the first consideration, she said.

Red Cross does not dispense. It gives aid, comfort and help to those in distress. There is a feeling of honor in being a member of the American Red Cross.

Stevens, Chairman Member Committee, Southport American Red Cross.

Suggestions For Planting Pecans

May Be Set Out In Section Of North Carolina Any Time Between Now And Spring

Trees may be set out in the plain and Piedmont of the State anytime from November until time for the start in the spring.

Where winters are more severe the best transplanting is early in the spring, said Schmidt, associate horticulturist of the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station.

They thrive on a great variety of soils: heavy clay soil, light sand and river bottoms that are drained, but they will grow well on soil underlain with sand or harpan, or on land that does not have good drainage.

Stuart, Success, Pabst are good varieties for the plain. Stuart is best in the lower Piedmont, and Inwood and Busserson are good for the Piedmont and mountain sections of the State, Schmidt said.

Roots of trees for planting should be well wrapped or plunged in a barrel of water while they are set out, as this keeps them from drying out.

Trees should be spaced 60 feet each way, with 12 feet between the rows. The holes should be about 2 1/2 feet deep and wide: large enough to take the tap root.

Good topsoil should be packed to fill the holes. Pack it around the roots. Be careful, not to set the trees more than an inch or two deeper than they grow in the nursery.

Trees should be cultivated and it is advantageous to farm or garden crops between the rows of trees, but not close to the trees.

From 1 1/2 to 2 pounds of fertilizer to each tree just as growth starts in the spring.

Supper At Andrews Chapel: Andrews Chapel Methodist Church sponsored a box supper Thursday night, November 28th at the church.

The boxes were auctioned by M. Norris, several cakes were enjoyed. A cake was given to the girl receiving the most number of votes in the contest. The Friends choir rendered several selections.

Gives Tips For Choosing Colors

Miss Julia McIver, Assistant Clothing Specialist From State College, Says Stout Women Should Wear Dull Colors

A great artist once said, "when the Creator fashioned the humming bird and the butterfly He gave them brilliant colors, but when He created the elephant He made it taupe."

The same rule may be used by women in selecting colors for their clothes, said Miss Julia McIver, assistant extension clothing specialist at State College.

Stout women should select dark, quiet colors to minimize the size of their figures.

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Balanced Food For Work Stock

Horse And Mule Provide Most Economical Form Of Farm Power; Must Be Fed Properly To Produce Most Work

For economy and efficiency on North Carolina farms, the horse and mule are hard to beat. Good work animals supply a highly satisfactory form of pulling power for farm implements and machinery, and they utilize feed crops that can be grown at home.

But to get the best service out of work stock, care must be exercised to feed it properly, said Prof. R. H. Ruffner, head of the animal husbandry department at State College.

Corn, oats, and barley are about equal in feeding value, but corn is a little cheaper, usually, for feeding mature animals. Barley should be crushed or ground before feeding.

A great variety of hays are suitable for horse or mule feed. For each grower, the best type to feed is that grown on his own farm, Professor Ruffner stated.

Among the hays and roughages fed with good results are: lespedeza, timothy, clover, corn stover, soybean, cowpea, alfalfa and peanut.

When timothy and ear corn are fed, it is well to include a quart of wheat bran each day to balance the diet.

Animals at work need 2 to 2 1/2 pounds of feed, dry roughage and concentrates combined, for each 100 pounds of live weight. A 1,000-pound mule should receive 10 pounds of hay and 10 pounds of grain.

However, if the hay or roughage contains a lot of weeds or coarse stems, the quantity fed should be increased. A good practice is to give the animals all the roughage they will eat without waste.

When animals have plenty of good hay or pasture, and are not working, the grain feed may be cut in half.

Miss Mildred Hinton, a teacher of last year, is doing 6th and 7th grade teaching in a Perquimans county school this year.

Miss Vivian Kelly Schultz is now living in New York with a brother. She expects to be married early in the New Year.

Removing Straw Hurts Pine Tree

Growth Will Be Retarded When Ground Beneath The Tree Is Raked Bare Of Pine Straw

The fairly wide-spread custom of raking up pine straw from wooded areas appreciably retards growth of the trees.

When the straw is left beneath the trees it protects the soil and supplies needed plant food, said R. H. Page, Jr., assistant extension forester at State College.

On a recent visit to Wayne county, Page found a 75-acre tract of Loblolly pines that had been raked continually during the past 15 years.

Increment borings into the trunks of several representative trees indicated that during those 15 years the trees had gained less than an inch in diameter.

Normally, the same trees, 10 inches in diameter and about 70 feet high, should have grown enough to increase their diameter by more than two inches.

In other words, Page said, raking up the straw had cut the trees' growth more than 50 per cent.

Sometimes farmers find it necessary to gather pine needles for mulching their crops and bedding livestock. The needles are as valuable as the cord wood and saw timber on the wooded area.

In such cases, Page said, the straw should not be raked from the same area year after year. Gather it at one place this year, he suggested, and from another next year.

If the straw is not raked away more than once in every four or five years, he said, the damage is not so severe.

Bugs Are Hard To Keep Up With

Some Insects Can Bore Through Lead And Tin And Do Great Harm To The Hardest Trees

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in to establish new homes. Then moisture usually short-circuits the electric current. Linesmen for telephone and power companies call the borer "the short-circuit beetle."

Many other wood-boring insects easily chisel their way through lead and tin signs which block their passageways and exist on trees, according to entomologists of the Department of Agriculture. Hickory bark, which is even harder than most lead and will often deflect the blow of a sharp ax, isn't too tough for hickory-bark beetles. They bore through the bark rather readily. The sharp jaws of Lyctus beetles, often found in seasoned hardwood lumber, enables them to eat through certain kinds of tin and lead which block their passage-

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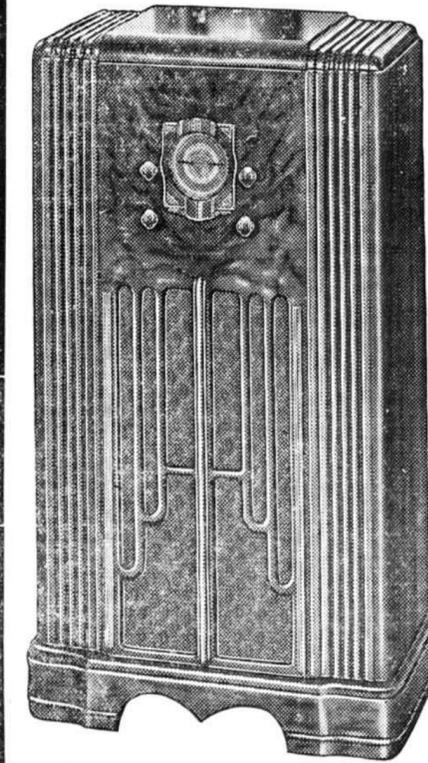
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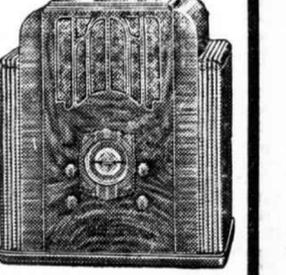
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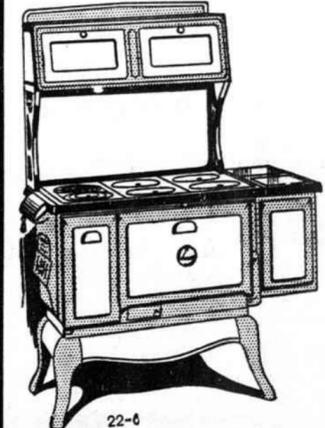
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