

POTATO BLIGHT.

**Does More Damage Than Bugs—
How To Prevent It.**

One of the most serious troubles the Irish potato grower has to contend with is the blight. It attracts less attention than the potato bug, but does far more damage, even though the bug does serious damage when left alone. This blight is a fungus disease and causes the leaves to turn brown or dark-colored and they die. Of course, anything that kills the whole plant, as the leaves are necessary to manufacture the food for the plant. There is no cure for the disease. In fact, very few plant diseases can be cured, but they can be prevented if you get to work soon enough. You have no doubt, noticed your potato leaves turn dark and die early in the season and have wondered why they should die so early. The majority of our people seem to have taken it for granted that it was just time for the plant to die and give it no further attention. The result is that the crop of potatoes is very often less than half what it would have been had this disease not appeared. This has been proved to be the case time and again by many of our State experiment stations.

Commence to spray for this disease as soon as the potatoes are five or six inches high, as spraying is the only method of preventing it. Don't wait until you see signs of the disease before commencing to spray, as considerable damage will then have been done. You will not lose anything by spraying for this disease even though the blight shouldn't appear, as it has been proved that the sprays given Irish potatoes for the prevention of the blight increases the amount of starch in the potatoes sufficiently to pay for spraying. So the checking of the blight is clear profit.

Bordeaux mixture is the substance used to prevent this disease. Give the first application when the potatoes are five or six inches high and repeat the dose at intervals of two or three weeks until the plants are about grown. An ordinary barrel spray pump is needed for the work. A bucket or knapsack spray pump will do if you have only a few rows of potatoes, but the barrel pump is necessary if you are growing more than a very few rows. Just put the pump in a one-horse wagon and drive down the rows, straddling two rows with the wagon and the horse walking in between these two rows. Attach a piece of hose on either side of the

spray pump and a double nozzle on the end of each piece of hose. Let one man pump and drive and two men carry the two lengths of hose, each man spraying two rows of potatoes and walking along behind the wagon and not to one side of it. In this way a large field may be sprayed in a very short time. On an average two barrels of the mixture will spray an acre of potatoes.

Bordeaux mixture is made as follows: Put 5 pounds of copper sulphate (bluestone) in a coarse sack and suspend it in a vessel containing 4 or 5 gallons of warm water. Suspend it in such a way that it is barely under the surface of the water, as it will dissolve more rapidly this way than if allowed to rest on the bottom of the vessel. In another vessel slake 5 pounds of stone lime and then add enough water to make it a thin, milky substance. Now pour these two substances into a barrel. Three persons are needed right at this point, as the two solutions should be poured into the barrel at the same time, and the third person should stir the solution vigorously while they are being poured into the barrel. After this is done, pour in enough water to make 50 gallons, stir it thoroughly for a few minutes, then strain into spray barrel or tank and it is ready for use.

Reply To Miss Bettie Ann Bunker.

Rocky Bluff, April 15.
Hello, Miss Bettie Ann Bunker! Here comes a perfect little brunette, aged 67, weight 109, height 4ft. 3 in. If I could stand erect I would be over 5 ft, white head, grey eyes, bent back and I am considered to be a handsome blonde. After reading your ad in the Reporter I just considered you to be my ideal as you say you can plow. I am a good housekeeper and you may take charge of the field. It will suit me exactly for you to be my plow boy, as I am getting old and feeble. Old buck walks a little to fast for me.

I own a log cabin, an ox and three cats, two chicks, one pig and a little 3 acre farm. Now, if I am your ideal just drop me a nice letter and your photo enclosed, and after we are engaged I will send you my photo, if I can get 25cts to pay the photographer, but I may sell my pig. Now, Miss Becky Ann, don't be backward but write to this brunette, and receive a jolly reply. I did expect to inherit, but I failed I believe in the golden rule if I don't follow it. Awaiting your reply.

MOSSY BILL.

Best brown chop \$1.75. Boyles Mercantile Co.

WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH OUR FARMERS?

Why Do They Almost Invariably Vote Against Bond Issues and Special Taxes For Good Roads.

Union county, North Carolina, held an election last month on the question of bonds for road improvement and the majority against the bonds was overwhelming. While the towns and villages voted for the bonds the country folks came out strong against the proposition. Why?

Anson county North Carolina, voted a few months ago on a bond issue for roads and the same thing happened there. The proposition was turned down by a big majority and that majority came from the country townships. Why?

Orange county, North Carolina, a few weeks ago carried a bond issue of \$250,000. But for the practically unanimous vote cast in the towns, the issue would have lost. The farmers of the county were against the proposition and fought it bitterly. Even now they refuse to give up the fight and have started a suit to declare the election invalid.

A few days ago the editor of the Greensboro News, commenting on the road situation in Guilford county, said that the bond issue in his county would not have carried but for the vote of the people in Greensboro and the smaller towns of the county.

We could fill a page with instances of this sort. Everywhere it is the same story. The people of the towns who pay from 75 to 90 per cent of the taxes, always favor bond issues for the building of good roads. The people of the country, districts, who use the roads every day in the year and who endure the hardships and losses incident to bad roads, must be coerced into building roads. To be sure, after they have once had a taste of it, and have become inoculated with the good roads germ, they "do about," but they are invariably hard subjects to work on.

What is the matter with our farmers? To be sure they are the back-bone of the country, guardians of our liberty, and all of the many fine things that insinuating office-seekers went out into the by-ways and hedges to garner in the votes of the "dear peepul." They are the "sterling patriots" and the "horny-handed sons of toil on whom our entire fabric of government depends," but it has been our experience that when the time came to strike the first blow for

real progress, the farmer was not on the job.

We are not inclined to be pessimistic, however, for the indications are that a new era is dawning. In all parts of the south there are strong, level-headed farmers that stand for all that is good in their communities and who are doing all in their power to secure better roads, better schools and better farming methods and these will not always be in the minority. The people of the towns and cities will not always have to take the initiative in securing improvements, nor will those who desire the adoption of progressive methods have to depend solely on the towns and cities of the country for support.

Meanwhile, office-seekers and newspapers should recognize the fact that the farmer is no better than anybody else and stop telling him that he is boss of the universe. Some of them have heard it so often that they have actually come to believe it and there was never a bigger mistake in the world. The farmer is neither better nor worse than the man who drives an engine, an automobile or a typewriter. All of us—artisan, mechanic, farmer, professional man, tradesman, are dependent one upon another and our interests are the same in the end. What benefits the city dweller benefits the farmer either directly or indirectly and the farmer shares his blessings and his misfortunes, whether he wants to or not, with his brethren in town.—Southern Good Roads Magazine.

WHY HE WAS LATE.

"What made him so late?"
"I met Smithson."
"Well, that is no reason why you should be an hour late getting home to supper."
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Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Saunders, of Winston-Salem, spent a few days at their cottage at Piedmont Springs this week, returning home Tuesday. They were accompanied by Miss Minnie Allen, of Winston-Salem. Mr. and Mrs. Saunders expect to return to their cottage in May to spend the summer.

Mr. Odell Jones has returned from Walnut Cove where he has been attending school.

LAND SALE.

By virtue of the authority of a decree of the Superior Court of Stokes county rendered by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Stokes county in the case entitled Nancy J. Stewart et al vs. John A. Reid et al, appointing the undersigned as a commissioner to make sale of the hereinafter described lands, I will on Monday, June the 3rd, 1912, at the court house door in the town of Danbury, N. C., sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the described lands to wit:

A certain tract of land containing 12 acres lying and being in the county of Stokes and state of North Carolina on Blackey's branch, and bounded as follows to wit: Beginning at a post oak in James Moore's former line, north on his former line, 24 poles to a small black gum, East 80 poles to a spanish oak in W. P. Reid's former line, south 24 poles to a post oak W. P. Reid's former line corner, west 80 poles on his former line crossing a branch to the beginning, adjoining the lands of Zeb. Martin and others, and fully described in a grant from the state of North Carolina to W. P. Reid which appears of record in the office of the Register of Deeds of Stokes County in Book No. 13 page 138, etc., to which reference is here to made for further description. Sale subject to the confirmation of the court. This April 18th, 1912.

J. D. HUMPHREYS,
Commissioner.

NOTICE OF ENTRY OF LAND.

Notice is hereby given that Ollie H. Kiser, has this day entered 133 3/4 acres of land in Danbury Township, Stokes County, N. C., on the waters of Hanging Rock Creek, adjoining the lands of J. C. Tise, M. T. Chilton, A. W. Davis, N. O. Petree, and others. This the 13th day of April, 1912.

W. C. SLATE,
Register of Deeds and ex. officio entry-taker for Stokes Co., N. C.

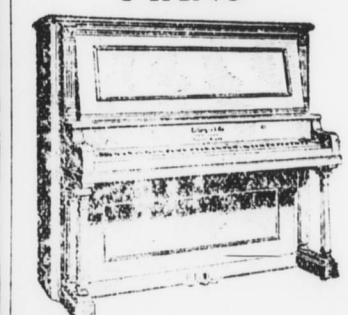
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NOTICE OF SALE.

By virtue of an authority conveyed in a certain deed of trust executed to C. C. Campbell, trustee, by John Owens and Thelma, his wife, on the 25th day of Nov., 1910, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Stokes county, N. C., in book of mortgages No. 51 page 754 and the conditions therein not having been complied with, at the request of the holder thereof, I, C. C. Campbell, Trustee, will sell for cash to the highest bidder at the residence of John Owens, on the premises of said lands in Stokes County, N. C., at 12 o'clock on Saturday, April 27, 1912, the following described real estate situated in Stokes county, N. C., in Quaker Gap township and described as follows: Adjoining the lands of Peter Slate, Thompson Rogers and others and bounded as follows: Beginning at a small persimmon bush running due West to Peter Slate's line, thence with his line to Clemon Dearnin's corner, thence with his line to Thompson Rogers's line, thence with his line to Bob Ward's corner, thence with his line to the beginning, containing 25 acres more or less.
This March 20th, 1912.
C. C. CAMPBELL,
Trustee.

NOTICE OF SALE.

Under and by virtue of the power conferred in a certain deed of Trust executed to me on the 22nd day of Aug. 1911, by T. J. Hutchens and wife, Hattie V. Hutchens, and duly recorded in the office of Register of Deeds of Stokes County, Book 55, Page 152, the terms of which not having been complied with, I shall, in the town of Danbury, N. C., at the court house door at 1 o'clock P. M. on May 13th, 1912, sell for cash to the highest bidder the following described tract of land lying and being in Stokes County, North Carolina and being the 1/2 interest of T. J. Hutchens in his father's estate known as the J. H. Hutchens tract of land, bounded as follows:
On the North by the lands of J. W. Hutchens; on the west by the lands of W. E. Rhodes; on the South by the lands of Sarah J. Hutchens, dec'd; and on the East by the lands of Sarah J. Hutchens, dec'd, containing 24 acres, more or less.
This 12th day of April, 1912.
J. O. RAGSDALE,
Trustee.
J. M. Sharp, Att'y.

NOTICE OF SALE.

Under and by virtue of the power vested in me by the terms of a certain Deed of Trust executed to me on the 20th day of July, 1911, by Baker Martin, and duly recorded in the office of Register of Deeds of Stokes County, Book 55 page 151, the terms of which not having been complied with, I shall, in the town of Danbury, N. C., at the court house door at 1 o'clock, P. M., May 13th, 1912, sell for cash to the highest bidder, the following described tract of land, lying and being in Stokes County, N. C., adjoining the lands of Old Dunlap and others, and being the lands purchased by Baker Martin from Phil Billies, and Billy—, and others on which he Baker Martin now lives, said tract containing about 250 acres.
This the 12th day of April, 1912.
J. M. SHARP,
Trustee.

State of North Carolina,
Stokes County.
To whom this may concern:
This is to notify the public and all persons interested that my wife Julia K. Hairston has separated herself from me and is now living separate and apart from me, without any just ground for abandoning me, and this is to notify all persons that I will not pay any debt that my said wife may undertake to charge me with, and I will not in any way be responsible for her debts or contracts.
Pine Hall, N. C. April 11th, 1912.
WM. L. HAIRSTON.

NOTICE.

Having duly qualified as executor of the last will and testament of Peter E. Overby, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against the estate of the said Peter E. Overby, to present them to me for payment, duly authenticated, on or by the 1st day of April, 1912, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are respectfully requested to make immediate settlement of same with me.
This the 14 day of Mar. 1911.
B. F. OVERBY,
Executor of P. E. Overby.
Post Office, Stuart Va., Route 3.
N. O. Petree, Atty. for Ex.

NOTICE!

Having duly qualified as administrator upon the estate of Wm. M. Heath, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against the said Wm. M. Heath, to present them to me for payment, duly authenticated, on or by the 1st day of April, 1912, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are hereby respectfully requested to make immediate payment to me.
This the 26th day of March, 1912.
S. L. HOLLAND, Ad'mr.
P. O. Mizpah, N. C., Route 1.
N. O. Petree, Atty. for Admr.

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