

**METHODS OF ERADICATING WILD ONION**

**Plowing and Cultivating Properly and at the Right Time Will Be Helpful.**

The wild onion, or garlic which causes an annual money loss to farmers of millions of dollars a year, can be eradicated by careful methods of cultivation, according to farmers' Bulletin No. 610, of the Department of Agriculture, shortly to be issued. The wild onion is the worst weed pest in a large part of the territory in the Atlantic coast region from Massachusetts to Georgia, and as far inland as Missouri. It not only gives milk a disagreeable odor and flavor, but when the onion bulbets get in wheat they give the flour made from it a pronounced garlick odor and taste.

The measures recommended for the eradication of the wild onion, or garlic, pest are based on the growing habits of this plant. It ripens in June or July, when it has a stem one and one-half to three and one-half feet tall, on the top of which are found clusters of the aerial bulbets, incorrectly called seeds. The plant seldom produces true seeds. It multiplies by forming two to six new bulbets, which start to grow after the leaves and stems die. These bulbets consist generally of a large bulb with a thin white skin and smaller ones with a hard, brown shell. The soft shell bulb germinates in the summer or early fall, and the hard shell bulbs do not start growth until a considerably later date. A few start in the late fall, but most of them remain dormant until the following spring, or even later. Inasmuch as the plants from the soft shell-

ed bulbs advance far enough to produce new bulbs before all the hard shelled bulbs have germinated, there is an overlapping of generations, which is the secret of the remarkable persistence of this weed.

To kill the wild onion, the work must be started in the fall to destroy the plants from the soft shelled bulbs before they produce new bulbs. The best time is when the new plants are 12 to 15 inches high, or during October and November in the South and December in the North. At this stage the land should be plowed fairly deep, turning under all the onion tops. The tops should be completely buried by the plowing and for this reason, a plow with a jointer attached to the beam will often be a great help. Disking the land previous to plowing will also aid in burying the tops. The following spring the field should be planted in a cultivated crop, corn in check rows being best. Another shallow plowing may be necessary in the spring, but ordinarily a disking or two previous to planting will suffice. In cultivating the corn, the effort should be to kill the onion plants that spring up and the easiest way to do this is to cut off the tops. Cultivators of the sweep type are the best. On many of the modern cultivators, sweeps 9 to 18 inches wide may be quickly attached in place of the shovels. Some soils, of course, are too stony or otherwise unsuitable for the use of sweeps.

From the time the farmer is able to get on the land in the spring until the corn is laid by, he should direct his efforts towards preventing the onion from making top growth, with the idea of killing the plants that come up from the hard shell bulbs. If this is well done, most of the onions will disappear by the end of summer. Some of the

**President Names Day For Nation to Pray for the End of the War.**

By the President of the United States of America.

**A PROCLAMATION**

Whereas great nations of the world have taken up arms against one another and war now draws millions of men into battle whom the counsel of statesmen have not been able to save from the terrible sacrifice;

And whereas in this as in all things it is our privilege and duty to seek counsel and succor of Almighty God, humbling ourselves before him, confessing our weakness and our lack of any wisdom equal to these things;

And whereas it is the especial wish and longing of the people of the United States, in prayer and counsel and all friendliness, to serve the cause of peace;

Therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do designate Sunday, the 4th day of October next, a day of prayer and supplication, and do request all God-fearing persons to repair on that day to their places of worship, there to unite their petitions to Almighty God that overruling the counsel of men, setting straight the things they cannot govern, or alter, taking pity on the nations now in the throes of conflict, in His mercy and goodness showing a way where men can see none, He vouchsafe His children healing peace again and restore once more that concord among men and nations without which there can be neither happiness nor true friendship nor any wholesome fruit of toil or thought in the world; praying also to this end that He forgive us our sins, our ignorance of his holy will, our wilfulness and many errors, and lead us in the paths of obedience to places of vision and to thoughts and counsels that purge and make wise.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this 8th day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and thirty-ninth.

By the President: **WOODROW WILSON.**  
 WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN, Secretary of State.

**The Costly Rat.**

Spartanburg Journal.

A bulletin recently issued by the Virginia department of health declares that rats cost the State of Virginia \$3,773,460 a year or half as much as the citizens pay in State taxes for the support of the government. The report declares that careful estimates by people who have studied the situation is that there are at least as many rats as there are people in this country, and that every farm has at least five times as many rats as human beings.

The rapid breeding of this pest, and its ability to evade its enemies are responsible for the great army of destroyers, and for the loss it causes. The rat is a vandal. It is cunning and secretive and quick. It lives away from the walks of men by day and destroys by night. The rat has long been an outlaw, and because of this shapes its habits accordingly.

Even though rats were harmless their multitude would make them a nuisance, but, as a matter of fact, they are among the most destructive pests in the world. It is estimated that the average rat's destructive work costs one-half a cent per day. This means an annual loss of \$1.88 per rat—\$188 per year to the farm where there are a hundred rats, a fair average per farm.

Rats destroy corn in winter, young chickens in spring, various crops in summer, and other property in fall. Eggs and other foodstuffs of value are being consumed at all times.

Added to all this the rat is a carrier of diseases. There should be no place for him in this world.

A world-wide rat killing would be a good thing.

Miss Jessie Pepper left yesterday to visit her sister, Mrs. S. S. Oliver, at Forest, Va.

hard shell bulbs, however, may delay germination for a year or two, so that by fall a few plants may again be in evidence. The farmer, therefore, should be prepared to follow the same plan of deep plowing late in the fall, succeeded by a carefully cultivated crop the next spring. In two years this treatment is almost sure death to all wild onions in the land, and the work can be carried out with but little extra labor and expense.

**229 Attend Birthday Dinner At King**

King, Sept. 21.—The relatives and friends of Mr. C. M. Fulp gave him a surprise birthday dinner last Sunday. Two hundred and twenty people were present. This was Mr. Fulp's fifty-third birthday. The table was heavily laden and one of the most tempting this correspondent ever had the pleasure of viewing. Everybody present seemed to enjoy themselves to the utmost.

Mr. G. M. Allen, the liveryman here, lost a nice horse Tuesday. Mr. W. E. Newsom, of Tobaccoville, has moved his family here. He will engage in the livery business.

A force of brick masons are cleaning and penciling the walls of the new bank building, which adds much to its appearance.

Mr. I. B. Stone, who has been quite sick for some time, shows very little improvement.

Mr. B. F. Pulliam's new addition to his residence on Main street is nearing completion.

Mr. F. E. Shore went to Winston Salem yesterday.

**The Road Work In Mt. Airy Township**

The work of grading the White Sulphur Springs road and also the Low Gap road has been completed. The application of the top soil coat has been practically completed on the Springs road and is in progress on the Low Gap road.

On each of these roads splendid grades have been secured, and the road bed is first class in every particular. It is expected that the surfacing on both of these roads will be completed before winter sets in.

Work on the Old Hollow road will begin soon, if it has not already commenced. The completion of this road together with some repair work is probably about all that can be done this season and when completed good roads will radiate in all directions from Mount Airy. It is doubtful if another township in the State has as many miles of good roads as the Granite City. It is a positive delight to travel over them.

—Mt. Airy News.

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**Engagement of Miss Wilson Rumored**

From Washington comes the rumor that Miss Margaret Wilson, the only unmarried daughter of President Wilson, will be married this fall to Jas. McReynolds, formerly attorney general and recently appointed a justice of the supreme court.

It is stated that the wedding was to have taken place early in October, but was postponed on account of the death of Mrs. Wilson.

Miss Wilson is the oldest daughter of the president, being 26 years of age, and Mr. McReynolds, who is a bachelor, is 45 years old.

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**Notes About the Prohibition Election in Virginia**

The latest returns from the prohibition election in Virginia place the majority for prohibition at about 40,000.

The law does not go into effect until Nov. 1, 1916, instead of July 1, 1916, as was stated in last issue.

Patrick county gave 600 majority against prohibition, and was the "wettest" county in Virginia.

**An Up-To-Date Store.**

The establishment of the Stokes Supply Co., at King, is one of the most complete in the county, and they carry an immense line of goods of every description. The manager, Mr. W. E. Hartman, is always on his job and by virtue of his long experience in the business he knows how to sell you the best goods at the closest prices. When you visit the Stokes County Fair don't forget to drop in and inspect their stock. Read their ad in this paper.

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W. S. Watkins' farm and store for sale. Ideal location; Campbell P. O.; 75 acres land, good dwelling, store house, 2 tobacco barns and other buildings and orchard.

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