



Agriculturally Speaking

By L. C. COOPER
County Extension Chairman

Farm-City Week was observed in Warren County, November 9-13, at the Agriculture Building, Warrenton.

The State Farm-City Kick-Off Luncheon was held on November 12 at the N. C. State University Faculty Club in Raleigh. Attending from Warren County were Charles Hayes, Warren County Farm-City Week chairman and L. C. Cooper, County

Extension chairman. Refreshments and door prizes were given each day during the observance at the county level. It was well attended by a mixture of town and rural people. Door prizes were donated by the following businesses: Ideal Florist, Warrenton Furniture Exchange, Leggett Department Store, FCX, Miles Hardware, and Warren Auto Parts.

District 4-H Meeting Is Held In Orange Co.

The November 14 North Central District 4-H meeting was held in the Orange County Agricultural Extension office. Council members David Hayes, Ivan Barnes and Kevin Cheston attended.

The meeting was opened by the president of the Orange County Council. After the devotion, the business session was held by officers of the North Central District.

During the old business session, district T-shirts were discussed and the opportunity to share news from each county was provided.

During the new business session, the new state project, "Energy Conservation," was explained by Scotty Walker, state 4-H

vice president. Also, goals for the district council were set and the date for the next council meeting was set for February 6 of next year.

After the business session, lunch was catered by McDonalds and four workshops were held. Workshop topics were: home energy, solar energy, energy in the kitchen and leadership.

The meeting adjourned after the workshops.

Slippery Subject

Biologists are exploring the possibility that chemical compounds extracted from uninfected snails might be used as a vaccine against snail fever, a deadly parasitic infection that is spreading, particularly among the Third World nations.



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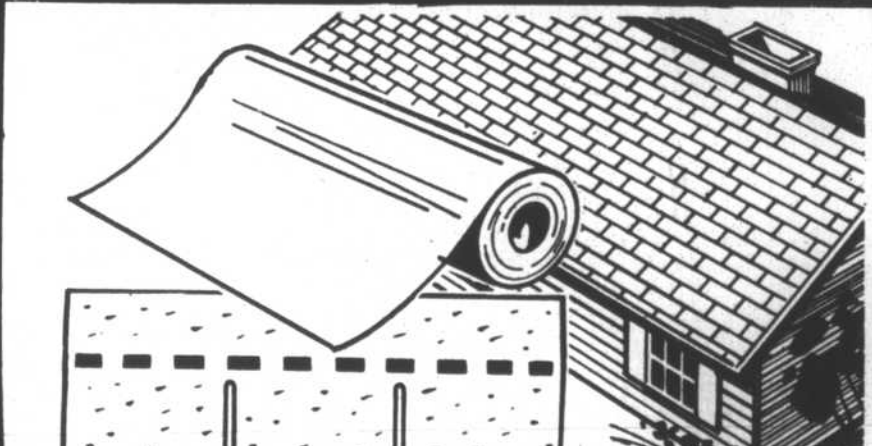
Most people think of spring for growing things. But some growing things need a head start — and that includes fruit trees, nut trees, and ornamentals. If you're planning to add trees or shrubs this year, you'll give them a better chance if you plant them now — while they're dormant for the winter. Most FCX stores have a wide variety of vigorous, high quality young trees, available in nearly all the popular varieties,

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Christmas Cantata Planned For Club

By GERALDINE HARRISON

"A Christmas Cantata" was the education program planned for the Best Better 4-H Club at its regular meeting under the direction of Mrs. Jennie Franklin and Ms. Rosiland Gilliam. Mrs. Franklin urged the club members who were willing to participate in the Christmas Cantata to do so as it would be a learning and educational experience for all. This would also consist of a lot of hard work.

The meeting was called to order by Zella Patrick, president, at 7 p. m. at Mariam Boyd School. After the pledge to the American Flag and the 4-H pledge, the devotion consisted of the Lord's Prayer and a poem entitled "Which Are You" was led by the devotional leader, Maggie Patrick.

In the Share-In-Session, each member of the club who attended the Talent Show given by the Parktonian 4-H Club at South Warren School told of the highlights of the event. Mrs. C. N. Arrington encouraged all leaders and parents to attend the 4-H Leaders Association. Lynette Barnes, secretary of the club, reported on being a district winner of the "Early Teens In Canning" and leaders encouraged the club to put more work in their yearly projects. Sharon Jefferson gave a report on the Community Watch signs in the various communities.

Minutes and roll call were given by Lynette Barnes. Eighteen members, two leaders, two parents and two visitors were present.

Thanksgiving dinner for senior citizens at Hawkins School was the main business of the club. Mrs. Barnes, organizational leader, informed club members that their newest project would go into effect on Tuesday, Nov. 24, and the club would sponsor Thanksgiving dinner for 20 senior citizens. This project sponsored by the club will enable any person over 60 to be able to have a hot meal five days a week at Hawkins Elementary School. The cost per meal is \$1.15 and may be paid partly with food stamps for those who are not able to pay the \$1.15. Other business included the Warrenton Christmas Parade scheduled for December 2 and the 4-H Summer trip. 4-H project selection sheets were distributed to members and they were urged to select and complete at least one project.

Remarks were given by leaders and visitors and the meeting was closed with the club motto.

Breakfast Skippers Almost 37 percent of all Americans skip breakfast.



McGruff (alias Glenn Woolard, associate extension agent, 4-H) greeted over 260 fourth, fifth and sixth graders as they viewed the Crime Prevention Education Exhibit at Hawkins Elementary School during 4-H Open House on November 10. McGruff urged students to "put the bite to crime" and gave out official North Carolina Crime Fighter cards. Deborah Kirk, crime prevention specialist, encouraged students to tell their parents about Community Watch and Operation I.D. The program was sponsored cooperatively by the Agricultural Extension Service and the N. C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety during Farm-City Week.

Venison Requires 'Tender' Care

Venison can be a flavorful and tender meat, but it will become dry, stringy and tough if cooked too long with dry heat, says Dr. Nadine Tope, extension food conservation and preparation specialist at North Carolina State University. "Cook young, tender roasts, chops and steaks just as you would tender beef, with this one exception: when using dry

heat, protect the meat from drying out by basting, barding or larding," she says. Meat from an older animal, or one of questionable age, should be marinated and cooked with moist heat. If you are not sure of the age of your deer, Dr. Tope says, check for wear in all its teeth. This indicates an older animal. "To merely tenderize

venison," Dr. Tope advises, "use a marinade such as soda water. Buttermilk tenderizes and draws out some of the wild taste. Wines, vinegars and spices will tenderize and add their flavor to meat. Older animals will need 24 hours or more of marination. Young animals will need only a few hours." Ground venison should have 15 to 25 percent beef fat added to it as it is ground. Without the added fat, the meat will be dry and difficult to cook, Dr. Tope says.

Town 'N Country Gardeners Gather

The Town 'N Country Garden Club held its November meeting in the Alston's recreational room (the Flame). Mrs. Sophie Hawkins, president, presided. The meeting was opened with the state motto and November poem "Beautification" recited in unison. Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Mrs. Hawkins distributed and reviewed an outline of the year's program submitted by the yearbook committee. Mrs. Sallie Brown suggested some changes. She thought we should have more actual demonstrations that would require members' participation. The committee received the changes suggested and will revise some of the meetings.

A letter and reports from our new state president, Mrs. Martha H. London, requesting the support of all clubs were presented for club information. A card of pleasant thoughts and congratulations was signed by members present to be mailed to the state's retiring president,

Mrs. Virginia Levister. Mrs. Georgia Exum gave a report on "Floral Design: Blooming Plants and Accents." She explained the new trend in potted plants is toward smaller size, especially in blooming plants. The 4 1/2 inch plants are popular. The color combinations for winter are deep jewel colors. Bitte green and plumberry are fashionable. Warmer weather will show in dusty colors such as dusty rose, mauve, grayed blues and creamy sea coral. No color combinations like cinnamon with buckskin, ecru or ivory blend well in homes that feature natural wood paneling. Ribbon is making a big impact and should be an intrinsic part of the arrangement. Ribbons can be made with corduroy, velvet or satin and they can be garlanded, looped, woven or knotted among the flowers.

During a lively social period, Mrs. Miry Jordan, hostess, served butterfly salad, open-face sandwiches, hot apple cider and doughnuts.

Venison kidney, liver and tongue may also be used. "When deciding how to cook game, keep in mind that dry heat may be used for young, tender, mild-flavored game," the specialist notes. "Moist heat should be used for older, tougher animals. Over-cooking makes the meat stringy, tough and flavorless." And last, but not least, marinating, soaking and par-boiling are needed if the meat is tough or has a strong flavor."



Nonstop Flight
Bulging with fat for fuel, the blackpoll warbler, which is smaller than a sparrow, can fly nonstop over water for 2,300 miles, taking an average of 86 hours. To find good winds, some fly at the cold, oxygen-starved altitude of 21,000 feet, National Geographic says.

Mobility
Motor-powered crutches that give the handicapped person more mobility are being developed by a mechanical engineer.

Agronomist's Corner

Two Pests Cause Harm In Storage Of Tobacco

By RUSSELL C. KING
Associate Agricultural Extension Agent
It appears that there will be a good bit of tobacco stored on the farm this year, particularly in our area. Several calls have already come to me concerning insect control in this stored tobacco. Therefore, I would like to discuss this problem in my article today.

There are two major pests of tobacco stored on the farm: the tobacco moth and the cigarette beetle. Of these, the tobacco moth is more destructive. Adults of the tobacco moth are about 3/8 inch long and grey in color. The adults do not cause any damage, but they fly in from other storage areas and lay eggs on or near tobacco. Larvae vary in color from pinkish to off-white. They are tiny when first hatched, but they grow to 1/2 inch in length. In the fall, most larvae move to cracks in floors and walls or to the surface of the tobacco. Here they spin cocoons where they overwinter. Activity and damage to the tobacco starts again in late March to early April. The larvae eat holes in the leaf and may consume entire leaves.

Adult cigarette beetles are much smaller. Larvae are almost microscopic when first hatched. Damage, done by the larvae, consists of small holes which may look like flea beetle damage. The first step to control of both pests is sanitation. Remove all scrap tobacco from the storage area. Also remove all feed and seed from the storage area. Once tobacco has been stored, it should be checked regularly for insects, especially before Thanksgiving and after mid-April.

Bacillus thuringiensis (Dipel) may be used as a preventive treatment for the tobacco moth. It does not control cigarette beetles. You should apply a fine spray to loose tobacco as it is bundled or stacked. You should also spray all cracks in the floors and walls of the storage house.

Methyl bromide fumigation controls both insects, but it does not prevent reinfestation. This is an extremely dangerous treatment and directions should be followed to the letter in its use.

If you need more information on controlling insects in stored tobacco, please contact us at the Warren County Agricultural Extension Service.

Club Has Gathering

Stacy Fields reports that the Norlina Youth Improvement 4-H club held its monthly meeting on Nov. 10 at 7 p. m. at the home of President Jackie Jones.

The meeting was called to order by the president and devotions were given. In new business, officers were elected. They are: reporter, Stacey Fields; secretary, Kelly Lovelace;

vice president, Jackie Jones; president, David Sledge; treasurer, Mr. Cheston; assistant secretary, Bryant Alston.

In old business, record books were discussed and the new project selection sheet was received.

Grace was offered and refreshments were served before the meeting adjourned.

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