

4,000 Acres Being Planned To Kudzu

Some people know it as "telephone vine," others as "porch vine" and in some sections it is given the somewhat exaggerated name of "mile-a-minute vine." Its real name is kudzu, and it has a much more valuable use than shading porches for which it is generally used in the South.

During January and February North Carolina farmers cooperating with the soil conservation service in its erosion control program are planting 4,000 acres of eroded land to this soil-conserving and hay crop, reports W. D. Lee, soil conservationist of the State college extension service, and E. B. Garrett, state coordinator of the SCS.

Probably one reason why kudzu has remained a porch vine so long is that farmers, observing its habits of growth, have been wary of letting it get into their cultivated fields. But though it spreads rapidly—kudzu vines have been known to grow 70 feet in a single season—it does not form underground stolons like Bermuda grass or Johnson grass, and Lee says it can be destroyed readily by cultivation or by excessive grazing.

As a hay and forage crop, kudzu is among the best of the protein feeds, comparing favorably with alfalfa. Once kudzu has become firmly established, it can be cut for hay at any time during the growing season. It is highly resistant to drought and can be used for temporary grazing during hot, dry weather when other pasture is burned up.

But in demonstration areas and soil conservation districts, farmers are planting kudzu primarily for erosion control. With proper land preparation, careful planting, fertilizing, and first-year cultivation it will grow on denuded areas and perpendicular sides of gullies, checking run-off water and holding the soil.

Church Services

Baptist Church

Rev. C. F. Rogers, Pastor
9:45 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Preaching service.
7 p. m.—B. T. U.
7:30 p. m.—Preaching service.
Wednesday, 8 p. m.—Prayer service

Franklin Methodist Church

The Rev. Ivon L. Roberts, Pastor
(Each Sunday)
10 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Worship services.
6 p. m.—Vesper service.

St. Agnes Episcopal Church

The Rev. Frank Bloxham, Rector
11 a. m.—Morning prayer and sermon.

Presbyterian Church

Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Pastor
Franklin—(Each Sunday)
10 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Worship services.
Morrison—(Each Sunday)
2:30 p. m.—Sunday school.
(Each 2nd and 4th Sunday)
3:30 p. m.—Worship services.

Catholic Church

Rev. A. R. Rohrbacher, Pastor
Services in American Legion hall second and fourth Sundays at 8 a. m.

Macon Circuit

Rev. J. C. Swaim, Pastor
1st Sunday—Union 11 o'clock a. m.; a. m.; Mulberry, 2 o'clock p. m.; Hickory Knoll, 2 o'clock p. m.; Asbury, 3 o'clock p. m.
2nd Sunday—Mt. Zion, 11 o'clock a. m.; Maiden's Chapel, 3 o'clock p. m.
3rd Sunday—Asbury, 11 o'clock a. m.; Dryman's Chapel, 3 o'clock p. m.; Union, 7:30 o'clock p. m.
4th Sunday—Patton's 11 o'clock a. m.; Maiden's Chapel, 2 o'clock p. m.; Mt. Zion, 7:30 o'clock p. m.

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JULIAN PRICE

President Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company

Jefferson Standard Life Insurance company by Julian Price, president, at the recent annual stockholders meeting.

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He reported the contingency reserve fund, capital and surplus, increased to \$5,000,000. This is a fund maintained in addition to the regular reserves required by law as additional protection to policyholders. "Payments to policyholders and beneficiaries during the year amounted to \$6,000,000," he reported, bringing the total amount paid to policyholders and beneficiaries since organization 32 years ago to \$105,000,000.

Bulletin Explains Experimental Work

It required 11 years of breeding work on approximately 60,000 seedlings of known parentage to produce the three new strawberry varieties—the Fairmore, Daybreak and Eleanor Roosevelt—which were recently announced by the North Carolina experiment station at State college.

How these new varieties of fruits were developed and the approved methods for growing them, are explained in a publication prepared by E. B. Morrow, associate horticulturist of the experiment station, and George M. Darrow, senior pomologist of the U. S. department of agriculture.

This publication is available for free distribution upon request to the Agricultural Editor at State College, Raleigh, for Experiment Station Bulletin No. 320, "Breeding New Strawberry Varieties."

The Fairmore originated as a cross between the Blakemore and Fairfax made in 1933, the Daybreak is the result of a cross between the Missionary and Fairfax in 1931, and the Eleanor Roosevelt originated as a cross between the Bellmar and Fairfax in 1931. All three varieties were tested for five or more years at the Coastal Plain branch experiment station at Willard, and for the past two years by a group of cooperating growers in Columbus, Pender, Duplin and New Hanover counties, as well as at Raleigh and Swannanoa, and at the U. S. horticultural station at Beltsville, Md.

The Fairmore and Daybreak should be grown in a spaced or thin-matted row and should not be fertilized heavily, especially in the late winter or early spring. They are very vigorous plants, with long runners. On the other hand the Eleanor Roosevelt forms few runner plants except in fertile soils, but sets a very heavy crop of berries. It should be grown in well-spaced rows and a heavy mulch applied early in the spring.

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By BESS H. HINES.
Kenansville, N. C.

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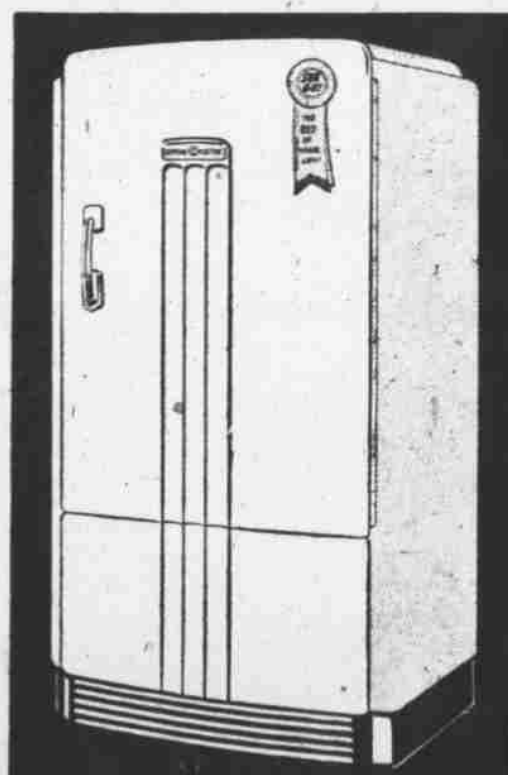
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