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A Costly Practice

The practice of using poor seed in starting their sweet potatoes in years past has cost Martin County farmers many dollars, and as the time approaches for starting another crop it seems that the growers could do no better than to use certified seed. It has been said that Martin farmers, in numerous instances, use for seed those potatoes that would not measure up to market requirements, caring little about the threat of disease and paying little attention to methods for the control of black rot and other diseases common to the crop.

Possibly Martin County farmers have the reputation of producing one of the best sweet potatoes in the country. Several buyers establishing packing stations in the county last December in anticipation of handling a record crop and one of quality. Early deliveries proved disappointing and during a greater part of the season the market merely dragged along. One of the buyers withdrew from the market, and farmers have had to solicit a market for themselves in many cases.

Black rot or disease in some other form was reported in possibly nine out of every ten crops offered for sale. Improper harvesting and curing aggravated the situation, and on an average less than fifty per cent of the crop measured up to government standards.

It would seem that farmers would recognize the facts and take steps to correct the costly practices in producing sweet potatoes and other crops, too. But it has been said that many farmers at the beginning of a new season will take their seed from diseased stock, plant potatoes on diseased land and then throw up their hands in despair when they find black rot and other diseases in their potatoes at marketing time.

In a revised farmer's bulletin, No. 714, the United States Department of Agriculture offers a solution, a partial one at least, to the problem caused by disease. These bulletins may be had from the department in Washington City, or they may be had through the office of the county agent.

A Bad Example

It is quite a puzzle to understand how youths do as well as they do after they are exposed to the habits, patterns and examples set by the elders.

Much is said about the virtues and the value of good examples for youth to follow, but there is an apparent hesitancy on the part of the adult to set the good examples when those examples interfere with his pleasure or cramp his style.

Recently a goodly number of Boy Scouts met with their fathers and friends in a banquet hall. A leader of boys called attention to the absence of coffee on the menu. "It isn't good for growing boys, you know," the leader said. While that leader was talking about what was good for the boys, several oldsters puffed cigarettes and cigars, the smoke drifting up the noses and into the eyes of the boys. A little later the leader himself carried on a conversation with another leader before the nearly 100 youths while the main speaker of the evening offered a stirring appeal to the youths.

It is a common practice with many to point out the virtues, but when it cramps our style to set the good example for the youth to follow we merely forget the obligation and turn and criticize the youth for picking up our bad habits.

A Baffling War

Prior to the outbreak of the European war last September, little boys and old men, too, raked and pulled from the junk piles nearly every available piece of scrap iron for shipment to the munition centers of the world. Since the war started in Europe, the market for scrap iron has almost petered out.

Orders for food and feed stuffs are not up to expectations, indicating that the plans call for starvation rather than gun-fire attacks.

Little fighting is reporting where the "big" war is supposed to be centered, but over in England where no war has been declared, thousands are being killed.

It's a baffling war, all right.

Delinquent Youth

Few things have a more tragic appearance than a school with a large number of broken window panes, and the sad part about it is the fact that often the father of the delinquent youth who throws stones through windows is the fellow who kicks and raises the very debbil about the taxes that are levied to keep school windows and other school property in a state of repair.

Just a short time ago several youths, disgruntled because they were denied access to a basketball court in a county school building, bombarded the school with bricks and broke an even dozen window lights. Such revolts are not limited to the one school; similar ones have been reported in other schools in this county where a thoughtless youth asserted itself in the face of kindly counsel offered by teachers and others.

If the youths of this county were denied the right to an education and they bombarded the school property, then the action could be regarded as encouraging. There has been a day when youth was denied an education. There has been a day when youth was housed in crude buildings without a glass window to let in the bright sunlight. The youth of that day had his eye fixed on a definite goal, and there was little time for side-line activities. Today there is the modern plant and a liberal schedule for sports and plan, but the restless youth is not satisfied. He plays the role of the delinquent and stoops to a cowardly act.

Beginnings Of Modern Marriages

Washington Daily News.

It may or may not throw some light on the outcomes of some marriages, and perhaps to point a moral, to read the following statistics on the subject reaching this paper yesterday.

By far the most marriage proposals are now made outside the girl's home, probably in some automobile, the Institute of Family Relations deduces from a study of 1,181 proposals.

Dr. Paul Popenoe, general director of the institute, concluded:

"Modern homes are small or lack privacy. The automobile gives the couple a chance to be alone. Hence 25 per cent of the proposals were made in the car and only 23 per cent in the girl's home."

Besides the automobile proposals were listed these others outside the home:

- 20 per cent in streets, parks, campuses, restaurants or other public places.
- 13 per cent on vacation or while traveling.
- 10 per cent at parties, dinners, dances.
- 6 per cent by letter or wire.
- 3 per cent miscellaneous.

Dr. Popenoe contended the average man's proposal technique is disgraceful:

"A common performance, it appears, is for the young couple to be looking into a furniture store window when the man inquires, 'How about you and me fixing up a little love nest, huh?'"

One man proposed as his girl, frightened by a rattlesnake in the path, stepped back into his arms. Another proposed after he had finished a slab of gooseberry pie at a picnic and was introduced to the girl who made it.

"A third popped the question to a young teacher when he heard that a school near his ranch was vacant. He wrote urging her to apply for the position, adding that if she got it he would be very glad to wed.

"Even on vacations or at resorts, where there is every opportunity to choose an appropriate setting, many men do not do so.

"One man proposed in a swimming pool, another at a soda fountain, a third on a railway station platform and a fourth while strolling in a cemetery."

English Taste

Charlotte News.

Harry Hopkins predicts that England will go back to buying American tobacco in a short while. And it appears that he may be right.

Reasons for the English withdrawal from the market, with resulting disaster to Carolina tobacco growers, were two: (1) she wanted to conserve her buying power in this country to pay for warplanes, etc.; and (2) she wanted to cement her ties with Turkey by providing a market for the tobacco which that country had formerly sold to Germany.

But, as has happened before, the Tory Government seems to have reckoned without the English people.

Most of the cheap cigarettes favored by the Englishman in the street have been made out of so-called "Virginia bright leaf"—in reality produced mainly in North Carolina. Moreover, Englishmen are great pipe smokers, and like a fairly light tobacco made from a mixture of American bright leaf and burley. But Turkish tobacco is generally dark and heavy, and the lower grades are only a little less godawful than the fearsome black tow smoked by the common Frenchmen or the soggy hay the Germans get. The Englishman emphatically does not like it.

Before the war is much older the Germans may be ordered to smoke scrap paper, and if they are there is no doubt that they will dutifully obey. But an Englishman is no German. What he doesn't like he waxes vocal and angry about. And that fact may be the salvation of the Tar Heels in the eastern part of the state.

Driving speed should always be slow enough so that the car can be brought to a full stop within the distance illuminated by the headlights.

Thursday Friday Saturday BELK-TYLER'S End Of The Month Bargains

SALE!
Lovely Spring
DRESSES

Lovely new spring dresses in a gorgeous assortment of spring shades and styles. Plaids, prints and solid colors. Take care of your Easter requirements early.

\$1.98 \$2.98
\$4.98

SPRING SUITS

Attractive spring suits in all the new spring shades. A full stock of hard finished worsteds and lovely wool flannels in a large variety of styles. Make your selection early.

\$4.98 \$7.95

Ladies' Slips
Extra fine quality rayon satin slips in all sizes. Color tearose.
Regular 48c Value
39c

Rayon Panties
Excellent quality, full cut rayon panties. Both tailored and lace trimmed. Buy all you need at this low price.
14c

SALE! Budget HOSE
Lovely sheer, full fashion hose in all the new spring shades. Take care of your requirements now at this low price.
48c
Buy them by the Box!

Batiste Gowns
Full cut handmade batiste gowns in tearose and white. Regular 39c value.
19c

Men's Dress Shirts
Men's full cut, fast color dress shirts in a gay assortment of new spring patterns. Take care of your spring needs at this low price.
Regular 59c Value
48c

SALE!
Ladies' Sweaters
A large stock of ladies' spring sweaters in all the new spring colors and styles. Plain and novelty weaves to select from.
48c

SALE! SMART SPRING COATS
Smart spring coats in fitted and swagger styles, Plaids, pastel shades, tweeds and solid colors to select from. You will need a new coat for Easter.
\$7.95
\$9.95

Dress Socks
Attractive new patterns. All sizes 10-12
9c

MEN'S WORK PANTS
Excellent quality in all sizes and colors
98

MEN'S WORK SOCKS
5c

SALE!
Spring HATS
Gorgeous new spring hats in all the new alluring shapes and lovely spring shades. New shipments arriving daily.
98¢ \$1.98

Ladies' Skirts
Attractive new spring patterns in all wanted colors. Plaids, pleated and plaid to select from. Buy a skirt now at this low price.
98¢ \$1.98

SALE!
Cannon Towels
Heavy weight, double warp Cannon-towels with colored borders. Buy all you need at this price. Regular 15c value.
10c

Men's Work Shirts
Heavy weight covert work shirts in blue and gray. All sizes in stock.
48c

SALE! SPRING PRINTS
A large shipment just received. Attractive new prints in all the new spring colors. Guaranteed fast color. Be sure to buy several dresses from this lovely selection...
10c

SALE! MEN'S SPRING SUITS
New spring patterns in tweeds and hard finished worsteds. In both single and double breasted styles. Buy your Easter suit now. Use our Lay-Away-Plan.
\$9.95
\$12.95
\$14.95
\$16.50
\$19.95

Heavy LL Sheeting
Extra heavy weight 39-inch 68x72 sheeting. Buy all you need at this low price.
6c

SALE!
Spun Rayons
Lovely new spring patterns in 39-inch spun rayons. Solid colors and prints to select from. Regular 39c value.
29c

SALE! SPRING SHOES
Smart new spring patterns in pumps, ties and straps. Patents, kids, and brown and white combinations. Buy your spring shoes now while our stock is complete.
\$1.98 \$2.95

Boys' Work Shirts
Good tough covert work shirts in blue and gray. Just the thing for boys' school wear.
39c

Men's Dress Shoes
Attractive new spring patterns in black, tan and white, and tan. Be sure to see these today.
\$1.98
\$2.95

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