

Scientists Subdue Deadly Blue Mold

Blue mold, which once swept unchecked through North Carolina tobacco plant beds, is no longer the frightening and deadly enemy of flue-cured leaf growers.

Plant disease scientists have found effective means of curbing its progress through the magic of chemicals, say Don E. Ellis and Howard R. Garriss, extension plant pathologists of State College.

Demonstrations conducted in various tobacco-growing sections of the State earlier in the year proved the effectiveness of paradichlorobenzene and red copper oxide as economical and beneficial agents in halting the disease.

Under a wide range of local conditions, the demonstrations showed a uniformly high degree of success. Complete figures were kept on 28 demonstrations in 13 counties.

Ellis and Garriss reported that plants were pulled from the treated beds on an average of 5.4 days earlier than from the untreated beds. At the time of the first pulling, an average of 3,474 more plants were secured from each 100 square yards of treated beds than from the untreated.

For the season, an average of 12,929 more plants were pulled. When paradichlorobenzene, or PDB as it is sometimes known, was used, narrow plant beds were recommended and used in a majority of cases. These beds were 5 feet 3 inches wide. However, wider beds were used to some extent and gave good results when tightly constructed and when sufficient cross pieces were provided to support the heavy cover.

Treatment, in most cases, was started after blue mold first appeared and was continued until the disease was controlled. Where the red copper oxide spray was used, applications were usually started before blue mold appeared and continued until danger from infection had passed.

Building Cost Is Low On Housing Projects

The average net construction cost of USHA homes, based on construction contracts covering 104,107 units is \$2,730, or about 26 per cent lower than the \$3,687 average for private residential building throughout the country.

This \$2,730 "net" includes the cost of erecting the building, plus plumbing, heating and electrical costs and is in fact the basis on which cost of homes is commonly quoted.

Conducting Demonstration In Effort To Control Weeds

In an effort to control weeds in their tobacco plant beds, Aca Mewborn and R. B. Edmondson, Greene County farmers, are conducting a cyanamid demonstration, says Assistant Farm Agent J. W. Grant.

Home Beautification Is Selected As Club Project

Home beautification has been selected as the major project for 4-H clubs of Bertie County during the coming year, says R. D. Smith, assistant farm agent of the State College Extension Service.

With the organization of a club in Bragtown School, every rural school in Durham County now has an active 4-H club, reports J. A. Sutton, assistant farm agent.

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Interesting Bits of Agricultural News

Free
The entire United States is now practically free of bovine tuberculosis following completion of the eradication program in California, reports the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Urbanized
The Extension Service, says Bernard DeVoto in November Harper's, has played an important part in bridging the gap between city and country in the past twenty years.

Abundant
American farmers are bringing to a close another year of abundant production, with cash income estimated to be the second largest since 1929, reports the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Sufficient
Total stocks of unmanufactured tobacco in the United Kingdom at the beginning of the present marketing year, about 435 million pounds, were near requirements for two years.

Continued
A program for 1941 which continues naval stores conservation as a part of the general Agricultural Conservation program has been approved for turpentine and rosin producers of the South.

Alteration
Large financial requirements for the national defense program may necessitate a reduction of cash subsidies to farmers and an increase in government loan rates on crop surpluses, say Federal farm officials.

Extension
An extension of the cotton stamp plan into a large number of cities before the end of the year is being considered strongly by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Exhausted?
Indications are that existing supplies of raw cotton in Italy are likely to be exhausted by December 31, since no large stocks of foreign cotton have been shipped in since the war started.

Asheville
The food stamp plan for aiding the market in moving surplus foods into trade channels has been extended to Asheville and the remainder of Buncombe County, announces the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Meat
Market supplies of hogs will be substantially smaller next year than in 1940, but supplies of cattle may be larger, predicts the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Nitrate Of Soda Increases Corn Yield In Franklin

Where he used nitrate of soda as a side dressing, Sam Sledge, 4-H club member of Franklin County, harvested 214 bushels of corn to the acre, but only 8.3 bushels from land where no soda was used.

Cabarrus Poultrymen Keep Records On Their Flocks

Of the 17 Cabarrus County poultrymen beginning demonstration flock records last October, 16 completed their records, reports W. H. Williams, assistant farm agent of the State College Extension Service.

Forsyth Farmers To Fatten Cattle With Surplus Feed

Many Forsyth County farmers with surplus feed have bought cattle which they expect to fatten during the winter with their feed, reports S. R. Mitchiner, assistant farm agent.

Badgett Quads Attend Their First Circus



America's youngest quads, the Badgett sisters, attend their first circus in Galveston, Texas. Jeanette seems to be frightened by the trained lion cub, but Joan, Jeraldine and Joyce are taking it all very calmly. The girls will be two years old on February 1.

Fur-and-Feather Friendship



All cats are fond of birds as a variation in their diet, but Toy, a tomcat owned by May Larkin, of New York City, wouldn't dream of even licking his chops at his pal, Bob, a common English sparrow. Toy overcame his natural instincts when Bob, helpless and hungry, was picked up outside Miss Larkin's window four years ago. (Central Press)



Hewes Signed the Declaration of Independence; But Lost His Health in the Service of N. C.

When a general congress was proposed for the thirteen original colonies, Joseph Hewes was one of the first three citizens selected by North Carolina to serve in that assembly. A biographer recorded in a life of Hewes published in 1827 that: "He was placed on the committee charged with fitting out the armed vessels ordered to be built or equipped for congress—the germ of the United States navy; and thus he became in effect, and in the nature of his duties and responsibilities, the first Secretary of the Navy." As a fourth of July hero he has won his greatest renown in North Carolina, for he was one of the three signers of the Declaration of Independence for the old North State. He was a leader in North Carolina, a State which was a pioneer in the

movement for independence. Hewes never missed a chance to support or vote for any plan of determining and protecting the rights of the colonies. North Carolina gave him credentials which spoke a bolder language than was found in those of most delegates attending the first congress which assembled in Philadelphia in September, 1774. His credentials revealed the fact that North Carolina resolved in a general meeting of its deputies that the people approved the proposed general congress. He was instructed to deliberate on the state of British America and to take such measure, "as he deemed prudent," to determine with certainty the rights of Americans, for repairing the breach made in those rights, and for guarding them for the future. Other colonies had placed the emphasis upon reconciliation and restoration of harmony; but his credentials stressed the importance of protecting American liberty.

He Wants to Serve

Representative Lyle H. Boren, of Oklahoma, was author of a bill, introduced during debate on the conscription bill, which would have made legislators eligible for military training. His bill defeated, Boren, a Lieut. Commander in the Naval Reserves, will get a month's training in Central and South American waters aboard the battleship *New York*.

When he signed the Declaration of Independence, he wrote his name in the permanent records of history. North Carolina had taken the lead in the movement for freedom. In Halifax, April 12, 1776, representatives agreed to instruct their delegates at Philadelphia "to concur with the other colonies in entering into foreign alliances, and declaring an independence on Great Britain." The Halifax Resolves were the first utterances for separatism that had been

following described real estate, to-wit:
A certain house and lot in the Town of Williamston described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of Hutton and Watts Streets on the east side, and running up Watts Street 320 feet to Williams Street, thence down Williams Street Extension 189 feet to Bell Goddard's line, thence down Bell Goddard's line 390 feet to Hutton Street, thence up Hutton Street 50 feet to the beginning.
This he 4th day of Dec., 1940.
W. H. COBURN,
Commissioner.

NOTICE OF SALE
Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed to the undersigned Trustee by Lelia Gaimor, dated 24th day of March, 1938, of record in the Register of Deeds of

Williamston, Martin County, in Book P-3, page 490, to secure certain notes of even date therewith, and the stipulations in said Deed of Trust not having been complied with, and at the request of the holder of said notes, the undersigned trustee, will, on the 2nd day of January, 1941, at 12 o'clock, Noon, in front of the Courthouse door, Martin County, offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described tract of land:
A tract of land in Hamilton Township, Martin County, known as the Redden Gaimor farm, containing 75 acres, more or less; bounded on the South by Vance Roberson land, on the East by H. C. Norman land, on the North by R. H. Weaver land and on the West by Cleve Taylor and Rawls land.
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