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STATE COLLEGE ANSWERS TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS

QUESTION: What is an accepted means of combatting mice which attack orchard trees?

ANSWER: John T. Wall of Lilesville has used strychnine-treated oats to good advantage. However, the control plan must be repeated yearly if good results are expected. Further, it is necessary to rid the orchard of vegetation or weeds which might furnish cover for mice.

QUESTION: May Sudan grass be used effectively in North Carolina as a summer legume?

ANSWER: Yes. Sudan grass will furnish an excellent supplement for temporary grazing in a permanent grass-legume pasture. It should be seeded at the rate of 30 to 35 pounds per acre if broadcast, or 15 pounds per acre in two-foot rows. It may be inter-seeded with the state's top summer legume, lespedeza and soybeans. Seeding times for the grass are April 25-June 1 in the Coastal Plains; May 1-July 1 in the Piedmont, and May 20-July 10 in the mountain section.

QUESTION: What causes the biggest loss in pecan meats and how can it be curbed?

ANSWER: Probably the pecan weevil, also called the hickory nut weevil. It bores round holes through the pecan nut shells, the inside of which the weevil uses for laying eggs. These weevils, or beetles as they are known at maturity, emerge from the ground and appear in trees in August and September. Extensive cultivation around trees and grazing hogs will go far toward reducing these pests.

QUESTION: Is there a good substitute for sour milk when the recipe calls for its use?

ANSWER: Yes. Extension nutritionists suggest that you make your own sour milk simply by adding a little lemon juice or vinegar to sweet milk. The usual ratio is one tablespoonful of vinegar or lemon juice to one cup of milk.

"Race Patches" Set Corn-Growing Pace

D. A. Dunlap of the Spies section of Moore County gets a lion's share of the credit for stimulating grower interest and increasing corn yields in the south-central section of the state. Moore County Agent E. H. Garrison recalls that "years ago" Dunlap, even though living on a "poor, dry farm," had visions of producing 100 bushels of corn to the acre and took steps in that direction by starting neighborhood contests with "race patches." While the veteran farmer has not yet produced 100 bushels to the acre, he has twice gone past the 90-bushel mark and may reach the century goal in the county corn contest this year. He will plant N. C. T-28, a yellow hybrid.

"Mr. Dunlap's work in stimulating community interest did more to increase corn yields in this area than anything else I know about," Garrison said. "Today, the county's corn yields are far above previous levels. A strong believer in cover crops, Mr. Dunlap has set the pace for his neighbors with hard work, following recommendations, terracing cover crops and proper fertilization.

"Not only is he a grower of good corn but he is also producing good livestock. He has kept a purebred Guernsey bull for many years, being one of the first farmers in the county to recognize the importance of good breeding stock. Recently adding mule production to his farm program, he now has a handsome pair of colts on pasture.

"Mr. Dan," as he is familiarly known to friends and neighbors, grows no cotton or tobacco, concentrating with outstanding success on corn, small grains, lespedeza and livestock."

James T. Conner, Jr., a Mississippi native, has joined the staff of the State College Extension Service as entomologist.

Dr. I. O. Schaub, Extension director at State College, who "remembers when," says that postwar conditions now sharply parallel those existing in 1919.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Mrs. Julia H. Allen, deceased, late of Pitt County North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned Administrator or Attorney at Farmville, North Carolina, on or before the 15th day of March, 1947, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment. This 14th day of March, 1946.

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