

STRAIGHT FROM NEW YORK



MEXICAN CONQUISTADOR

This crepe New York creation is the perfect gala dancing dress. Tri-color like the Mexican fiesta costumes, it has a coral bodice, green belt, Pacific blue skirt. Its deep round neckline is ruffled like the gay clothes of the Conquistadors.

It is important to save this crop of sweet potatoes, to cure and store them properly so that this great supply of food shall not be lost for human consumption, declare extension horticulturists.

"No idle acres this winter," is a slogan being adopted by leading North Carolina farmers concerned over the present situation in the supply of feed for livestock. Small grains and legumes will be planted universally.

There are no marketing quotas on cotton this fall but the wise farmer will keep an accurate record of his ginnings and sales so as to have a history of his crop if some new Government program should be adopted in the future caution agronomy specialists at State College.

Save and store every ounce of feed possible this year in the form of hay, silage, root crops, grain, and meals, suggest livestock specialists at State College, who believe the feed situation will get worse before it gets better.

The sweet potato crop in the U. S. is estimated to be one-fourth larger than last year and growers should plan to grade, cure, and store the crop.

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Q. What is the best date for sowing Italian Rye Grass seed?

A. A successful growth of rye grass can be obtained over a wider range of seeding dates than is the case with most of the winter legumes, says Dr. E. R. Collins, in charge of Agronomy Extension at State College. In the Coastal Plain and Piedmont, seeding should be done as near the first of September as possible. In the Mountains, between July 10 and September 1.

If planted with crimson clover, the planting date should be suitable for the clover. Crimson clover should never be planted except when the ground is moist, or the seed will germinate and die due to a lack of sufficient moisture.

War Series Bulletin No. 22, "Italian Rye Grass," will give detailed information on the growing of this crop. Write to the Extension Editor at State College for a free copy.

Q. Why do my sliced apples for

pies always shrink in canning and leave a space at the top of the jar?

A. This shrinkage is in all probability due to packing the apples in the jars raw, according to food conservation specialists of State College. The heat of canning drives the air out of the sliced apples and they settle in the jar as they become soft. This shrinkage can be reduced if the apples are precooked before being put into the jars. This precooking can be done in a light syrup for about five minutes, or the apples can be steamed until they are wilted.

Q. What is the proper seeding rate for winter legumes?

A. The rate of seeding for winter legumes should be about as follows, according to E. C. Blair, Extension Agronomist at State College: Austrian Winter Peas—25 pounds per acre drilled, 30 pounds broadcast; Vetch—20 pounds per acre drilled, and 25 pounds broadcast; and Crimson Clover—20 pounds per acre drilled, and 25 pounds broadcast. Use slightly more Crimson Clover seed when they are sown in the hull.

Q. How should corn syrup and sorghum be used in replacing some of the sugar for canning fruits?

A. Sorghum syrup is not a good sweetener for fruits. Its flavor is apt

to drown out the delicate flavor of the fruit. You can use corn syrup, however, to replace one-third of the sugar in any fruit-canning recipe.

Crated Yams Cut Spoilage Losses

Sweet potatoes packed in rigid containers stand less chance of spoiling during storage than those in sacks or in bulk.

Study and experience show that the loss through shrinkage and spoilage amounts to 25 per cent by weight if the potatoes are stored in mesh bags, whereas the loss will be only 10 per cent if they are stored in rigid containers, say experts of the Food Distribution Administration.

SMALL GRAINS

Seventeen neighborhood leaders in Alamance County recently made plans in cooperation with County Agent J. W. Bason, for an increased acreage of small grains, reports J. P. Leagans of State College.

ELKIN SHOW

There will be about 40 fat cattle and 75 fat hogs at the Elkin Fat Stock Show on October 14 and 15, reports Ellis V. Vestal, Extension swine specialist at State College.

Farmers' Choice—Serve War Effort Or Add To Surplus

High Grade Cotton Will Help Maintain Consumption, Assure High Quality Military Fabrics.

Because dwindling supplies of high grade cotton are threatening to reduce consumption by American mills and lower the quality of vital war goods, the War Food Administration and the National Cotton Council are calling on farmers and pickers of Hoke County to "make a superhuman effort to improve the grade of the 1943 crop."

"More high grades are urgently needed for the manufacture of many of the 11,000 cotton items used by the Army," says the Council. "Every bale of high grade lint which comes from Hoke County this season is a definite asset to the war program. Bales of low grade lint find little military use. They are simply added to the surplus of low grade cotton which already exists."

County Agent A. S. Knowles, who is participating in the grade improvement program through the Extension Service of the War Food Administration, says there are four principal ways in which farmers and pickers can improve grade. First, cotton must not be picked so soon after opening that the fiber is still partially green, or so soon after rain that the bolls are not fully dry. Second, it must be kept as free as possible from leaf particles and other trash.

Third, it must not be left in the field so long that it becomes discolored or otherwise injured by weather exposure. Fourth, a questionable batch of cotton picked from one field or one part of a field should not be mixed or ginned with cotton from a better field or part of a field.

A rubberless waterproof cotton cloth has been developed in England.

No Idle Acres Wanted This Winter

No idle acres on North Carolina farms this winter is the goal of Agronomy specialists at State College who are concerned over the present shortage of feed. Land which is not planted to small grain should be seeded to winter legumes such as Austrian winter peas, crimson clover or vetch.

Winter legumes serve a number of purposes, the agronomists say. They decrease leaching and the loss of soluble fertilizer nutrients; they prevent erosion; assimilate nitrogen from the air; and, store it in the roots of the plant for use by the following crop. They also help to maintain the supply of organic matter in the soil when turned under and add some nitrogen to the soil.

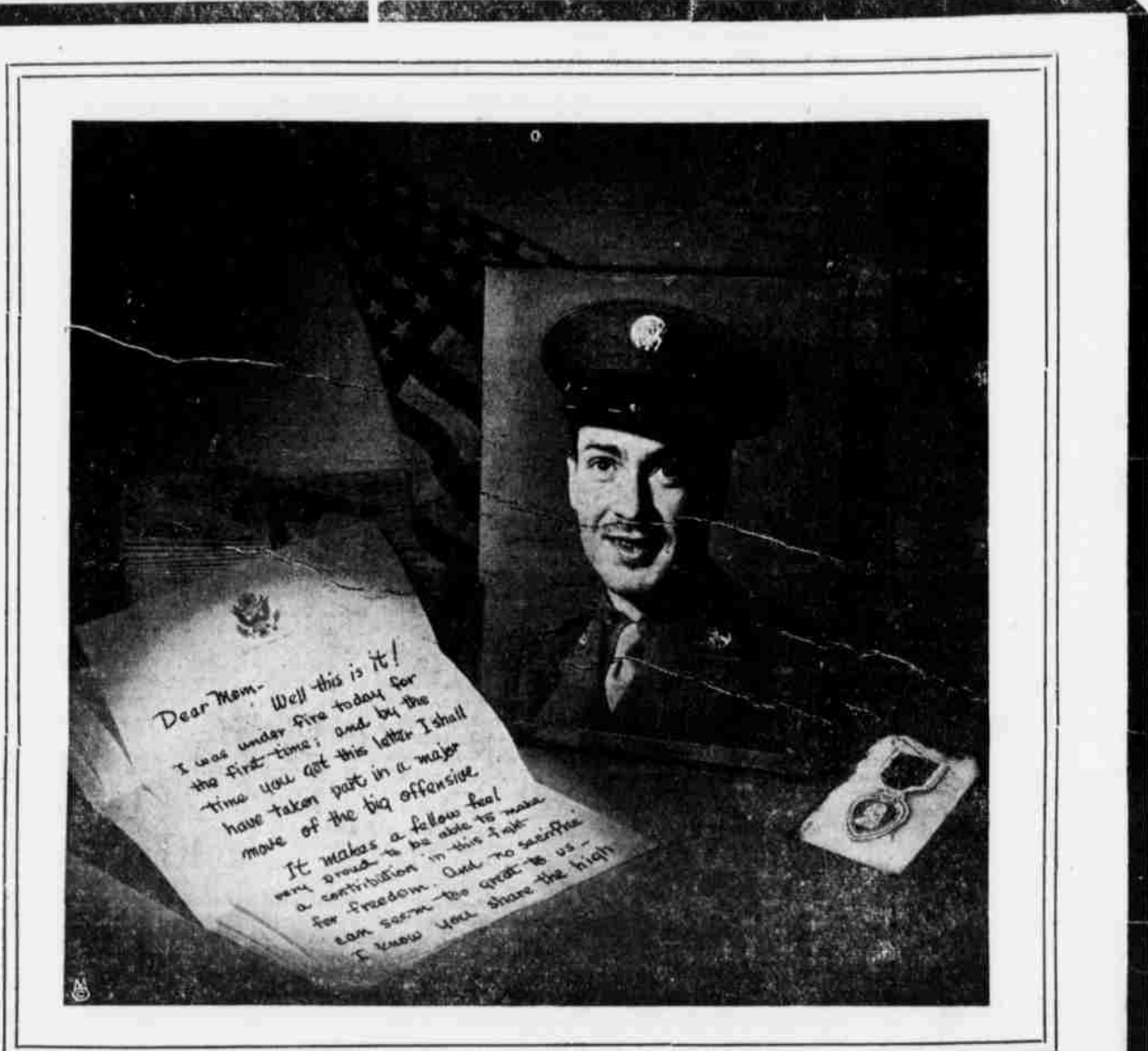
Crimson clover is a good grazing crop, and where feed shortages exist, this crop will supplement the existing supply. Common vetch may be used for grazing on sandy soils, but hairy vetch is unpalatable to cows. Livestock usually must cultivate a taste for Austrian peas.

Crimson clover is satisfactory for hay if harvested before the seed heads form. Austrian peas are also satisfactory for hay, but are not used so extensively. Vetch is suitable for hay when seeded with oats or other small grains.

Most failures with winter legumes have been due to selecting a crop not adapted to the soil or climate, inadequate liming and fertilization, late seeding, and poor planting.

Those who are interested in learning more about these winter legumes should write to the Agricultural Editor at State College for a free copy of War Series Bulletin No. 24, "Austrian Winter Peas, Crimson Clover and Vetch."

Home and farm agents have been called together in district meetings during the past two weeks to make plans for meeting the war goals for food and feed in 1944.



Dear Mom— Well this is it! I was under fire today for the first time; and by the time you get this letter I shall have taken part in a major move of the big offensive. It makes a fellow feel very proud to be able to make a contribution in this fight for freedom. And no sacrifice can seem too great as long as I know you share the high

TODAY - SEPTEMBER 16th

American Heroes Day

THAT'S all that is left of Tod Sloane. The flag he always had in his room... the picture he had taken for Mother's Day. His letters from the induction center... from the camp where he had his basic training... with less and less regularity... from many places overseas...

THEN there was that last letter: almost as if he knew what was coming, and he wanted his folks to understand that he had no regrets... "no sacrifice can seem too great,"—his very words! And, finally, the Purple Heart he was awarded post-humously is all that will ever come home of Tod Sloane... and thousands like him.

YOU can make a memorial tribute to these American Heroes, today, by making some sacrifice yourself... sacrifice enough to buy at least another War Bond, an extra War Bond, this month. By this can you help avenge all the dead Tod Sloanes

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