

THIS 'N THAT

By Alice Burton

Patterson Grove Section

When a number of farmers get together it isn't long until they get to talking about this farm program business. I wouldn't dare try to tell my opinion.—Who care what a girl thinks? I may be blonde, folks, but I'm not dumb! Well, not quite, and I will have my say if the Editor prints this! (If I say things that I shouldn't please omit, Mr. Editor). Here goes:

'Tis a sorrowful situation, indeed, when a farmer goes to the trouble, time, and expense of planting and working a cotton crop, only to be told when fall comes that he MUST destroy some of it or else he can't sell his cotton without paying tax! That's exactly what happened to the majority of the farmers around here I suppose most of them tried to plant the right amount of acres, but the trouble is, the acres seem to have enlarged! Rumor has it that growing he would have a big plantation before long!

What we would like to know is, why the farmers couldn't have been told in the summer, before the cotton was full grown, that they had planted over their allotment! Then it wouldn't have looked so bad to destroy it. But no! They had to wait 'til the cotton began opening and then—! Oh, what's the use! Being a farmer's daughter, ever time I think of how unfair it seems, I see red! When I heard someone say that it was a sin to destroy that which we were allowed to raise, I felt like saying "Amen!" There now, am I right or wrong?

Special to Julia, writer of Facts, Fun and Fancies: Hurry back. We are going to miss your column.

Among those who visited the J. W. Carroll's last week-end were: James and Della Carroll of Lackaburg, S. C., and Taylor and Macte Hopkins, Louise, Aubrey, Narvin Lee and Mrs. Francis Johnson of Belmont, Edgar, they must have know that it was your birthday and came to help you eat your birthday cake!

Messrs R. C. Gantt and Price Harmon spent Sunday afternoon visiting neighbors.

Forest Sipe was a guest of friends in this section Friday.

Roy Johnson and Alfred Rayfield of Belmont and Maggie Lee Carroll and Bertha Moss visited friends in Kings Mountain Saturday night.

Cloth Farm Lands With Winter Cover

The greatest single item in the program to clothe North Carolina farm lands with a cover of green this winter, was the procuring last week of 150,000 pounds of vetch and Austrian winter pea seed by 400 farmers of Bertie County.

The seed were secured in cooperation with the AAA, whose officials allowed the farmers to buy the seed at cost with payment to be made by deduction from the soil conservation checks due the growers for 1938 participation in the crop program. Four eastern Carolina counties were selected by Extension and Triple A officers at State College. Three of these counties, Hertford, Pender, and Duplin, each ordered 28,000 lbs. of vetch and 12,000 pounds of Austrian peas.

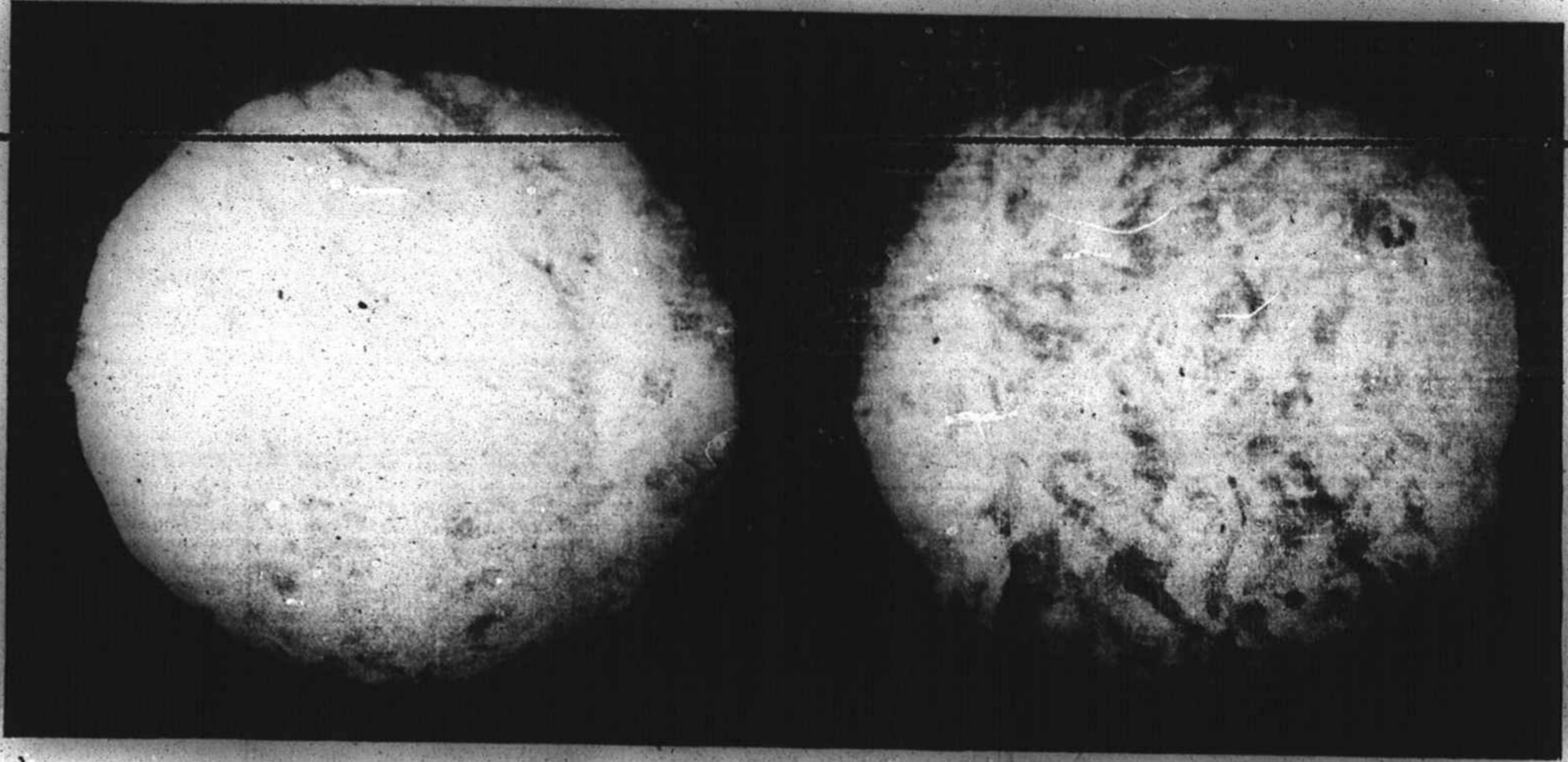
In Bertie County, however, farm agent B. E. Grant put on a special educational campaign to promote the use of winter legumes in soil improvement, and as a result, orders were received for 88,000 pounds of vetch and 52,000 pounds of pea seed. The shipment arrived in three solid cars on October 1 and a special occasion was made of delivering the seed on Monday, October 3.

Farmers came in autos, trucks, carts wagons to haul home the individual shipments. Along with the seeds, the owners also took home enough inoculation to treat seeds for planting on 3,300 acres.

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