

**PARRISH TALKS TURKEY OFFERS HELPFUL HINTS**

T. Y. Parrish, Extension poultryman at N. C. State College, says its time to talk turkey and offers the following suggestions to turkey growers as a means to more satisfactory results:

Most turkey growers in this state Parrish says following an inspection trip around the state, apparently are determined not to let this year's crop of turkeys "freeze" and are using brooders at temperatures of 110 degrees. Don't let the poults get up too close in the brooders, and on the other hand, don't "cook" them, the poultryman says, urging that the house should be opened often enough to provide plenty of fresh air.

Young turkeys are great foragers so plenty of forage should be supplied them on a good range. If dry weather has ruined the range or pasture, soybeans should be planted at once.

Four inches of mash hopper space should be supplied for each poult until the tenth week; then, the space should be increased to one foot for every two turkeys as the birds near maturity. The turkeys like to "wash their hands" before and after eating, Parrish says, and providing a suitable wash room for them. A piece of wire (hay bale size) should be strung above feed hoppers so that the birds may clean their beaks. This facility lessens feather picking, the specialist added.

The 4-H Camp at White Lake has been recently improved, including re-wiring of the buildings and repairing of the pier and bleachers, reports R. M. Williams, assistant farm agent in Bladen County.

**Farm Questions**

Q.—What are the requirements for having Irish potatoes certified?

A.—The N. C. Crop Improvement Association restricts certification of Irish potatoes to elevations of 2,200 feet or more in order to give the seed potatoes a shorter growing season and thereby make them more desirable for lower altitudes with longer growing seasons. Growers whose farms have the desirable elevation and whose crop was planted with certified seed may make application now to the Crop Improvement Association at State College if they wish their potatoes certified.

Q.—How should hay be cured?

A.—Hay should be cured so as to preserve the leaves and the natural green color. Likewise, damage from dew, rain, and mold should be avoided. Hay should not be left long on the ground after cutting, but raked into small windrows when the leaves begin to wilt. This is usually after three to four hours of bright sunshine. Windrows of heavy crops should be turned over again with the rake later in the afternoon. The side delivery rake and the hay tedder are excellent implements for stirring and hastening the curing of heavy hay crops.

Q.—Is there still time to sign up in the voluntary food and feed program being conducted this year?

A.—N. C. State College Extension Service officials have announced that the Voluntary program will be held open until June 15 for farm families wishing to sign up and do their part in the food-for-defense program. Cards have been mailed to each of North Carolina's 278,000 farm families which they may sign and return to their county agent. The campaign is in no way compulsory.

**SNAPSHOTS**

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against his will. Also, saboteurs are adept at slow-downs and at destructive operations inside factories.

A lot of the legislators, too, blame themselves for the present situation. They think, for example, that things would be much better nowadays if they had amended the Wagner Act to put some responsibilities upon labor organizations; that they should have moved four years ago when sit-down strikes broke out.

But they did neither of those things. The House did pass Wagner Act amendments by a tremendous majority, but administration pressure bottled them up in the Senate.

Today, even some of the Senators who failed to exert pressure which might have unbottled the Wagner Act amendments are penitent. There is, though, a good political reason why they do nothing now. It is this:

For years the administration and many of its Congressional followers have been a "friend of labor" and labor organizations — two terms which by no means are synonymous. They have encouraged unionization and collective bargaining, the two weapons which permit unions to exert so-called "economic pressure" by striking and forcing plants to close down.

The President even went so far that when he condemned the sit-down strikes in automobile plants he also condemned plant managers.

Thus these Congressional followers of the administration have a "record" on which many of them were elected and re-elected. They feel they must stand on that "record." To admit that they made mistakes by writing one-sided laws, by granting all the privileges to labor unions and imposing no responsibilities upon them, is to admit faulty judgment. And a candidate for Congress who admits he was guilty of mistakes might not prove too popular at the ballot boxes.

Many of the serious thinkers believe that troops were necessary to protect airplane production, but they also think that if proper steps had been taken by the government to keep subversives and agitators out of labor organizations, the need for troops never would have arisen. For example, it was only two years ago that then Chairman Madden of the National Labor Relations Board said that if an employer in complete truth should describe leaders of a particular union as Communists, he would be in violation of the Wagner Act.

There are a lot of people today who regret such policies.

It news is the unusual, then Rep. Clare E. Hoffman of Michigan has made news. He delivered a speech in the House. When it appeared in the Congressional Record, the printer had put at the end of it: "Applause." Hoffman obtained official permission of the House to have that "applause" deleted from the permanent copy of the Record because nobody applauded.

Members frequently insert that word, but no old-timer remembers anybody else who took it out.

DEFENSE COST NOTE: OPM Director Knudsen informed Rep. A. Willis Robertson of Virginia that the Federal 40-hour law has increased the cost of negotiated or fixed fee defense contracts "from 5 to 10 percent."

**Farmers Face Problem In Combining Small Grain**

Harvesting small grain with combines has become a definite practice in rural North Carolina. Hundreds of baby combines have been bought by farmers within the past few years.

D. S. Weaver, head of the State College Department of Agriculture Engineering, says three major problems have been encountered by users of the improved machines for harvesting grain. They find it hard to properly harvest grain with a high moisture content; they have discovered that the machines have to be operated at the proper speed; and they have learned that the machinery must be adjusted in accordance with the type of grain being harvested.

First, he says, grain which has a moisture content of more than 14 percent cannot be safely combined. As a general rule, the combine should be put in the grain about ten days after the grain would normally be cut with a binder. Very little wheat is lost by shattering if the grain is too ripe.

Probably the greatest losses, Weaver said, are caused by having too little clearance between the concaves and the cylinder of the combine. This has a tendency to grind the straw so fine that it is impossible to separate the grain from this finely chopped straw. It is much better to have an occasional grain of wheat left in the heads than it is to set up such conditions that further separation of the grain and the finely chopped straw are impossible.

Finally, the State College man declared, the combine should be operated at the speed recommended by the manufacturer. Slight variations from the adjusted rate may be justified by differences in the condition of the crop and by the height of cutting.

**Gardenia Queen Chooses Chevrolet**



Pretty Martha Mitchell, Queen of the Gardenia Festival at the famous Cypress Gardens in Florida, has just put her royal seal of approval on the Chevrolet Convertible Cabriolet—the outdoor car—by purchasing a new one for her own use. Ever willing to oblige by posing for the hundreds of camera fans who consider the Gardens a mecca for picture-taking, Queen Martha can now reach location quickly and flood herself with sunshine by rolling back the vacuum-operated top at the touch of a dash button.

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