

**Sweet Potato Good  
Wart-Time Food Crop**

The sweet potato is one of the best crops which North Carolina farmers can grow at present to meet the increased demand for extra food under wartime conditions, says J. V. Lanster, Extension Horticulturist at N. C. State College. He reports that growers are anticipating a normal season during 1943 with relatively good prices for the crop.

As an example of how some farmers feel about growing sweet potatoes this year, he points out that Dan Lee of Arapahoe is planning to fill three curing houses on his farm with about 50,000 bushels. He will put in around 250 acres of vine cuttings following a crop of oats. The rotation followed on this land is soybeans, oats and sweet potatoes.

The horticultural specialist reports that Lee is marketing the

last of the 1942 crop in three grades, No. 1a, No. 2a, and commercial. Recently he was getting \$2.50 per bushel for his No. 1a and \$2.00 per bushel for the No. 2a and commercial.

Lee keeps 18 Durac breed sows so that he will have enough piglets coming along to take care of his call sweet potatoes. One the 600 acres, which he operates with four tractors, three mules and a saddle horse, he has 27 acres of tobacco but he is more interested in the sweet potatoes than in the tobacco. His returns over the past twelve years show that the net returns from the yams are greater than the returns from tobacco.

In addition to a large acreage of food and soil improving crops Lee has 20 acres of Irish potatoes. He is a firm believer in diversification and according to Lanster he follows a definite plan of rotation and cropping based upon carefully prepared records.

**THE DOGS AND THE CAT**

By H. V. Bell

Well, it's the 25th day of May. I said the other week that blackberry winter would be here soon, so last night I rolled up under three blankets — probably will warm up before this goes in print.

Our Victory gardens out here had had just begun to grow when long came brother rabbit and ate most everything in their path while the worthless dogs under a quarantine last winter the rabbits got a running start while most of our boys were in the army. This spring they are here by the thousands and you can't shoot or catch one of the protected rogues on this reservation. There are hundreds of cotton tails and they've got the law on their side. They act like they know it.

When you run them out of the garden they hop out very slowly as if to say "old man farmer, you can't loose the dog and I am profes-

sed by the law." They come up in early morning and night, stand on their hind legs and pop their claws together in defiance of man or dog. Pray tell me what will be the next foolish law imposed on the tillers of the soil?

Mr. Webb up at the Imperial invited me up to his office and gave me some medicines while I was up that way. I heard a fine charming business lady call Mr. Webb sweet heart. I just wouldn't be surprised to hear the wedding bells chiming over at the theatre soon.

I met my friend Capt. Judge O. Farrell up at the P. O. The young fellow looked so fresh and cool I just had to compliment him for being dressed in a nice new spring suit. Yes but said he it was new two or three years ago. He said he wanted to see me up at Sunday school that my brother could bring me. I told him I could bring my cat. I came up the R. R. to town Saturday. The wind was blowing cool it

made one feel fresh. I went to plucking wild flowers from every little plant along the right-of-way. When I got to town I had gathered 21 different little blossoms. The thought came to me that God must have loved flowers, then to the must of created them to brighten our lives. Thank heaven, there are some sweets with the bitter.

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