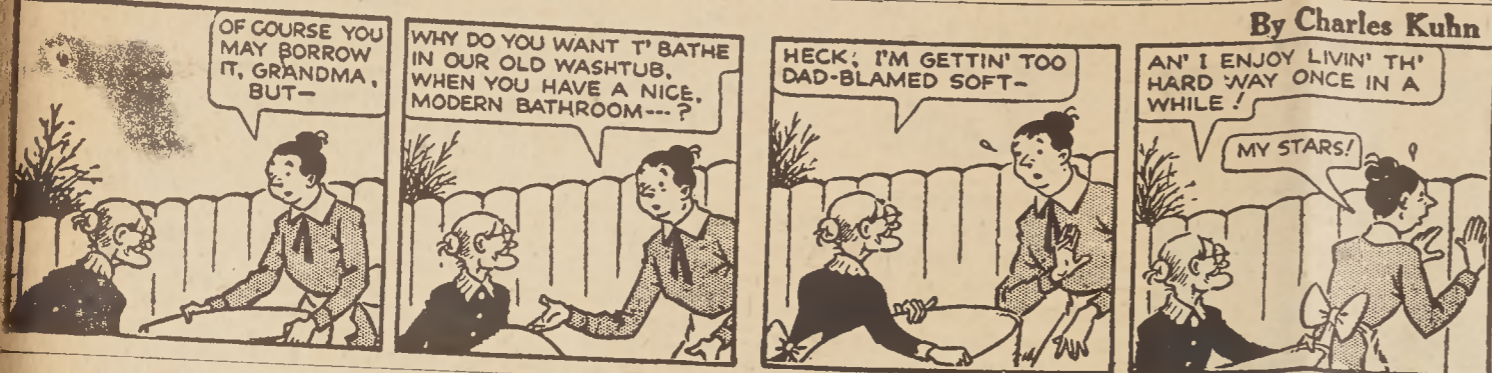


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By Charles Kuhn

Farm Sampling to Decide Corn Way

Agricultural statisticians of Virginia and North Carolina plan the most extensive corn yield study ever made in the two states to settle the issue of who wins the corn production contest, say officials of the State College Extension Service and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

The corn contest happens to coincide with a new corn yield study being started under the Research and Marketing Act. Frank Parker, chief of the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service in North Carolina and leader of the new project, describes it as the "first large scale study to get accurate measures on corn yields."

"Corn is one crop for which we have a very poor check on yield," Parker says. "For cotton we have a very good check through the ginners. For tobacco, we have a good check through the warehouse reports. But in the case of corn, so much of it is fed right on the farm, that there is really no way to check except to go to the farm and take a sample."

Accordingly, some 3,000 farms picked at random in North Carolina will be visited this fall by "numerators" of Mr. Parker's staff. A numerator will be appointed in each of the 99 counties that grow corn in quantity. In most cases, these men will be local residents qualified to take the samples. The samples will be representative of the State, with a greater number of samples being taken in the heaviest corn-producing counties.

The survey will begin in the eastern part of the State about mid-September and will move west as the crop matures. Numerators will forward their reports to the Institute of Statistics at State College where the data will be compiled.

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:: FARM NEWS ::

Building Engineer Lists Improvements

Floor and wall joints are the key points in the construction of houses and farm buildings to withstand forces of windstorms, says H. M. Ellis, agricultural engineer for the State College Extension Service. Building improvements should begin with strengthening of the joints, he adds.

Ellis says two engineers at the Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville, Md., have just completed a test of wood-frame joints of various types. "The joints are often the weakest parts of any structure," they said. "Failures are therefore most likely to occur at these places."

Agent Warns Against Machinery Accidents

American farmers have established an enviable performance in mechanizing their farm, except where they have let accidents mar the records, John E. Piland, county agent for the State College Extension Service said today.

America leads the world in mechanized agriculture. Three million farm tractors now play a vital role in the production and harvesting of the nation's crops, Mr. Piland said. But at the same time, National Safety Council reports indicate that tractors may be involved in nearly 75 per cent of all accidents with farm machinery. All these accidents are needless.

The main safety rule for operating tractors in the field is just good common sense. You can't afford to gamble the loss of a limb or life by operating without the power take-off shield in place. Cranking a tractor while in gear in another dangerous way to start a day's work. Excessive speed, and careless operation around ditches will also hurry a trip to the hospital. Jumping off the tractor while it is in motion is another way to invite an accident. Careless parents who permit children to ride tractors or hitch a ride on trailing implements are not really thinking about the child's welfare.

Here are a few more important rules:

1. Be careful coupling implements to tractors, always stay in the clear.
2. Avoid wearing loose, floppy clothing while operating tractors.
3. Observe standard traffic signs.

Bethany News

Rev. W. D. Stencil attended church at Watkins Chapel Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Newman Hocutt (of near Wendell) were welcome visitors in our community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Williams of Norfolk, Va., are spending some time at the home of Mr. B. B. Batten.

Little Jenny Lynn Tyner of Rocky Mount spent last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Creech.

Miss Magoleene Batten of Washington, D. C., spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lonza Batten.

Mr. Hearld Creech of Wake Forest spent Sunday afternoon with friends in our midst. Very sorry to report Mrs. Nancy Hogge is on the sick list. Hope she will soon be out again.

The 1949 loan rate for Midland 7/8 inch upland cotton has been set at 27.23 cents per pound.

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FARM BRIEFS

Thirty-seven 4-H Club members from Haywood County are spending the summer on farms in Washington County, Iowa. A similar group from Iowa will return the visit next summer.

Agricultural engineers have developed a new method for drying seed crops without the use of heat. It involves the use of chemicals which remove the moisture from the air circulating through the seed.

The average American gets nearly a third of all his calories from fats, sugars and alcohol. Nutritionists and doctors are concerned over the fact, since these highly refined energy foods offer little in the way of protein, vitamins and minerals.

TRAVEL

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
To Goldsboro—5:15 a. m., 9:55 a. m., and 10:52 p. m.
To Greensboro—5:40 a. m., 5:05 p. m. and 9:48 p. m.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE
To Fayetteville—2:33 a. m., 10:07 a. m., 1:35 p. m. and 4:20 p. m.
To Wilson—1:47 p. m., 6:07 p. m. and 11:44 p. m.

GREYHOUND BUS
To Raleigh—1:08 a. m., 7:03 a. m., 9:16 a. m., 11:03 a. m., 1:08 p. m., 4:18 p. m., 6:28 p. m., and 9:16 p. m.
To Goldsboro—6:57 a. m., 8:42 a. m., 11:27 a. m., 2:42 p. m., 5:17 p. m., 6:17 p. m., 8:12 p. m., and 11:12 p. m.

TRAILWAY BUS
To Wilson—2:05 a. m., 11:43 a. m., 4:00 p. m., 6:35 p. m. and 10:35 p. m.
To Fayetteville—8:17 a. m., 1:05 p. m., 4:50 p. m., 8:13 p. m. and 10:10 p. m.

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