

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Q: How is Turkish tobacco harvested and cured?

A: Approximately 30 days after the Turkish plant is transplanted to the field the first two to five leaves above the plant bed leaves are ready for picking. The Turkish plant is not topped, so the job of topping and suckering is eliminated. The field should be primed over once each four to eight days until all the leaves are harvested. By the time the plant blooms out and a few dead flowers appear, all the remaining leaves to the top of the stalk are ready to prime. Turkish leaves are at their best, for both quality and maximum weight, when they are mature and the glossy green has just faded to a dull green color. They should not turn yellow on the stalk before priming, since over-ripe leaves lose quality and weight. The tobacco is wilted in a cool, well-ventilated shed for approximately two days before it is rolled out into the sun for curing.

Growers in Western North Carolina have made inexpensive curing racks or rollers in order to make the job of moving the tobacco out of the shed much easier. The cash outlay for necessary equipment and fertilizers is very small compared with the cost of producing other farm crops.

Q: Should pullets and old hens be housed together?

A: No. The old hens will drive the pullets from the feed hoppers and water fountains, and as a result the egg production of the young birds will be retarded. Parasites and diseases often are transmitted from the old hens to the young stock. It will pay to keep the old hens as long as they are laying, but separate laying quarters should be provided. The old hens may be placed in range shelters, but in case room is not available it is better to sell the old birds. Pullets need a heavier feeding of grain than do old hens, and this is another good reason why they should be housed separately.

Q: How many nests should be provided for laying hens?

A: State College poultry specialists recommend one individual nest for each five hens or one community nest for every 60 to 70 hens. Plans for the community nest may be obtained from county farm agents.

State College Hints To Farm Homemakers

By Ruth Current
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Home management specialist recommends eight good features to check when purchasing an electric hand iron:

1. Power—a rating of about 1000 watts is desirable for fast heating.
2. Dial to control heat—located where it is easy to read and move when ironing.
3. Handle—of heat-resistant material, such as plastic or wood shaped to fit the hand comfortably.
4. Beveled (or slanted) edge—for ease in ironing around buttons.
5. Cord—well-insulated with a secure, flexible connection where it is attached to the iron.
6. Sole plate—shape and size suited to the ironing job. A large sole plate saves time when family ironing includes considerable flat work. A smaller, narrower iron is more convenient for young children's clothes, ruffles or other fine detail on clothing.
7. Weight—an iron weighing no more than four pounds saves energy in lifting.
8. Iron rest—side support, heel support or a flat, heat-proof pad to set the iron on proved equally good in a time and motion study. However, the metal stands that are relics from the days of stove heated irons waste both time and energy.

When children become tired of plain oatmeal for breakfast, add a little cocoa and a dash of cinnamon to the water in which the oatmeal is to be cooked.

MISSIONARY RETURNS TO P. I.

Cleveland, O. (ANP) — Rev. Dolores A. Diaz Gates, missionary of the Church of the Living God, the Pillar and Ground of the Truth, left here recently to return to the Philippines Islands. The former Rev. Diaz, who married the Rev. Arthur B. Gates, has been in the country for three years.

Her mission in the United States was to become more familiar with the doctrine of the denomination and also to meet the chief overseer and president of the church, Bishop M. L. Jewell. On her return to the Philippines she will set up and maintain the ministry and general evangelistic work in the islands. She is accompanied by her husband who will assist her as a missionary, and their two children on the trip. The Gates family plans eventually to return to this country so that Mrs. Gates may take a teaching position in the church's school at Nashville.

“Freedom Fair” Set Amid Bias

Washington (ANP) — There is no doubt but what every American citizen and foreign neighbor who visits the nation's capital next year will feel the tinge of “freedom” within the 114-acres which will house “Freedom Fair.” But is very doubtful that Negro Americans who attend this fair will find a sufficient amount of freedom outside the bounds of the fair-ground to sit on a stool at a dime-store counter and munch down a 10-cent hot dog, or to see a movie in a downtown theatre.

“There'll be no segregation at the exhibit,” declared a spokesman for the National Capital Sesquicentennial commission, “because ‘Freedom Fair’ means just what its name implies and any suggestion of segregation there would be unthinkable.” But, the spokesman continued, “the Commission has nothing to do with policies of segregation practiced in Washington outside of the fair ground.”

In reply to a reporter's question, the spokesman admitted that a committee had called upon the Washington hotels urging them not to hike their rates during the period of the sesquicentennial. The hotels had agreed to this request providing the public eating places, transportation facilities and other public services maintain their present rates.

It would be useless to make a similar survey of hotels and other public facilities requesting the abolition of segregation during this period because such effort would yield no results, the reporter was told.

“If we should go around in Washington requesting the kind of Democracy which you no doubt advocate we would be branded as Communists,” declared the spokesman. This is an example of the “Red hysteria” which now exists in Washington even among the so-called liberals.

It is apparent that the commission got off to a “hot-so-liberal” start back in 1947, when not a single Negro representative was appointed to serve on the 15-member commission of which President Truman is serving as ex-officio chairman.

The flimsy excuse offered by the commission for the exclusion of Negro representatives was that the majority of Negroes found it necessary to work for a living; therefore, were not able or willing to contribute a year's service without compensation as this commission has done.

UN TRUSTEESHIP BODY OUTLAWS UNEQUAL LAWS

Lake Success, N. Y. (ANP) — The abolition of discriminatory laws and practice in all Trust Territories was recommended by the UN General Assembly's Trusteeship committee in a resolution adopted last week, which called on the Trusteeship council, of which Dr. Ralph J. Bunche is senior director, to take action on the matter.

The resolution, based on a joint Cuban-Chinese proposal, also expressed satisfaction at the Trusteeship council's prohibition of child marriages and recommended the adoption of “strong and effective” measures to end punitive whipping immediately in the Trust territory of Ruanda-Urundi.

It also gave full support for the Trusteeship council's recommendation that corporal punishment should be immediately abolished in British administered Togoland and the Cameroons, and in the Trust Territory of New Guinea. On the previous day, the committee recommended that the blue-and-white flag of the UN be flown in all Trust territories side by side with the flags of the administering powers and with territorial flags.

By practicing chemical defoliation—ripping the plant of its leaves—many TarHeel farmers are improving both the yield and the quality of their cotton crops.

FORSEES END OF MEDICAL BIAS

CHICAGO—(ANP) Dr. Arthur H. Thomas, the noted Philadelphia physician who was elected a Fellow in the American College of Surgeons here last week, predicted afterward that the day will come when a doctor in this country will be considered as just that without regard to race, creed or color.

“Naturally, I am quite happy,” he added, “but I am also elated because there is another meaning to this high honor. It is an indication that the members of my profession are giving serious thought to the basic aims of democracy.”

Dr. Thomas, a medical corp major with service at Fort Huachuca and in the Pacific theatre during World War II, is married and the father of a young daughter. He is the first Quaker City Negro physician to be so honored.

A graduate of Lincoln University and the Howard University School of Medicine, Dr. Thomas is also a product of the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Medicine in Surgery.

He is now senior attending surgeon at Philadelphia's Mercy Douglas hospital, the Wynfield Community hospital and the Atkinson Memorial hospital in Coatsville, Pa. Dr. Thomas is also a member of six different medical societies, including the American Medical Association and the National Medical Association.

COUNTY PTA COUNCIL MEETS

Princeton, N. C. — The Johnston County Council of Parents and Teachers held its quarterly meeting at the Princeton Graded School, with the Principal G. W. Bryant and his faculty acting as host to the council.

The general theme “Meeting the Educational Needs of the Community” formed the bases for constructive discussion.

After a short opening program sponsored by the local school, including the parents, the president, W. J. Sanders, Sr., presented the Panel Directress, Mrs. Bettina S. Wilson, who in turn presented the members of the Panel — Mrs. Magretha Sanders, J.C.N. parent — Mr. Leo Warren, Four Oaks farmer — Ed Reid, Selma laborer — James Laceywell, Clayton businessman, and the Panel Directress spoke as a teacher.

The panel members were successful in presenting a helpful discussion on “What are the needs? How can they be met? and What can I do to meet them?”

At the close of the panel discussion, M. L. Wilson, principal of the Harrison School, Selma, raised a question on the matter of attendance and discussed its grave consequences to the audience.

Several persons responded to the question presented by Mr. Wilson, which included a suggestion by Mrs. Lucia Heartley of the Training School faculty that some form of follow up to the findings of the council be made effective all over the county.

To this point the panel directress spoke and offered a motion which was carried — that the Executive Committee of the council arrange a standard form to be used by member schools in conducting a special study in the schools and continuous on attendance, and the problems attendant to the scene.

The report of the treasurer was approved. Mrs. Magretha Sanders was elected to represent the council at the District meeting in Goldsboro Saturday, November 5th. Mrs. Bertha Gill is council secretary representing the Short Journey School. Adjournment followed.

H. N. Queen, Rutherford County farmer, produced 245 bushels of wheat on 10 acres this year, reports County Agent F. E. Patton of the State College Extension Service.

J. C. T. C. SAFETY COUNCIL HOLDS REGULAR MEET

The safety council of the Johnston County Training School includes as members bus drivers who drive the school buses to Short Journey School and who continue to the Training School for the 8th grade or high grade or high school work. Four Oaks School in the same manner is represented and the drivers regular and substitute who serve the Training School.

The teacher who directs the activities of the Safety Council is Willie L. McClendon, teacher of Mathematics at the local school. In the last meeting of the council the following items were stressed:

- a. The report of the Grand Jury concerning the condition of the county buses.
- b. The recommendations of the County Superintendent to the County Board of Education on the bus problem.
- c. Bus loading at our school.
- d. Arranging the bus load so as to reduce the number of double trips.
- e. More cautious handling of school buses on the school ground as well as on the highways.
- f. Reducing the noise and other disturbances as a means of assisting bus drivers.
- g. Bus drivers respecting the lawful distance to be observed in driving a bus near another bus.
- h. The establishment of a definite basis to evaluate the most efficient driver for the month. Where the best driver is to receive the first prize, and the second best to receive the second prize. (Prizes to be made possible by the driver and the principal).
- i. Report on bad section of the roads travelled by the bus.

The bus drivers are all interested in the matters presented and it is to be assumed that greater efforts will be made by each driver to be as careful as humbly possible in order that we may not have a bus accident this year.

Johanie Williams, driver of bus 192 and Caxton Durham of bus 47A, were the winners respectively for the first month. The second monthly figures of the best driver for the second school month will be issued by the Council sponsor November 3rd.

VA. MED. BODY WINS PRAISE

Washington (ANP) — Dr. C. Herbert Marshall, president of the National Medical Society, the official spokesman for Negro organized medicine, spoke out in high praise this week of the three white past presidents of the Medical Society of Virginia who proposed a resolution that Negroes be admitted to the organization.

Dr. Marshall said, “Presidents to Drs. Walter B. Martin of Norfolk, Hugh P. Trout of Roanoke and J. Morrison Hatcher, son, all past-presidents of the Medical Society of Virginia, who composed the special committee which proposed and unanimously recommended passage of a resolution to admit Negroes to the society. It was defeated by a vote of 37 to 31. Such a close margin is indicative of the changing pattern of attitudes. This type of courageous leadership is sorely needed and, what is more important, should be followed. Here's hoping that the parent body will take notice and step up its tortoise-like pace!”

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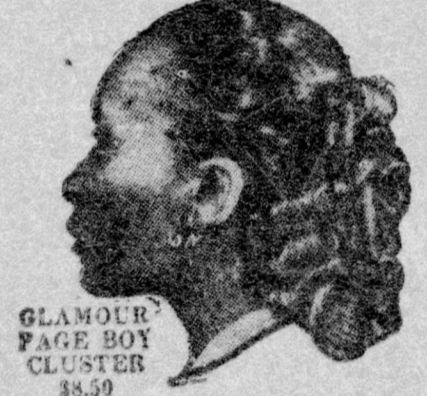
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