

Polio Season Finds Slight Case Increase

Already we are in the so called polio season in North Carolina with each week showing a slight increase in the number of cases over the week before. January through April this year in the state there were 35 cases reported as compared with 32 cases for the same period last year and in the USA as a whole 1548 compared with 1501 last year. We have had no cases in the county this year. For the week ending May 12 this year in the USA there were 35 cases while during the corresponding week last year there were 205 cases.

Although figures begin to look encouraging we still cannot expect too great a drop in incidence in North Carolina as we know that through Friday, May 18, the records indicate that only 28% of eligible children—birth through 19 years—have received one or more polio inoculations. With evidence now that up to 70% full protection may be expected from one injection only it is increasingly urgent that a large percentage—at least 80%—of our population in this age group have at least one injection.

In Watauga county from vaccine

bought with federal funds as given on October 21, 1955 through May 18, 1956, 1498 individuals have been given at least one injection, 20 of these pregnant women. As there is plenty of vaccine now available it is hoped that many will take advantage of it at once, going to the family doctor if possible. It takes several weeks to get all the good possible from this first dose. Vaccine is also available for second doses, 1183 of which have been given, including 18 pregnant women. No further third doses will be given before fall. Vaccine available should be used for first and second doses.

The above figures do not include the program of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis last spring when 700 first injections and 474 second injections were given. This makes a total of 200 first doses so far or 26% percent of the population birth through 19 years given. Of the 2200, 1684 individuals have been given their second dose.

We again urge that all between birth and 19 years of age and all pregnant women get their first and second doses completed as soon as possible.

Sgt. Filmore Oliver Funeral Held

Sgt. Filmore M. Oliver, 32, of Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., died in a U. S. Army Hospital at the Fort on Sunday, May 18.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Sunday, May 20, at the Oak Grove Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. C. O. Vance.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Wilma Lydia Oliver, and a son, Danny, both of Boone. Also surviving are seven brothers and six sisters.

Garden Time

By ROBERT SCHMIDT

Is it best to tie tomatoes to stakes or to let them trail on the ground? That question frequently comes up in seasons when we have an abundance of rainfall.

Tomatoes that lie on the ground in a wet season are apt to rot; therein is the answer to the question. If we knew we were going to have a wet season, we would advise staking. On the other hand, if we knew the season of fruiting would be dry we would advise letting the vines trail on the ground to give the tomato fruits more protection.

Staking tomatoes requires a great deal of extra labor and attention. The plants are usually trained to one or two main stems, pruning off all side branches. The main stems are tied to the stake as fast as they develop. Contrary to common belief, pruning and staking does not give an earlier crop of fruit but it does give a better quality and size of fruit.

As a substitute for the wooden stake, I have seen some gardeners cut eight-foot lengths of large mesh wire fence, bend them into cylinders, the side shoots coming over the young tomato plants. The plants grow up into these cylinders, the side shoots coming the wire mesh and supporting the plant. No pruning is necessary for this style of support. The wire may be used year after year.

What is the tree tomato, which is being advertised in garden magazines? It is a type or variety of tomato with thick potato-like leaves, heavy stems, and beef-steak type fruits. This tomato adapts itself easily to training and staking, thereby acquiring the name "tree tomato". It is not wilt resistant. The claim for it are probably much exaggerated. However, the way to find out is to try it out.

Wool Payment Plan Details Are Given

Under the 1956 Wool Payment Program beginning with marketings April 1, certification that the lambs have been purchased for slaughter will no longer be required. However, producers will still be required to submit accounts or bills of sale for lambs sold in support of their applications for payment. Payments will be made only on lambs that have never been shorn. In accordance with the statement to be published in the Federal Register, the regulations provide that each sales document supporting the application must show the following:

A. Name and address of seller.
B. Date of sale. The date of the sales document will be presumed to be date of sale; except that, if the information available to the ASC county office points to a different conclusion, the ASC county office will require sufficient additional information to determine the date of sale. A sale shall be

deemed to have taken place on the date title passes to the buyer.

C. Number of unshorn lambs sold. If the sales document does not clearly identify the animals as lambs that had never been shorn at the time of sale, the person issuing the sales document should add a statement to that effect. Likewise, if the document is issued in connection with the sale of unshorn lambs but also covers the sale of other animals, the person issuing the sales document shall clearly indicate therein in some manner the number and the liveweight of unshorn lambs included in the sale.

D. Liveweight of unshorn lambs sold. If the weight is not determined by scales, this weight can be an estimated weight agreed to by the buyer and seller. Such weight is necessary in all cases, including cases where small lambs are sold by the side of the mother ewes.
E. Name and address of purchaser or marketing agency issuing the sales document. If this information does not appear in the printed bill head, it must be shown in some other place on the sales document.
F. Signature. The sales document must contain a handwritten signature by or on behalf of the person or firm issuing the sales document. Acceptable signatures will consist of at least one initial or name by which the person is generally known followed by his last name in full. A carbon impression or facsimile of a handwritten signature is not acceptable.

The originally signed copy of the sales document is required for filing with the producer's application. Consequently, marketing agencies, dealers, and other buyers may wish to issue sales documents in duplicate in order for the producer to have a copy to retain in his own record.

The production from one good daughter will usually cover the difference in cost of a good, proven dairy bull, and a run-of-the-mill sire, say State College specialists.

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