

Nitrogen Is Vital In Corn Production

Two pounds of nitrogen will make about a bushel of corn, says L. E. Tuckwiller, county farm agent of Watauga, and growers can substantially increase their net income from this crop by sidedressing 80 to 100 pounds of nitrogen per acre.

Tuckwiller points out that with nitrogen costing about 14 cents per pound applied, and corn at \$1.25 to \$1.30 per bushel, an investment in this amount of sidedressing is a sound money-making proposition. On the other hand, he said, if corn is not given adequate nitrogen, the grower will almost surely fail to receive any net return from his investment in labor, seed and fertilizer.

While corn yields per acre in North Carolina have gone up steadily in recent years, they are still a long way from reflecting efficient production, Tuckwiller said. And many low yields of corn in Watauga are directly the result of inadequate nitrogen fertilization, he added, as many growers do not sidedress with enough nitrogen and others do not put out any of this important nutrient at all.

To get the most out of nitrogen topdressing, the county agent continued, the soil should be limed and fertilized in accordance with recommendations resulting from a soil test. If soil is too acid, or is low in phosphate or potash, maximum response to the nitrogen topdressing will not be realized, he explained. He said, however, that if the corn follows a heavily fertilized crop, the grower

can generally expect to get a high return from money spent on nitrogen topdressing, even if he has had no soil test.

Tuckwiller urges farmers who failed to get their soil tested for spring planting to certainly do so for fall plantings, as this will almost always net a farmer a much higher return on his fertilizer and nitrogen topdressing investment than he would realize without the benefit of a soil test.

Soil tests are performed free of charge by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture in Raleigh. Information sheets and boxes can be picked up from the county agent's office or from the ASC, SCS, or the local Vocational Agriculture teacher.

Becky Grimes Rites Held

Rebecca Grimes, 76, colored resident of Boone, died May 23 at her home on Church Street.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. Sunday, May 26, at the Minnion Baptist Church by the Rev. Rock Hatton and the Rev. A. W. Stowe. Burial was in the Clarissa Hill cemetery.

She is survived by two brothers, John and Monroe Grimes, both of Boone.

"Horn" Meeting

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Blowing Rock, and Grover Robbins of Blowing Rock.

Prompted by questions from Dr. Kephart, the panel discussed such subjects as what the general public can do to promote "Horn", the need for more diversified attractions in the area, what the college is doing to help the drama, the women's angle, the growing spirit of cooperation between Boone and Blowing Rock, the weekly Folk Arts Festivals, and publicity plans for the season.

W. Ralph Winkler reported on the progress of new roads in the area, which will provide better access for visitors.

Derrick announced that the Sylvania Corporation will make a "mammoth flash shot" of the Daniel Boone Theatre on the night of June 15, using 250 flash bulbs simultaneously. He urged that a big crowd be on hand to fill the theatre.

A moment of silence was observed at the close of the meeting in tribute to the late Dr. B. B. Dougherty, co-founder and President Emeritus of Appalachian State Teachers College, who passed away on Monday.

Chest X-Rays Are Vital

By MRS. FRANCES C. FRANCIS

Today, more is known about tuberculosis than ever before, possibly more than about any other infectious disease. Not only is the specific cause known, but the ways in which the bacilli pass from person to person, from the sick to the well, are known. The factors which lower the body's resistance to the bacilli are known. Prevention is possible. Diagnosis is possible at an early stage, when recovery is the rule. Cure is possible.

In spite of this increased knowledge, tuberculosis is still the No. 1 killer among infectious diseases. An estimated 400,000 Americans have active tuberculosis. Of these, there are 150,000 persons with active tuberculosis for whom health authorities have no records. Most of these persons do not know they have the disease, do not know they are spreading it to others. And in this country tuberculosis is spreading at the rate of 115,000 persons a year.

What can be done about it? The chest X-ray is an important part of the answer. For tuberculosis often strikes without obvious symptoms, and signs of whatever damage it has started in the lung will show up on the X-ray film. The chest X-ray is the first step toward early diagnosis. It can detect signs of the disease early, when it is easiest to cure. Of course a diagnosis of tuberculosis is never made on evidence of a chest X-ray alone.

When X-rays show suspicious shadows, the doctor makes additional tests to determine whether a person has tuberculosis.

Everyone has his best chance of finding TB early, when it is easiest to cure, by getting chest X-rays regularly. Get your free chest X-ray in June from the Mobile unit. Everyone from 15 years up, is urged to take advantage of this opportunity.

Mrs. Watson Dies Monday

Mrs. Nora Beatrice Watson, 63, of Boone, Route 2, died May 20 in Watauga Hospital after suffering several severe strokes.

Mrs. Watson was the wife of Aaron Dock Watson, who survives. Also surviving are three sons, Ar-

low, Harley and J. C., all of Boone; and one daughter, Mrs. Daisy Harmon of Wickliffe, Ohio. One son, Ira Watson, preceded her in death 21 years ago.

Funeral services were held at Three Forks Baptist Church with the Rev. Homer Green conducting the rites, and burial was in the Gragg cemetery in the Sands community.

Mrs. Watson was born November 12, 1894, in Wilkes County, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Granville Shell.

After joining the church at a very early age, Mrs. Watson was

known as a faithful Christian mother and loved by all who knew her.

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