

Corn Demonstration Being Conducted

Four Farmers Trying To Find Out Best Corn To Plant

Although none of them are gamblers, four Chowan County farmers are determined to find out what their lucky number is. The lucky number refers to the number of the best kind of seed corn to plant. The following farmers are conducting corn variety demonstrations this year: Marcell Ward, who lives on the Suffolk Highway; Tom Asbell, who lives near Center Hill; William T. Forehand, who lives in Cowpen Neck community, and J. D. Swindell, who lives in Yeopim community.

All of these farmers planted two rows each of 18 different varieties of corn. Each variety was planted the same day, received an equal amount of fertilizer and conditions for all varieties are as near alike as possible. Regular open pollinated corn varieties are in each test as well as several hybrid varieties.

This week signs were placed between the rows of each variety so visitors can identify them. Some of the varieties are early maturing, others are medium maturing, and still others are late. Observation made this week shows that the G-704 is completely tasselled and 26% of the silks are showing. Hackett, which is an open pollinated variety, is 95% tasselled, with 36% of the silks showing. V-25 Y is the earliest maturing corn in the demonstration, and it is completely tasselled and part of the silks are beginning to dry.

Chowan farmers who are interested in observing these corn test demonstrations should have no trouble in finding them. Further information about these corn varieties can be obtained from the county agent's office.

SPORTS AFIELD

By Ted Keating

This is for the man trying for the first time to catch trout on flies. But before we start, let's remember that trout aren't complete nitwits—they are shy, timid. So walk lightly and don't let them see you.

But the first step is to find them. The most generally productive spot and the most easily fished is a narrow tongue of current entering a pool from a swift, shallow stretch. The greatest amount of food will be concentrated there. And trout will be watching the current, ready to dart out and grab an enticing morsel.

If you can cast down there, well and good. But you can get just as many trout by merely stripping line from the reel and letting the current wash the fly down to the good spot.

It calls almost for a sixth sense to hook trout with a fly drifting nat-

U. S. MILITARY ACADEMY 150 YEARS OLD IN 1952

The United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., has announced plans for the celebration of its sesquicentennial through the period from January to June 1952. Maj. Gen. Byrant E. Moore, superintendent of the Academy, in a general order proclaiming the observance, has directed all personnel at West Point to lend their support to activities commemorating the founding of the institution through an act of Congress in March, 1802.

The school, which has been the alma mater of so many of America's greatest military leaders, was established through the efforts of the founding fathers of the republic who emphatically urged upon the government the necessity for such an institution. In his annual message to Congress in 1797 President Washington said:

"The institution of a military academy is recommended by cogent reasons. However pacific the general policy of the nation may be, it ought never to be without a stock of military knowledge for emergencies."

The garrison site at West Point, which had been occupied by the Army since 1778, consisting of 1,795 acres, was purchased in 1790, and was available when the school was opened during the presidency of Thomas Jefferson, July 4, 1802. Maj. Jonathan Williams, grandnephew of Benjamin Franklin, was the first superintendent. His faculty consisted of five officers, with ten cadets present.

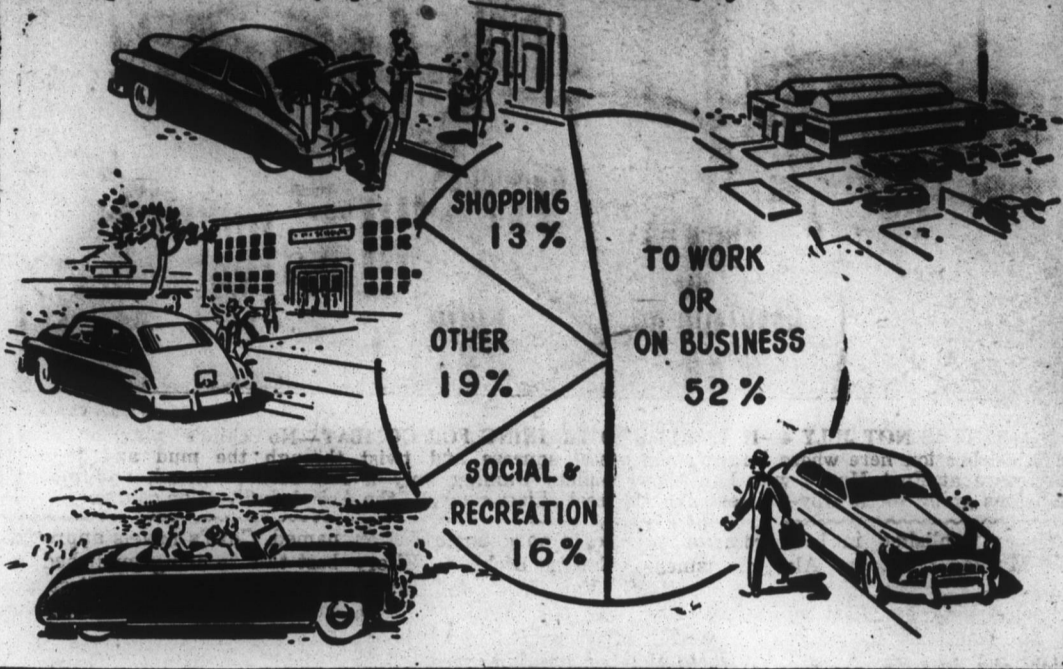
The War of 1812 gave an impetus to the growth of the Academy and effected its educational aims in the period of peace which followed. National interest called now for canals, roads, river improvement, railroads, and the exploitation of soil and mineral wealth. There was a wide call for engineers, and Col. Sylvanus Thayer, superintendent from 1817 to 1833, set out to give the country trained men of excellence in knowledge and leadership.

Through the years the Academy has kept pace with the times and there has been a gradual liberalization of the curriculum and training. Today 2,400 cadets are organized into 24 companies of about 100 men each. The 24 companies are formed into six battalions, and the six battalions into two regiments. The two regiments make up the cadet brigade.

YOUR CAR IS ESSENTIAL

Emphasizing the essentiality of the family automobile, the National Automobile Dealers Association proves its case by pointing out that 52% of all car trips are for the purpose of making a living, 13% are for buying food, clothing, drugs and other necessities; 19% for driving children to school, going to church, participating in civic affairs, etc. This leaves only 16% of passenger car usage in the social and recreational category.

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urally on a slack line. Jason Lucas cautions beginners to remember this: When working the fly, keep the rod tip low, with leader and line straight from fly to rod grip where the line passes under a finger of the right hand. Let the line slip in and out under that finger or you'll be in trouble.

Use your left hand, not the rod tip, to give the fly little jiggles. When your left hand gets back too far, reach out and take a fresh hold behind that forefinger, forming a coil in your left hand with the slack. Thus, when a trout takes the fly, your fingers can feel him instantly and before he can turn, it's pure reflex action to jerk back your hand and set the hook.

Don't give a hard jerk—a quick little tug does it. As soon as you've hooked him, raise the rod to the vertical, to play him against its full spring. To do this, of course let the line slip freely under that finger of the right hand; when there's enough out, a gentle pressure of the finger against the cork grip stops it, or causes a mild

brake to slow him. A small trout is played by stripping in line with the left hand. A big fish can be handled best by playing him from a single-action reel.

Suggestions Given On Farm Buildings

More and more farmers are coming to realize that properly designed and constructed buildings can play an important part in their farm operations, believes H. M. Ellis, extension agricultural engineer at State College.

Ellis says that both labor and materials are becoming scarce as a result of the nation's defense activities. This, he points out, makes it more important than ever that farmers repair existing structures and carefully plan buildings they are about to construct.

Well-planned buildings not only reduce labor requirements, says the specialist, but also make it possible

for the farmer to produce more and better crops and livestock.

Priority, he says, should be given to repair and existing structures. A little extra bracing and the making of minor repairs now, he points out, may save costly repairs later.

Protection from fire hazards should also be emphasized, since farm fires cause an annual loss of about \$100,000,000. This is a serious problem at

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any time but it is doubly serious now, Ellis asserts, because the country can ill afford the cost of materials and manpower needed to replace such losses.

Steps should be taken to minimize such hazards as defective chimneys and heating systems, sparks on combustible roofs, lightning, spontaneous ignition, careless use of matches and smoking in buildings, careless use of gasoline and other fuels, and faulty wiring and misuse of electrical appliances. These are the principal causes of farm fires.

Whodunit?

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murderer, and the game of wits between reader and author that gives the detective story its wide popularity. Morbidity or sadism, or an undue interest in murder as murder, on the part of the reader, do not enter into the picture. Folks who would faint at the sight of a cut finger are avid detective story fans, and can take on the goriest and grisliest plot without batting an eye. No matter how graphically written or gruesomely portrayed, it never fazes them. It is the intellectual and not the emotional angle that interests your true

whodunit fan. It is not the blood spilled or persons killed, but the problem of the plot, the deductive game they play with the author.

But a well written detective story should contain something more than plot. Plot alone won't swing it. The characters should be well developed and should be people we can like or love or hate, each to his own deserts. The bare bones of plot and construction should be clothed in atmosphere, background, good characterization and all of the elements that make up a good novel.

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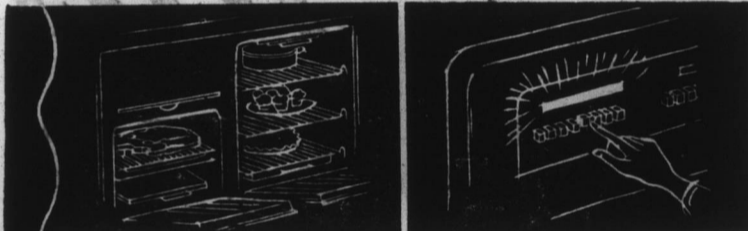
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