

AROUND THE FARMS IN CHOWAN COUNTY

By C. W. OVERMAN, Chowan County Agent

Vegetable And Fruit Suggestions

Should gardeners prune and train tomatoes? Well, some of the advantages are: Slightly earlier ripening, larger early yields, larger total yields, less disease loss, cleaner fruits, easier picking, and more convenient for dusting and spraying. Some of the disadvantages: More time is required for pruning and training, slightly more blossom-end rot, more sunburning of fruit and slightly more cracking of the fruit.

Mulching with straw, pine-straw, sawdust, paper or black plastic, etc., will reduce losses from cracking and blossom-end rot. Water on the surface of ripening fruit increases cracking, therefore, pick ripening fruits before you irrigate (unless, of course, you use furrow irrigation or other types that don't get the vines and fruits wet).

To reduce sunburning you can "prune back" rather than "prune out" the suckers.

Keep your tomato plants covered with Maneb to reduce early blight and late blight losses.

Renew Strawberry Planting: Strawberry acreage harvested this year is low; new plantings for 1961 harvest are few. Strawberry acreage in competing areas is also lower than usual. This

should mean that this is the year the old strawberry plantings over. Just keeping the plants in the field will not guarantee a crop next year, but if you do the following you will come close to a good crop:

Things To Do Now:

1. Immediately after harvest, clean up the planting of weeds.
2. Thin plants in the row so each plant is 8 inches from all others. Keep the row to 18-20 inches. Pull off excess runners so no new plants will form in the row.
3. Apply 30 lbs. of actual nitrogen per acre. Put over plants when foliage is dry.
4. Spray for mites as needed; spray for diseases as needed.
5. Keep the planting weed-free.
6. If possible, apply water if needed.
7. Late August or early September (this is when fruit buds usually form) topdress with 40-50 lbs. actual nitrogen.

Things To Do Before Harvest 1961:

1. Mulch the planting about time new growth starts in the spring.
2. Spray for fruit rot; don't forget to control mites.
3. Water to reduce frost damage.
4. Set another new field.



TOPPLED BY TORO—The brute strength of a fighting bull is graphically demonstrated in the Madrid, Spain, ring. Picadors' horses are frequently gored despite padding.

ard White accompanied the county group to cast Chowan's votes for the district officers. Judy Haste, candidate for Eastern District Vice-President, was also in attendance along with Leon Evans, candidate for District Historian.

Accompanying the group to Chocowinity were: Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Byrum, Bill Stanton, Mrs. Emmett Jones, C. W. Overman, County Agent; Harry Venters, Assistant County Agent, and Miss Catherine Aman, Assistant Home Economics Agent.

Increasing number of farm pond accidents, the North Carolina Extension Service, aided by the Red Cross, has added a new program in Farm Pond Water Safety. Chowan County, with its abundance of water, was signed up to participate in this program. Four-H Club members

Congratulations go to Zackie Harrell on his fine 4-H record, which recently helped him win a scholarship from the 4-H Scholarship Fund.

Due to the increasing number of farm ponds and therefore an

and adult safety leaders will take an active part in the Farm Pond Water Safety program. The first training meeting will be held in the College Gym at East Carolina College on June 29. In attendance from Chowan County will be: Two Extension Agents, four 4-H Club members, and the County Home Demonstration Safety Chairman. These persons will be responsible for organizing an effective water safety program here in Chowan County. The four 4-H members will make up the county demonstration team and will actively participate in the teaching procedure in the various communities.

Home is the dearest spot on earth, and it should be the center, though not the boundary, of the affections.

—Mary Baker Eddy.

NOTICE

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KNOW YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

John T. Grooms, representative of the Social Security Administration, is in Edenton every Thursday at the North Carolina Employment Security Commission office in the Citizens Bank Building.

"Are all farmers required to file tax returns and pay the self-employment tax?" We in the Social Security Office hear this question often, and the answer is simple.

If a farmer or any other self-employed person has net earnings of \$400.00 or more in a year, the law states that he must file tax returns. He has no choice as to whether to file or not.

"What are net earnings?" Another question you may be asking. Simply take all of your sales slips for sale of farm products and get your total income from sale of peanuts, soy beans, corn, etc. Now add all of your expenses together in a separate column. Subtract your expenses from your income. This shows your net profit or net loss.

"What if my net profit is less than \$400.00?" If your net profit was less than \$400.00, but your gross income was \$600.00 or more you may file tax returns on the "optional method" and pay the self-employment tax so that you can count this work for Social Security purposes. If you had net earnings of less than \$400.00 in any of the past three years you may still file on the optional method. This may be very important to you if you become disabled or when you reach retirement age. It could very well be of the utmost importance to your family in the event of your death.

If you have any question regarding self-employment, contact your local Social Security District Office, located at 220 W. Brambleton Ave., Norfolk, Va.

Operate"; Leon and Lewis Evans, Forestry, "Plant Tomorrow's Trees Today"; Judy Evans and Kay Bunch, Team Dairy Foods, "Ice Cream — Dressed Up"; Joe Bass and Gene Harrell, Vegetable Production, "Controlling the Big Three"; Johnny Winborne, Wildlife, "Poor Fishing or Good Fishing"; Bryant White, Livestock Conservation, "Good Beef Production"; Thomas Peele and Ray Smith, Soil and Water Conservation, "Farm Drainage" Zackie Harrell entered the Public Speaking Contest; Judy Evans appeared in the Dress Review.

Four-Hers participating in the Talent Contest were: Philip Smithsin, Robbie Boyce, Belinda Perry, Artie Bass, Becky Williford and Brenda White. Rich-

CHOWAN NEWS

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The Eastern District 4-H Demonstration Day was held in Chocowinity on Wednesday, June 22. Four-H members who represented Chowan County and their demonstration topics are as follows: Linda Byrum, Ronnie Topin and Elaine Hobbs gave a Farmer Cooperative demonstration entitled "How Cooperatives



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Chowan County Budget For Fiscal Year 1960 - 1961

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS JUNE 20, 1960

FUND	APPROPRIATED FOR REQUIREMENTS	AMOUNT LEVIED	RATE
BONDS	\$ 27,037.50		
Less Unexpended Balance	12,000.00	\$ 15,037.50	.08
CHARITY:			
General Assistance	9,198.02		
Hospitalization	12,000.00		
Less Anticipated from State and Federal Funds	8,253.60	12,944.42	.07
HEALTH:			
District	12,620.34		
County	1,200.00	13,820.34	.07
SCHOOLS:			
County	41,253.00		
Edenton	109,313.65		
Less Amounts Anticipated from:			
Dog Taxes	\$ 808.38		
Intangibles Tax	7,380.72		
Forfeitures, Fines and Penalties	15,907.60		
Poll Taxes	2,744.00		
Estimated School Fund Balance	5,000.00	31,840.70	.58
WELFARE:			
Old Age Assistance	63,000.00		
Aid to Dependent Children	24,480.00		
Aid to Permanently and Totally Disabled	27,000.00		
Administrative	14,314.00		
Less Amount Anticipated from State and Federal Funds	108,313.04	16,980.96	.09
Less Unexpended Balance	3,500.00		
REVALUATION EXPENSE		2,000.00	.01
GENERAL COUNTY	108,058.00		
Less Amounts Anticipated from:			
ABC Store Earnings and Surplus	30,000.00		
Costs, Recorder's and Superior Courts	13,000.00		
General Funds Surplus	24,058.00	41,000.00	.20
County-wide tax rate per \$100.00 valuation, based upon a Valuation of \$20,500,000.00			\$1.10
Special Tax Levy for Rural Fire Protection Outside of Town of Edenton			.10

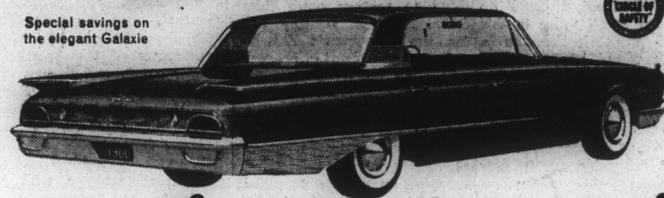


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