

AROUND THE FARMS IN CHOWAN COUNTY

By C. W. OVERMAN, Chowan County Agent

Plant Peanuts Before Planting

Cotton: Planting peanuts before planting cotton is a silly statement, isn't it? But, after all, it may not be so silly because what I am trying to do is encourage cotton growers to plant cotton a little later when the soil has warmed up and plant peanuts earlier to give a full growing season.

There are three fungus diseases at the surface of the soil which attack the stems of young cotton plants when they come through the ground if cool, damp weather conditions are present. These diseases damage young cotton plants stunting their growth and often times kill so many that the crop has to be planted over. Therefore, we think it is safer to plant cotton about the last week in April or the first week in May to be safe.

In planting NC-2 peanuts, remember that it takes approximately 160 days from the day of planting to the date peanuts are matured and ready to dig. With this in mind, peanuts planted May 1 will be ready to dig about October 10. This time will vary slightly with weather conditions. By planting your peanuts the week of April 23 through May 4 you should get the best growing season and the highest yield. Generally, research results show that the yield is reduced 100 pounds per acre for each week peanuts are planted later than May 1; in other words, peanuts planted May 15 will yield about 200 pounds per acre less than peanuts planted on the same land on May 1 and those planted on May 29 will yield about 400 pounds per acre less. Let's plant early this year and aim at the highest yields possible on our soils.

Rye, and other cover crops, cornstalks and other litter should be turned under deeply now in order to be ready to plant peanuts on May 1. If there is any indication that nematodes are present the soil should be fumigated properly to control the

Nematode Control In Gardens: Nematodes are causing considerable damage to the roots of vegetables in many home gardens. The best control we know of is proper soil fumigation. My garden is infested with nematodes and I have to fumigate my soil each year.

There are several soil fumigants which may be used but, generally, gardeners will use Telon, DD or a nemagon material. Telon and DD have to be applied in the soil at least two weeks before planting. I applied my soil fumigant about two weeks ago.

Perhaps the easiest method of applying soil fumigants is to plow a furrow as deeply as possible every twelve inches after the soil has been thoroughly broken. Apply the fumigant in the bottom of the furrow and cover well immediately. In row treatment only the fumigant should be applied as deeply as possible in the center of the row and the row made up immediately. Telon and DD should be applied at the rate of one pint per 300 feet of furrow or row. Fumizon 44-E will mix with water, so mix 1 quart of 44-E with three quarts of water and apply 1 pint to each 300 feet as above.

Nematode Control on Shrubs: Many home plantings of shrubs are being damaged by nematodes feeding on the roots. These can be controlled by soil fumigation, but nemagon is the only material we know of at present which is safe to use on growing plants.

To one gallon of water mix two teaspoonsful of nemagon 50% Ec or Fumizon 70-E and apply to one yard square of bed space. If Fumizon 44-E is used, mix 4 teaspoonsful per gallon of water.

Method of application consists of using a sharp pointed stick, maybe one-half inch in diameter, and punch holes four to six inches deep every ten to twelve inches over the bed area. Using a sprinkling can, sprinkle one gallon of the above mixture to each

yard square, then water down good with a garden hose. One application now should be sufficient for this year.

Summer Grazing And Forage Crops: Continued grazing on cool season plants such as ladino clover and some others usually results in decreased animal production and loss of plant stands. Therefore, it is best to use hot weather crops to supplement the needed grazing. This may be accomplished by sowing between April 15 and July 1 star, gahi, or common pearl millet, sudan grass varieties like Sudax, Tift or Sweet. The soil should be fertilized with 300 to 500 pounds per acre of 8-8-8 fertilizer and top dressed each 10 to 40 days with 30 to 60 pounds of actual nitrogen after the plants are 6 inches high and after the first grazing. Any of these crops should be down at the rate of 8 to 10 pounds per acre in rows or 30 pounds broadcast.

A good summer grazing crop for hogs is soybeans. These may be planted in rows at 1/2 to 1 bushel per acre or broadcast at the rate of two bushels per acre. Before planting, 300 to 400 pounds of 0-10-20 fertilizer should be broadcast per acre. The earlier any of these crops are sown, of course, the earlier they will afford grazing.

Ten Leaders In Bridge Marathon

At the end of the 17th round of the bridge marathon sponsored by the Chowan Hospital Auxiliary, Mrs. Earl Goodwin and Mrs. Julius Davis continue to hold a very slight lead over Cecil Fry and Medlin Belch. There are only two more rounds remaining to be played.

The ten leading teams and their scores follow:

- 1—Mrs. Earl Goodwin and Mrs. Julius Davis, 87,600.
- 2—Cecil Fry and Medlin Belch, 87,210.
- 3—Joe Thorud and Dr. Richard Hardin, 73,960.
- 4—Dr. and Mrs. David Wright, 72,750 (16th round).
- 5—Nathan Dail and John Raines, 70,720.
- 6—Mrs. L. A. Patterson and Mrs. W. B. Rosevear, 70,420.

7—Mrs. J. H. McMullan and Hiram Mayo, 69,390.

8—Mrs. E. W. Spires and Mrs. Leon Leary, 67,650.

9—Mrs. Watson Bell and Mrs. Oscar Duncan, 64,730.

10—Mrs. Willie White and Mrs. Leroy Haskett, 62,550.

County News

By MRS. ROLAND EVANS

The Associational Training Union Eliminations were held at Hertford Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The WMS General Meeting was held at Rocky Hock Church Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

The Mag Leary Morning Circle met with Mrs. T. W. Allred on Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Royal Ambassador Leadership meets at Rocky Hock Church tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock.

Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Rocky Hock Church on Sunday morning at 8 o'clock. This is the annual sunrise service with the Macedonia Church. The Rev. Robert Harrell will bring the message.

C. L. Brewer, layman from Hertford Baptist Church, brought the message at Rocky Hock Church Sunday night.

Miss Frances Ober is spending this week in Portsmouth, Va.

Roland Ashley is sick.

Bob Nixon went home from the hospital this week.

Roland Evans is recuperating. Hallett Copeland is feeble.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Harrell visited Roland Evans Sunday afternoon.

April 19 will be "Beginners Day" at Chowan High School. This will be an introduction to school life for the beginner. It is very important that each child who will start school at Chowan next fall be there with one or both parents. Children will meet in Mrs. Perry's first grade room by 9 A. M. Each child is to carry their birth certificate and immunization records.

The Junior-Senior Prom was held at Chowan High School Friday night. Freshmen entertaining were Mary Privott, Sandra Nixon, June Turner, Linda Forehand, Linda Goodwin, Margaret Tynch, Peggy Monds, Rita White,



COLD?—Edith Rosenau doesn't have a cold in the nose, but she does have a cold nose. To check her problem, she demonstrates latest in cold weather garb, which is a mask that heats air breathed by means of battery operated heating element. It's helpful to persons with respiratory ills.

Gloria Byrum, Glenda Bunch, Nancy Bass, Ronny Berryman, Donald Bunch, Arlyn Dail, Durward Copeland, Billy Nixon, Joe Ward, Bobby Winborne and Wayne Briggs. Working with them were Miss Cecelia Wiloughby.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Perry of Suffolk visited Mr. and Mrs. Evans and Mr. Perry Sunday.

Mrs. Peggy Hooper spent the week-end with Mrs. Evans and mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham Farless went to Portsmouth Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Martha Harrell's daughter, Eloise and children spent the week-end with her.

The seniors of Chowan High School are on a tour of Washington and New York. They left Monday afternoon, April 8, traveling by Trailways Bus. The

W. M. Wilkins Host At Buffet Dinner

W. M. Wilkins was host to a group of friends and relatives Friday night at a buffet dinner at his home on Broad Street.

Those present were the Rev. and Mrs. R. N. Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mansfield, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Curran, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. White, Mrs. Johnetta White, Mrs. Bertha Bunch, Mrs. C. N. Griffin, Mrs. Daniel Reaves, Mrs. Frances Wilkins, Mrs. Murry Byrum of Edenton; Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Phillips of Goldsboro, and Mrs. Olivia Hobbs of Hertford.

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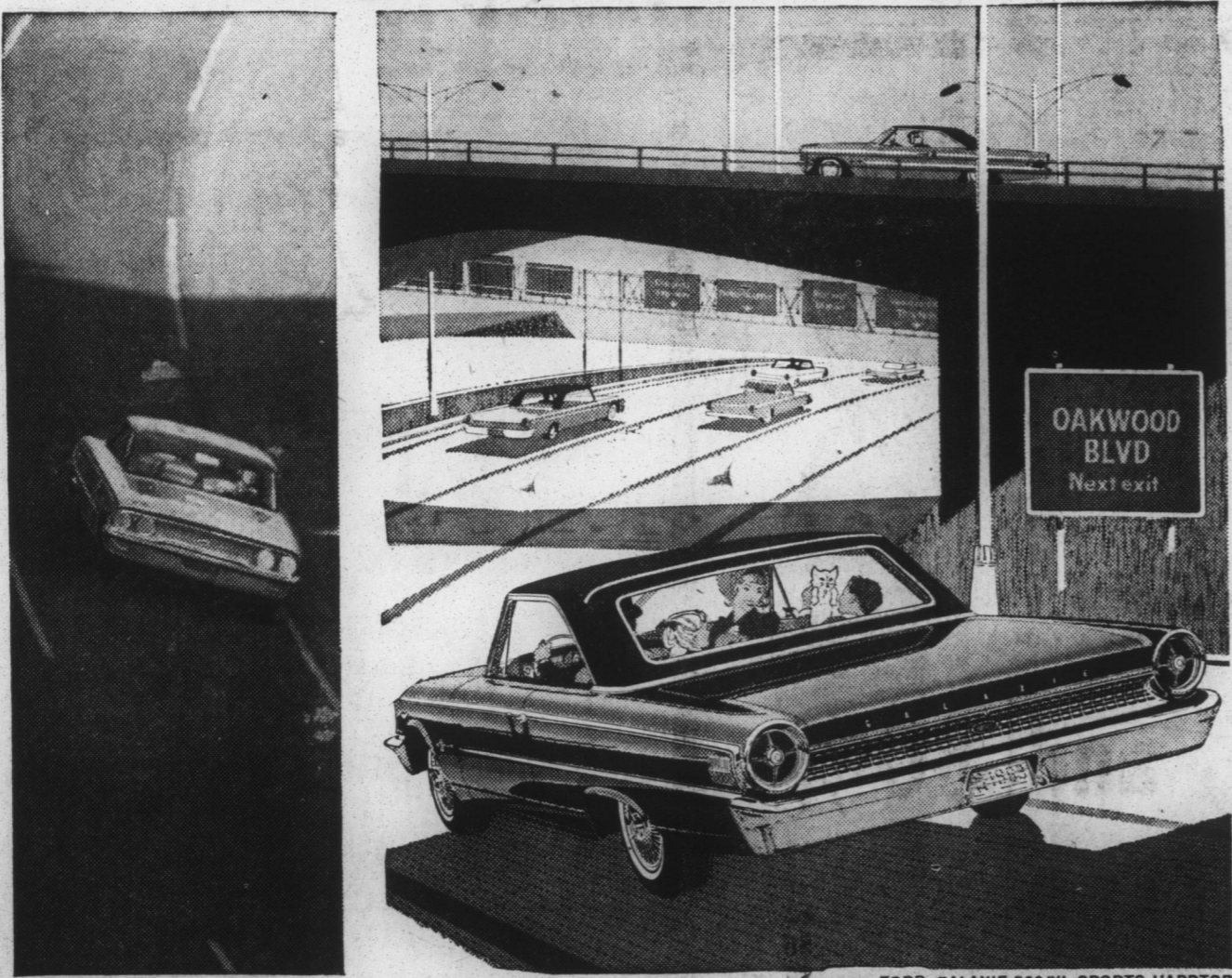
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