

Around Chowan County Farms

By C. W. OVERMAN

Nickels Combat Plant Diseases: Plant diseases take a huge chunk out of the farmer's income every year. They cost North Carolina farmers, home gardeners and landowners an estimated \$83 million in 1965.

Despite the resistant varieties, chemicals and various other means of prevention that are available, diseases remain one of the most serious threats to a farmer's crops and trees. Prevention is the safest measure against disease, but diagnosis and treatment can also save crops and profits. The diagnosis is often the most difficult step.

One of the most important means we have for helping make accurate diagnosis of plant ailments is the Plant Disease Clinic at North Carolina State University. The clinic is designed specifically to receive infected plants and to provide facilities for their examination by highly trained pathologists who make quick and accurate diagnosis for the Extension agent and farmer.

This is one of many re-

FAMILY DINNER

Mrs. P. J. Warner entertained her son, Jeff Warner, and his wife, Edna, who reside in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., on Sunday at a family dinner. There were four generations present for the occasion and an enjoyable time was had by all. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. James Newcome of Portsmouth, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. David Cool and family of Virginia Beach, Va.; Mrs. R. E. White of Hertford; Mrs. Louis Merz and two children from Alaska; Mr. and Mrs. Madison Phillips, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Madison Phillips, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Brabble and son of Edenton.

turns the farmers receive for his contribution to agricultural research and education at N. C. State through the Nickels for Know-How program. The Nickels program helps provide an adequate staff to handle the many plants and requests for help Extension agents and others send to the clinic.

Nickels for Know-How began in 1951. Farmers voted to pay five cents extra for each ton of fertilizer and feed they buy to support the research programs which benefit virtually every farm family in the state.

The Nickels money that goes to the support of the Plant Disease Clinic is one example of these returned benefits.

On November 25 farm families and other users of feed and fertilizer will vote on the continuation of the Nickels program for six more years.

A Rudder For Soils: You wouldn't dare go out in a boat without a rudder or a car without a steering wheel to steer it. Yet in many fields crops are planted each year without the use of a soil test as a guide steering the use of lime and fertilizer.

Now is the time to take soil samples and send them in for soil analysis for crops next year. Soil sampling materials are available at your county Extension office and at your fertilizer dealers.

Free transportation for soil samples is being provided again. The pick-up dates are November 20, December 18 and January 20. Soil samples may be taken to the county Extension office or to your fertilizer dealer.

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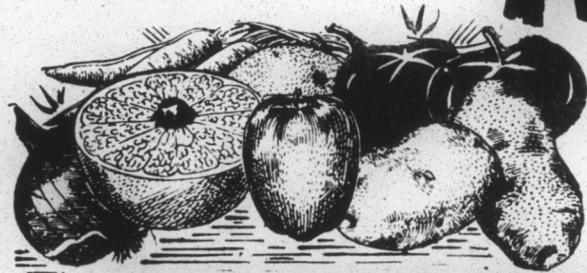
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