

EXTENSION SCENE

North Carolina

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE

During the past year we have had a large increase in the numbers of inquiries coming to the Extension Office for information on forage crops. Even though we have not seen much growth in our local cattle industry, we have noted a trend of increasing demand for hay and an increasing interest in quality hay production. Another rea-



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they have attempted to grow top crops on marginal land and have failed more often than they have succeeded. Coastal Bermuda is the predominant warm-season perennial that is grown in this area while fescue is the predominant cool-season perennial that is grown locally. While new developments in fescue production have been essentially nil for many years, there are now promising new varieties which will likely become the standard fescue varieties in the near future. Forager is a new variety that was developed for FCX which

has consistently produced higher yields during the past few years than the more popular Kentucky 31 which has been around for a long time. In the warm-season perennial area, there are two entirely new grasses that appear to be on the horizon and are producing some exciting results in field research trials. Two of those grasses are switchgrass and Flaccidgrass. Switchgrass is a native perennial, tall growing grass that is adapted throughout North Carolina and has produced daily gains in cattle significantly greater than more popular grasses that are currently being grown. It is also characteristically a fast spring grower and has been available for grazing by mid-April.

Flaccidgrass is the other exciting grass crop which is a very high forage producer and well adapted to all areas of the state. It is a perennial with a bunchgrass appearance, and normally begins growth two to four weeks earlier than Coastal Bermuda. One of its most outstanding features is that it has performed well under lower rates of nitrogen than is normally required by Coastal Bermuda.

These two grasses are currently being evaluated by researchers at North Carolina State University, and even though these trials are showing considerable promise for both of these grasses, Flaccidgrass especially, must be studied for a few more years prior to release in order for all of its characteristics to be studied and well known so that any potential pest problems, digestibility problems, or other types of problems which may arise will have an opportunity to show themselves. This is necessary in order to avoid a premature release which could ultimately create serious problems on farms.

Anyone who may be interested in additional information regarding the digestibility, crude protein levels, and other characteristics of these grasses should call the County Extension Office at 738-8111.

Girl Scouts visit Capitol

Girls Scout Troops 072 and 230 visited the Raleigh Capitol on Saturday, Oct. 29. They toured the Executive Building, the Legislative Building, Museum of History, and the Museum of Nature. Projects the Girl Scouts have worked on are fund raising for Josh Brooks and a scrapbook in honor of American soldiers in the Middle East.

The leaders are Yvonne Barnes Dial and Joan Lowry.

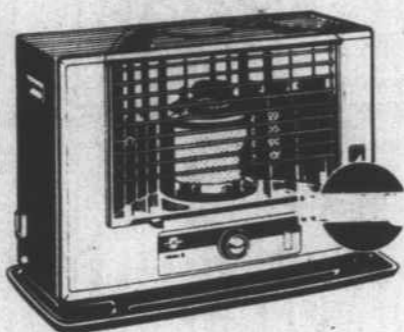


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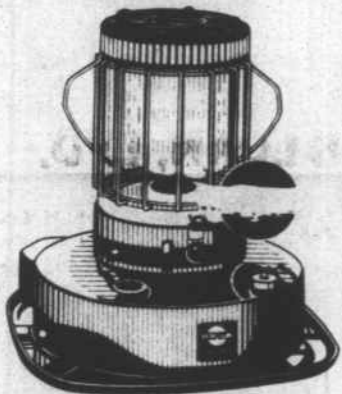
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Wedding plans announced



Jennifer Kay Oxendine

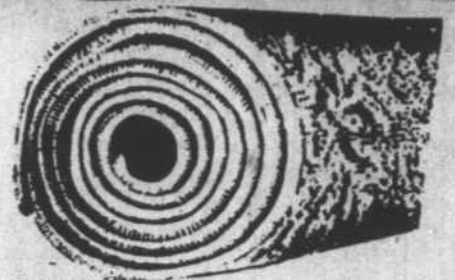
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Melvin Oxendine of Pembroke announce the engagement and wedding of their daughter, Jennifer Kay Oxendine of Pembroke to Kenneth Freeman, also of Pembroke.

Jennifer is a graduate of Pembroke State University, where she received her B.S. degree in Early Childhood. She is presently employed with the Robeson County Board of Education.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Pembroke State University, where he received his B.S. degree in Business Administration. He is presently employed with Farm Bureau Insurance Services of Robeson County.

A wedding date of December 17, at 4:30 p.m. has been set. The marriage ceremony will be held at Mount Olive Pentecostal Holiness Church in Pembroke. Invitations are being sent, but all friends and relatives are invited to attend. (Flmer W Hunt photo)

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