

Capital News Letter

BY THOMPSON GREENWOOD

TWELVE HOURS.—You won't read anything official on it for several months yet, but some leading tobacco specialists think there is a good chance that tobacco can be cured to the desired yellow in a matter of only 12 hours. It now requires around four days to cure tobacco.

It is going to take some time to develop this process. This method of curing will be done in an entirely new-type—and presumably air-tight—barn. But they say it can be done, and experiments on this rapid-curing idea are now being considered.

Although the methods will be developed for flue-cured leaf only, they may be made applicable to air-cured tobacco. The idea does not seem so far-fetched when you think of the time that used to be required for the preparation of beans, cabbage, and meat for the table. Now with the pressure cooker it is only a matter of minutes.

NOTES.—A recent official test made by the State Highway Commission shows that 56 per cent of the busses checked exceeded the speed limit of 50 miles an hour. . . . 24 per cent of all motorists checked went over 50. . . . The limit moves up to 55 July 1. . . . You'd better keep a light right foot. For the State is almost ready to bear down on the speeders. . . . Don't say you weren't warned.

Just the other day, it seems, this column received a report that there were 42 radio stations in North Carolina. Now comes a note from the National Association of Broadcasters that the number is 77, and this state leads the nation in this respect. . . . The 77 does not include FM stations either. . . . A 250-watt station in the little town of Tarboro netted \$1,840 in March. . . . The News and Observer is expected to begin the erection of its tower in June.

OFFER.—About five weeks ago you read here that the cooperatives would attempt to employ Harry B. Caldwell, former Grange Master and Good Heather, as a sort of legislative and public relations representative.

This offer will be made by the N. C. Council of Cooperatives on Friday, May 9. He will consider it for a salary of around \$7,500 per year—and if he can be permitted to continue with his State Grange Insurance directing, which will not him an additional \$800 to \$1,000. He will be worth every penny of it. . . . In fact he has well earned twice this amount for the good work he did cooperatives (against merchants) during the Legislature.

Rumors say he has turned down a \$10,000 position with the Production and Marketing Administration in Washington.

NOT DEAD.—The N. C. Tobacco Advisory Council, whose death some predicted when the Tobacco Association, Inc., was formed, is still kicking. At a meeting of the executive committee in Raleigh last week—it didn't get in the papers—it was decided that the next meeting of the council would be held in Asheville in June, with visits to the Acusta Paper Co., Waynesville, and other points in that vicinity.

OFF THE CUFF.—Veterans and their families in colleges around Raleigh were down to their last penny last week when they heard their April checks had been delayed by a dawdling Congress. . . . Their words upon receipt of the delay notice are unprintable. . . . They recall so well where they were two years ago this time, storming through Germany sweating it out in India, and fighting Jap swindlers on Okinawa.

Little Dan Tompkins of Jackson county, one of the more able members of the '47 Legislature, was bouncing about all over Raleigh last week searching for additional support for his candidacy for Lt. Governor. . . . on a bone dry platform. . . . Pat Taylor of Wadesboro, who is expected to be another applicant for this job—but with a slightly different platform—made \$5,000 during the Legislature lobbying for the chain stores. . . . Eg Harris of Roxboro is still considering making the race. . . . W. P. Horton of Pittsboro, busy with aftermath of the Jefferson Dinner, has postponed his gubernatorial statement. There are two or three other little matters which he must clean up before feeling free to announce. . . . If they don't develop, he may not have anything more to say.

COULDN'T HELP IT.—For a number of weeks now stenographers and women visitors at some State offices here have been greatly embarrassed by acts of two young men who received some kind of Havelock Ellis psychopathic thrill through indecently exposing themselves.

Very little has been written about it in the papers, but their actions have been one of the chief topics of conversation in several offices here. They didn't know each other, it develops, but one would appear and then several days later the other. . . . and nobody was able to catch them.

However, one of them was caught red-handed last week. He related his several appearances, and then shocked those questioning him by saying he "couldn't help it." He has now been given the choice of being sent to prison or going to a mental institution. A psychologist who was consulted said it may take years to cure him.

IN THE NEWS.—Stacy Weaver of Statesville and his uncles, H. E. Stacy of Lumberton and Chief Justice W. P. Stacy of the State Supreme Court, are in the news these days. In the little town of Jonesville in Yadkin county in 1941, some of the school patrons seemed to think that Principal Stacy was not big enough for the job, or something. So, he became superintendent of the Statesville City schools, erected new buildings, strengthened the curriculum, and generally gave the sagging system a shot in the arm.

He received an invitation a few days ago to become superintendent of the Durham City schools. . . . the best-paying (the State superintendent only receives \$6,500 per year) school job in North Carolina at \$8,400. Statesville raised him to \$7,600, but the Durham job offered a fine challenge to the former Jonesville principal and old Rutherford College professor and coach. Too, he would be near his alma mater, Duke, and would not have to travel so far each Saturday morning to football games this fall. So took it.

STACY BROTHERS.—When Wall Ewing of Fayetteville, now under sentence of 18 to 20 years for manslaughter in the death of his wife, gets through with his trial in the State Supreme Court, he will have full knowledge of the working of the legal brains of the Stacy brothers. H. E. will be defending him and Chief Walter P. will be on the bench. The case was scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, and it may run on for a few days.

You can see how the Stacy's and the Weaver's are in the news. Phillip Weaver, brother of Durham's Stacy, is superintendent of the Southern Pines crackerjack school setup, and Jim Weaver is director of athletics at Wake Forest. These Weaver boys—there is another one at Elkin—are all smart, big-chinned, athletic fellows. . . . sons of the late Dr. C. C. Weaver, Methodist leader in this State for two generations.

TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS

Answered at State College

Question: How can chick coccidiosis be prevented?

Answer: C. F. Parrish, in charge of poultry Extension at State College says to keep the brooder house dry. Avoid overcrowding of chicks. Add fresh litter often or clean the house often. Provide plenty of ventilation in the house. Keep the house and equipment sanitary. Keep visitors out of the house. Do not visit poultry dressing plants or other poultry raisers without changing shoes before entering your brooder houses. Clean and disinfect poultry coops before bringing them on your premises. Do not use second hand feed bags.

Question: What can I do to control the tobacco flea beetle?

Answer: A dust mixture containing one percent rotenone applied at the rate of one half pound to each

100 square yards of bed is recommended. The dust can be applied through the cloth cover provided the cloth is dry and not resting on the plants, according to James T. Conner, Jr., entomologist for the State College Extension Service. This application should be repeated about every four days until the infestation has been checked.

Cryolite can also be used as a control on this pest. This material should be applied at the rate of 1 pound to each 100 square yards of bed in the same manner that the rotenone is used, and the application should be repeated at weekly intervals until the infestation has been checked.

Question: How can I prevent chickens from eating eggs?

Answer: The flock owner should provide at least one nest with plenty of clean nesting material for every

five birds, according to Prof. Roy S. Dearstyne, head of the Poultry Department at State College. It should also be borne in mind that an unbalanced diet, as far as minerals and vitamin D are concerned, may produce soft-shelled eggs which will break easily. This leads to egg eating.

Question: Is it wise to cull beef herds now?

Answer: Leland I. Case, in charge of Animal Husbandry Extension at State College, says a recent outlook report from the Department of Agriculture shows that top grade cattle prices will probably be lower soon, but prices of the lower grade will hold up probably until next fall. The smart cattle man will cull his herd of poor individuals and poor producing cows while prices are good. These cull animals will bring a good price on the market at this time if

they are carrying a fair degree of flesh. If they are not, they should be put in the feed lot for a short while until they will grade medium to low good before they are marketed.

Question: How can I secure the latest progress report on agricultural research conducted by State College?

Answer: By writing to the Agricultural Editor at State College, Raleigh and requesting "Research and Farming," Volume Five, Progress Report Two.

Question: Can hawks be killed by feeding nux vomica to chickens?

Answer: Prof. Roy S. Dearstyne, head of the Poultry department at State College says reports from the U.S.D.A. indicate that there is little to be gained by this method of approach and apparently the poultryman who is losing chickens to

hawks will have to rely on the old "shot gun" method of control.

Farmers Average 10 Hours Per Day

North Carolina farm operators are working approximately 10 hours per day, according to the latest estimate made by the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service.

Hired workers are averaging around nine hours.

For the South Atlantic States as a whole, the average working day on farms, although still long, was shorter this March 1 than on the same date a year ago. As of this date, farm operators averaged working 10.6 hours per day, and hired workers, 8.8 hours, continuing the downward trend of the past three years.

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Sunday, May 11th

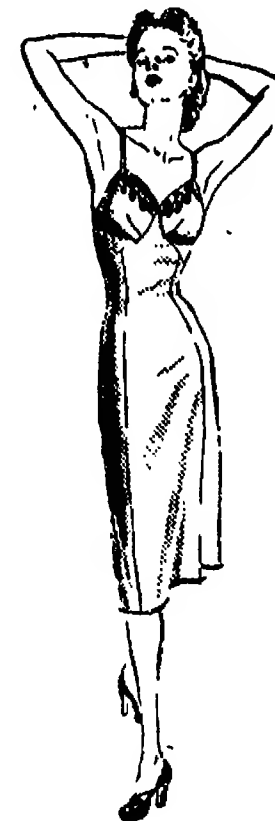
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