

MATTERS of INTEREST to FARMERS

Rats Are Causing Extensive Damage On Tar Heel Farms

The loss caused by rats on many North Carolina farms in a single year is higher than the cost of rat proofing the entire premises, say extension specialists at State College.

A rat-proof farm, they say, is not necessarily one in which the entire farmstead is absolutely proofed, but rather one where conditions are so unfavorable for any invading rats that they either will desert the premises of their own accord or may be easily routed by man or dogs.

Permanent freedom from rats should be the goal of everyone troubled with these pests, but before tackling this problem, the reasons why rats exist on the premise should first be determined.

Rats require food, water, and shelter, and they cannot exist where these are lacking; therefore, their source of food and water should be protected or removed, and all places of shelter eliminated as far as practicable.

Food is ever-abundant on most farms and is the prime reason why more rats are probably found on

farms than any other place, the specialists point out. Food in self-feeders in the poultry house and the left-over feed in cattle and hog troughs are almost impossible to protect; however, by carrying out the following practices, the situation can be improved, they say. Keep surplus feed in tight containers such as rat-proof bins and steel drums. Protect wooden bins by installing metal shields about the lids, bottom, sides and corners. Always close the covers tightly. Ratproof corn cribs with 2x2 mesh hardware cloth or sheet metal. Keep all garbage and edible waste in containers with tight-fitting covers. Place food for birds and pets where rats cannot reach it. Pick up all unused fruit and vegetables in gardens near buildings. Sweep all floors frequently, especially feed rooms.

The following measures will help in protecting accessible sources of water. Where possible, cover automatic drinking fountains during the night. Install removable covers for watering troughs and other tanks of water. Correct leaking faucets, and improperly drained sinks. Eliminate low places where water may stand after a rain. Remove all cans or other receptacles that may hold water after a rain.

Cotton Seed For Planting Should Be Purchased Early

The cotton seed situation for next year's crop is grave, says J. A. Shanklin, Extension cotton specialist at State College, but if farmers will investigate their next year's seed requirements at an early date, there should be no reason why everyone cannot get as many seeds as he needs.

Weather conditions for the past few weeks in the Piedmont Counties have damaged the cotton seed to the extent that most of the farmers in that area will have to rely on outside sources for their seed next year, he said. Heretofore, farmers in that section of the state have been supplying a large amount of the seed used by growers in other counties.

The Extension Service, working with ginners and seed crushers, have already placed orders for 1,200 tons of Certified Coker 100 with resistant seed, Mr. Shanklin said. These seeds will come mostly from Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia where the past season has been favorable for cotton harvesting.

Mr. Shanklin suggests that each farmer who is interested in locating seed for next year's crop, get in touch with his county agent.

Joint Meeting To Be Held in Rocky Mount

The 1948 Joint annual meeting of the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association, North Carolina Foundation Seed Producer, Inc., and 100 Bushel Corn Club will be held January 8-9, at the Smith tobacco warehouse in Rocky Mount, according to Dr. R. P. Moore, director of the N. C. Crop Improvement Association.

The meeting will be sponsored by the Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Moore said.

In addition to the host of interesting speeches that have been scheduled, and the educational and commercial exhibits that will be displayed, the usual big seed exposition with a long list of valuable prizes is expected to attract much attention.

Virtually every phase of producing certified seed will be discussed during the two-day meeting. Topics on this subject include: Ways in Which the Producer of Certified Seed can Improve His Seed Program, Getting and Keeping Stored Grain Insects Under Control, and Harvesting and Drying Seed Crops.

TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS

Answered at State College

Question: How should a fresh dairy cow be fed?

Answer: The feed for the first few days after freshening should be very limited in amount, says J. A. Aray, in charge of Dairying for the State College Extension Service. The first day the grain feed should be restricted to bran mash, for the following four days feed a mixture of bran and ground oats, equal parts. A reasonable amount of legume hay and a small amount of silage may be fed at all times during the freshening period. On or about the fifth day after freshening, the cow may be started on the regular milking ration and gradually brought to full feed over a period of around three weeks from the freshening date. The length of this period should be regulated according to the physical condition of the cow.

Question: Is following peanuts with a winter cover crop a good practice?

Answer: Following peanuts with a winter cover crop is a good practice. A good legume cover crop will assist in maintaining the soil organic matter content and the phosphate and potassium supply of the soil can be replenished by direct fertilization. Since a good seedbed already exists it is necessary only to harrow across the rows with a section harrow and drill in the cover crop as soon as peanuts are dug. If a drill is not

Conservation suggestions:

Fresh Again — Muffins, Biscuits and Rolls. Place left-over muffins, biscuits, or rolls into top of a double boiler. Sprinkle with a few drops of water. Cover, set over hot water and heat for 20 minutes.

Reheat muffins in muffin pans which have been prepared as follows: Into each muffin cup put 1-2 teaspoon margarine or butter and 1 tablespoon marmalade. Bake in moderate oven (350 deg. F.) 15 minutes.

Bread which is no longer "fresh" may be converted into French toast, cinnamon toast, or hot milk toast.

Cake which has lost its freshness can be served with sauces such as vanilla cream, orange, lemon, etc. Prepare in advance so as to allow the sauce to saturate the cake. Top with whipped cream.

Found and loaf cakes which have become dry can be sliced and toasted.

A delicious treat is fried pound cake. The cake is sliced and fried in buttered skillet, using slow heat. Turn to brown both sides.

Bread type rolls, coffee cakes, sweet rolls, etc., may be refreshed by placing in a paper bag, wet the outside of the bag and place into the oven.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of J. R. P. West, deceased, late of Harnett County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to file same, duly verified, with the undersigned on or before the 26th day of November, 1948, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate settlement with the undersigned.

This 25th day of November, 1947.
W. P. WEST,
Administrator of the Estate of J. R. P. West, Deceased, Manchester, N. C., Star Route. 4-6-c

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Having qualified as administrator of the estate of the late Cassie Moore of Harnett County, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said Cassie Moore to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before the 30th day of October, 1948, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 20th day of October, 1947.
TURNER McDONALD,
Administrator Cassie Moore Estate, Dupree & Strickland, Attorneys, Angier, N. C. 6-6c

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY TRUSTEE
Under and by virtue of the authority given in that certain deed of trust, executed by Enoch Darroch and wife Ethel Darroch, to H. Paul Strickland, Trustee, dated November 25, 1946, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Harnett County, in Book 442 at Page 234, default having been made in the payment of the note secured by said deed of trust, and the holder of said note having requested the trustee named therein to foreclose said deed of trust, the undersigned trustee do hereby give notice that he will sell on Monday, December 22, 1947, at 12:00 Noon, at the courthouse door, in Harnett County, Lillington, N. C., offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate being located in Anderson Creek Township, Harnett County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a lightwood stake in Ernest Darroch's North line, a corner for Mattie Womack Darroch and runs as her dividing line North, 4 degrees and 42 minutes East 2415 feet to a stake on the Southern bank of Upper Little River; thence as the river meanders South 1 degree and no minutes East 295 feet; South 34 degrees East 90 feet; thence South 60 degrees 155 feet; South 22 degrees East 134 feet; South 70 degrees East 139 feet; South 27 degrees East 90 feet to a stake and pointers on the Southern bank of Upper Little River, a corner for Enoch Darroch and James Darroch; thence as their dividing line South 4 degrees and 42 minutes West 1715

feet to a lightwood stake in Ernest Darroch's North line due West 465 feet to the point of the beginning, containing 20.21 acres by actual survey, made in February 1934, by Russell D. Boseman, Engineer. The above described tract being the same lands allotted to Enoch Darroch by Commissioner's deed recorded in Book 256 at Page 540, Harnett County Registry.

The successful bidder will be required to deposit 10 per cent of his bid as evidence of his good faith. This the 21 day of November, 1947.

H. PAUL STRICKLAND, Trustee.

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FORECLOSURE OF LAND UNDER MORTGAGE

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain deed of trust executed by Bessie Allen and husband L. C. Allen under date of 8th day of January, 1947, and registered in the office of Register of Deeds for Harnett County, N. C., in Book 303, page 112, Harnett County Registry, the undersigned trustee, after demand having been made on the undersigned to foreclose said deed of trust securing said notes, will offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door, Lillington, N. C., on the 28th of December, 1947, at 12 o'clock M., the following described lands, viz:

Adjoining the lands of Stewart, Goodman and others and described as follows, viz: Beginning at Maggie J. Gardner's beginning corner, a sweet gum pointer, running thence north 82 east 7 chains to Stewart's corner; thence as Stewart's line south 37 1/2 east 9 chains to a stake, Stewart's corner in Gilbert Garner's line; thence south 2 east 6 chains to a stake in a road; thence south 56 west 1840 chains to a stake; thence north 12.87 chains to the first station containing 15 acres, more or less and being the identical lands conveyed to Bessie Lee Garner under date of March 14, 1942 by J. M. Garner, widower and registered in the office of Register of Deeds for Harnett County in book 293 at page 477 to which reference is hereby made for further description.

2nd tract: Beginning at W. M. Garner second corner, a stake, sweet gum pointer running thence north 2 west 11.60 chains to a stake in Monro's line, hick tree pointers; thence north 56 east 7.70 chains to a stake, Stewart's corner; thence south 2 east 15 chains to a stake, hickory pointers, Stewart's other corner; thence south 32 west 7 chains to the first station containing 9.3 acres, more or less and being the identical lands conveyed to Maggie Garner under date of March 14, 1942 by J. M. Garner, widower, in the office of Register of Deeds for Harnett County in book 293 at page 173 to which reference is hereby made for further description.

This 24th day of November, 1947.

H. W. B. WHITLEY, Trustee.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as administrator, c. t. a., of the late John Henry Moore, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said John Henry Moore to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before the 30th day of October, 1948, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 30th day of October, 1947.

TURNER McDONALD,
Administrator c. t. a. of John Henry Moore's Estate, Dupree & Strickland, Attorneys, Angier, North Carolina. 6-6c

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