

Side Dress Cotton with Nitrate Now

Experiments Prove That Side Dressing of Cotton or Corn with Soda Means an Increased Yield of \$3 to \$5 for Every Dollar Spent for Soda

There is no agricultural fact better established than that side-dressing cotton with nitrate of soda is profitable, and right now is the time it should be done.

Such a fact as the following should prompt Chatham county farmers to prompt action: Experiments conducted by 1080 farmers indicate that an average of 205 pounds of soda per acre, applied as a top dressing, netted these farmers, on the average, 237 pounds of lint cotton per acre above what they received on cotton that had no top-dressing.

It is also found by numerous and painstaking experiments that the best time to apply the side-dressing is after the cotton has been plowed and chopped one time. However, Mr. Moss, a large cotton farmer, says that it may be applied profitable any time before the first blossom appears. But another authority says it must be applied to produce adequate results before the appearance of the first squares.

Note that 2337 pounds of cotton to the acre is above the country's average yield. Then, if the application of nitrate means a double of yield, Chatham county farmers cannot afford to neglect its use, and promptly. Cotton is already regarded in the county, because of difficulty in getting it up and the cold weather. Soda applied immediately would cause it to make up part of the time lost.

It has been estimated that the cost of producing cotton with production from 180 to 220 pounds to the acre, the cost is 17 cents a pound. At 500 pounds of lint to the acre, the cost of production is estimated at 10 cents a pound.

Note that 220 pounds at a cost of 17 cents means a cost of \$37.40 an acre, while 500 pounds at 10 cents makes a cost of 50 per acre. Now, cost, as some of farmers do not understand, includes fair wages for labor, includes taxes, interest in investment, etc. All those things are virtually the same whether he makes 200 pounds of lint to the acre or 500 pounds. Accordingly, the extra 13 dollars of cost goes largely to fertilizer and to extra picking.

\$5.00 an acre for soda now, then, should render a large profit, and it has been estimated that it means a gain of \$3 to \$5 for every dollar put into the soda. Then, why not pocket the extra money next fall? However, if the farmer is to allowed the weevil to destroy his crop, it would be better not to plant at all. Accordingly, the wise course is to apply soda and be up and doing in prevention of the boll weevil menace. The molasses mixture applied right away and followed a few times will probably mean the difference in a crop and no crop. This preventive is cheap. Get the formula from county agent Shiver at once.

Nitrates for Corn
An authority says that in 253 tests last year an average application of 197 pounds of soda to the acre as a side-dressing increased the average yield 17 1/2 bushels to the acre, making a cash return of \$3.38 for every dollar put in nitrate of soda.

Side-dressing, says the same authority, should be applied when the corn is knee-high to waist-high. However, he says to apply the dressing when the corn is 45 days old whether it has reached knee-high or not.

These facts should appeal to Chatham farmers. Yet the time should shortly come when Chatham farmers shall not have to buy costly nitrates to produce big yields. Lespedeza and other clovers, soy beans, vetch, kudzu, etc., should yield the nitrogen that now costs so dearly. In the meantime, however, there is no use in tending an acre of corn or cotton for nothing if \$5 worth of soda will mean a profit.

NELSON SMITH DEAD

Mr. Nelson Smith, of the Harper's Cross Roads community, died Monday morning, after an illness of several months with Bright's disease. He is reported to have been in his sixties. He leaves a widow, who was a Miss Scott, and three children, Mrs. Felton Smith, Earl Smith, employed by the Southern Railway Company, and Toy Smith, at home. The burial is presumed to have been in the family burial ground on Tuesday.

Devil's Tramping Ground Strange

Strange Circular Area in Southeastern Part of Chatham County Has Never Been Satisfactorily Explained; It is a Puzzle to Visitors

The editor of the Record has for some time contemplated visiting the "Devil's Tramping Ground", located in the south-western part of the county, and writing a description of it for the paper. But in lieu of a visit and original write-up, we give our readers the following description recently furnished a state paper by S. B. Dekle. One glance would determine whether it is the sandhill wiregrass, for that is an old acquaintance. If it is wiregrass, it was almost assuredly set out there, for there seems to be no other way of propagating wiregrass. Indeed, the grass is a curiosity anyhow. We recall no place where it has ever retaken hold once destroyed. It grows from a mass of turn stump-like to a plow, and there seems to have been no new seeding or settings in its habitates since the year one of its occupancy of the land. But here is what is told of the Chatham curiosity:

Bonlee, May 17.—In the southeastern part of Chatham county, near Harpers Cross Roads, is a peculiar circular area known as "The Devil's Tramping Ground." For more than a hundred years, and how much longer no one apparently known, this spot has not materially changed in appearance. Hundreds visit it each year, legends and myths have grown around it, and even today its origin appears not to have been satisfactorily explained although there are many attempted solutions.

There is a story current of how coon and possum hunters and their dogs have been on more than one occasion chased from the vicinity of the "Devil's Tramping Ground," by a ferocious beast said to resemble a black bear.

Negroes, in particular, are said to be wry of the spot, especially at night. In fact, several of the white residents admitted that they, themselves, preferred not to be caught after dark near the place.

In appearance, the "Devil's Tramping Ground" is a circular area 40 feet in diameter. The declivity or path representing the rim is several inches lower than the circle proper. A strip covering approximately six feet of the outer edge is covered in "sandhill" wire grass. A blind path closes the circle near the center and leads to an old pine tree some 40 steps into the woods, where it ends abruptly.

Just outside the circle there are oak shrubs, "Black Jack" oaks, small stplings and a number of other growing things, yet within the circle nothing appears to grow except the strip of wire grass. The grass is unlike that growing close by on the outside of the circle.

One of the most peculiar features about the "Devil's Tramping

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COL. PERSON DIES FROM STROKE OF PARALYSIS

Colonel Willie M. Person, well-known lawyer of Raleigh and Louisville, died Saturday morning in a Washington, D. C., hospital from a stroke of paralysis several months ago. Funeral services were held in Louisville Sunday.

Col. Person was senator from the sixth senatorial district in the last legislature. He was also a member of the senate in the legislature in 1917.

He was one of the three who, after being allowed \$5,000 each for throwing the tobacco cooperative association into bankruptcy, filed claims for \$25,000 each additional for services in connection with bringing on the receivership. The second claim was disallowed. Col. Person failed in his attempt to bring about a receivership of the Cotton Growers Cooperative Association.

BOBBY JONES WINS BRITISH AMATEUR

Playing before a tremendous gallery of some 15,000 at St. Andrews, Scotland, Saturday, Bobby Jones, the stalwart Atlantan, won the one championship of importance which previously had defeated him, winning the British amateur crown by defeating Roger Wethered, former title holder, in a one-sided 36-hole final match, 7 up and 6 to play.

Jones won the British open championship in 1926 and 1927, and the United States open in 1923, 1926 and 1929, and the United States amateur in 1924, 1925, 1927, and 1928. He will compete for the British open again at Hoylake, June 10.



ETERNAL VIGILANCE THE PRICE OF SAFETY

Gets A Rise From Dewey Dorsett

The little item we printed last week from the Monroe Enquirer, in which Dewey Dorsett was said to have allowed a claim for compensation to a factory worker who cut his hand while cutting off a quid of chewing tobacco, got a rise from our friend Dewey Dorsett, who sends us the record in the case and says that a reading of the record will show that "our Monroe man didn't know the facts when he wrote his little article." Mr. Dorsett adds that the "full commission has just said that I was right in my opinion."

We believe that the official statement of the case will interest readers of the Record, as it shows what fine points the members of the compensation board have to settle.

"STATEMENT OF THE CASE"

"The defendants deny liability in this case. They contend that disability suffered by the plaintiff was not the result of an accident that arose out of and in the course of his employment with the Thomasville Chair Company. On or about September 9, 1929 the plaintiff testifies that he stuck the point of his knife in his right thumb when he was cutting a chew of tobacco. He testifies that it was a very small piece that he cut, that he went to the first aid station maintained by his employer and painted the cut place and continued to work. Some few days afterwards the plaintiff began to suffer right much pain in his thumb. The kind of work he was employed to do needed the use of his thumb in clamping certain furniture in forms provided by the employer. In this work it was necessary to put right much pressure on the thumb and because of this the thumb that had been injured by the knife cut became so aggravated that it was necessary to see a doctor and have an operation performed on the thumb. From all the evidence the Commissioner makes the following finding-facts."

Then follows the finding of facts and the award, granted on the ground that the factory work aggravated a "previously existing condition."

Evidently, Dewey had the law on his side.

G. L. Nisbet Resigns From News-Messenger

Hamlet, May 29.—The News-Messenger carried the following announcement: G. L. Nisbet, who has been connected with The News-Messenger for several years as editor has resigned and left for Fuquay Springs where he will manage and edit The Courier-Journal. The Courier-Journal is an old paper, having been published at Apex. A new company was formed composed of Stacey Brewer, G. L. Nisbet, and some Raleigh business men to finance the enterprise. It was a better location and for that reason the paper was moved last week from Apex to Fuquay Springs.

Mr. Nisbet while here has been a great believer and booster for Hamlet and an active worker in the Kiwanis club and church. He is well liked by the people of this community and it is regretted that he saw fit to make a change. His wife, here for a few months, made many friends. The publishers of The News-Messenger wish him every success in his new venture.

The work formerly done by Mr. Nisbet will be handled by the present personnel, with J. Neal Cadieu having charge of the writing. There will be no other changes at present.

County Court in Session Monday

Recorder's court was in session Monday. Only cases of minor interest were tried.

Elmer Perry was convicted of possessing apparatus for manufacturing booze. He appealed to Superior Court. Bond was fixed at \$500.

Bonnie J. Burke, guilty of abandonment. Judgment continued for two years upon payment of costs, \$25 doctor's bill, and his wife \$10 a month for two years; to appear first Monday in June, 1931, and 1932 to show that he has complied with terms.

Gurnie Cox pleads guilty to reckless driving. Costs and bonds for good behavior.

Handy Perry, assault, carrying concealed weapon, driving recklessly. \$50 and costs.

Baron Gunter, guilty of possessing liquor on highway for sale, \$50 and costs. For transporting liquor, suspended sentence of four months on roads.

Willie Cox and Pat Ferguson, guilty of having homebrew for purpose of sale. Costs and suspended sentence on roads.

Taylor Williams and Marvin Page, A. W. D. W.; \$10 each and costs.

Zeb Harrington Goes With N. Y. Giants

Chatham has, it is hoped, a big baseball man in the making. Zeb Harrington, son of Mr. A. F. Harrington and a nephew of Mr. Will Harrington, candidate for the House of Representatives, is the youngster.

He has been a student at Elon College and would have graduated this year if it had not been that he lost several months a year or two ago because of a broken leg. As it is, he lacks a few months, and this fact is keeping him from swinging into full membership right now with the New York Giants. Anyway, he has the contract with them, and was called Saturday to New York to join the team for two months. After he has completed his college work, he will become a full-fledged member of the Giants club. We believe that the college rules would prevent his playing next year at Elon if he should become a full-fledged professional this summer.

Mr. Harrington played short-stop at Elon. He is about 22 years of age.

WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS

Quite a number of ladies attended the cooking school given by the Womans Club room last week by the Carolina Power & Light Company. Mrs. West, who gives classes all over the country, was in charge. She was very thorough and made the routine of cooking seem more of a pleasure than a drudge. She served us delicious cake and butter scotch biscuits which she made at this time. We were very much pleased to get several new receipts. Two prizes were given to the persons lucky enough to have their names drawn. The first, an electric egg boiler, went to Mrs. E. A. Farrell, and the second, a cake cooked and iced in the shape and color of a watermelon, went to Mrs. Rufus Farrell.

SCOTCH POME

He would not ride the bus Because it cost a dime To save the coin he chose to walk He'd rather spend his time. —The Pathfinder.

Paying Teachers On Production Basis

There is scarcely another profession in the world that receives pay upon the basis upon which the teachers of America receive theirs. No stenographer, no bookkeeper, no physician, no reporter, no mechanic, no superintendent of big business, nobody else except a teacher, can expect to have his salary or wages based upon the number of units of preparation plus number of years of experience. The business man doesn't give a whoopee for that kind of qualification. He pays for results, and the fellow that doesn't produce the desired results gets the boot in short order.

On the contrary, North Carolina teachers, not to go further from home, are paid upon a preparation basis, regardless of the natural aptitudes of the applicant, regardless of energy and initiative put into the work. The consequence is that often a real teacher, one producing worth-while results, is drawing less salary than another who simply has more units of preparation to her credit but has no more aptitude for teaching than a hound dog has for setting birds.

Even a graduate of an agricultural college will find his reward determined by the success he makes in actual farming. His four years in college will not make him secure higher income from a given acreage than his neighbor without college training, unless he has actually digested the knowledge offered him at school and has the energy and application to produce results. Common sense would suggest that the teachers be placed upon the same basis, and this the more because of the eternal value of the commodity she deals in youth. Accordingly, it is gratifying to read from the New York Times of an experiment in common-sense payment of teachers. The article is worthy of the consideration of every taxpayer and of every parent. It gets results and saves money. Here it is:

"Paying the teacher for what the student actually learns is a contribution to efficiency engineering just being tried out in Montgomery County, Va. Pupils receiving tests at the beginning and end of the year, and the classes which have learned the most entitle their instructors to a \$200 bonus. So far the results are reported as successful, and would seem to point to a solution of the eternally vexed question of how to pay teachers according to value received."

Those who think in statistics will be interested to know that under this plan 25 per cent fewer teachers have given 13 per cent more pupils one and one-half times as much knowledge as under the old system. Meanwhile, the average teacher's salary has substantially increased, while the total salary cost was decreased.

Another feature of the plan gives the teacher 10 cents a day—in addition to his salary—for every child present. Miraculously, John and Susan have responded by showing their shining morning faces far more regularly than in any previous year.

The only shadow of doubt is cast upon this panacea by the progressive educator who suggests that all education is not knowledge of facts and that greater real gain may be made by the child who during the year has required an independent habit of thought.

Perhaps, after all, some improvement remains to be made upon this educational C. O. D. method."

Mrs. Moffitt Passes

Mrs. Moffitt, the previously only surviving aunt of Mrs. Henry A. Landon and Miss Carrie Jackson, died Sunday at the home of her son in Richmond, at an age exceeding ninety years.

Mrs. Moffitt was a daughter of former Governor Jonathan Worth. She was married three times, her first husband being a Jackson and at the time of the marriage a teacher at the University. Later he became a lawyer at Asheboro. He having died, Mrs. Jackson married a second time and that husband dying, she married Mr. Eli Moffitt, who was an uncle of Mr. W. A. Moffitt of the Bennett section.

Her only surviving child is a son of her first husband and is Herbert Jackson of Richmond, Va., with whom his mother lived many years at Raleigh and later at Richmond.

Mrs. Moffitt was the organizer of the Woman's Club of Raleigh and in many ways was active in public service. Her last distinctive service was leading in the erection of a monument in Richmond to Commodore Matthew Maury, the great navigator and geographer.

The burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Raleigh, Monday.

The illness of Mrs. Landon did not permit her to attend. However, her sister Miss Carrie Jackson attended the funeral, returning Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Moffitt was a great woman. She spent her personality and her fortune freely in behalf of humanity. Yet, despite the activity of her whole life, she lived to be over ninety.

Farmers' Mutual Insurance Asso. Organized 31st

N. J. Dark, President; E. L. Vestal, Vice President; F. E. Womble, Secretary-Treasurer—Chatham, Lee, Moore Compose District

In accordance with the call published last week in the Chatham Record, a group of farmers met at the Hickory Mountain school house Saturday at 1 o'clock and organized the Chatham-Lee-Moore branch of the State Farmers' Mutual Insurance Association.

Mr. T. B. Parker, state president, was present and showed what the Farmers' Mutual is doing in the state and in other states. He estimated that through this association farmers are getting reliable insurance for half the cost if purchased from the old line insurance companies. It is insurance at virtual cost.

A five-dollar membership fee per thousand of insurance is the initial expense and all the expense of that kind during whatever term one may belong to the association. The rate per thousand of insurance was fixed at 40 cents. Mr. J. R. Lambert, who has been instrumental in working up business preparatory to the organization, stated that he had signed up about 125 men, to whom policies will be delivered immediately now that the association has been launched.

At the meeting Saturday, N. J. Dark was chosen president, E. L. Vestal vice president, and Floyd E. Womble secretary-treasurer. The latter is required to give adequate bond. Five directors were chosen, namely, T. B. Bray, C. F. Fox, John Fesmire, W. G. Scott, and W. R. Fox.

The annual meeting is to be held in December at Sanford. Mr. Lambert is now prepared to push the work of increasing the membership.

Unfortunately, such an organization has earlier died in the county, but this one is being launched upon a safe and sane basis, and should prove of inestimable benefit to the farmers of Chatham, Lee, and Moore.

The editor of the Record was an observer of the operation of the Sampson-Duplin branch for several years and was convinced that the association is a fine thing for the people. He gives the new organization his heartiest commendation.

Brown's Chapel News

"Sin and its great devotee to righteousness" was the theme of Pastor Dailey's message last Sunday afternoon, in which he got on his high tom-walkers.

(Editorial Note: "Devide" is what you have; I cannot think what you meant to have. However, I get the tom-walker business, though I doubt if many of the younger folk know what such things are. They ride bicycles and in automobiles and have little time for those old-time recreations of children.)

It gives great pleasure to state that Mrs. R. H. Lindley seems on the road to recovery from a long spell of sickness following a slight stroke. Her sister-in-law, Mrs. Bright, who stayed two weeks by her side, has returned to her home in upper Chatham.

We were glad to have two of our boys, Kiah Henderson of Raleigh, and John Durham of Burlington, out with us, also a Mr. Williams of Hillsboro and Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Cole of near Bynum, and other visitors from near-by who seemed to enjoy Borthie Dailey's sermon.

Messrs. W. T. and W. K. Mann have installed a lighting plant in their store.

Messrs. J. A. Marshall and G. C. Perry are making preparation for selling milk at Durham.

Mr. J. W. Dark thinks his cotton crop about ruined by hail. Others also suffered damage Thursday.

Mrs. W. C. Henderson got out to church the first time with little Minnie Belle.

Mrs. C. H. Lutterloh spent day with her mother, Mrs. Lizzie Dark, and was a great cheer and comfort to her in her illness.

A good many of our people do not approve of the plan presiding elders have adopted of having quarterly meetings on Sunday. It seems they are in a rush with the world. However, some of us are expecting to attend the third one to be held at Moncure next Sunday afternoon. The church seems to be almost in a race in some instances.

The Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces.—Isaiah.