

### Sweet Potato Makes Good Wartime Crop

The sweet potato is one of the best crops which North Carolina farmers can grow at present to meet the increased demand for extra food under wartime conditions, says J. Y. Lassiter, Extension Horticulturist at N. C. State College. He reports that growers are anticipating a normal season during 1943 with relatively good prices for the crop.

As an example of how some farmers feel about growing sweet potatoes this year, he points out that Dan Lee of Arapahoe is planning to fill three curing houses on his farm with about 50,000 bushels. He will put in around 258 acres of vine cuttings, following a crop of oats. The rotation followed on his land is soybeans, oats, and sweet potatoes.

The horticultural specialist reports that Lee is marketing the last of his 1942 crop in three grades, No. 1's, and commercials. Recently he was getting \$6.75 per bushel for his No. 1's, and \$8.00 per bushel for the No. 2's and commercials.

Lee keeps 18 Duros brood sows so that he will have enough pigs coming along to take care of his cull sweet potatoes. On the 600 acres, which he operates with four tractors, three mules and a saddle horse, he has 37 acres of tobacco but he is more interested in the sweet potatoes than in the tobacco. His returns over the past twelve years show that the net returns from the yams are greater than the returns from tobacco.

In addition to a large acreage of feed and soil improving crops, Lee has 20 acres of Irish potatoes. He is a firm believer in diversification and, according to Lassiter, he follows a definite plan of rotation and cropping based upon carefully prepared records.

### THREE MUST DIE IN GAS CHAMBER

Greensboro.—Three men convicted in Guilford superior court of murder in connection with the holdup death of E. J. Swanson, of Jamestown, on last February 19, were sentenced by Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn to die in the gas chamber at Raleigh July 23.

The jury's verdict was murder in the first degree. It was indicated that the defendants, Elmer H. Biggs, Jr., and William Dalton Biggs, brothers, and John E. Messer would take an appeal.

Trial of the case started Tuesday with exhaustion of one venire of jurors and another was summoned.

### BUY MORE WAR BONDS

BE ASSURED OF A YEAR 'ROUND SUPPLY OF SWEETS

It is not unpatriotic for you to use the full allotment of essential, energy-building sugar the Government has allotted for you—particularly the extra sugar they have provided to enable you to can fruits and berries. Apply to your Ration Board for your extra sugar for canning NOW!

NOTICE OF SALE North Carolina, Wilkes County: IN THE SUPERIOR COURT Yadkin Valley Motor Co. vs. R. G. Earp.

Under and by virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned sheriff from the Superior Court of Wilkes county in the above entitled action, I will on the 21st day of June, 1943, at 12 o'clock Noon, at the courthouse door in Wilkesboro, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said execution, all right, title and interest which the defendant, R. G. Earp now has or at any time at or after the docketing of the judgment in said action had in and to the following described real estate, as shown by the records in the Register of Deeds Office for Wilkes county, and described as follows:

BEGINNING on a black gum, John Barnes' corner, then running Northeast to a dogwood on the chinquepin ridge, thence a North course to Nancy Parson's line; then West to Dula line; then with Dula line to Laws' line; then with Laws' line to the beginning, containing 10 acres more or less, being the lands described in deed recorded in Book 19 at page 332 in the Register of Deeds office for Wilkes county.

This 18th day of May, 1943. C. G. POINDEXTER, Sheriff of Wilkes County

### State College Hints To Farm Homes

By RUTH JOHNSON, N. C. State College

This is the way to wash and dry wool. To wash, or not to wash? For most wool clothing, dry cleaning is better than washing. However, many knit garments, flannel and challies may be washed satisfactorily at home, and many a homemaker learns to wash a blanket so it won't turn out shrunk or boardy. The warmth of a blanket depends very largely upon the amount of nap, so it's well worthwhile to take care in the washing to hold the fluffy softness.

For a comforter, dry-cleaning is best. Washing is likely to leave the filling lumpy and matted.

Use lukewarm soft water, and mild soap. Hard water can be softened with an ammonia or borax solution. Use cautiously or you may add too much alkali for the good of the wool. And, be sure the water is lukewarm, for you may shrink wool in one hot or cold dip. Allow plenty of water, more than for most fabrics.

Dissolve mild soap in the water. Or use one of the soapless oil washing materials such as are sold for hair shampoos. Make generous suds before the wool goes in.

Never soak wool. Wash by hand, if you can. Squeeze suds through fabric. Rubbing shrinks and hardens wool. If you use a washing machine, don't crowd wool articles and wash them quickly. Never boil them.

When wool is clean, rinse 2 or 3 times in clear lukewarm water. Squeeze water out gently. Don't wring or twist.

A warm, but not hot place, is just right for drying. Never let wool things freeze.

Hang blankets over a line with a half or a fourth on one side and without clothes pins. A blanket dries quickly if two lines, near together, share the weight. Squeeze water from the ends occasionally and shake the blanket to fluff the nap.

### Swap-Work Plan Helps Shortages

Farm labor battalions captured all their objectives at Newport, Carteret county. Twenty farm families of the Crab Point community, led by General R. P. Oglesby, pooled their machinery, their work stock, their labor, their tobacco plants and other things necessary to the success of local farming enterprises and routed the farm labor shortage which attacked their section without warning some weeks ago.

General Oglesby produces Irish potatoes, cabbage, sweet potatoes, cotton and hogs. When the enemy attacked, he found himself with two tractors, five head of mules, and practically no labor. He called in Neighbor Bill Williams and made him captain of one tractor outfit. He himself led the other tractor division.

Down the road they went from farm to farm bedding up tobacco land and putting out the fertilizer that was brought up from the rear by sergeants, corporals and plain buck privates in fatigue uniforms. In three days time they were ready to set tobacco on all 20 farms. The tobacco plants were pooled and down the road they went again with the only transplanter in the community setting the crops of Bob and Jack and Joe, as they came to them.

No money was involved in all of this work. Neighbors simply swapped labor and equipment so as to get the jobs done with the least man-power possible. One truck hauled all the fertilizer. Cooperation whipped the labor shortage enemy.

J. Y. Lassiter, horticultural specialist at N. C. State College, says the Crab Point group is so delighted with what it has accomplished that the neighborhood will apply the same program to its tomatoes, sweet potatoes and other crops.

### Mother of Sergeant York Dies; Age 77

Pall Mall, Tenn.—Mrs. Mary York, 77, mother of Sgt. Alvin C. York, World war one hero, died last night at the home of her famous son, where she resided. Her death followed a long illness.

Mrs. York, of pioneer Tennessee stock, was known affectionately throughout this section as "mother" York.

Bedfast and blind for many years, Mrs. York often said, "of course I can't see the flowers now, but I can still hear the birds sing."

She is survived by eight sons, two daughters, and a number of grandchildren, five of whom are in the armed forces of the United States.

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### SHEEP MEN URGED TO POOL WOOL, SELL TO HANDLERS

L. I. Case, Extension Animal Husbandman at N. C. State College, urges growers with sheep to pool their wool in lots of 5,000 pounds or more and put it on consignment through a "Handler." He also says that more care than usual should be exercised in the proper shearing and care of the wool because it will be sold by grade.

The Commodity Credit Corporation will buy the entire 1943 domestic wool clip as a measure of protection to wool growers. Savings of 2-3 cents per pound on ungraded wool, or 3 cents on graded wool, can be made by pooling in lots of 5,000 pounds, or more, through "Handlers."

Do not mix tags, dead, black, heavy burry or damaged wools with good wools. Each fleece should be wrapped with paper twine. Case says that used paper twine can be secured from the Chatham Manufacturing Company of Elkin upon payment of shipping charge only.

Production of shearing equipment is behind schedule because of a shortage of materials, but it is reported that dealers will receive a partial shipment in early May and another shipment in late May. Farmers who have equipment should cooperate with their neighbors in getting shearing done.

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### BUILDING SHOWS DROP FOR STATE

Raleigh.—Building construction in the 26 largest North Carolina cities totaled \$265,277 during April, 68.2 per cent below March figure and \$2.7 per cent under April of last year, the State Department of Labor said today.

Building permits totaled 383, as compared with 371 in March and 766 in April 1942.

Of the total construction, \$121,975 was residential, \$47,310 non-residential, and \$95,992 additions, alterations and repairs.

Burlington led the cities with \$124,575. Winston-Salem was second with \$22,027 and Wilmington third with \$15,613.

Twenty-two towns of less than 10,000 population reported total expenditures of \$124,110, of which \$114,700 was residential. Morehead City led the towns with \$94,900. Sanford was second, and Asheboro third.

Veterinarians have been unable to determine why the dairy cows of W. B. Harris, Mooresville, have dropped 14 immature calves recently. Tests shows all cows negative to Bangs disease.

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### B. L. Associations Exceeding Quotas

Raleigh.—Purchase of war bonds to the extent of 100 per cent of the 1942 quota in the first three months of this year is the record of the North Carolina Bonding, Savings, and Loan associations, as announced by Croson B. Miller, Albemarle League president, in a national bond purchase program inaugurated last January 1.

The national program calls for the purchase of \$400,000,000 by all associations. While the quota assigned to North Carolina association is \$6,000,000, the purchases to date amount to \$6,215,100. Under a similar program in the last half of 1942, the association, with a quota of \$2,915,000, purchased more than \$3,500,000 in bonds.

Because new construction and repair work has been sharply curtailed, the associations are unable to place their money in new mortgage loans and they are turning more and more to war bond investments as a means to keep their funds employed and assist in the war effort.

### FREIGHT RATES

The Office of War Information estimates that more than 350 million dollars a year will be saved consumers, including the Government, by the reduction in freight rates, effective May 15.

Synthetic rubber will be used in making false teeth in Britain.

### FARM WASTES

Research has developed a new type of lignin plastic, which can be made from farm wastes. It can replace metal for many purposes, including some military supplies.

### RADIO BATTERIES

The production of radio batteries has been boosted to 456,000 a month to bring relief to farmers in non-electrified areas who have felt the battery shortage most severely.

### SLEEPING SICKNESS

Farmers are urged to be on their guard against sleeping sickness among horses and mules. It is believed that biting insects carry the disease, says C. D. Grinnell of N. C. State College.



"How did I know you'd need bombs?"

"MORE than half the bombs this country makes exist by what you might call an 'accident.'"

"Some accident, too! I saw it happen. "It was 1935. We research workers at Esso were trying many things with petroleum to see what else we could learn about it. And up came a process for synthetic toluol."

"Well, you need toluol to make TNT. But coal-tar was providing all the toluol the country needed—then."

"However... all the toluol you could get from coal-tar would make far less than half the TNT we're using now! The other half is made by that Esso process perfected back in 1935."

"Now... I didn't know then that you'd

need bombs, and neither did you. And I can hear a lot of people say 'Boy was that discovery a lucky thing!'..."

"But I don't call it luck. I call it the American idea at work. We hit on that process because free American people expect so much that American companies have to learn everything they can about new and better methods just to stay out front in business."

"If this war didn't prove anything else, it would prove that nothing like America ever existed anywhere before."

What other idea ever did so many people so much good in peacetime? What other idea ever turned out so much might so fast in time of war?"



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