

NEGRO FARMERS TO MEET AT GREENSBORO COLLEGE

Greensboro, Dec. 7.—To discuss better farming and general rural improvement, Progressive negro farmers in North Carolina will meet at the Negro Agricultural and Technical College here on Jan. 21-22, according to an announcement by C. R. Hudson, in charge of farm demonstration work for the State College of Agriculture.

The meeting will be under the auspices of the Negro Farmers' Congress and a program including lectures and speeches by some of the leading farm educators of the state has been prepared. The A. & T. College has agreed to furnish free lodgings to all who make reservations and to serve meals at the nominal cost of 25 cents each.

In addition to the speaking program during the day there will be inspirational meetings on the two evenings. Another feature will be a corn show with exhibits placed on the stage of the auditorium in the main building. Judging contests will be held and over \$100 in premiums has been offered in this competition. Mr. Hudson states that a number of other demonstrations have been arranged for.

These meetings, through the Negro Farmers' Congress were begun and largely conducted through the efforts of the Negro farm demonstration work. Two such are held each year, one during winter at the A. & T. College and the other in late summer at various points about the State. T. S. Inboden, of Bricks, is president of the congress and John D. Wray, in charge of Negro club work for the State College is secretary. Mr. C. R. Hudson, is chairman of the executive committee.

Two sweethearts from Aberdeen were rambling round, when they came to a movie.

The young man ran his eye over the front of the building. It rested on a title in large letters—"The Woman Pays."

"Jean," he said, "I think we'll gang in here."—Croyden Advertiser.

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Stump-Knocker Gives Satisfaction

Raleigh, Dec. 8.—Interest in pyrotol, the cheapest government explosive being sold to Tarheel farmers at cost through the State College extension division, continues unabated in many counties even after two and three carloads have been ordered and distributed by farm agents.

Recently when O. H. Phillips, farm agent in Stanley county, was unloading his third car many farmers came in wanting to know if some of the material was not placed. "Can we get some of that stump-knocker? Is it all spoken for?" they would ask and even though the car contained 20,000 pounds all of it was quickly taken.

Mr. Phillips says, "Figuring the dynamite at wholesale rates there was a saving to farmers of this county of \$3,600 on the one car alone and only 15,000 pounds was for the county. We ordered 20,000 but 3,000 pounds went into Cabarrus county and 2,000 into Anson. We also made arrangements with a local hardware store and farmers were able to secure their fuse at 70 cents per hundred feet and caps at \$1.30 per box of one hundred.

"We have had many encouraging reports from those who have used the material. They say it gives fine results and some men said that they had increased the value of the land by removing the stumps in addition to clearing the fields so that cultivation was more easily done. One grower who removed several big pine stumps stated that the wood was worth \$25 and only 50 joints of pyrotol was used in the operation. I feel that the supplying of this material has been a distinct service to our people."

Fozzleton—"What are you taking the mirror out of your car for?"

Dozzleton—"Oh, just to be on the safe side."

Fozzleton—"How so?"

Bozzleton—"My wife is going to drive the car today?" — New Bedford (Mass.) Sunday Standard.

Tom Tarheel says it is nice to be able to erect a fine tombstone to mother after she is gone but how much better to give her a home water system.

ABLE TO PREVENT LEAF DISEASES

Methods of Preventing Tobacco Infection Found By Experiments

(By Dr. F. A. Wolf Division of Plant Diseases, State College of Agriculture)

As the result of several years' experimentation, it is found that the most destructive leaf diseases of tobacco are preventable. Such diseases as wildfire, angular leaf-spot, mosaic and frog-eye are infectious and have their origin in the plant bed. It seems reasonable, therefore, to expect that preventable measures should be centered in the proper preparation of the plant bed with a view of producing disease-free plants for setting in the field.

If tobacco growers can be made to appreciate the fact that there are several sources of infection in the plant bed, it will be evident to them that account must be taken of all of these sources if satisfactory results are to be secured. Infection in the plant bed may become established by any one of the following means:

1. The use of contaminated seed from infected pods.
2. The use of clothes or covers that have been used on infected beds in previous years.
3. The use of the same plant bed in successive years or the location of the new bed close to old tobacco fields.
4. The use of manure or trash which contains refuse from a diseased tobacco crop.
5. The transfer of the germs from diseased plant beds to clean ones on the hands, shoes or clothing of man.

In order, therefore, to insure the health of the seedlings for transplanting in the field, the following preventive measures should be employed:

1. The plant beds should be made up each year on new ground and should be so situated that they will not become contaminated by drainage water from any old tobacco fields or beds.
2. Avoid the use of poles and boards that have been used previously on plant beds and of manure containing the refuse from a tobacco crop.
3. Select seed from disease-free plants. If there is any reason to suspect that the seed are contaminated, they should be treated before planting.
 - a. Put seed into a cloth sack.
 - b. Prepare disinfectant in fruit jar.
 - c. Soak seed for ten minutes in disinfectant.
 - d. Rinse the sack of seed immediately in running water or in tub of water.
 - e. Spread the seed out in this layer to dry as soon as possible.
 - f. If seed are not to be planted within a few hours, store where they are not subject to recontamination. Be sure to treat for ten minutes only and to wash well after treating otherwise some of the seed will be slow to germinate, and others may fail to germinate.
4. Use new covers for the plant bed each year. If old clothes are used they should be boiled for at least ten minutes.
5. Avoid contaminating the beds while weeding, while pulling plants, or by visiting the neighbors' plant beds. The disease germs may be carried on the hands and shoes of workers.
6. If possible, avoid planting in fields which have grown a diseased crop during the previous year. Rotations are always advisable. The danger of growing tobacco after tobacco is largely eliminated if the tobacco stalks are plowed under as soon as possible after harvest. Disease-free plants set in such a field are not likely to become seriously diseased.
7. Do not set plants that are manifestly diseased nor buy or exchange plants with a neighbor unless they are known to be disease-free.
8. Inspect the field soon after transplanting, remove and destroy all diseased plants and reset with healthy ones.

A high stool for the kitchen is one of the essential home conveniences, says Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon. It saves tired feet and backs.

Winter cover crops save the soil from washing. The top six inches of dirt contain three-fourths of the available plant food.

DODGE BROTHERS REDUCE PRICES

Announcement of a reduction in the prices of all Dodge Brothers Passenger Cars was received today by H. G. Avant, of Whiteville, local Dodge Brothers dealer.

The new prices were effective Monday, Dec. 1st.

The reductions are especially sharp on the closed types. The Type A Sedan, for example on which the list price was formerly \$1,385, is now \$1,245. The Type B Sedan, which formerly sold for \$1,250, f.o.b., Detroit, is now listed at \$1,095. There is also a reduction from \$1,035 to \$995 in the list price of the Business Coupe. Dodge Brothers Roadster, under the new price, will sell for \$855 and the Touring Car for \$885.

The announcement from Dodge Brothers also carried the information that balloon tires are standard equipment on all passenger cars. New prices on Special Type cars are as follows:

Special Roadster	\$ 955.00
Special Touring	985.00
Special B Coupe	1,095.00
Special B Sedan	1,195.00
Special A Sedan	1,330.00

The special types carry such extra equipment as nicked radiator shell, motometer, front and rear bumpers, body stripe, steel disc wheels, scuff plates, cowl lights and five balloon tires.

Announcement of these reductions provoked endless discussion throughout the entire industry. The year 1924 has been the most successful in Dodge Brothers history and it is now evident that the factory is determined to establish an even more enviable record in 1925. Obviously, the market for Dodge Brothers Motor cars will be broadened immeasurably by the lower prices, particularly the closed car types.

Substantial improvements in the appearance, riding comfort and other important details of construction and design, plus the car's long-standing reputation for dependable performance, were responsible for the greatly accelerated demand during 1924. For a number of months production was maintained consistently at a rate close to 1000 cars per day.

Prices of Dodge Brothers Commercial Cars and Chasses are not affected by the reductions.

HOLDS SINGLE DRINK TOO MUCH FOR AUTO DRIVER

(Washington, D. C., Star)

"One drink of alcohol spirits, no matter how small, intoxicates and incapacitates a man from driving an automobile with safety to the public."

This was the ruling of Judge James P. Gorter, chief of the city courts, in finding Daniel Burke, who ran over and killed Walter Filmore, 11 years old, guilty of manslaughter. Testimony was to the effect that Burke had taken two drinks of blackberry wine before starting out for an automobile ride.

"When a man operates an automobile, especially through traffic, and where children are playing," the court said, "he should have control of all his faculties. When a man has had a drink it is apt to impair his faculties. When it is found that this impairment, brought about by liquor, is the proximate cause of the accident, then I shall consider the traverser intoxicated in fact and shall find him guilty."

"In my opinion, there is nothing more dangerous than a person attempting to operate an automobile while under the influence of liquor. Driving a car requires that every nerve and every fiber of the body be on the alert to meet any contingency that may arise. The brakes must be applied at the slightest warning, and the steering wheel turned an almost imperceptible degree. This calls for the perfect co-ordination of every faculty."

"When a man has taken a drink he does not have the perfect coordination that is necessary. A couple of cocktails is enough, I believe, to make it dangerous for a man to drive his car home."

Mincemeat: Mincemeat should be run through a food chopper before put into pies. It makes them much easier to digest than if the currants are left whole. Mince pies should always be served very hot.

Linoleum: If linoleum is waxed it will wear much longer. First wash a small part with steaming hot water. Dry and wax while warm. Then rub.

SLOGAN OF THE POSTOFFICE MAIL EARLY IS YULETIDE

Last year, through the generous cooperation of the press, the movies and other advertising mediums, Christmas mails were induced to dispatch their Yuletide presents earlier in the month than ever before in the history of the institution of gift exchanging in the holiday season.

As a result, the spectacle of the last minute rush of former years, with its attendant heart-breaking labor on the part of wearied and nerve-worn store clerks and postal employees, was avoided.

This year Postmaster General New and First Assistant Postmaster General John H. Bartlett have determined to make an even better record and to banish for all time the sufferings undergone in past years by those engaged in the sale or transportation of gifts. They hope to make "Shop Early" and "Mail Early" a habit with the American people.

Mailing early does not mean December 1, or before, but if everyone could get their holiday tokens in the mail between December 10 and December 20, the postoffice could not ask more.

Particular attention this year will be paid to greeting cards. Despite the success last year it was noted that the last-minute mail consisted largely of cards. Possibly many of them were returned greetings to friends, heard from on a previous mail, but overlooked on the original Christmas list. Unlike parcels and letters containing money orders, cards, of course, can not well be marked, "Do Not Open Until Christmas." Therefore, it is possible that the many mailers hold them until the last to insure delivery on Christmas Eve. This class of mailers this year, however, may find their cards undelivered until after Christmas Day.

Believing that the energies of postal employees should not be sapped to the last degree for any avoidable reason, and, intent upon securing for them the same Christmas privileges enjoyed by others, Postmaster General New asks the hearty co-operation of the public. The last-minute, or zero hour has been moved up so that all postal employees may eat their Christmas dinners at home. Rural carriers will deliver no mail at all on Christmas day and carriers in the city offices will stop work promptly at noon.

SHORT COURSES BEGIN AT STATE IN JANUARY

Raleigh, Dec. 7.—Practical short courses in various agricultural subjects will be given by the School of Agriculture at State College during the week beginning January 12 and ending January 17 according to an announcement by Z. P. Metcalf, director of teaching in the School of Agriculture.

One of the most popular of these courses is the practical instruction of poultrymen given by Dr. B. B. Kaupp and his associates in the poultry department. Dr. Kaupp states that there was a one hundred percent increase in the attendance at the courses last winter over the previous year and indications are that the attendance will again double itself this winter.

The entire staff of the poultry department will take part in teaching this course. In addition, one or two experts of national reputation from outside the State have been secured. The course deals with packing and grading eggs for market, expanding poultry, poultry house construction, the control of poultry diseases with familiar household remedies and the keeping of poultry records.

This course, like all the others, is offered by the College free of all charge. Meals will be served from the Campus. Those who wish to take the poultry course should write Dr. B. F. Kaupp, State College, at an early date.

The new chaffeur was extremely reticent. In fact, his mistress thought him bashful.

"Won't you tell me your name, John?"

"No'm; just call me John."

"Well, may I know what your name is?"

"No'm; you'd better not."

"I insist upon calling you by your last name!"

"All right, then. Call me Darling."

Once a city man out of work had "hired out" to a farmer. At four o'clock in the morning the newly employed hired man was called to breakfast. A few minutes later the old farmer was astonished to see the man walking off down the road.

"Say! Come back and eat breakfast 'fore you go to work!" he yelled after him.

"I ain't goin' to work," the man called back. "I'm going to find a place where I can stay all night."—Tale End.

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