

PLANT BEDS ARE VALUABLE

The Thousands of Rich Beds In Stokes From Which Plants Have Been Drawn Would Produce Much Food and Feed Stuff.

Raleigh, June 11.—In North Carolina at this time there are several thousand acres of fertile land in tobacco plant beds that will soon be forgotten, allowed to grow up in weeds, until time comes next winter to select the tobacco seed bed again.

"Let's put this rich land to some useful purpose," suggests E. Y. Floyd, tobacco specialist at State College. "In Edgecombe county, Zeno Moore, county agent has for years advocated the use of these plant beds. He has persuaded a number of his co-operating farmers to grow some food or feed crops in the beds with good results. Most farmers try to make them as rich as possible and naturally when the beds are abandoned, weeds and grass soon take possession of them."

B. S. Price, of Edgecombe, planted a bed some 224 square yards in size to sweet potatoes last year and secured a yield of 20 bushels from the plot. L. L. Draughan, another successful Edgecombe farmer, planted a bed 225 square yards in extent to Irish potatoes and harvested a yield of 817 pounds of first quality tubers. Other farmers have planted the beds to millet and hay crops. In no case was other fertilizer used on the plots nor was any cultivation given. These instances, states Mr. Floyd, show how profitable it is to prepare these rich beds and plant them in some crop. It is usually advisable to plant some crop like one of the potatoes or some

legume hay crop. The same bed may be used for tobacco again next season if the soil is sterilized. Certainly, it is in better shape to use again if it has been planted to some productive crop rather than permitted to grow up in weeds which might carry some noxious insect or disease trouble to affect the young tobacco plants next year, declares Mr. Floyd.

How About Handing Out A Little Praise

Praise is something everyone likes, yet the most of us give little of it. Praise will cause men to work much faster and harder than scolding or criticism. Criticism helps in a constructive way. Praise makes the world a happier sphere on which to live and helps keep it going around. Praise is something the husband should have for his wife's cooking and his wife for her husband's workaday efforts. It is something the employer should give his employees occasionally. Employees might startle the boss some day by praising him.

N. C. C. W. School Opens

Greensboro, June 10.—The first of the two regular summer school sessions at North Carolina College for Women will open in the morning with a registration expected to reach close to 1,500 after the first two days. The great majority of the attendants will be women teachers although there will be a number of men present and also a number of women pursuing a regular course of college work.

Pastor W. J. Hackney preached at the M. E. church Sunday night.

MOTORS GAIN ON HIGH TYPE ROADS

Soap Company Reports Improved Highways Save \$138 Per Car Yearly.

Is the automobile winning the race with improved roads? In 1918, 17 cars were in service for every mile of improved roadway. In 1923 there were 34 cars for each mile and at the conclusion of 1927, automobiles further reduced the margin with a ratio of 40 cars per mile of improved highway.

This does not mean necessarily that the automobile is about to suffocate the country. The United States has altogether, including swamp roads, mountain roads, and lightly traveled side roads, something like three million miles of roads. Of this total, about 575,000 miles can lay claim to the title "Improved." But of this improved mileage only about 78,000 miles can really be called first class thoroughfares.

Automobiles can, of course, run over almost any kind of a road, as most vacationists can testify. But travel over "any kind of a road" is not comfortable and certainly it is not economical. Near cities and in populous counties the road problem is naturally more serious than in sparsely populated regions. Heavy traffic may tear a gravel road to pieces, while on the other hand it may serve 50 or 100 cars daily quite successfully. Consequently the real road problem is that of paving all roads that carry enough traffic to warrant such improvement.

A definite need for more class roads exists. Indiana, for instance, has a good system of secondary roads but is in actual want of a better primary system which, of course,

carries the most traffic. The neighboring state, Illinois with over 6,000 miles of concrete can be forgiven for her extreme pride in the world's best pavement network. Yet Illinois is gradually pushing the strips of pavement into more and more remotely located regions. Soon it will be impossible to drive more than three miles in any direction in that state without entering upon a pavement.

Although Illinois is blessed with an unusually large highway income, the conclusion cannot be avoided that other states with less wealth are not devoting enough money to highway betterment. Community prosperity and unity depend to an astounding degree upon the ease of commercial and social intercourse. Many states are failing to recognize this simple truth.

The benefits from good roads come from so many sources that it is almost impossible to comprehend them all. For instance a Michigan soap company reports that improved roads have saved \$138 a year on the average in operating a number of salesman's cars. This figure was obtained by carefully checking the operating costs of cars averaging 6,000 miles over good and bad highways.

But in the meantime, automobiles are being built faster than improved roads, and the public is losing money by it. High type roads must replace high cost roads.

A variety of smut resistant oats is being developed at the Coker Pedigreed seed farm at Hartsville, South Carolina, according to county agents of North Carolina who visited this farm recently.

Yields of 147 baskets of May peas per acre were secured in Bertie county this spring. The normal yield for eastern Carolina is around 100 baskets of quality peas.

Thinning apples paid two growers of Wilkes county a net profit of \$6.53 and \$3.63, respectively, last season. The thinned apples were of better size and quality.

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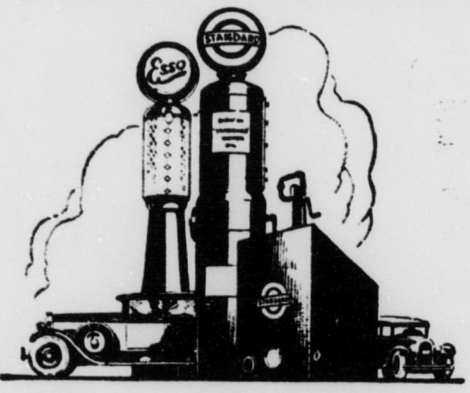
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