

**Negro FARM AGENT NEWS**

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**HARVEST SWEET POTATOES**

There are two basic rules for saving sweet potatoes successfully— (1) harvest the crop before frost and (2) handle with care to avoid bruising. If you store the sweet potatoes for home use or market, careful curing methods must be followed and the potatoes held in a cool, moist storage. In the curing process potatoes will lose 6 to 8 per cent weight due to loss of moisture and change of starch to sugar. The moisture must be carried off, yet humidity in the curing house should range between 70 and 90 per cent—85 per cent is ideal. After a week or 10 days curing—when scars are all healed and potatoes have a velvety feel—maintain the same moisture content and keep storage temperature near 55 degrees Fahrenheit.

To insure careful handling in the field the grower should (1) provide cotton gloves for workers so that fingernails will not cut skins of the sweet potatoes when "scratched" out of the soil and placed in containers; (2) prevent heap rows and always pick up carefully one row at a time to avoid bruising; and (3) provide an adequate number of containers readily available. To avoid bruises and scratches, handle sweet potatoes like they were eggs.

**Feed Dairy Cows Better**  
Pasture herbage gets tough in fall. Grazing is often sparse and dairy cows fail to get enough nutrition from pasture to maintain high milk production. The fall slump is more a result of low feed intake than seasonal, though chilly nights and cold rains do require extra nutrition for body maintenance. As pastures go back, barn feeding must come forward to keep milk flowing.

Give the cows more silage for succulence and energy. Feed hay more frequently. Increase grain allowance as production warrants. Take these management steps gradually but promptly. Don't wait for the cows to remind you of them with lowered milk production.

**New Approach**  
A wife pointed to her husband stretched out in the hammock and explained to her friend:  
"Fred's hobby is letting the birds watch him!"

**C. W. Goode, 69, Dies At Hospital**

Colonel Wallace Goode, 69, colored, died in Warren General Hospital on Monday night. He was the son of the late Charles and Martha Hudgins Goode of Warren County and husband of the late Elizabeth Burchette Goode.

Survivors include six sons, Clarence, Andrew and Webster of Macon, Miller of Greenville,

Lee of Bisco and Charlie of Washington, D. C.; one daughter, Mrs. Esther Bell of Washington, D. C.; one brother, Summerville Goode of Macon; three sisters, Mrs. Carrie Fitts of Macon, Mrs. Mattie Bullock of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Candice Hudgins of South Hill, Virginia.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete, pending the arrival of the family.

Renew your subscription.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Powell and little son, Mark, of El Paso, Texas, are spending a few days here with their families before leaving for their new home in Winston-Salem.

Miss Ginger Tucker left Tuesday to enter Peace College, Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Weatherly, III, and little son, W. H., IV, of Elizabeth City are guests of Mrs. Alpheus Jones and Mr. Alpheus Jones, Jr.

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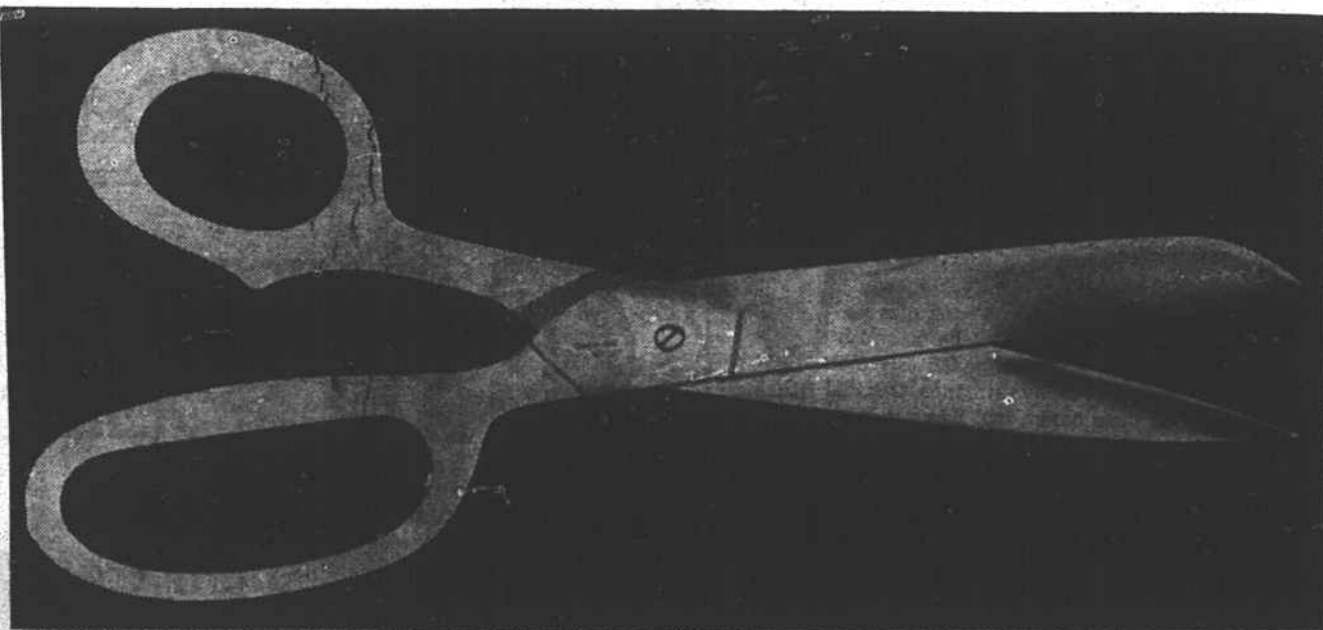


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