

Agriculturally Speaking

Committee Is Named To Attend Tobacco Meeting

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COMING EVENTS

Dec. 20: Warren County Forestry Club, 6:30 p. m.

Jan. 4: Annual Meeting of Warren County Tobacco Growers, Agricultural Building, Warrenton, 10 a. m.

Dec.—Until Complete: Brucellosis Testing of 100% of cattle in Warren County.

Jan. 6-8: Annual Meeting Nurseryman's Short Course, State College.

Jan. 14-15: Pesticide School, State College.

TOBACCO PRODUCERS

A large number of tobacco producers attended a special called meeting which was held in the courthouse December 8 with most everyone participating in the general forum. All tobacco producers were urged to attend the public hearing in Raleigh December 14 and 15. The following committee was named to meet on call and serve as a tobacco study committee and will meet on special occasions when tobacco problems arise:

Erich E. Hecht, chairman; W. E. Turner, Frederick Williams, A. K. Mustian, W. A. Connell, Thomas R. Frazier, W. E. Mulchi, Jr., Charlie E. Fleming, Boyd Reams, Jack Hawks.

The above committee was designated to attend a special hearing in Raleigh on December 14-15 to serve as spokesmen for Warren County tobacco farmers.

The following committee was named to attend a county delegation meeting of the proposed Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers Association: William Wilson, chairman; J. Thomas Burton and William R. Brauer.

HOME TREATING FENCE POSTS

For sometime I have known that L. A. Hicks was interested in producing livestock and had noticed that his farm located just west of Warrenton was taking on a more livestock "look" each time I passed. He pulled a surprise though when I found out he treated his own fence posts. Mr. Hicks says a person interested in livestock must operate and think on a long range program and that long-lasting fence posts are a must. Mr. Hicks treats his own posts by utilizing spare time and odd hours so his cost per post is greatly reduced compared to buying retail and this increases livestock profits

Mother Nature Reseeds Field

Mother nature stepped in to carry out some well laid plans of a Granville County farmer when he was prevented from following up on the plans himself.

Clyde Wheeler had the top soil removed from two acres of his farm by the Highway Commission. He purchased 2,000 pine seedlings to plant on the land. A series of events, including illness, prevented Wheeler from setting out the seedlings.

However, two years later, the two acres are completely restocked. This, explains County Extension Chairman C. V. Morgan, was done by nature from loblolly pine seed trees across the highway about 200 yards away.

The farmers work day averages 10.6 hours.

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too. Old oil drums are cut in half and welded together which are used as soaking vats. In one picture you see Mr. Hicks using a rope and tackle to remove the pine posts from the vats which have completed their soaking period in a solution of 5 gallons of penta concentrate and 50 gallons No. 2 fuel oil. In the other picture you see Mr. Hicks outside the unused tobacco barn which houses the equipment, displaying a well treated post.

Of course, it cost Mr. Hicks several hundred dollars to get started but he is now equipped for years of post treating. Things similar to this can sometimes turn a marginal livestock program into a profitable enterprise. We are in the midst of excellent livestock markets and we have the right soils to grow the needed pasture and hay crops which should spur more of our people to this type farming.

GARDEN TIME

M. E. Gardner
N. C. State College

Five new varieties of Muscadine grapes have been developed as a result of cooperative breeding work between the Crops Research Division of the USDA and the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station.

All of the varieties are perfect-flowered and may be planted alone, or used as pollenizers for such imperfect-flower varieties as Scuppernon, James, Thomas, Hunt and others.

Albemarle is a large fruited, smooth blue-black variety of high dessert quality. It ripens about mid-season or along with Burgaw. The vine is vigorous, productive and resistant to leaf spot diseases. Albemarle is rated as being superior to Burgaw, Duplin and Tarheel in fruit size, sugar content and flavor.

Pamlico is a large fruited, light green variety of good flavor and attractive appearance. The fruit ripens about a week earlier than Dearing. The vine is vigorous, productive and has good foliage. Pamlico is superior to Willard and Wallace in flavor, fruit size, soluble solids, vigor and disease resistance, and is superior to Dearing in fruit size, appearance and flavor.

Chowan is light brown to bronze in color. The berries are large, borne in loose clusters and have a very pleasing aromatic sub-acid flavor. The fruit is somewhat similar to Scuppernon but a little larger in size and sweeter. The soluble solids content will average about 19 per cent which is 3 per cent higher than Scuppernon. Chowan ripens about a week earlier than Scuppernon. The vine is vigorous, productive and has good foliage. This variety is superior to Wallace and Willard in flavor, appearance, production and disease resistance.

Roanoke is a very attractive white grape with a tinge of golden yellow. The grapes are of medium size and ripen about a week earlier than Scuppernon. The vine is vigorous and productive. Roanoke is superior to Wallace and Willard in production, flavor, vigor of vine, and attractiveness of fruit.

Magnolia is a large attractive white grape with smooth skin. The grapes are of medium size and produced in medium large loose clusters. The fruit matures about one week later than scuppernon and the flavor is good. The plants are vigorous and very productive. Magnolia is superior to Wallace and Willard in fruit size, appearance, flavor, sugar content, vigor and production, and is superior to Dearing in all of these qualities except vigor and sugar content.

Neither the Crops Research Divisions, USDA, nor the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station has plants for sale. Plant increase is under the supervision of the N. C. Foundation Seed Producers for release to nurserymen for resale to the public in 1963. Inquiries concerning the availability of plants should be addressed to R. W. McMullen, N. C. Foundation Seed Producers, N. C. State College, Raleigh, N. C.

Hand Feeding Proves Better

SHELBY — Lester Wortman, poultryman of the Casar community of Cleveland County, recently had the opportunity to observe first hand the contrast in the use of hand and automatic feeders.

Wortman had two houses of broilers of 15,000 birds

each. Feed conversion on the hand fed birds was better than the conversion of birds on the automatic feeder, reports Charles E. Martin, assistant agricultural extension agent.

This is contrary to many research reports.

Wortman told Martin his hand fed birds had always had a little better feed conversion ratio than birds on automatic feeders. He plans to stick to the hand feeding, using available labor, as long as the figures favor that method.

away the vegetables to the curious who stop by.

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Collards Used To Plant Border

Collards for ornamentals? The green vegetable may not be very ornamental but using it as a border along a driveway is certainly making full use of available space.

Monroe Midgett, of Stumpy Point in Dare County has had many people stop by his house to observe the collard plants flourishing along his driveway, according to J. L. Rea, Jr., agricultural extension agent.

The collards replace shrubs and flowers. They are planted in round patches. Midgett either sells or gives

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