



# FARM AND HOME

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## NO MORE FREE SEED

This year the U. S. Department of Agriculture celebrates its fifteenth year of attempting to convince American farmers that it does not have seeds to give away, says a recent department pamphlet. The practice was discontinued in 1923.

## RAINS HAVE DAMAGED TAR HEEL LINT CROP

Rain damage to North Carolina's cotton crop has been heavy as a result of recent wet weather, according to P. H. Kime, agronomist at the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station.

Beating down on the fluffy, white cotton hanging in open bolls, the rains "washed out" the bright, lustrous color and left much of the lint dull and gray that is lower in quality and grade. Rain drops also splashed considerable dirt on low-hanging bolls.

The seed has been damaged, too, and many of the immature bolls have cracked open and the cotton is rotting. Even further damage is to be expected if growers gin the cotton before it has had a chance to dry out thoroughly.

Cotton should not be picked while damp from rain or dew, but if damp cotton is harvested, it should be spread out to dry. Many growers spread it out on large burlap cloths to sun in the field. It is also a good idea to spread it out in the cotton storage house, and stir it with a pitchfork every day.

Cotton that has been rained on should not be taken to the gin for at least 10 days or two weeks. The gin saws cut and tear damp cotton to such an extent that its value is greatly lowered.

If damp seed is stored in large piles, the excess moisture will cause the cotton or seed to heat and this impairs the seed to such an extent that it will not germinate properly. Seed for planting should be stored in bags set upright with space around them to permit ventilation.

## APPEALS FOR REVIEW MUST BE IN WRITING

A tobacco grower who wishes to application in writing on a blank appeal his quota to a county AAA review committee must enter his that can be secured from his county Triple-A office, E. Y. Floyd, of State College, has announced.

The committees will review the quotas of all growers who can show that some error has been made in determining their quotas. A typical error might result from incorrect figures given on: past production; the acreage of cultivated land; or the number of families on the farm.

If the committee finds that incorrect data was used in calculating a grower's quota, the error will be corrected and he will be given an increase if it is warranted.

An appeal for review must be filed within 15 days of the time the notice was mailed to a grower informing him of the amount of his quota for 1938.

After the appeal has been filed, the committee will decide whether the grower has just cause for complaint. If he has, he will be notified when to appear before the committee and state his case. The grower must appear at the time set unless he is sick or has some

other good reason acceptable to the committee.

The review committee for each county, appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture, is composed of farmers from near-by counties.

## ECONOMICAL TO FEED POULTRY GRAIN IN WINTER

The practice of feeding a small amount of grain at different intervals throughout the day in the winter has met with success on many farms. One of the best aids to high production during the winter is to keep the birds active and this method of feeding increases the activity, overcomes idleness, and indirectly increases feed consumption. The amount of feed is just as important as the kind of feed given. It is therefore necessary that the bird have a full crop before she goes to roost as well as at different intervals during the day. Under no circumstances should the heavy feeding at night be neglected.

## HARVESTING SWEET POTATOES EARLY

Sweet potatoes should be harvested before the vines are killed by frost and always before the first of November. If the vines are killed by an early frost they should be cut from the stems immediately and the sweets harvested as soon as possible. In harvesting, care should be taken so as not to bruise the tubers as this will make them subject to rots in storage and also lowers the market value. Grading for size and quality should be done in the field at harvest time.

## BRIGHT OUTLOOK

Developments during the past month have removed doubts existing heretofore as to the substantial improvement in industrial activity, consumer incomes, and domestic demand for farm products this fall, reports the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

## BUYING BUTTER

During the current period of high butter production and large supplies, the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation has been authorized to purchase an additional 30 million pounds for relief purposes.

## PLANTING TREES

American farmers have planted a larger area to forests than any other group, according to the U. S. Forest Service. An area nearly twice as large as Delaware or 3,680 square miles has been planted successfully to trees by all agencies since 1924.

## SURPLUS PRODUCTS HELP MANY IN AUGUST

According to figures sent out by those in charge of distribution there were nearly one and one-half million pounds of commodities received in this state for relief work during August. The commodities included dry beans, cheese, flour, dry milk, canned peas, Irish potatoes, prunes, raisins, and rice. A total of 161,169 persons were given aid in the distribution. Of these Wake Co. had 1621 relief cases and the cases included 5,781 persons.

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## TOBACCO MARTS CLOSE

The four tobacco markets in the eastern Columbus county—Fair Bluff, Tabor City, Chadbourn and Whiteville—closed last week after an unusually short season, having opened on August 4. Prices are said to have averaged between \$23 and \$26 and substantial increases were made as to quantity of the weed sold.

## A. D. Hunter Robbed

A. D. Hunter was at the Fair on Thursday night of last week and felt a hand in his pocket. Turning, he saw a man making off with the purse that had been dexterously removed from Hunter's pocket and which contained between \$17.00 and \$18.00. The victim of the theft gave chase, but stumbled over some timbers and by the time he was up the robber was out of sight. However, Mr. Hunter did see that the thief was a white man.

## THE SAFETY ZONE

Well folks, here comes a new column dedicated to the art of safe driving. In traveling around the writer sees a good deal of foolish and unnecessary chance taking. Drivers who are driving too slow and drivers who are driving too fast.

The first requisite to safe driving is an automobile that has good brakes, tires, horn and lights. Second is the driver himself. Plenty of people are good drivers and obey the simple rules of driving safely. A small minority takes advantage of this majority and make for accidents. The driver's license law has done some good but nothing will do much good until some drivers learn to use a little common decency and courtesy.

A few good rules to follow in your driving are:

- 1—Keep to the right side of the road.
- 2—Never pass on a hill or curve or at any point where your vision is less than 700 feet.
- 3—Always come to a dead halt before entering a highway from a side road.
- 4—Always blow your horn when passing other cars.
- 5—Dim your lights when meeting a car at night.
- 6—Never drive at a speed exceeding that at which you have perfect control of your vehicle.
- 7—When making a turn give the proper signal.

About the most irritating thing that most drivers face is the "funeral procession" driver. The fellow who is doing about 10 or 15 m. p. h. Most folks will take almost any kind of risk to get around him. Another menace is the man who will speed up when you try to pass him. Lots of accidents can be traced to these two drivers. Another fellow who is responsible for many accidents is the man with brain. He thinks that just because his auto will do 90 it must do it the 90-mile car and a 20-mile all the time. He is the guy who does the weaving in and out of line on a crowded highway. Also he will try any fool thing that anyone suggests.

Perhaps this is too much on the bad drivers although I personally think we should all dwell on them much more.

**DRIVE SAFELY AND SAVE A LIFE.**

## EAST WAKE FAIR TO OPEN ON TUESDAY

The East Wake Fair opens Wendell on Oct. 4—for 5 days a nights of entertainment. The premium list totals \$500, with 6 to of tobacco fertilizer. Free acts midway will be the best yet shown and include—Liptincott, the mician, who escapes from a str box.

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2:06 P. M. Lv. Washington	Ar. 11:50 A. M.
3:07 P. M. Lv. Greenville	Ar. 10:52 A. M.
3:32 P. M. Lv. Farmville	Ar. 10:18 A. M.
4:27 P. M. Lv. Wilson	Ar. 9:25 A. M.
5:26 P. M. Lv. Zebulon	Ar. 8:25 A. M.
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