

Union Man Leading In Wheat Growing

A Union County farmer, Cam T. Cook of Route 5, Monroe, currently is leading in a contest to determine the 1949 wheat-growing champion of North Carolina, according to Dr. E. R. Collins, in charge of agronomy extension at State College.

Cook produced 128.5 bushels of the new Atlas wheat on four acres of land his average yield being 34.1 bushels per acre or approximately double the State average.

Any farmer in the State is eligible to enter the contest, Dr. Collins said. Growers should ask county agents to have their yields checked, so that all records may be completed and forwarded to State College by July 15.

Although no prize has been set up for the State champion, township winners in each county will be given first chance to buy six bushels of Atlas 66 wheat recently released by the Agricultural Experiment Station.

Cook obtained Atlas seed for his crop from the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association and

sowed it October 15. The wheat followed cotton which had been heavily fertilized and which had been preceded by a heavy crop of crimson clover turned under. Fertilizer applied on the wheat included 400 pounds per acre of 2-12-12 at planting and 100 pounds per acre of 20½ per cent nitrogen top-dressing material the last of February.

New Cotton Bulletin Is Now Available

A new 16-page full-color bulletin on cotton insect pests and their control was published this week by the State College Extension Service. Copies of the publication are available free on request.

Dr. Walter M. Kulash, entomologist for the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station, prepared the text. Six colored plates of the major cotton insect pests

found in North Carolina were furnished by the Division of Cotton Insects, Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantines, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Extension Service of the Clemson Agricultural College, Clemson, S. C.

In a brief foreword, Dr. I. O. Schaub, director of the Extension Service, asserts that control of insects is very important to the efficient production of cotton in North Carolina, since about 17 per cent of the crop is annually destroyed by insects.

"If cotton is to continue as one of the major crops in the economy of North Carolina," Schaub declares, "the cost of production must be lowered and more efficient production practices must be followed."

The insects which are pictured and described are the boll weevil, bollworm, red spider, plant louse (aphid), flea hopper, and leaf-

worm. A handy insecticide table gives recommended treatment for these pests.

Kulash emphasizes, however, that use of chemicals should be considered only as a help to the program of good farm practices in cotton production.

Persons desiring a copy of the publication may obtain it from their local county agent or by writing the Agricultural Editor, State College Station, Raleigh, and asking for Extension Circular No. 339.

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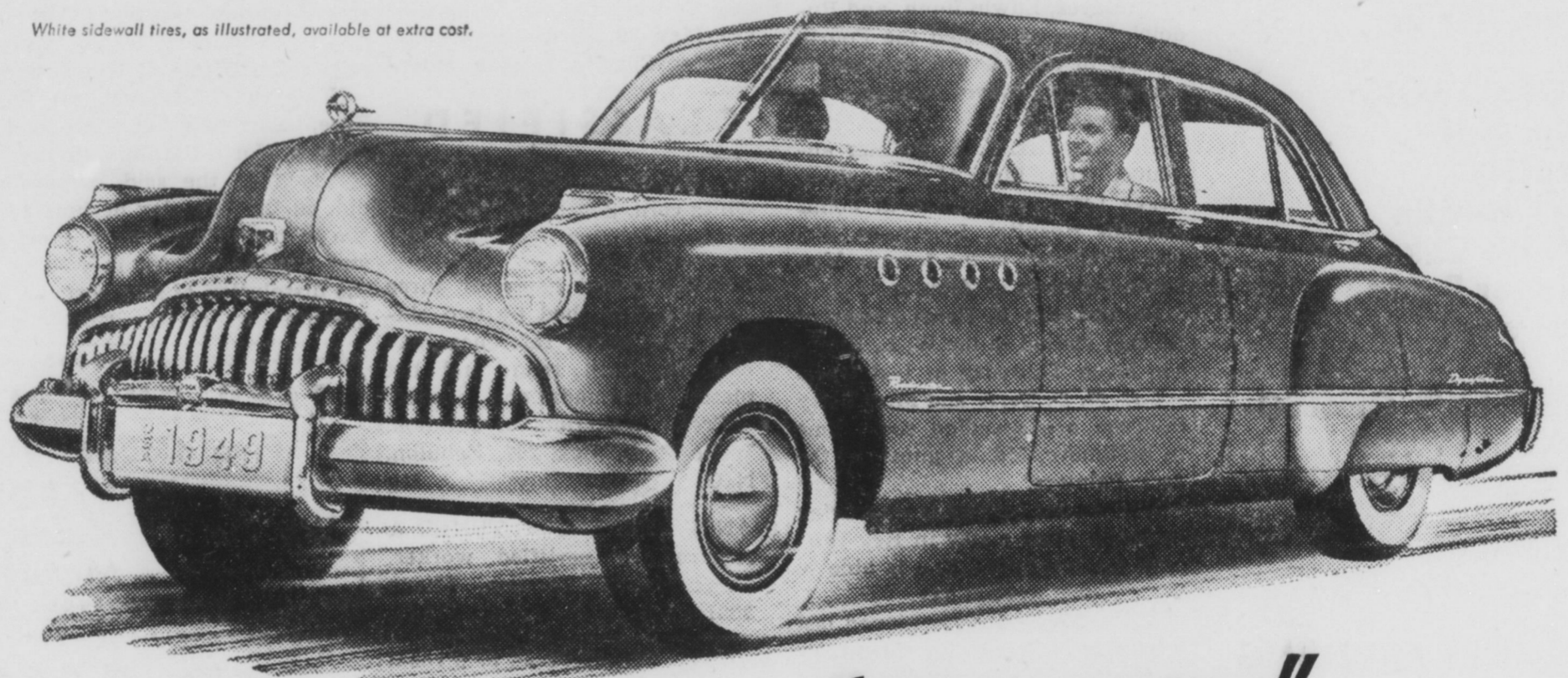
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