

### STATE COLLEGE HINTS

A little extra time and care will pay dividends when ironing. Your blouses will be restored to their proper shape more easily if ironed with the weave, not against it. To dry completely and then sprinkle with the weaver's fabric water-sprayer even after they have been washed. This may be avoided by ironing rayons before completely dry.

Use a moderate heat for rayons; too much heat weakens them. Before ironing a rayon garment, test the heat of the iron on an inside seam. There is no rule for all rayons. If the iron sticks or the cloth wrinkles, the iron is too hot.

Keeping linens spotless: First, let's wash them. Stains should, of course, be removed from your linens as soon as they are taken off your table. But if it is impossible to do so and they become "old" stains, treat them as if they were NEW. For the quick removal of grease stains, add 1/2 cup of washing soda dissolved in hot water to the cold water in which you soak them. Soak in your washer and run the machine about five minutes. Wash as usual.

Think twice before you set wet shoes or overshoes on the hearth or near the stove to dry these winter days, clothing specialists urge. Wet leather may be hardened so that it cracks, or may even be scorched by too much heat. Rubber may be weakened or even melted. Slow drying at ordinary room temperature prolongs the life of these clothing items. The rule of slow, safe drying also holds for fur and woolen clothes, which often are draped over hot radiators or hung too near the fire. Both wool and fur are especially fragile when wet and may be damaged by strong heat.

### Low Prices Should Not Stop Poultrymen

Poultrymen should not let current low prices for broilers discourage them from buying chicks now for future broiler production, says C. F. Parrish, in charge of extension poultry work at State College.

Parrish says it is to be expected that the broiler market will become saturated occasionally and prices will decline below production costs. But poultrymen should realize he says, that such a condition is only temporary, and that it is necessary to produce broilers every week in the year if market outlets are to be maintained.

The State College poultryman also points out that broiler chicks going into the brooder house now will not be ready for sale until the last of March, and indications are now that there will a scarcity of broilers on the market between

March 20 and April 15. Thus farmers who put in chicks now can expect to realize a fair return for their labor and investment.

"Failure to put in broilers is unfavorable only tends to disrupt the supply of hatching eggs, baby chicks, and the poultry program in general," says Parrish.

### Crop Seed Meeting To Be Held Friday

More than 500 persons are expected to gather on the State College campus in Raleigh Thursday and Friday, January 26-27, for the annual State Seed Exposition and meetings of the State Crop Improvement Association, Foundation Seed Producers, Inc., and State 100 Bushel Corn Club.

Principal speaker will be L. F. Graber of Madison, Wis., agronomist of the Wisconsin College of Agriculture and president of the American Society of Agronomy. He will discuss "Foundation Seed Stock Production, Distribution, and Certification."

Junior farmers of the State will participate in the 14th annual Future Farmers of America crops contest and the 4-H Club corn speaking contest. Competition in the crops contest will be open to the first and second high-scoring teams from each of the 44 FFA federations. Competing in the speaking event will be 4-H members who produced 100 or more bushels per acre on their 1949 corn projects.

Attending the annual "corn champions' banquet," sponsored by the Foundation Seed Producers, will be the FFA, 4-H member, adult farmer, and veteran trainee producing the highest corn yields in each county, together with their

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supervisors. Prizes will be awarded to 1949 corn contest winners, including Dwight Williams of Haywood County, mountain and State winner; Dale Gainey of Wayne of Wayne County, Coastal Plain winner; and Charlie Barbee of Stanly County, Piedmont winner.

Several hundred new members will be inducted into the 100 bushel Corn Club of which F. L. Albritton of Lenoir County is president.

In the Seed exposition, ribbons and cash prizes will be offered to Crop Improvement Association members for the best exhibits of seed and crops.

### Farming Chats

By Vernon Cornell Powers  
Farm Service Director

Many farmers have taken advantages of the favorable weather conditions for the last few weeks — Stalks are rapidly being cut and discing is well under way. Try to cultivate your land this spring without burning the fields before you plow. You will make your land richer because those stalks and grass turned under contain plant food elements and organic matter that help to hold moisture in dry weather and permit drainage of the soil in wet weather.

If you have a permanent pasture, it is time to top-dress it with 600-800 by 0 14-14, or 0 12-12 fertilizer. Do not graze your pasture

too much during these warm days, give it a chance to get started before too heavy grazing.

A few people have asked me about sowing a permanent pasture in the spring. I would not advise a farmer to do this because plants do not get a good start before the hot and dry weather comes. Spring seeded pastures should not be grazed and that's hard not to do, especially where chickens run out at large. Money will be saved and more satisfaction gained from a fall-seeded pasture.

My recommendations for sowing a pasture are: Have the soil analyzed for acidity if time permits. If not apply two tons of ground lime stone per acre now. You can purchase this lime through the P. M. A. office at a small cost. Plant the land to oats at the rate of four bushels per acre. Seed the land, using 25 pounds of lespedeza

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