

**CONSERVATION NOTES**

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Two row arrangement demonstrations were held this past week. One was held at the farm of Roy Walker in the Garner Community on land to be planted in tobacco. Rows laid off by this method have continuous drainage, are quite necessary to prevent drowning of tobacco, and, in addition, reduce erosion. The individual rows have slightly more fall than the terraces. T. L. Copley of the Soil Conservation Experiment Station at Shotwell assisted the Soil Conservation Service personnel and the G. I. Instructors at Garner High School in the demonstration.

A second demonstration was held Wednesday afternoon at the farm of Kenneth H. Bailey of Knightdale.

Three demonstrations on row arrangements will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoon, April 18, 19, and 20, at 2:00 p. m., on the farms of Tommy Pollard, Carl Davis, and H. V. Faulkner, respectively, all in the Knightdale Community. The public is invited to attend.

Rows laid off according to this so-called "string method" work almost perfectly where meadows have been established in the "natural draws" in the fields. Meadows are almost a prerequisite to a successful row system. The Soil Conservation Service Personnel, the Wake County Supervisors of the Neuse River Soil Conservation District, teachers of vocational agriculture, the County Agents, are assisting farmers in locating meadows.

**No Corn Variety Is Free of Insect Attack**

Many North Carolina farmers have been asking the following question this spring: "Are insects likely to be worse in hybrid corn or in open-pollinated corn?"

The answer involves several factors, says George D. Jones, entomologist for the State College Extension Service. One of these is the location of the field. About the time corn begins to silk, both the angoumois grain moth and the rice weevil fly from cribs, warehouses, feed bins, and other places

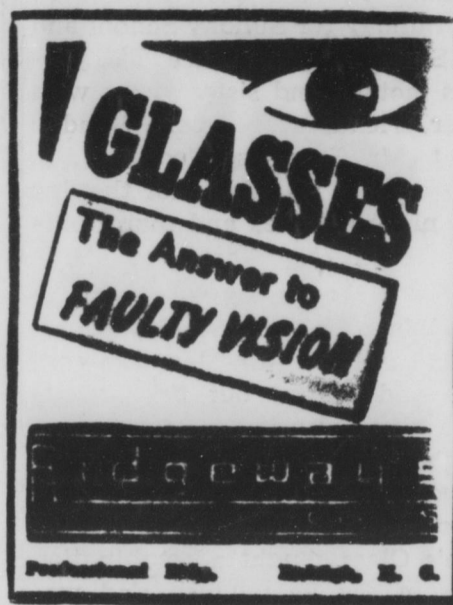
where grain crops are stored, and lay eggs on exposed kernels. The particular kind of corn, whether hybrid or open-pollinated, which is closest to the source of infestation will be most heavily attacked.

Another point to consider is the tightness of the husk and freedom from injury by the corn ear worm or other pests. Insects will attack those kernels which are most exposed.

Third, some varieties have the tips of the ears exposed. Also some varieties have loose husks which may tend to open up when the ears begin to ripen.

"In view of these points," says Jones, "farmers are advised to consider all factors involved when choosing a kind of seed corn. No corn variety or hybrid is known at present that is resistant to 'weevils.' The use of DDT for spraying the empty bin to kill the pests hiding in cracks and crevices, and the use of fumigants to treat infested corn, are the recommended

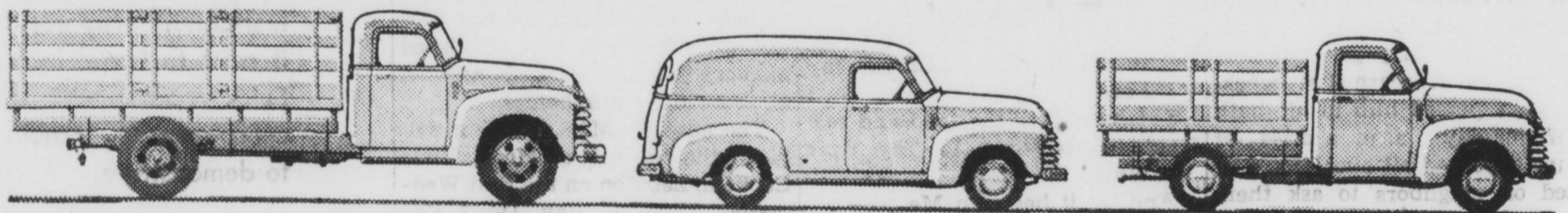
control measures." The entomologist also says that insect activity, at a standstill during the winter months when the temperature averages below 60 degrees Fahrenheit, begins to increase with the coming of spring, and corn to be carried through the summer should be treated by May or early June.



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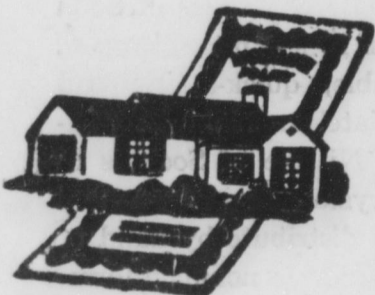


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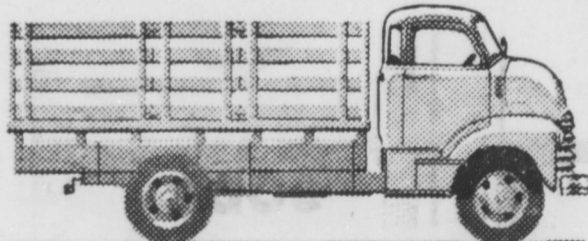
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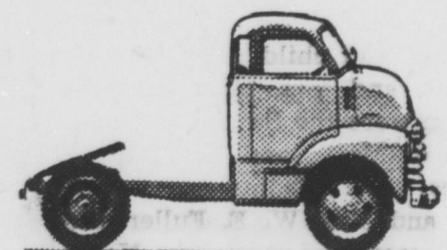
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