

NORTH STATE HAPPENINGS

Occurrences of Interest Gleaned From All Sections of the Busy Tar Heel State

SELECTING SEED-CORN FOR LARGER YIELDS.

North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station, West Raleigh—C. B. Williams, Director.

The practice of selecting seed-corn from the barn late in the spring costs the farmers of North Carolina, in decreased yields of shelled corn, an amount equal to more than five million dollars annually. Just so long as this method is followed, just so long will the corn-growers of the State lack this amount of producing what they might with the same treatment under identical conditions were they to use better methods in the selection of their seed-corn. The proper place to select seed for planting purposes next year is the field this fall. One day spent in the field in selecting seed-corn properly will pay better in increased yields than most any labor performed during the entire year. There are many ways in which this work might be done satisfactorily, the exact method depending upon local conditions and practices. Economy of performance of the operation is always to be looked after but not at a sacrifice of efficiency. Where corn is gathered from stalks in the field in the usual way, a good method for the corn-grower to use is to sling a cotton-picking bag over the shoulder or take a basket in the hand and go through and make the selections from the field of corn which he has that is a little above the average in productivity. Take two rows at a time and select seed from those stalks which have two well-developed ears per stalk, remembering that in the selection of seed one should select from the stalks that will yield the largest amount of shelled corn per stalk. The reason why it is advised selecting from two-earred stalks is because in testing and studying varieties of corn during the past eight years on the Experiment Station farm and elsewhere, it has been found that the best yielders of shelled corn per stalk and hence per acre were those that averaged near two ears per stalk. Take both of the ears if they are good ones and reject both if they are not. Do not give much detailed attention to the shape of the ears and grains during field selection, but reserve this for some rainy or snowy day during the winter and have the young boys around to help, as there is no form of farm work that will interest them more or lead them to take a deeper interest in the work of the farm. One reason why so many boys leave the farm is because they are not taught that there is something more in farming than the mere drudgery connected with it. When going through the field selecting these ears it might be well to have the boys along too if they are old enough to appreciate the value and importance of what is being done. A cart or wagon might be at one end of the rows and when you get there each time empty the basket or bag. Enough corn should be gathered in this way so that when the more careful selection is made during the winter at the barn, having in mind the best shape of ears and kernels, enough will be left for planting, after throwing out the ears of poor shape and those having kernels not up to the proper type it is wished to use for planting. Select from the field three to five times as much corn as it is expected to be needed, so that a very rigid selection of the ears may be made during some winter day. Make selections from stalks that not only bear two well-developed ears, but from those that have a good leaf development and large root system. Select ears that are borne at a uniform and conveni-

ent height, for such ears are more easily and cheaply gathered; they ripen more uniformly and are less liable not to have the embryo grains fertilized, as the tasselling of all stalks will be practically at the same date and the pollen from all will be given off at about the same time. The ears should be held not upright, but in a rather drooping position, as such ears are less liable to rot, as they will shed the rain rather than admit it into the ears, as they frequently do when held in an upright position; especially in this so if the husks (shucks) do not cover the tips of the ears completely. Also, it is well to discard all ears that have the tips poorly covered with husks, even if all the other characteristics are up to requirements. When, during the winter, the corn thus gathered is gotten out for more careful selection, choose those ears of cylindrical shape and those which possess deep wedge-shaped and large-germed grains which completely and deeply cover the cobs and which are arranged in parallel rows. Select heavy, well-matured ears that have medium-sized cobs with kernels that are heavy in weight and medium rough in indentation, and which have the butts and tips fairly well filled out. Keep the seed stored in a dry place until planting time.

If you have not selected your seed-corn before from the field in the way indicated above try it this fall. You may be a little doubtful at the value of this extra effort, but give it a fair trial and we feel sure that you will never go back to the old and less profitable method of selecting seed-corn from the barn.

Opening at Elizabeth.

Charlotte, Special.—Thursday morning saw one of the most successful openings in the history of Elizabeth College. Students began coming in three days ago until now all the professors and students have arrived and are ready to begin work. Mr. Henry J. Zehm, of the musical department, opened the morning exercises with an organ selection, which was followed by an impressive prayer offered by Rev. G. D. Bernheim. Rev. C. B. King, who presided, then introduced Rev. W. C. Shaeffer, Jr., the principal speaker of the morning who, in a powerful address, expounded his system of Christian philosophy. The outlook is for the most prosperous year in the history of this splendid institution.

Accused of Wife Murder.

Durham, Special.—The most sensational homicide this county has known since the crime for which John Hodges was hanged, the murder of his wife two years ago, took place three miles from Durham, and W. H. Tilley is held without bail. His claim is that he tried to shoot a dog in the yard, snapping his Winchester three times at the dog, and on the failure to fire he struck the gun with his hand, when it exploded, shooting his wife. The relations of husband and wife were not pleasant, and the theory of murder is generally believed.

Big Fire at High Point.

High Point, Special.—Fire Friday morning at 3:40 o'clock was discovered in the Sapp block on North Main street, and before it was subdued gutted the building, destroying the goods of Clark Shoe Company, valued at \$10,000, and insured for \$6,000; the High Point Clothing Company, valued at \$10,000 or more, with insurance of \$8,000; Moore Book Store valued at \$2,000, with \$1,200 insurance. Several people lived up stairs in the building and lost about all they had.

Fire Destroys Seven Stores.

Springhope, Special.—Fire at 3 o'clock Friday morning destroyed the postoffice and seven store buildings in the heart of the town. The loss is about \$5,000. The buildings were all of wood and an eyesore to the town. No insurance was carried on the property.

Sunday School Association.

Charlotte, Special.—The indications are that there will be a large attendance at the convention of the Mecklenburg County Sunday School Association. This is a convention of Sunday schools of all denominations and meets with the Sugar Creek Presbyterian church Saturday and Sunday. Rev. Dr. A. L. Phillips, of Richmond, Va., Mr. J. B. Robertson, State Sunday school secretary and other prominent Sunday school workers will be present.

State News in Brief.

Mr. J. D. Elliott, of Hickory, has been awarded the contract for the new building to be erected at Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C.

Trinity High school in Randolph county, opened Tuesday with a good attendance, nearly one hundred being enrolled the first day. The prospects for a good scholastic year are bright.

A fair for High Point is being agitated for 1909 to become a permanent fixture. The plan is to organize a stock company and build race tracks and buildings and other things needful for a successful fair.

The special prizes of \$250, \$150 and \$100 for the best county exhibits in connection with the State fair to be in progress October 11 to 17, is expected to make these county exhibits decided features in the contest.

Thomas Nelson Page, of Virginia, will deliver the annual address before the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association at its meeting at Raleigh in October.

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Detroit, Mich., Special.—Two men were suffocated and three others injured in a fire at the Windsor end of the Michigan Central tunnel Tuesday morning. When the flames were discovered the two hundred men working in the shaft made a dash for the exits. All reached the air except four. The exact amount of damage is unknown.

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Lockout of Two Hundred Thousand Operatives Probable.

Manchester, Eng., By Cable.—Late Friday night there seemed to be no hope that a lockout of 200,000 cotton operatives could be avoided. The wage dispute is of long standing. The employers proposed to reduce wages five per cent., but they finally consented not to put the reduction in force until January of next year. The operatives voted on the question whether or not to accept this offer.

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Dies by His Own Hand.

Asheville, N. C., Special.—Mr. Jas. H. Osborne, for the past twenty-five years connected with the T. S. Morrison & Co., carriage warehouse of this city and one of the most quiet, unassuming and best known business men in Asheville, committed suicide Friday morning shortly before 3 o'clock in his apartments in the Y. M. C. A. building on Haywood street. No cause can be assigned for the rash act.

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Drouth is causing a suspension of many industries in the Pittsburg district.

At Pittsburg, Pa., Arnold Roberts of Mountclair, N. J., a young salesman traveling for his father, Peter Roberts, of Montclair, N. J., drank carboic acid while sitting on the steps of the Denny Methodist Episcopal church, Thirty-fourth and Ligonier streets, and died at a hospital a short time later. He had been in ill health.

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Game of Cards Leads to Death.

Spartanburg, S. C., Special.—As the result of a quarrel over a game of cards, Wells Wofford is dead at his home near Glenn Springs, having been shot by Jim West. Both parties are colored. Last Sunday afternoon several negroes were engaged in playing a game of cards in the woods among them being Wofford and West. They fought as to who was winner and West drew a pistol and fired on Wofford, shooting him through the stomach.

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Mad Dog Causes Trouble.

Spartanburg, S. C., Special.—A mad dog ran amuck in the streets here Tuesday afternoon doing considerable damage before it was killed. The animal attacked J. P. Hertzog, a well known contractor, and inflicted a slight wound on his leg. The dog also bit a colored nurse and then attacked a pair of mules hitched to the street sprinkler, biting one of the mules on the lip.

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Found Hat Worn By Dr. Rustin. Omaha, Neb., Special.—Detectives found the hat worn by Frederick Rustin the night he was shot. It was found hanging in the hallway of the Rustin home. How the hat got on the hook at the Rustin home no person there could say. "I cannot tell how the hat got there," said Mrs. Rustin. "I had no time to think of such a thing the night my husband was shot. He wore several different hats, and I cannot tell now whether or not that is the one he wore the night of the shooting."

The mining town of Rawhide, Nev., was almost entirely destroyed by fire, and 3,000 persons were made homeless.

Col. Stewart, the "exiled" army officer will not take the 90-mile horseback riding test as at first ordered. The Pennsylvania Railroad counts on running 1,000 trains into the Manhattan Terminal as soon as the tunnels are completed.

A New Jersey deaf-mute has sued for divorce alleging too much talkativeness on the part of his deaf-and-dumb wife.

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MAY 17, 1908.

Ex. Sun. Daily p. m. a. m.	Except Sun. Daily a. m. p. m.
5:30 7:00 Lv Durham, Ar	11:25 9:30
7:15 8:23 Lv Roxboro, Ar	9:48 8:00
8:05 8:55 Lv Denniston, Ar	9:03 7:27
8:40 9:10 Lv So. Boston, Ar	8:34 7:03
8:57 9:31 Lv Houston, Ar	8:18 6:49
12:05 11:55 Ar Lynchb, Lv	5:15 4:15

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8:45 Lv. Raleigh	Ar	6:30
9:55 Lv. Durham	Ar	5:25
12:30 Lv. Greensboro	Ar	3:10
2:50 Lv. Salisbury	Ar	1:15
3:45 Lv. Statesville	Ar	12:20
4:45 Ar. Hickory	Lv	11:32
5:00 Ar. Newton	Lv	11:10
5:45 Ar. Morganton	Lv	10:30
6:30 Ar. Marion	Lv	9:40
8:15 Ar. Asheville	Lv	8:00
p. m.		a. m.

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