

**Timely Farm Questions State College Answers**

Q. What is the proper procedure to follow in planting fruit trees for home use?  
A. H. R. Niswonger, in charge of horticulture extension at State college, offers the following suggestions: Prepare a hole wide enough to allow the roots to spread their full length without folding. Plant one or two inches deeper than they stood in the nursery row. Place top soil around roots and pack firmly. If soil is dry, water at planting time. If there is a strong prevailing wind blowing continually, lean the trees slightly into the wind.

Q. What precautions should I observe in guarding against the

feeding of a moldy silage, hay or grain to livestock?  
A. Here is a set of five recommendations emphasized by extension dairy specialists at State college: First, be sure that feed is of good quality, properly cured, and stored. Second, never feed silage to horses and mules. Third, don't feed spoiled canned goods to pigs and chickens. Fourth, if livestock develop symptoms of forage-poisoning, change feed at once, and have the suspected feed tested. Fifth, obtain a veterinary diagnosis at once, because the paralysis and weakness caused by feed poisoning also resemble symptoms of certain virus diseases of animals.

**State College Hints To Farm Homemakers**  
By VERA STANTON

To achieve a smooth consistency in some dishes made with milk, adding the ingredients in the right order is an important detail. If added at the wrong time, it can cause separation or curdling, cookery scientists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture advise.  
When milk is to be combined with an acid food, the right order is: Acid food into milk. For example, in making cream of tomato soup, the hot thickened tomato should be added gradually to the cool milk. Then the mixture is heated briefly and served immediately.

**PLAN CLINICS FOR WORKSTOCK**

**Dr. Headrick, Murphy Veterinarian, To Be Here Next Week**

By S. W. MENDENHALL (County Agent)  
Dr. A. J. Headrick, veterinarian of Murphy, will be in Macon County on Tuesday and Friday of next week to conduct our workstock clinics. Horses and mules will be treated for round worms and bots. Any dental work, such as floating sharp teeth or cutting off long teeth, will be done.

Practically all farmers that have taken advantage of these clinics in the past years report good results and say that their work-stock are greatly improved.

**3 NOW DO FARM WORK OF 9, DUE TO MACHINERY**

**Mechanization Brings Many Changes To Robeson Farm**

Three men are now doing the work that once required nine, on the J. Mitchell Humphrey farm, near Shannon, in Robeson county—and it's all due to the increased mechanization you hear so much about these days.

To accomplish the same amount of work with a third as much help, the three Humphrey brothers—Lewis, Edwin, and J. Mitchell—have added a medium-sized tractor, combine, disc, tiller plow, and a grain drill. And they say that their farm is still a long way from being mechanized, although they have reduced their work-stock more than half.

All these machines brought about some very basic changes in the Humphrey's way of farming, according to O. P. Owens, farm agent for the state college extension service, who says that cotton, corn, and tobacco were the principle crops when nine men were working the farm. Now small grain has replaced practically all of the cotton and a portion of the corn. Much of the corn and other grain is marketed through purebred hogs.

Crop yields have continued to increase for the three brothers since they changed their farming system, reports Mr. Owens, who cites better fertilization practices on barley and soybeans as examples.

"We may expect this progress on many more farms in North Carolina," the farm agent says, "only to a much greater extent, when modern farm machinery is again available in adequate supply."

Likewise in making milk sherrbert with an acid fruit juice such as lemon, the fruit juice after sweetening is added gradually to the milk.

In all such mixtures the combining should be done gradually with constant stirring to avoid separation. When the mixture must be heated, the heating should be as brief as possible and at a low temperature.

Never use knives or rough scouring materials to clean glass cooking ware, household management specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture say. Scraping with a knife or scouring with steel wool may scratch the protective surface of the glass and eventually lead to a crack. Even a slight scratch may make the glass less resistant to breakage.

Generally, glass cooking utensils need only soaking in lukewarm water and then washing in soapsuds for thorough cleaning. Adding baking soda to the soaking water may help loosen food that has baked on. If some brown traces still remain, remove them by rubbing with dry baking soda.

**Arrange To Have Analysis Made Of Soil Samples**

Arrangements have been made through the county agent's office to have Macon County soil samples analyzed, it was announced this week.

Farmers and 4-H club boys who wish soil samples sent to Raleigh for analysis can obtain information on the subject from the agent's office.

**Scaly**

Jim Vinson and two sons, Toliver and Ralph, spent a few days in Charlotte and Gastonia last week.

Mrs. Irene James, who has been ill for some time, is reported much improved.

Mrs. Mae Dryman and Mr. physically. No charge is made for the examination. A very small charge will be made for any necessary treatment.

On Tuesday, February 25, the first clinic will be held at J. R. Brookshire's farm on Cartoogechaye at 9:30 in the morning. At 2:30 in the afternoon the clinic will be held at Clyde West's store at West's Mill.

Friday morning at 10 o'clock a clinic will be at Frank Moody's farm on Iotla, and at 2 in the afternoon at Wiley Clark's filling station on Ellijay.

**4-H Clubs To Seek \$350 For Camp, Short Course, Show**

The 4-H County council, at its meeting last Friday morning at the Agricultural building, set a goal of \$350 to be raised to help boys and girls attending the 4-H camp and short course next summer defray their expenses, and for holding a junior dairy show.

The total is an average of 50 cents per member, is just half the amount the 4-H-ers raised last year for construction of the Macon County cabin at the 4-H camp.

Plans were made for the club members to sell lunches at the Farmers Federation picnic again this summer. The club officers are to consult with their neighborhood leaders on ways and means for raising the fund.

Twenty-three members attended the council meeting.

and Mrs. Hugh Dryman were in Toccoa, Ga., Sunday, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert Garland.

The Rev. Enoch Jamerson, of Scaly, celebrated his sixty-third birthday February 14. Twenty-three people were present for the celebration, among them Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Miller and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Miller, Ted Vinson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vinson and family and Mrs. Toliver Vinson and daughter.

**Albert H. Rogers Enters Navy Electrical School**

Albert H. Rogers, electrician's mate first class, son of Mrs. Charles Rogers, of Route 2, Franklin, has entered electrical interior communication school at Washington, D. C., according to a dispatch received here. Mr. Rogers entered the naval service in November, 1940.

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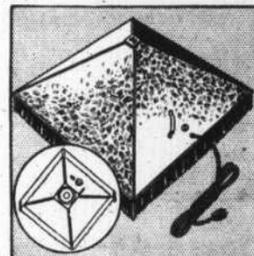
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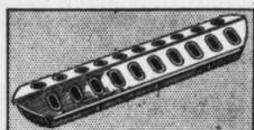
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