

**State College Answers
Timely Farm Questions**

Q. How does tobacco rate with other crops in amount of labor required for production?
A. Based on average North Carolina conditions and methods, one acre of flue-cured tobacco requires 415 man-hours of labor, far more than any other major crop grown in the State. Cotton requires 120 man-hours per acre; peanuts, 75 man-hours; and Irish potatoes, 90 man-hours. These figures, say farm management specialists at State College, are approximately correct but are subject to considerable variations on individual farms.
J. When should garpevines be pruned?
A. The ideal time is late winter or early spring, after periods of extremely low temperatures have passed. Then any killing of canes can be cut away and the strong healthy one left for

fruit production. Pruning at this time frequently results in bleeding but this does not injure the vine. Grapes should be pruned every year. The pruning will be less difficult, the vines more productive, and the clusters of berries larger.
Q. Is more labor required to farm according to recommended practices?
A. No. Recommended practices require about the same amount of labor and power as present practices. Recommended practices for cotton require only three additional hours; for corn, four hours. Labor and power requirements on most crops remain almost constant. In some cases a small amount of additional labor is needed to harvest the more bountiful yields. The net returns to the farmer, however, are far greater when recommended practices are used.
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Suit Filed

**Here By L. B. Phillips
Against State**

A suit against the State of North Carolina, as represented by its commissioner of revenue, over a question of motor vehicle license fees has been brought in superior court here by L. B. Phillips, Franklin coal dealer.
Last summer the revenue de-

partment issued execution against Mr. Phillips for \$427 for "for hire" licenses for three of his trucks. Mr. Phillips contends that he so uses his trucks that only the "private hauler" license is required. Under the law, however, the revenue de-

partment may require a vehicle owner to buy a different type license without the matter's going into court, and Mr. Phillips, in satisfying the execution, notified the department that the fees were paid under protest.

The suit, filed by him through his attorneys, Jones and Jones and Jones and Ward, the latter firm of Asheville, seeks recovery of the \$427. The case is expected to come up for trial at the December term of court here.

**Franklin PTA Continues
Membership Drive
Through October**

The 1948 membership campaign of the Franklin Parent-Teacher association, which had been scheduled to close October 15, will continue through the remainder of this month it was announced this week by Mrs. E. W. Renshaw membership chairman. Mrs. Renshaw explained that memberships are obtained chiefly through the school children, and that many of the children have been at home ill with measles.

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