

**State College Answers  
Timely Farm Questions**

**Q.** Is it true that North Carolina farmers use more fertilizer than those of any other state?

**A.** Yes. Farmers in North Carolina have recognized the importance of fertilizer in securing high yields for many years. In the past 15 years the amount of fertilizer used in the state has doubled. In the crop year 1952-53 Tar Heel farmers used 1,850,000 tons of plant food.

**Q.** Should I treat my home garden (100 x 200 feet) for root knot control?

**A.** Do not consider treating your garden unless there is real trouble and you are sure of the cause. If root knot nematodes are the primary problem, select an inexpensive fumigant. If a soil-borne fungus or bacterial disease is the main problem, soil treatment may not be practical or it may pay you to treat with a more expensive material such as chloropicrin. These materials are toxic to humans and animals and care must be exercised in their use. Observe all precautions given by manufacturers.

More than \$62,000 will be offered as premiums this year at the N. C. State Fair in Raleigh, October 20-24.



The floor space taken up around the Christmas tree by the above Franklin High students is now filled with gifts for the needy, a "whole truck load", according to school officials. The collection of gifts started as a spontaneous thing and mushroomed into a flood of clothing and food. Students will distribute the gifts Christmas.



**Pvt. Keener Completes Airborne Course In Ga.**

Pvt. Henry J. Keener, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Keener, of Franklin, recently completed the airborne course at Fort Benning, Ga., the fort public information office announced this week.

The course is designed to train volunteer officers and enlisted personnel from all arms and branches of the service as qualified parachutists, the release explained. Pvt. Keener entered the army in May of this year.

Advertising is news, too. Have you read the ads in this issue?

**Season's Greetings**

May the chiming of the joyous Christmas bells, the voices of the choir boys, bring to you again all the warmth of spirit and peace of heart of this glorious season. A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to all!



Twins' Shop



**GREETINGS**

May we add our very good wishes to the hosts of sparkling greetings fondly given and gladly accepted during this, the joyous Holiday Season of Good Will to All.

Baldwin's Market

**ROOT VEGETABLES THE YEAR ROUND** - Root vegetables are in season the year round. Strictly speaking, not all vegetables that grow underground are roots—white potatoes are tubers, onions are bulbs. But for cooking purposes we'll call them all roots.

Scrub root vegetables well before cooking. Start them in boiling salted water—about 1 teaspoon of salt to a quart of water. Young, tender roots need only enough water to prevent them from sticking to the pan. For older roots, have enough boiling water to cover.

To keep the flavor of onions and turnips mild, leave the kettle uncovered. To speed the cooking of others, put on the lid.

Boll root vegetables whole in their skin unless too strong or too tough. Nature grew this jacket to hold in food value and flavor. If peel you must, make the peeling thin or scrape no more than skin deep.

To keep beets from losing their bright red color, leave on the long tap root and an inch or two of stems. A quick dip in cold water loosens the jacket on a cooked beet so it slips off like a glove.

**USE "LEFT-OVER" MEAT**—A good way to use left-over lamb or beef is in a meat pie. Partially cook vegetables. Then place the vegetables and meat, cut in cubes, in a baking dish. Top with baking powder biscuit crust or left-over mashed potatoes whipped up with a little milk and used as a top. If potato topping is used, do not use potatoes in the pie.

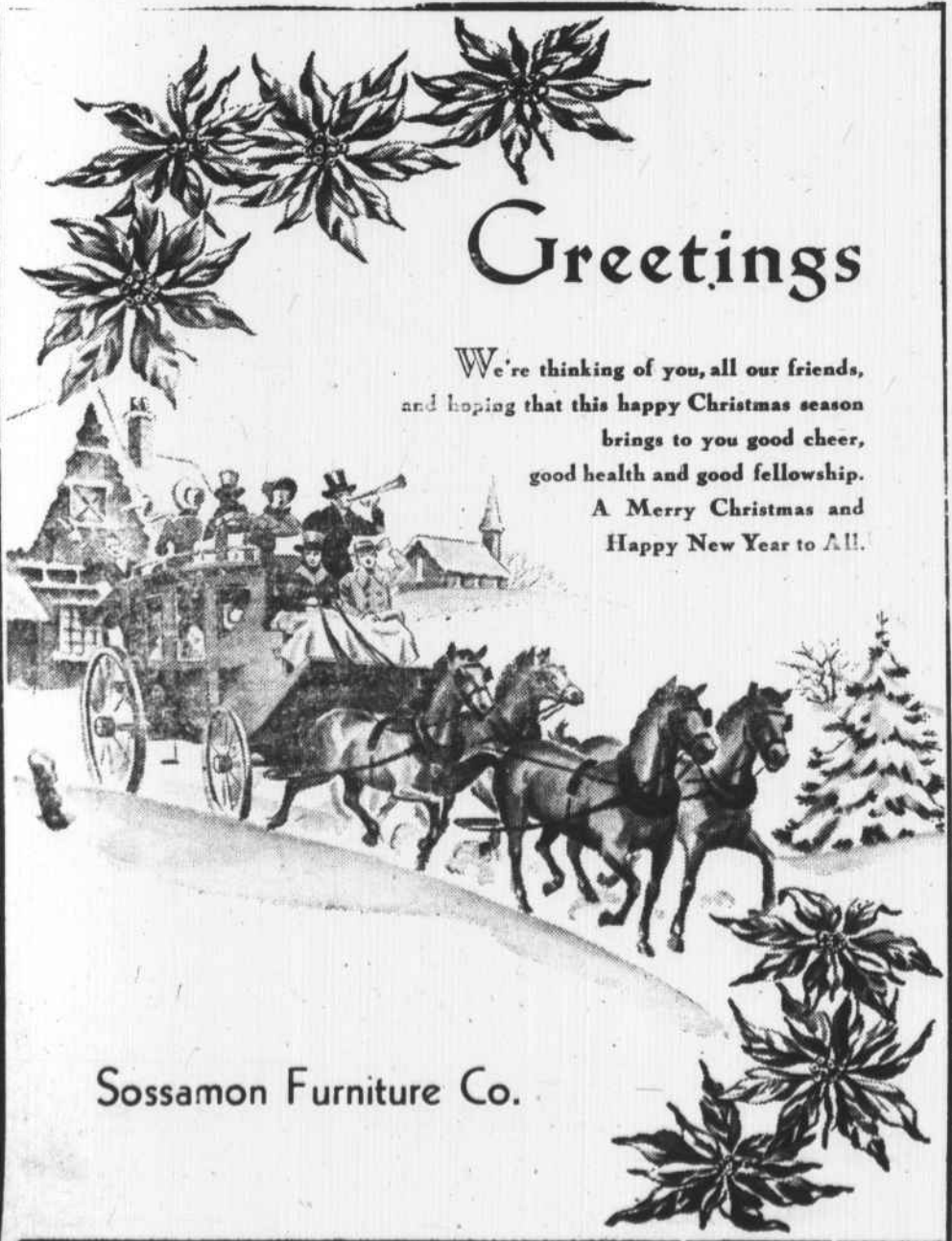


**Best Wishes for Christmas**

When the wise men followed the guiding star from out of the East...they found a beautiful and awesome sight at the end of their journey...

May the spirit of the first Christmas brighten your home with its joy and lighten your heart with its promise of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men"

Farm & Home Supply Co.



Sossamon Furniture Co.