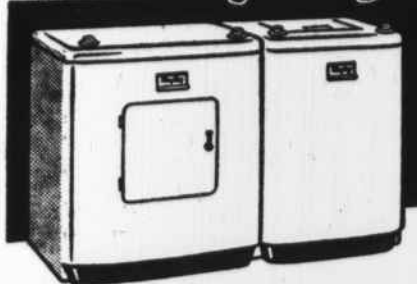


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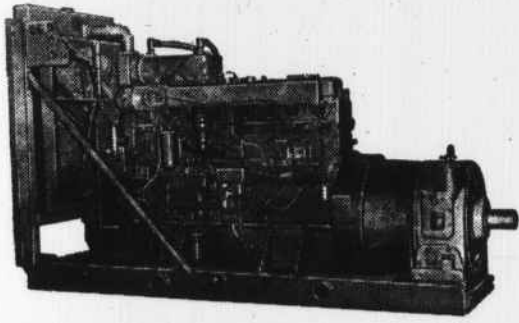
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## OAK WILT IS DUE TO FUNGUS

Duke Professor Explains  
Disease; Damage So  
Far Not Great

Oak wilt, which has been found in Western North Carolina from Asheville west, is caused by a fungus, according to a Duke University professor.

Dr. T. W. Johnson, who recently conducted a survey in middle North Carolina, in cooperation with the Southeastern Experiment Station at Asheville, explains that the fungus grows throughout the wood and in dense, gray-black "cushions" underneath the bark, cracking it and producing spores which can infest other trees.

The spread of oak wilt is not completely understood. Insects are the most probable overland carriers, while natural root-grafts are responsible for underground spread. Experiments have shown that high temperatures retard the disease.

Dr. Johnson points out that oak wilt, which has caused its worst damage in Wisconsin and Iowa, has not been found in the Piedmont or Coastal Plain of any of the Eastern states.

In North Carolina, the State Forest Service, through the State Department of Conservation and Development, is systematically attempting to eliminate the hazard of spread by cutting and spraying the trunks of infested trees as they are found. Dr. Johnson emphasizes that control of oak wilt "can only be accomplished by the cooperative efforts of federal, state and local agencies and private landowners."

Dr. George H. Hepting, of the Southeastern Forest Experiment Station, said recently that although oak wilt has caused damage in certain localities besides Wisconsin and Iowa, it "has been the cause of concern more because of the threat of the extent to which it might build up in the future than because of the relatively small economic loss to forests that it has caused to date."

### Pearsons Buy Sanders Cafe In Franklin

Sanders Cafe on Main Street has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Pearson from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sanders.

The new owners plan to operate the eating establishment under the name, "Pearsons' Cafe."

### McFALLS ENDS LEAVE

S/Sgt. Claude A. McFalls left yesterday (Wednesday) for Plattsburg, N. Y., after spending a 35-day leave here with his parents Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McFalls, at their home on Franklin, Route 3. Sgt. McFalls, who is in the U. S. Air Force, recently returned from 18 months' duty on Okinawa.

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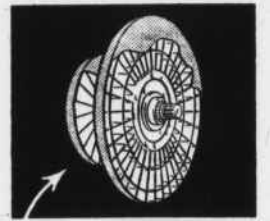
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