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**This Week  
With Macon  
County Agents**

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(Assistant Agent)

Don't give fire a place to start  
in Macon county!

The U. S. Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the National Fire Protection Association, has designated the week of October 7-13 as "National Fire Prevention Week," for 1956. Present losses of farm property from fire amount to more than 150 million dollars per year. This staggering figure can be slashed drastically if people will: **INSPECT** their homes and farms to locate fire hazards; **PREVENT** fire losses by removing fire hazards and avoiding fire risks; and **PROTECT** their lives, property, and business with fire-fighting equipment, water supply, and telephone, where available.

Almost one-third of all fires in barns and outbuildings are caused by what is called "spontaneous ignition." Macon county farmers should make sure their hay is well cured before storing and placed in the mow evenly in layers. About one-fourth of all barn and outbuilding fires are caused by faulty use of electricity. Now that most of our farmers in Macon county have installed electricity in their buildings they should watch for frayed insulation or loose or sagging wires. Also, do not forget that light bulbs get hot when left burning and anything combustible stored near them might catch on fire. Other causes of fire are lightning, heating equipment, stored gasoline, kerosene, etc.

On the home side, chimneys, heating, and cooking equipment causes about one-fifth of all fires. We should clean and repair all equipment and rebuild defective flues. Again, electricity causes many fires. Replace frayed cords and never use defective appliances without first having them repaired. Don't be one of those persons who thinks a fire can't happen on his farm. Try and have a water supply around handy, purchase two kinds of fire extinguishers — one for wood and rubbish fires called soda-acid type, and the



**THE 'YOUNGEST'**—Mrs. J. S. Sloan, of Franklin, and W. N. "Uncle Billy" McCoy, of the Goldmine section, won prizes at the annual "Fellowship Hour" for being the oldest present. "Uncle Billy" is 97 and Mrs. Sloan is 90. The "hour" was held September 30 at the Franklin Presbyterian Church under the sponsorship of all country churches.

other one to use on oil, grease, and paint, called foam carbon tetrachloride, or dry powder extinguishers. This type should also be used on electrical fires. Clean up around the farmstead. This will help beautify your place as well as offer fire protection.

If you are one of the unfortunate farmers and a fire starts, act fast. Get all people or livestock out of the building first so that casualties can be avoided. Next, try to get help — use your telephone if you have one. As soon as you have obtained help, try and keep the fire from spreading. However, do not attempt to control a huge fire single-handedly — your life may be endangered by heat or falling debris.

Help make Macon county safe! Keep your fire in the stove where it belongs this winter!

**Wood For Highway  
Signs Comes From  
Faraway California**

Although more than 30 varieties of commercial tree wood grow in North Carolina, many of them in Macon County, the wood used for signs in U. S. parks and forests in this state comes from California.

The signs are made of California red wood. This wood needs no preservative treatment and has high resistance to decay.

"Twasn't always, though, that red wood was used. In the 1930's when the C.C.C. ran the U. S. Forest Service's sign shop, and it was located in the Wayah area, yellow poplar was used.

In comparing prices, the Forest Service found it could buy red wood for half of what it was paying for yellow poplar. It didn't pass up the bargain and has been using it since.

The service's sign shop moved from Wayah to Asheville a couple of years ago. It serves 11 southeastern states.



**"D" IS FOR "DO NOTS"** — **TWO OF THEM** — Do not boil canned vegetables, but heat to boiling point.

Do not discard their vitality loaded juices. Do make soup or use in a vegetable juice cocktail, sauce, or in a congealed vegetable salad.

You might like to try this Creole Sauce. It's very good served on hot vegetables—most any vegetable.

**CREOLE SAUCE**

- 2 onions, sliced
- 4 stalks celery, chopped
- 1/4 cup chopped green pepper
- 4 tablespoons fat
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon Ac'cent
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 1 teaspoon chili powder or to taste
- 2 cups canned tomatoes

Brown onion, celery, and green pepper in hot fat. Blend in flour, salt, Ac'cent, garlic, and chili. Gradually stir in tomatoes. Bring to a boil and simmer 10 minutes. Serve over hot vegetables. Makes 2 1/2 cups.

**Cooking Cheese**—Use low heat to prevent toughness. Grating, shredding, or cutting into small pieces speeds melting.

**Storing Cheese**—Store natural cheese in refrigerator — cheese spreads keep at room temperature before opening; after opening should be refrigerated.

**State College Answers  
Timely Farm Questions**

Q. How can I keep insects out of peas or beans I wish to store for seed and food?

A. For use as food, peas and

can never be used for human or livestock food.

Q. What kind of soil is best for most potted plants?

A. A mixture of equal parts rotted leaves (leaf mold), well-rotted manure, sand, and garden soil is best for most plants. A good mixture is a must. Place one inch of coarse gravel in the bottom of the container to provide good drainage for the plants.

please make immediate settlement.

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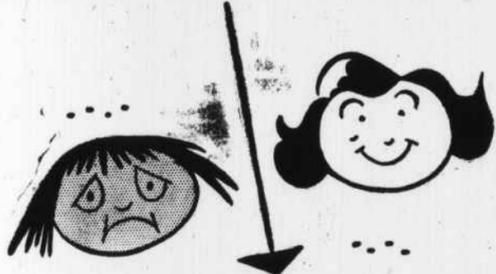
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Maybe W. A. Curtis, editor 50 years ago, could get his work done from 8 to 5. Hang it, we can't. You'll find us at No. 24 until 5:30 p. m.!

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I hope that you folk realize that I exaggerate (just a wee bit) and for my sake won't think I'm as dumb as I am. I guess many of the people who come to my little ole country store think I'm wacky, for they call for stuff I've never heard tell of. When I hear of something new, though, I put it down on my want list and try to find some.

A fellow came in the other day, and I thought he said—"I want to buy some more lassies."

"Well, now wait a minute," I thinks I right fast, "you must have had one too many." Cause I knew that I had never sold him (nor anybody else) a lassie. I'd heard it said that you have to humor a fellow in his condition, so says I — "I'm sorry, sir, the last lassie is gone."

"I could eat 'em three times a day — with butter and hot biscuits," my friend began.

In order to get his mind off lassies I said, "I have some home made syrup that tastes mighty good with butter and hot biscuits."

"You do? How much is it?"

"\$2.50 a gallon."

"Let me have two gallons" — (as he handed me the money.)

"If there is anything I like— it's good home made molasses."

"Molasses" — thinks I — as my friend left — and I thought — well—maybe wacky is right.

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**EXAMPLES**

When your minimum balance is less than \$100

Maintenance cost - - - - - .40  
If you draw one check the cost is - .04

Total cost - - - - - .44

When your minimum balance is \$100 to \$199

Maintenance cost - - - - - .40  
If you draw 5 checks the cost is - .20

Total cost - - - - - .60  
Less allowance on balance - - .12

Your account will be charged - .48

When your minimum balance is \$200 to \$299

Maintenance cost - - - - - .40  
If you draw 10 checks the cost is .40

Total cost - - - - - .80  
Less allowance on balance - - .24

Your account will be charged - .56

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