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**Some Tips to Growers
of Sweet Potatoes**

County Agent Says Heavy Loss
Due To Leaving Them in
Ground Too Long

BY E. H. GARRISON JR.
County Agent

One of the reasons that so many people lose their sweet potatoes each year is the fact that they are left in the ground too long. At one time it was thought that frost had to bite the vines before the potatoes were prove beyond any question of a doubt. Experiments along this line that this practice has caused farmers tremendous losses each year. Potatoes should be taken out of the ground as soon as they are mature and without frost ever touching them. Experiments have shown that even a light frost will cause the loss of at least 25 percent of the crop and where the vines are killed down by frost, it is almost impossible to save the potatoes at all. There are also other factors which enter in but frost plays a large part in destroying the crop. If frost does get the vines before you have a chance to get the potatoes out, then take a hoe and cut these off even with the ground immediately. This will stop the sap, from the vines, going back into the potato and causing it to rot.

Brown Rot and Bitter Rot cause it to lose some but these diseases are carried on the potatoes into the bed and from the plants on the bed back into the fields again. The only way to get around this is to carefully select and treat the planting seed used each year until we are free of this trouble.

I also feel that a great many potatoes are lost from getting too hot in the banks. Often we find these banked and covered over at once. This causes the potatoes to become hot and go through a sweat in the bank. A better situation could not be found for the growth and development of disease. Let the potatoes have a little air and cover them as the weather begins to get colder. The most deal way of keeping potatoes of course is to cure them out in a house. In this way the temperature can always be regulated. These houses can be arranged at very little cost by fixing up a tobacco barn. The tobacco furnaces make an ideal heating arrangement and temperatures can be controlled. Dr. Poole, plant pathologist of State College, has recommended this for some time and we find it works out very nicely.

The potato crop is one crop which is often more or less neglected. This should not be the case as they are easily grown and one of our most staple foods. At our recent Program Planning meeting it was decided that we should try to do some work along this line next year.

**SOUTHERN PINES TENNIS
TEAM DEFEATS PINEHURST**

The Southern Pines School girls' tennis team defeated Pinehurst four matches to none on the Pinehurst School courts Monday. The singles matches were played by Winifred Kelley, who defeated Clarice Richardson of Pinehurst 6-1, 6-3, and Sara Barnum, who defeated Melba Wicker 6-1, 6-2. In doubles matches Nancy Wrenn and Hazel Kelly defeated Clarice Richardson and Margaret McKenzie 6-1, 6-0 and Louise Blue and Helen Cameron won from Melba Wicker and Katherine Sledge 6-0, 6-1.

An added feature to the match was an exhibition match by request of Pinehurst, between Nancy Wrenn and Hazel Kelly.

BETA CLUB INITIATES

New members initiated into the Beta Club of Southern Pines School on Monday night were Winifred Kelly, Clara Hall, Ernestine Bailey, Mildred Powell, Carlyle Cameron, Charles Phillips, James Ritchie and Edward Prizer. These eight will be formally admitted to the organization before the entire student body at an early date.

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W. E. Wright of Hamlet was a visitor in town on Sunday.

Junkor Williams left the past week for Bethlehem, where he has accepted a position for the winter.

Herbert Elkhart of Greensboro visited friends in town on Sunday.

Miss Hazel Twombly, John Cameron and Miss Eleanor Cameron attended the home coming at the Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville Sunday.

An enjoyable program was given at the Village Church last Sunday night, with pictures shown of many scenes in far away countries.

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