

NICOTINE-FREE TOBACCO SEED IS BEING TRIED

Described As Being Harmless To Smoker, But Retains Flavor

Murray, Ky.—Prof. J. S. Pullen, head of the agriculture department at Murray State College, will plant Saturday one-half teaspoonful of tobacco seeds imported from Germany and said to be the only kind in the United States free from nicotine. The seeds will be sprouted in an egg incubator protected by lock and key and watched by an armed guard.

Ray Cable, Murray citizen, owns the seeds, which he obtained from Dr. Erwin Baur, of Germany, in exchange for *Lespedeza sericea* seeds grown in Calloway County.

Nicotine-free tobacco plants were grown by Dr. Baur, Professor Pullen, said, in the Pfalz fields in Germany under supervision of the ministry of national economy, directed by Dr. Paul Koenig.

Pullen says the tobacco is described as being as harmless to smokers as water, retaining its full tobacco flavor, and containing an oil which is suitable for salad dressing.

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METHODS BY WHICH TOBACCO ALLOTMENTS ARE ARRIVED AT OUTLINED BY AGENT BRANDON

Land Bank Lends Over \$7,000,000 in Two Weeks

During the first 15 working days in March the Federal Land Bank of Columbia for itself and as Agent of the Land Bank Commissioner closed \$7,321,300 in loans. This figure represents disbursements of over \$500,000 for each working day and is less than two million dollars short of the high record set in the month of February when \$8,909,535 in loans were closed.

THE MEANING OF EASTER

Local Minister Urges Full Attendance at Church Services

By J. M. PERRY

For centuries Easter has meant to the Christian world the history woven around the Resurrection of Christ. It is an annual festival of the Christian church ordinarily speaking, but has taken on new meaning through the years. It is not so much a festival as a commemoration of the significant fact of the resurrection of Jesus.

The Council of Nice decreed that Easter Sunday should fall on the Sunday after the first full moon after March 21st. It is the second day after Good Friday. With us today the spirit means more than mere correctness of date. It is thought by scholars that Jesus rose on April 9. This may be true, but if it was another day, then the great fact of the resurrection remains the same.

Paul looked upon the resurrection of Jesus as being the crowning fact of the Gospel. He claimed that if Jesus rose not from the dead then our faith was vain. But he concludes that Christ did rise and "Because the first fruits of them that slept." His resurrection brought hope to a disconsolate world, and pointed the way to life and immortality.

Easter comes almost with the approach of spring, and with the bursting of buds, the blooming of flowers, and songs of the bees and birds, it is most fitting that the souls of all true followers of Jesus Christ should renew their covenants, their vows and fealty to their conquering, risen, living Lord.

Men and women all over the Christian world will find their way to the

Figures Farmers Gave in Are Checked Against Warehouse Reports

Martin County's tobacco reduction program is in real danger of collapse because of the reluctance of farmers to cut their acres and poundage to the county's quota, County Agent T. B. Brandon said as he explained the basis on which the allotments are determined.

Each county is a unit in the reduction program, Mr. Brandon said, and Martin may fail to carry out the program if the farmers do not readjust their acreage and poundage. "People have honestly over-estimated their yields and acreage, and they are delaying in correcting their contracts in accordance with the requirements," he explained.

Asked how the county allotments were arrived at, Mr. Brandon outlined the method as follows:

Officials took the 1920 United States census, the 1924 census, and the 1930 census, all giving figures showing what farmers actually said they had planted to the various crops. Then they took the 1933 contracts in which the farmers had given their acreage for the years just prior to that time, and checked these against suits.

The three sets of government census figures and they gave the same result.

They went further, however, and took the total warehouse sales, sworn to by the warehousemen; and the internal revenue reports made by the buyers of tobacco and checked these against the first four sets of figures mentioned—the three census reports and the 1933 contracts—and found the figures tallied. Totals tallied; and not only that, but the figures from the government reports tallied with those from the warehousement and the internal revenue department showing that the quotas were accurate.

So, he said, the government is simply using figures which the farmers themselves gave to the government in four instances, and that these tally with tobacco actually grown as reported by the warehouses and the internal revenue department.

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ADVISE AGAINST CATTLE GRAZING ON WOODS LAND

Harmful to Both Cattle and Woods, According To Forester

Grazing on woodlands is harmful to both the cattle and the timber, warns R. W. Graeber, extension forester at N. C. State College.

In wooded tracts, cattle waste their energy and reduce their body weight roving in endless searches for grass. And at the same time they prevent young saplings from growing up to renew the older trees that either die or are cut-off for wood or lumber.

Unrestricted grazing also damages timber already standing and is bad on the soil. Timber growth is slowed, the quality of the timber lowered. Tops die, roots and butts rot, and much timber that would otherwise be good has to be discarded when the trees are cut for market.

Cattle relish the foliage of white ash, sugar maple, yellow poplar, elm, basswood, white oak, red oak, shell-bark hickory, and other of the more valuable timbers. The result is that the animals browse off the saplings before they can grow to any appreciable size. Other saplings that are not eaten are liable to be trampled down.

Generally, Graeber said, the better quality woods, are preferred by the cattle, while the poorer woods are left to grow, thereby lowering the quality of the timber in the stand.

Cattle also cut up the leaf litter, pack the soil, expose the roots, and start little gullies. The result is that little rain water is absorbed. It runs off quickly in rivulets, which start erosion. With less water in the soil and the fertile elements washed away, timber growth is stunted.

churches of the Christ on that day. They will go in wheel chairs, crutches cars, carts, wagons, and afoot. It will be an impressive sight. Go to church Easter.

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BENEFICIAL EFFECT OF LIMESTONE IN FERTILIZERS TOLD BY EXPERTS

Counteracts Action of Acid-Forming Compounds Now Being Used Extensively by Manufacturers On Account of Their Low Cost

Acid-forming compounds now being used in fertilizers should be counteracted with dolomitic limestone if neutral or even a basic mixture, the productivity of the soil is to be maintained, say agronomy specialists at State College commenting on recent research information sent out by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Since acidic ammonium compounds are cheaper than the other forms of basic nitrogen, they say, many of the complete fertilizers now sold in this country are distinctly acid forming.

In former years, the forms of nitrogen used in fertilizers would give a neutral or even a basic mixture. Such fertilizers could be used without danger. There are two methods of counteracting acid. One is to apply limestone directly to the soil. The other is to mix a suitable liming material with the fertilizer. Danger of over-liming is less when the latter method is used.

However, experiments have shown that when enough ordinary limestone is added to the fertilizer to neutral-

Bertie Folks Enthusiastic Over Corn-Hog Contracts

Bertie County farmers are enthusiastic over the corn-hog reduction contracts.

ize it, there will be a loss of ammonia and phosphoric acid. Dolomitic limestone has no such bad effects.

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Loans and Discounts	\$ 1,066,536.66
Other Stocks and Bonds	49,706.00
Banking Houses and Real Estate	442,637.40
Cash and Due from Banks	\$2,985,123.37
United States Bonds (Due within 5 years)	5,803,421.02
United States Bonds (long term)	139,956.70
North Carolina Bonds	867,635.98
Municipal and other Marketable Bonds	1,133,249.17
Loans Secured by Marketable Collateral with cash values in excess of the loans	886,812.08
	11,816,198.32
	\$13,375,078.38

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock—Common	\$ 400,000.00
Capital Stock—Preferred	400,000.00
Surplus	200,000.00
Undivided Profits	122,545.59
Reserves	106,049.54
Deposits	12,146,483.25

\$13,375,078.38

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