

State College Has Timely Answers

Day's column is devoted to "Nickels for Know-How" proposal.

Question: What is the "Nickels for Know-How" proposal?

Answer: It is a plan to expand agricultural research and teaching through a contribution of five cents per ton on feed and fertilizer.

Question: Who originated it?

Answer: North Carolina's farm leaders. The 1951 General Assembly passed an act that gives farm people the opportunity to contribute directly for expanded research if they approve it in a referendum on November 3. The North Carolina

Grange, Farm Bureau, and Agricultural Foundation are charged with conducting the referendum.

Question: What is the Agricultural Foundation?

Answer: It is a corporation made up of farmers and farm leaders to receive contributions for supporting research and education.

Question: Why a special contribution? Why don't we pay for more research out of tax money?

Answer: North Carolina has such a diverse agriculture—such a varied climate, so many different crops, insects, diseases, and weed problems—that even the generous appropriations provided by the last two legislatures fall far short of needs.

Question: Is it a nickel per ton or a nickel per bag?

Answer: It's a nickel per ton. That figures out to only about a fourth of a penny per 100-pound bag.

Interesting Bits Of Business In U. S.

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Important Date For Farm People



Saturday, November 3, is an important day for North Carolina farm people. On that date they will vote on the "Nickels for Know-How" proposal to assess themselves five cents per ton on feed and fertilizer, the proceeds to be turned over to the Agricultural Foundation, Inc., at State College to promote agricultural research and education. Polls will be open from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m., and regular PMA polling places will be used. All persons who use feed or fertilizer, including women as well as 4-H, FFA, and NFA members with crop or livestock projects, are eligible to vote. Two-thirds approval is required to make the plan effective.

Gasoline Quality Bows To Defense

In at least one field the defense program is already taking its toll of civilian goods — even though it's a toll that most people don't notice. E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Co., making one of its periodic surveys of the antiknock quality of the gasoline sold and motorists, reports that both premium and regular grades have

been slipping steadily for the past several months. Tetraethyl lead, the compound that imparts the antiknock quality to gasoline, is vitally needed for high-octane aviation gas, with the result that ordinary motor gasoline is getting less and less. Du Pont says that the average octane rating for premium gasoline in 43 United States and Canadian cities at the end of September was 89.6, compared with 89.7 three months earlier and 90.2 in April. Regular grades took a corresponding drop, the survey adds.

Brave Driver Continues Until Help Is Provided

La Follette, Tenn.—With her arm nearly severed and hanging by one tendon, Miss Francis Boleur, 23-year-old woman wrestler, of Sioux City, Iowa, drove for an hour before reaching a hospital and medical attention. Miss Boleur lost the arm above the elbow in an accident in which her car and a truck sideswiped. She continued driving until she reached a restaurant, from which she was taken to a hospital, where the arm was amputated.

Things To Watch For In the Future

Newest item for the Christmas season is a 36-inch-long Christmas card train being marketed by Hallmark. Consisting of a locomotive and four cars, it is designed for the mantel or under the tree and may be used to display all the Christmas cards the family receives during the holidays. The busy housewife will like a new idea in shirt buttons. They clip on instead of being sewed, but have thread already wound through the eyes to look like they are sewn. For the motorist, they have finally come up with a dashboard gadget which, at the push of a button, tells how much oil is in the crankcase and whether it's clean or dirty. For the south-paw sportsman, an enterprising

gunsmith has finally marketed a left-handed rifle, with bolt and safety to the left. From Sweden comes a gadget, using a special set of sled-like runners, that makes it easy to take baby's carriage up or down stairs.

Street Sprinkler Burns Despite Load of Water

Springfield, Mass.—The fire department answered an alarm and found one of the street sprinklers on fire, although the vehicle was laden with hundreds of gallons of water. The fire was caused by a short circuit.

Arrow Bags Duck For 13-Year-Old Archer
 Portsmouth, N. H.—Michael (Budgie) Larkin, 13, shot an arrow into the air and bagged one wild duck. Budgie said his hit came on a duck "about 80 feet out on the (Piscataqua) river and sit-ting!"

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