

Trees Big Factor In The Economy

Christmas trees aren't the only trees in the spotlight in North Carolina now.

Down at Hatteras Island, on the Outer Banks, oranges and grapefruit are ripening on the citrus trees planted in the yards of Island residents. While citrus fruit isn't grown commercially there as yet, many Islanders are now growing their own oranges, grapefruit, lemons and tangerines. Mrs. Maude White recently counted 115 big grapefruit on her tree—the widest on the island. The climate is sub-tropical and is tempered by the warmth from the nearby Gulf Stream that the cultivation of citrus fruits is becoming more and more popular.

In Raleigh, each of the 52 varieties of trees growing on the six-and-one-half acres of Capitol Square will soon wear a new

metal marker telling visitors whether the tree is an oak, hickory, maple, gingko, coffee or long-leaf pine. The sample array of trees represents varieties found in all parts of the Tarheel State as well as some foreign countries. The markers are being prepared by the Forestry Division of the State Department of Conservation and Development.

From the 6,000-foot slopes of Roan Mountain, the Pisgah National Forest, the 9,000 evergreens sold to Christmas tree dealers in October by the National Forest Service, have been harvested and shipped to market. Some 36,000 pounds of balsam boughs have also been harvested under Forest Service supervision.

In the coastal city of Wilmington, more than 4,000 multi-colored lights are shining on "the world's largest living Christmas tree," a 75-foot water oak in Hilton Park. Decoration of this tree with lights and Spanish moss has been an annual custom since 1929, and it is not unusual for 75,000 visitors to see it during a single Yuletide season.

There are other living Christmas trees in North Carolina towns also, although not so large. They include glossy-leaved magnolias and water oaks as well as the more conventional spruce, pine, cedar and balsam. Many of the decorations used on indoor Christmas trees are handmade by North Carolina craftsmen.

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Communists Need Penicillin Badly

Various sources are now reporting that the Communists seem to be eager to obtain immediately at least one million vials of penicillin, preferably American. The penicillin is thought to be desired by Communist China for use by the Chinese armed services.

International traders, who know the channels through which Communists procure needed goods from the West, report that buying offers originated from various countries almost simultaneously, several years ago.

Concerns in Switzerland, Italy, West Germany and the Netherlands asked for delivery of the penicillin in various places. One firm asked for delivery in Amsterdam, another in Genoa and a third said it was needed in Hong-kong. High prices were offered for swift delivery in each case. Some observers have specu-



Tournament of Roses

Pasadena's world famous Tournament of Roses started out in 1890 as an informal procession of carriages bedecked with the blossoms at hand and driven over a pre-arranged route.

The idea was the brain-child of Charles Frederick Holder who, as the new zoology teacher from the east, was impressed by the abundance and beauty of flowers offered in Pasadena. Mr. Holder's suggestion that the Valley Hunt club of Pasadena sponsor an informal display thereof was received enthusiastically and New Year's Day was selected as appropriate and convenient.

So, what developed into the Tournament of Roses began as "an informal procession of carriages" on January 1, 1890. It was such a success that preparations and for multitudes increased. Floral floats made their debut and the order of the day—the parade, competitive sports, climaxed by the grand ball in the evening—was established.

Dedicated in 1923, the original seating capacity of the Rose Bowl Stadium (85,000) exceeded the total permanent population of Pasadena and recent enlargement permitted a paid attendance of 100,234 for the football classic January 1, 1950.

Likewise, the Tournament of Roses has attained world renown as a floral festival, with literally millions of blossoms bedecking an ever-increasing number of floats annually thrilling hundreds of thousands of spectators along a parade route seven miles long.

Poor Chicks Fail Pay Poultryman

A poultry farmer who buys poor chicks to start with is doomed to lose money according to R. S. Dearstyne, head of N. C. State College's Poultry Department.

"If you can't buy good chicks, don't buy them and don't start them," Dearstyne declares. It doesn't matter what season of the year chicks are started, if they have good breeding behind them and are fed properly, they will develop normally and make a profit for their owner, the poultry expert asserts.

For a year-round supply of market eggs, Dearstyne suggests that farmers start at least two lots of chicks a year, one in the fall and one in the spring.

Since North Carolina imports \$71 million worth of poultry and eggs every year, there is a market in the State for eggs produced in North Carolina, he says.

T. B. Morris, extension poultry specialist, adds: "If you can't put good quality eggs on the market don't produce them." To produce good eggs the farmer should

have a good house that is well-ventilated, deep clean litter, plenty of good feed and good water, and community nests. Also he says, eggs should be collected two or three times a day, stored in a cool place, and cooled as quickly as possible.

Negro Farmer Has Fine Farm

When William Smith, Negro farmer of Pitt County, was driven from his South Carolina cotton farm by the boll weevil in 1936, he came to North Carolina with a little less than \$5 in his pockets.

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Dennis Dupree, Negro Pitt County farm agent for the Extension Service, notes that Smith worked as a tenant for 10 years before he saved \$10,000 to apply to the purchase of the 83-acre

farm that he now owns. Smith borrowed \$5,000 from an insurance company in 1948 for 15 years and repaid the loan in four years. Now, there is not so much as a crop lien on the farm. Last spring he sold \$200 worth of calves. The sale of calves, hogs, chickens and eggs gives him operating capital. He plants six acres of peanuts, five acres of cotton, and has five acres of permanent pasture.

G. O. P. Elephant Now Wintering Out in Ohio

Burma, a five-and-a-half-ton elephant, now wintering with a circus in Greenville, Ohio, will be in the inaugural parade on January 20th. The circus will also send two other elephants to the parade.

The 33-year-old farmer has seven children ranging in age from 5 to 14 years.

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Unusual New Year's Customs Are Still Observed in Scotland

Neither gaiety nor giddiness quite describe some of the odd and ancient customs that color the New Year season in Scotland. Morayshire, they preserve the pagan Yule fires with "The Burning of the Clavie." The "Clavie" is a tar filled barrel, which is lit with a flaming brand and carried round the town. It is then rolled down a local hillside where villagers scramble for the burning embers as luck-bringers.

Polio Strikes Family Just As Things Looked Bright

Chicago. — Two months ago, Thomas Michiels, 21, seemed about ready to fulfill his dream of a new home for his family and a fine practice as a dentist. Today, he is paralyzed from the neck down, destitute and may never practice again. His wife is in an even more serious condition, completely paralyzed and in a respirator. Their son, Robert, 5, is paralyzed below the waist—all victims of polio. The Michiels' two other sons, who escaped the disease, are being cared for by grandparents.

ed that the Chinese Communists are in need of penicillin because of another epidemic or a high rate of casualties because of uncleanness and infection behind the Communist front lines in Korea. These observers note that efforts to obtain penicillin, were most actively pressed last spring, when the Communist troops suffered a series of epidemics. At that time, the Communists are thought to have succeeded in getting several hundred thousand vials of an American brand of penicillin, which was first shipped to Amsterdam, then to Israel and then it is assumed—to Prague.

"Cottonade Emmett," a bull recently sold by the Southeastern Artificial Breeding Stud at Asheville to the Wisconsin Stud, sired 4,200 calves while in the State.

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