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CARE SHOULD BE USED IN TOMATO CROP HANDLING

Should Make Every Effort To Insure Protection While in Transit

(Note: This article was written by Guy A. Cardwell, agricultural and industrial agent of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, and as there is a considerable tomato acreage in Washington County the Beacon passes it along to the readers for what the information is worth to them.)

Tomatoes are tender and highly perishable and should be harvested and packed as rapidly as is consistent with careful handling methods. When green they seem firm and will apparently stand a considerable amount of rough handling, but the damage becomes apparent in the markets after the fruit has ripened. Every effort should be made to lessen the opportunity for injuries which subsequently permit the entrance of decay organisms into the fruit.

It is unfortunate that in many sections the harvesting operations are performed by laborers who are either ignorant of or are indifferent to these points. Even well-informed growers and shippers often fail to give proper attention to the improvement of the quality of their product, and in their effort to handle a large acreage they overlook the fact that profits often depend more upon quality than upon quantity.

Tomatoes reach a stage of maturity that will insure proper ripening several days before any pink or red color develops on the surface. This is especially true of the Globe variety and some others widely grown for table stock. The exact stage of maturity at which they should be gathered therefore depends to a large extent on the distance from the markets. Three definite stages are recognized commercially—mature green, pink, and ripe; however, where tomatoes are grown under contract in most cases the contract calls for delivery of green tomatoes only.

In large fields the pickers operate in crews under the immediate direction of the grower or his foreman. They are usually paid by the day, although some growers prefer to pay on the basis of the quantity picked. The latter practice is satisfactory when the pickers are closely supervised at all times.

In picking, tomatoes should be grasped in the hand, with the thumb or forefinger pressing against the stem, and separated from the vine by a half turn or twist. Even at the mature stage they are readily separated, as a layer of hard-walled or corky cells develop at the union of the stem and fruit.

While there are five important kinds of packages used for the shipment of fresh tomatoes these are not being described, as practically all of the tomatoes will be delivered to packing houses for grading and packing by the operators, who will supply their own containers. In other words, the growers' responsibility ends when tomatoes are accepted by the packing-house operator. The growers should bear in mind, however, that he should do his part carefully and well, for the operator must have a good product to sell if he is to continue in business; and that experienced operators can help materially in building this new industry if the growers will help by delivering to them only tomatoes of the proper grades.

Warning Against Civil Service Coaching Schools

The following statement is made by the United States Civil Service Commission and is passed on to the readers of the Roanoke Beacon by H. A. Liverman, assistant postmaster here:

The commission warns the public against paying money for "coaching" courses in preparation for Federal civil service examinations.

Schools which sell such courses under present conditions accept money under false pretenses. A purveyor of civil service courses is now under indictment in Iowa for false representation. It is expected that other such cases of prosecution will follow.

Comparatively few appointments are being made in the Federal civil service. Vacancies which must be filled are filled by the transfer of those in the service or the reinstatement of those who have been in the service, wherever practicable.

It is seldom necessary to announce an examination. In most cases large registers of eligibles exist as a result of examinations held during the past year. When an examination is announced, the applicants are usually hundreds of times in excess of the need.

Money paid for civil service coaching courses at this time might almost as well be thrown to the four winds.

PLANT REOPENS

The local plant of the National Wilts Veneer Corporation that has been closed down since its discontinuance by the Chicago Mill and Lumber Corporation is again in operation. It started up this week to manufacture tomato boxes for shipping the vegetables.

It will employ about 25 persons for about 60 days, while the season lasts. E. F. Still is in charge while W. A. Davidson is in charge of the plant. It is hoped that at the end of this time business conditions will be so that the operation of this plant can be continued.

INCREASE QUOTA OF BURIAL FLAGS

Two Flags Will Be Kept in Post Office Here At All Times

Burial flag quotas in Washington and other counties has been increased from one to two, it was announced today by Postmaster A. L. Alexander. These flags are kept at the post office here for use in the military burial of former service men.

They are furnished by the veterans administration of the Federal Government, with W. C. Mitchum, of Charlotte, regional supply officer in charge. Relatives of a deceased former soldier can procure them immediately by furnishing postal officials with certain information.

Each requisition for a free flag should be accompanied by the necessary information on blanks that can be furnished by the local post office. Before any person can secure a flag they must arrange for this flag to be replaced in the post office by rendering the necessary information called for on the blanks.

WILL ATTEND CLUB MEETING

Tar Heel Farmers To Hold Session in Raleigh Next Week

Roper.—Henry Everett and Thomas Davis, students in the vocational agriculture department of the Roper High School, will attend the Young Tar Heel Farmers Club meeting that will be held in Pullen Hall at State College, Raleigh, next week.

The dormitory will be open for any teachers and boys on the nights of June 27, 28, and 29. A fee of 50 cents a teacher and the same for his wife will be charged to cover the cost of janitor service, ice, lights, and such other conveniences as are afforded. There will be no charge for boys' rooms. Meals may be secured at the cafeteria.

The annual conference of teachers of vocational agriculture at State College will last for only one day this year, and that will be on June 28 with B. G. O'Brien as one representative from Washington County. The annual Young Tar Heel Farmer meeting will be on June 29 and 30.

A schedule of the conferences will be talks on farm reorganization, outlook, addresses, report of supervisor, and other such business from 9 to 12 and from 2 to 5 o'clock discussions of latest developments in technical agriculture and approval of district program work. Roy H. Thomas, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, will preside.

Country Bridge Club Is Organized This Week

Some women of the Country Bridge community met at the home of Mrs. L. A. Parrisher Monday afternoon for the purpose of organizing a home demonstration club. The name given the club was Country Bridge Home Demonstration Club.

Officers elected were: President, Mrs. L. A. Parrisher; vice president, Mrs. Lillie Williams; Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Lilley; assistant secretary, Miss Gertrude Hassell; garden leader, Mrs. O. Craddock; canning leader, Mrs. S. L. Lilley; yard leader, Miss Florence Parrisher; Mrs. W. J. Hassell and Miss Blanche were elected as the social committee.

Miss Patterson made an interesting talk on gardening, canning, yard improvement, and home management. The July meeting, dealing with canning, will be held with Mrs. S. L. Lilley. After the business meeting, refreshments were served by the hostess.

W. R. Hampton Member Congressional Committee

W. R. Hampton, of Plymouth, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Washington County, was chosen a member of the congressional executive committee, in Raleigh, by the members of the first congressional district, just before the State convention met last Thursday.

FREE WHEELING DEVICE MADE BY COUNTY NATIVE

Invention of J. F. Gaylord Attracting Interest in Auto World

Another local boy has made good from Washington County in the person of J. F. Gaylord, 119 South Liberty Street, Muncie, Ind., who has invented a new free-wheeling transmission for automobiles, and a story with his picture explaining his work appeared in a recent issue of the Muncie Morning Star.

Mr. Gaylord was here about four years ago visiting a relative, C. R. Gaylord, of Plymouth, and continued on his trip to Roper, where he was connected with important families. He was born and raised in Roper, leaving there about 38 years ago. He visits Washington County periodically.

Here is something of what the Morning Star says of him, "One of the transmissions built by the inventor in Muncie machine shops has been installed in a car of standard make, replacing the transmission originally in the car, which is now in use for demonstrations.

"About one year ago the technical engineer perfected another free wheeling mechanism that is being used extensively. His latest invention is an all-friction unit, doing away with the roller type cam or spring arrangement. The new device is more compact than the transmissions at present in use and being of less diameter and not as long as other types makes it more easily adaptable for all types of automobiles.

"Among the chief features claimed for the new invention—and a trial spin in the car of the inventor bears out his claims—is that it can be switched from one speed to another, and from free-wheeling to conventional gear, without noise or jerk.

"The transmission can be 'locked in' at any speed of the motor and without sound accompanying the change. The transmission can be operated so that the driver of the car can speed up the motor to the speed of the car or push out the clutch and also be 'locked in' if the motor is not running by pushing out the clutch, these operations being accomplished without sound or the often jerky, lurching of the machine."

"Another claim of the new device is that it is much more simple of construction, more durable, and will cost less to manufacture and install. It is of such design as to eliminate all 'back lash' when the gear is being driven in conventional gear.

"Mr. Gaylord expects soon to have the device on the market for use in the manufacture of the standard makes of automobiles."

Plymouth Team Wins Over Jamesville Sunday

Parson W. Brown laid down a bunt in the ninth inning with Dick Cheson racing home from third and Miller Warren scoring from second to produce the needed two runs to defeat Jamesville here Sunday afternoon. Up to this time the game had been close.

Hurling duties were divided between Jake Sawyer and Charles Mizelle for Plymouth. Styron made some good catches in the field for Plymouth.

County Ranks 93rd in Enrollment of Schools

Washington County ranks 93rd in the year 1930-31 in white schools, with an enrollment of 1,064, an average daily membership of 970, an average daily attendance of 820, or an average of 84 per cent in attendance.

The colored schools were more than 20 points ahead of the white, having an enrollment of 1,623, an average daily membership of 1,516, with 1,216 as a daily attendance record, or 80 per cent.

New Jersey Friends Visit Miss Beriont Near Roper

Roper.—The following visitors are spending some time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. McCloud, near here, as the guests of Miss Anna Beriont: Mr. and Mrs. Barfoot, Mrs. J. A. C. Killbrew, Mrs. Beriont and Miss Beriont. All are from Linden, New Jersey.

MANY SEEK JOBS

More than 100 applicants have filed notices for jobs as wrappers and graders for the Crockett Packing Company, it was announced today by J. W. Darden, manager. As many jobs as possible will be given to these people. They reported Monday, and about half of them were taken on for a while. More will be added as needed.

A large number will be used in the packing of the vegetables at the warehouse of the Plymouth Wholesale Company here.

NEED OF BUILDING-LOAN BODY HERE REALIZED

Could Receive Aid Under Home Loan Bill From Federal Government

Need of a building and loan association for Plymouth and Washington County was brought to the front as a paramount issue last week with the passage of the Home Loan Bank Bill by the House of Representatives that is intended to benefit the home owners of the country.

This bill is designed to care for the immediate situation as well as to establish a permanent reserve system to make funds for home mortgages more available and less costly. It is intended to serve the home-financing institutions, such as building and loan associations, by providing a source of long-time credit to enable these institutions to meet the needs of those seeking home mortgage money at all times.

Major uses of these funds provided by the bill is to refinance existing mortgages so as to permit smaller payments and to accommodate the needs of withdrawing members and depositors; to give home-financing institutions funds permitting them to tide over or carry along worthy borrowers who are having difficulty in meeting interest or installment payments; to assist borrowers in paying taxes and insurance costs, which must be maintained.

The bill provides a source of funds to refinance the thousands of short-term mortgages which have been called for payment because of bank failures and because of like financial institutions converting their resources into liquid funds; to provide for modernization, repairs, and maintenance of existing homes; for such building of small homes as may be desired and needed in many localities, thus providing employment.

This bill would react favorably for a building and loan association in this county if there was such an organization. Plymouth is one of the few towns of its size in this section that does not have a building and loan association in it. There is a group here that is capable of organizing and operating such an organization if they would do it. If no one here takes the initiative, then maybe the Washington or Williamston organizations would use Plymouth as a kind of subsidiary or unit.

Number From County On Federal Jury July 18th

Jurors drawn from Washington County for the special civil term of the Federal court of the Washington division which will convene July 18 for two weeks, as reported by W. M. Bateman, clerk, follow:

John L. Phelps, Creswell; John Browning, Plymouth; Henry E. Harrison, Plymouth; J. L. Norman, Creswell; Charles Robbins, Plymouth; C. L. Walker, Roper; and C. L. Barnes, Creswell route two.

Frank Sawyer Dies in Rocky Mount Hospital

Frank Sawyer, about 36 years of age, died in a Rocky Mount hospital Friday night from a disease commonly termed the double pneumonia. He had been sick about three weeks. He lived on the Long Acre road in Plymouth Township.

Funeral rites were held at 3:30 Sunday afternoon in Ayden, where he was buried. Surviving is a widow and two small children. Rev. W. H. Brunson, pastor of the Christian church, officiated.

Bargains? Maybe!

At Townsend, Mass., a 16-room Colonial mansion, a summer home, and a large barn were sold at auction for \$8, \$3.50 and \$1, respectively, with the stipulation that the purchasers move the buildings because the land on which the structures stood was wanted as a site for a school building.

Getting Up in the World

Byron C. Hawley, of New York City, who is 6 feet 2 inches tall, is the father of 3 boys—Byron, jr., Lee, and Edwin—whose respective heights are 6 feet 8 inches, 6 feet 7 inches, and 6 feet 6 inches. Hawley's father was 6 feet 2 inches tall, and his mother 6 feet.

Let Charlie Do It

A report from Hodgenville, Ky., says that Charlie Warren, who acted on the advice of Charlie Fields when he bought the business of Charlie Farrell, employed Charlie Creal to write the deed which Charlie Akin took to the Larue County courthouse where it has been recorded by Charlie Walters.

To Ballot On 8 Candidates In 2nd Primary Next Week

Washington County voters will again vote to the polls in the five precincts July 2 to cast their ballots for their choice of eight candidates for state and county offices in the Democratic primary.

Richard T. Fountain, who ran second to John Christopher Blucher Ehringhaus in the gubernatorial race, has filed for a second primary. The Elizabeth City man polled 162,498 votes, while Fountain counted 115,127 in the first contest, with A. J. Maxwell coming third.

In the race for the United States Senate Cameron Morrison trailed Robert R. Reynolds with the latter getting 156,548 to Morrison's

143,176, with Tam C. Bowie, Frank D. Grist, and Arthur Simmons accounting for a few thousand among them.

Clarence E. Mitchell will oppose A. L. Fletcher for the nomination to the office of commissioner of labor, with 76,216 votes, while Mitchell was second with 74,820, with the other four candidates dividing the remaining ballots.

The only fight in Washington County is between Ernest G. Arps and J. Corbett Swain for treasurer. Swain led Arps by four votes with a total of 389 to 385 for Arps. The contest is expected to be lively as the contestants are well liked.

FIRM FORMED TO BUY TOMATOES

S. C. Corbin and Preston Lowe To Be On Market As Independents

A new firm is opening up here on Water Street in the old National Handle Company building for the purpose of handling tomatoes for independent growers, with S. C. Corbin and Preston Lowe in charge, and the firm will be known as Corbin and Lowe.

This firm has connections with one of the oldest and most reliable produce commission houses in the country, and they will endeavor to render satisfactory service in every deal. They will buy and wrap only green tomatoes that are in a marketable condition.

These two men have been engaged in this produce work for a number of years, and are experienced in the business. They have been buying other such commodities in this State in different towns. They came from Crisfield, Md., where tomatoes have been handled extensively for years.

They will be open for business June 24 and will accept tomatoes at top-notch prices for the next sixty days, according to Mr. Corbin. Water and lights and other conveniences that can be afforded will be placed for the use of employees in their work with the vegetables.

They will work two shifts in the busy season, making it a day and night task and will employ about 60 wrappers and graders. No outside helpers will be secured if it is possible to secure local labor.

Gilbert Davis To Preach Here Next Sunday Night

Gilbert Davis, local merchant and minister, will preach at the evening service of the Plymouth Christian Church Sunday at 8 o'clock. He is well known here as a pulpit orator of ability, and it is thought that a large crowd will attend. Walter H. Paramore will sing a solo.

The morning service will be conducted by Wilmer Chesson, who is reputed to be a good speaker, and a good crowd as usually attends this church is expected to attend. Special music will possibly feature this service also.

Sunday school meets at 9:45 o'clock. The Junior Christian Endeavor meets at 6:30 and the senior organization at 7 o'clock. Prayer services are held each Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Stores Here Will Close Wednesday Afternoons

Merchants and business men in Plymouth closed their stores here last Wednesday after they had signed an agreement to do so, despite the fact that Young's store here would not cooperate with the business men in their efforts to give their clerks a half holiday each Wednesday during the summer.

It is thought that despite the fact that the officials of the chain store refused to give their consent for the local manager to sign the document that the chamber of commerce will prevail on them to join in the closing by next Wednesday. Young's was the only store open here Wednesday except the drug stores.

FIRST TOMATOES

The first tomatoes to be exhibited to the Beacon office this season were brought in last Saturday by Walter Moore, who operates a farm on the Bateman tract out of Plymouth a short distance. Mr. Moore showed about eight of the beautiful green vegetables.

It was Mr. Moore's opinion that the tomatoes would be ripe enough to sell by the time the paper reaches the subscribers. He has only an acre. The plants were put in the ground March 15. Mr. Moore had early tomatoes last season.

TELLS RESULTS OF EXPERIMENTS AT WENONA FARM

Well Pleased With Live-Stock and Feed Program

"Now for some of the new facts from the experimental work at the Blackland Test Farm at Wenona in Washington County, with J. L. Rea, assistant director in charge," said Fred E. Miller, of Raleigh, director of the test farms for the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, in a recent issue of the Agricultural Review.

"Mr. Rea is as yet well pleased with his livestock and feed program, which is without doubt the most profitable plan for the farmers to follow in the large blackland region of eastern North Carolina. The feeding tests just completed show that beef cattle can be successfully fed on home-grown feed alone, namely soybean hay, shelled corn, and pasture.

"In the yellow corn feeding experiments this past winter it was found that pigs which have received sufficient green grazing in the fall made equally as good gains on white corn as the lot receiving yellow corn. When the pigs are not allowed good grazing before the dry lot feeding period, the pigs receiving yellow corn made one-third pounds a day average gain over the lot receiving white corn.

"In the fertilizer experiments with corn on the blacklands, potash alone has given better yields than a complete fertilizer. Oats and Irish potatoes are the only crops grown on this soil type that have given increased yields with complete fertilizer.

"This has been one of the most difficult periods in the life of agriculture, and the Wenona Test Farm has not escaped injury brought about by the general condition. Budgets have necessarily been reduced and the low prices of products have materially affected the activities but with a reduced program the farm will carry on for a better day in agriculture."

FEDERAL TAXES GO INTO EFFECT

2-Cent Charge Made on All Checks and Drafts By Banks

The Federal Revenue Act of 1932 makes it obligatory for each bank or trust company to impose a 2-cent tax upon all "checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money" presented for payment on or after June 21, 1932, it was announced today by H. E. Beam, cashier of the Branch Banking and Trust Company here.

The law specifically directs that the amount of tax shall be charged "against any deposits to the credit of the makers or drawers of such instrument," and all current statements, therefore, will cover checks paid by banks plus tax.

The same revenue act imposes a 10 per cent tax on all safe deposit box rentals collected on or after June 21, 1932. The law further specifies that this tax shall be paid by "the person paying for the use of the safe deposit box." Accordingly, 10 per cent will be added to all safe deposit charges after June 21.

Funeral for Mrs. Gertrude Wright Held Last Friday

Mrs. Gertrude Wright, 62, wife of David Wright, was buried last Friday afternoon after a lingering illness of four months. She was interred at the old home place of the family in Washington County. Surviving is a husband and two children.

For a number of years Mrs. Wright resided in Washington County, where she taught school, and most of the old timers in Plymouth remember the contributions that this lady made to the Roanoke Beacon years ago that brightened the paper with its wisdom and entertainment.

Harry R. Latham, Former Resident, Is Visitor Here

Harry R. Latham, assistant auditor in the bureau of chemistry and soils, of the United States Department of Agriculture, of Washington, D. C., is here spending some time with his wife Mrs. Irene Bassinger Latham. Mr. Latham was employed in the office of the old Wilts Veneer Company here before the Chicago Mill and Lumber Corporation assumed charge about three years ago.

Local Fire Fighters to Play Darden Nine at Reas Beach

The Plymouth Fire Department nine will play Dardens at Reas Beach Sunday afternoon. Those attending will have to contribute more freely to the boys for balls and gasoline to go to the different places if the games are to continue.