

Helpful Hints For Farmers

EARLY SWEET POTATOES

For an early crop of sweet potatoes, the seed should be bedded about six weeks before the average date of the last killing frost. This means that the plant bed must be prepared and the seed put in six weeks before plants are needed for setting in the field.

E. B. Morrow, extension horticulturist at State College, says the best way to get good plants for setting is to grow them on the home farm. He also says that every family this year, should have at least one or two acres of sweet potatoes. The medium sized, disease-free seed stock make the best bedding potatoes, though the smaller ones may be used if obtained from good parent stock. About eight bushels of seed are required to produce enough seed to set out an acre at the first pulling.

Those who do not want the entire crop to come early, may bed only four bushels and make successive plantings from time to time. Mr. Morrow advocates the old-fashioned manure heated hot bed for farm use. Commercial plant growers use steam, hot water or flues to heat their beds but this is not necessary for a small farm acreage.

Space seed potatoes about one inch apart over the sand and manure after the soil temperature has dropped from the first heating period caused by the fresh manure. If spaced too closely, the plants will be spindling and weak. Cover the seed with two or more inches of sandy soil and wet the bed thoroughly. It will be necessary to make a plank frame about the bed and cover it with glass or muslin cloth until frost danger is over.

The wise potato grower usually treats his seed with a solution made of one ounce of bichloride of mercury to eight gallons of water to kill any spores of disease germs. The potatoes are soaked in this solution for 15 minutes, placed immediately in the bed and covered with the soil after drying.

ANNOUNCE CORN CONTEST

A state-wide corn growing contest open to all regularly enrolled 4-H club members of North Carolina will be conducted this year with cash prizes amounting to \$350 offered through the agricultural extension service of State College by the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Educational Bureau.

The contest will be in charge of L. R. Harrill, state club leader, and will be conducted in each of the four extension districts. District prizes of \$35, \$20, \$15, \$10 and \$17.50 are offered for first, second, third, fourth and fifth places respectively. In addition, the Chilean Nitrate Bureau will award a gold medal for the highest yield produced in the State with a silver medal for second state prize and a bronze medal for third place.

Under the rules of the contest, each contestant will enter one acre of corn by June 15. The acre must be designated and approved by the county farm agent and will be grown according to his advice and suggestion. At least 50 contestants must be entered from the extension district before prizes for that district will be awarded says Mr. Harrill. If there are less than 50 contestants in a district, only the highest records will be eligible to compete in the state awards and no district prizes will be given in that district.

In addition to growing the corn according to recommendations of the county agent, a complete record must be kept on the acre and this filed with the county agent by December 15.

TO GET RID OF GARLIC

The plowing of tillable and in late fall and again in early spring, immediately followed by the growing of a thoroughly cultivated row crop, will control wild garlic, a troublesome weed in small-grain fields and in pastures. This method usually must be followed for three years to clean up most of the garlic. Garlicy wheat produces garlic-tainted bread, and milk from cows that graze on garlic-infested pastures is tainted.

DON'T MIX 'EM

Turkeys convey tapeworms to chickens, and chickens convey blackhead to turkeys. Don't raise

both unless you can keep them well separated.

FOR HEALTHY PIGS

Plan to raise young pigs free from roundworms by following the system of swine sanitation developed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Write to the Department for Leaflet 5-L. It gives the details. Also avoid trouble with flies in summer by plowing under straw and manure.

CURE FOR GULLIES

It is possible to prevent the formation of destructive and wasteful gullies in any region in the South where Bermuda grass will grow. When planted in newly formed or even in old and large gullies, it catches the washed-down soil, holds it in place, and stops the gullies. Planting this grass in newly formed gullies will soon smooth them off. Bermuda grass will also protect leaves from washing. This grass grows well on almost any soil which is fertile and not too wet, but it does better on heavy soils.

FARMERS INCREASING

Last year, for the first time in at least ten years, the farm population of the country increased instead of diminishing.

MORE VETERINARIANS NEEDED

One type of professional man at least, the veterinarian, is not finding his field overcrowded today, in the opinion of Dr. J. R. Mohler, chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, United States Department of Agriculture. Doctor Mohler says the field is not likely to be overcrowded for some time because there are fewer students in veterinary colleges than formerly and because the field is expanding. One of the most promising opportunities for the veterinarian is in the field of parasitology. Parasites, he says, are present in most animals almost everywhere at all times. Thus the veterinary parasitologist has a broad field when he treats only our common domestic animals and fowls, but his future field will be very much broader than this.

COOPERATE AND SAVE

Edgecombe county farmers saved about \$1,000 through cooperative purchase of lespedeza seed. One hundred farmers pooled their orders.

PITY THIS FARMER

Because of hail damage last summer in Wayne county, one farmer sold actually \$150 worth of produce from the 150 acres of land he had in cultivation. About 25 growers have made applications for government loans due to this hail damage.

MELON GROWERS COOPERATE

Hoke county farmers will plant about 1200 acres to watermelons this year and will market the crop through a local produce association recently organized.

POULTRY BLOOD-TESTED

Poultrymen of Burke county had 1,441 hens blood-tested to be used for breeding purposes. The flocks have also been rigidly culled.

THE PASTOR SAYS

Isaiah might have put it this way: "They shall beat their plowshares into swords, and their pruning-hooks into spears, neither shall they cease to learn war any, in order that nation may be scared too stiff to lift up sword against nation."—John Andrew Holmes.

Improvements at W. C. T. College

CULLOWHEE, March 4.—Improvements are being made on the grounds surrounding the new Reuben Robertson Hall at Western Carolina Teachers college. Grounds have been prepared for sewing grass seed, new tennis courts are being made, and preparation is being completed preparatory to building a new driveway that will lie back of the dormitory.

The BEST Gray Hair Remedy is Home Made

To half pint of water add one ounce bay rum, a small box of Barbo Compound and one-fourth ounce of glycerine. Any druggist can put this up or you can mix it at home at very little cost. Apply to the hair twice a week until the desired shade is obtained. It will gradually darken streaked, faded or gray hair and make it soft and glossy. Barbo will not color the scalp, is not sticky or greasy and does not rub off.

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4-H Clubs Over State Improving Farm Yields

RALEIGH, March 4.—The 26,638 rural boys and girls enrolled in the 4-H clubs organized and conducted by extension workers of State college, played a commendable share in improving acre yields of food and feed crops and in handling livestock for better profits last year.

L. R. Harrill, state club leader, says for example, that there were 1,461 club members with corn projects. Of this number 1,001 members completed their work and made reports. These boys and girls grew 1203 acres of corn producing 49,467 bushels or an average yield of 49.4 bushels an acre and compared to the 2019 average acre yield for the state as a whole.

The average yield of wheat grown by 29 club members was 16.8 bushels compared with a state average of 12.5 bushels an acre. The average yield per acre of Irish potatoes grown by 127 members reporting was 141 bushels as compared with the state average of 98.

BAPTISTS HEAR J. A. FLANAGAN

Rev. Dr. W. E. Abernethy Leaves; Church Is Without Pastor

Dr. W. E. Abernethy, former pastor of the Baptist church, left for Rutherford College, in Burke county, last Sunday morning. It is hoped, however, the church will not be without a pastor very long. There was no preaching at the church Sunday morning, but Dr. Abernethy, before he left, invited the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, pastor of the Presbyterian church, to preach Sunday night, which he did, using as a text, Mark, 14-8, "She hath done what she could." He stressed the fact that we should do what we can for the Master.

Johnnie Rogers, general superintendent of all the B. Y. P. U. organizations of the church, reports that 78 per cent of the enrollment attended Sunday night, and that there was general improvement in attendance and work in all the departments of the organization. He also announced that there would be a social gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Jamison's Friday night.

The Rev. G. Clifton Ervin, pastor of the Methodist church, upon invitation, conducted prayer meeting at the Baptist church Wednesday night a week ago.

The B. Y. P. U. will give a program at the church next Sunday night at 8 o'clock, and invites all who will to come out, and by their presence, encourage them in their work.

Highlands Girl Is Cullowhee Debater

CULLOWHEE, March 4.—Debaters at Western Carolina Teachers college chosen to participate in the coming forensic contests are busily engaged in final preparations before meeting the opposing teams at the college and on other campuses. The debaters are: Misses Flora Gilbert of Columbus; Dorothy Burnette of Swannanoa; Ethel Calloway, Highlands; and Ora E. Jones of Burlington.

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COUNTY ROADS IN N. C. MAPPED

Survey Shows Counties Maintain 45,000 Highway Miles

(Special to The Franklin Press)

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The first complete atlas showing county roads in North Carolina has just been completed by the State Highway Commission, the Bureau of Public Roads, U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced. The maps were compiled after a survey of county roads and the financial operations of local road authorities in which the State Highway and Tax Commissions and the bureau cooperated at the request of Governor O. Max Gardner. They are made on a scale of one inch per mile, and are perhaps the first complete county road maps for any State in the country. There are in all 100 maps, one for each county.

The maps can not be classed as true survey charts but they nevertheless show accurately the location of all the roads. They also disclose a wide discrepancy between the 65,311 miles estimated as the total county road mileage by county officials in 1926 and the 45,000 miles actually counted in the survey. However, 2,645 miles of county roads were transferred to the state highway system in the four-year period, leaving an actual discrepancy of more than 17,500 miles. The survey was begun about August 1; field work was finished in October; and the maps were completed in less than six months.

Cooking Prunes

Do not boil prunes. Simmering them, below the boiling point or cooking them in a double boiler, softens the skin, whereas hard boiling toughens them. If you add sugar, add it about five minutes before the prunes are done. If you wish a thick syrup, remove the prunes from the liquid in which they are cooked and boil it for five minutes.

For variety, add a slice of lemon or orange or a stick of cinnamon to the prunes when they are cooking.

BEST SELLING NOVEL NOW PUT INTO TALKIES

"Passion Flower," a thrilling sex-triangle talkie produced by M-G-M from Kathleen Norris' best selling novel, will be shown at the Macon theatre next Monday and Tuesday. In the cast of the picture are numbered such famous screen personalities as Kay Francis, Kay Johnson, Lewis Stone, Charles Bickford, Zasu Pitts. Frankly, "PASSION FLOWER" is not recommended for the immature mind. It is an open and frank exposition of marriage's oldest problem,—the infaturation of a husband who has become slightly bored with his home sex life for

one of those lovely, languorous, exotic "passion flowers" who seem born to become thieves of love. The picture offers a solution to the problem, and a daring one. "PASSION FLOWER" is the problem of every married woman on the globe. If you are married, or ever expect to be married, you will want to see it.

Grapefruit

If you are to serve grapefruit for breakfast, scoop out the pulp at night; add orange pulp and sugar to it and set it away in a very cold place to mingle flavors until morning. Then serve in sherbert glasses. You will find this less bitter and more delicious than grapefruit alone.

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