

North Carolina growers intend to plant 10,000 acres of commercial watermelons, this year. This figure is slightly above the 1947 acreage.

STATE COLLEGE ANSWERS TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS

QUESTION—How can kerosene be piped to stoves for brooding poultry?
ANSWER—Lee W. Herrick, Jr., Extension poultry specialist at State College says you can save many dollars by piping the kerosene directly to the brooder. The supply tank should be elevated outside the brooder house with a pipe run from the main supply line. Kerosene may be piped to the brooder by one of two ways: (1) Fit a 1/2 inch pipe to the main supply line just above the brooder house and fill the tank with kerosene. The supply line valve should be turned to the brooder tank to keep the level con-

STATE COLLEGE HINTS TO FARM HOMEMAKER

(By Ruth Current)
State Home Demonstration Agent
When disconnecting an appliance cord always grasp it by the plug—not by the cord itself. This will prevent pulling the small wires out of place and so lengthen the life of the cord.

A light placed over the sink and another placed over the range in the kitchen pay big dividends in better light and better sight.

To prevent doors from squeaking, oil the hinges with a feather dipped in oil. Clocks, too, may be oiled in this way and the sewing machine.

Unusual Cake Frostings—Mint Chocolate: To make a simple mint chocolate frosting for a cake, melt chocolate-covered mints in a double boiler and spread on cake. Scent a frosting hardens quickly and has a delicious flavor. Peanut Butter: It is in need of a quick and delicious frosting, try this easy recipe. Mix one and one-half cups of powdered sugar with one tablespoon of peanut butter and add enough cream to spread. This is especially appetizing when used on a spice cake.

Place an apple in the cake box in which a cake is to be stored and the cake will not dry out so rapidly. This is an excellent idea for storing inexpensive fruit cakes also.

Keep a stiff brush near the laundry tubs and before putting any garment with pockets into the wash, turn the pockets inside out and brush thoroughly. This same handy little brush also is indispensable for brushing soapuds on stubborn soil such as is found on neckbands, collars, and cuffs of shirts. Brushing is easier and more efficient than rubbing on a board.

QUESTION—How can I destroy broom sedge in my pasture? I have tried burning it off, but it comes right back.

ANSWER—Broom sedge is a poorland pest. It cannot be eliminated by "burning off," but it can be controlled by fertilization. Tests show that it was reduced appreciably by liberal applications of phosphoric acid. The reduction in broom sedge was much greater when phosphoric acid and potash were applied, but the most striking decrease occurred with the application of nitrogen, together with the other mineral elements.

QUESTION—Are all strawberries of equal value in vitamin C contents?

ANSWER—The U. S. Department of Agriculture reports that tests of many varieties of strawberries show that the same condition which produce fine flavor in any variety of strawberry also product highest vitamin C content. Sunshine, long periods of daylight, cool nights and moderately warm days give berries both their best flavor and their highest content of vitamin C. Studies showed that berries which ripen on the plant are better in flavor and higher in vitamin C than when picked green and allowed to ripen afterward.

Muriel Ashe, Pat Montague Win U. D. C. Medals

Miss Muriel Ashe of the Cullowhee High school and Pat Montague of the Sylva High school were the winners of the Gertrude Dills McKee medals in the recitation-declamation contest held at the Sylva Baptist church on Thursday evening. This contest is sponsored each year by the B. H. Cathy chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the medals are given by Mrs. E. L. McKee.

Miss Ashe gave the reading "Bill" by Zona Gale and Pat's declamation was "The Liberty Bell", author unknown. Others entering the contest and their readings were Roberta Pruett, Glenville High school, "Welcome"; J. R. Dills, Cullowhee High school, "Makers of the Flag"; Thomas Edward McDevitt, Glenville High school, "Human Rights"; Marie West of Sylva High school who gave "The Blue Bird," but was unable to attend.

The program was opened with a group of Southern songs by some of the members of the Sylva band, directed by N. R. Beacham. They played again while the judges were making their decisions and Mr. Beacham and Miss Mary Cole Stillwell sang a duet.

Miss Bertha Cunningham, chairman of the committee which arranged the contest, presided and Mrs. McKee presented the medals to the winners. The judges were: Mrs. L. R. Taft of Cullowhee, Mrs. J. W. Rainhart of Webster, and Hugh Monteth of Sylva.

Now Is Good Time To Prepare For Canning

Housewives should begin now to round up their canning equipment and get it in order, says Miss Ruth Current, State home demonstration agent for the State College Extension Service.

"It's just as important to conserve food this year as it was any year during the war," Miss Current said. "Canning should be done by a budget and according to the number in the family."

Now is a good time to count jars and buy new ones if necessary, the home agent continued. There will be need for a water bath canner with rack. The gauge on the pressure canner should be checked for accuracy and safety, and jars, caps, and rings should be in readiness when strawberries, cherries, garden peas, and early corn ripen.

The home Demonstration Division of the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service will be glad to supply a canning bulletin to anyone who writes for it, Miss Current stated.

Harvest time reveals the true story of seed quality.

The North Carolina Extension Service in 1945 launched a five-point program aimed at doubling the state average yield of corn within 10 years.

Ushers for the occasion were Patsy Buckner, Audrey Jane Jones, Tommy Ferguson, and Franklin Fricks.

Interest of Tar Heel farmers in better seeds is evidenced by the fact that samples tested by the State Seed Laboratory are running far ahead of past years. The Soils Laboratory is also over-run with samples to be analyzed for fertilizer and lime requirements.

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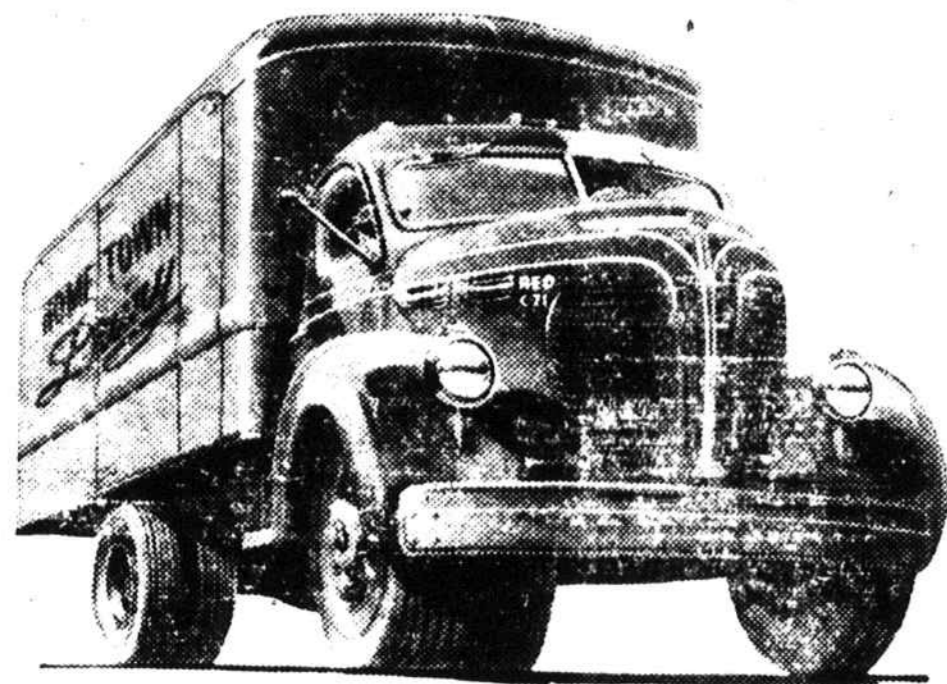
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