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WI,FIRE, BLUE MOLD MEAN TROUBLE FOR BURLEY GROWERS

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Burley tobacco growers in Western North Carolina and other areas know that wildfire and blue mold plant bed to the field. Field infecspell trouble and reduced profits. tions cause poor quality tobacco. They know that these names iden- For this reason, even the plants tify two diseases which often destroy young tobacco plants in the seed bed. Wildfire is perhaps the better known in the burley growing area but either disease is capable of causing wholesale destruc- the wildfire organism.

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tion in a short time. Wildfire is even a greater menace because this disease may also spread later or

in the field from plants which carried the deadly germs from the which may survive an attack of wildfire in the plant bed are unfit for setting in the field. Such a plant may appear to be perfectly healthy and still be a carrier of

Why Do Growers Gamble?

Why should growers take a gamble on destructive diseases like these when they can be controlled at little cost? Perhaps i is because the treatments for wildfire and blue mold are preventatives rather than cures. It seems

that many growers always hesti- Story Of Textile South tate to use pest control measures when the plants appear to be doing nicely. Instead, they feel that Southern Railroad they will get by somehow without ers then would be willing to try almost any remedy. But that's foregoing are confusing, let it be

According to Dr. C. J. Nusbaum, who spends all his time working with tobacco diseases at the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station, there are no satisfactory cures for wildfire or blue mold-only preventatives. To be effective, these preventative measures must be applied before the diseases make their appearance. This is a very important point. In fact, it is the key to success in avoiding serious damage from wildfire or blue mold. Year in and year out, all growers would be able to produce better plants more cheaply by making disease control a regular practice and enjoying the satisfaction and profits that a wellmanaged plant bed can give. Different Diseases - Different Treatments



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CHARLOTTE - The Southern treating their beds, and some-story is being put on the Southern. times they do. However, when It's the story of the South rather conditions favor these diseases and than the story of the Southern, althey strike suddenly, as they did though the Southern has played a in the spring of 1949, these grow- large role in the Southern story. If so many "Southerns" in the

explained that one of them stands for the Southern Railway System.

has far more significance today than ever before.

In a less hectic age it would be called a "revolution." But the fact is that economically and otherwise the region is growing as never before and is being reshaped by diversified agriculture and expansion of industry, paced by modern textile mills and related industries.

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STATE COLLEGE FARMER'S AID QUESTION-Where is the bes place to plant camellias and azaleas? ANSWER-Both camellias and azaleas will grow in full sun, but semi-shade is desirable. Too much

shade makes the plants spindling lege. and open and they will develop few flowers. Plants on norther. exposures, or otherwise protected on top of the old. By doing t from too much winter sun, esp cially early morning sun, will generally stand more cold than wil those on southern exposures Northern exposures provide more constant temperature conditions. Too, on northern exposures plants enter the dormant period earlie in the fall and remain dorman later in the spring. Protectio: from winter winds also helps. A! ways place these plants on welldrained locations. This is highly furnished with litter. important.

QUESTION-Is building up the litter a good practice in poultry production?

ANSWER - Many poultryme start their chicks on two inches o clean litter. During the fourth fifth, and sixth weeks of brooding

Railway System. Not only can a

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they add one inch of clean litter they have been very successful avoiding acute outbreaks of coccidiosis. It is also an excellent practice to add an inch of litter over the old litter every two or three days in the case of an outbreak of several other contagious diseases. This practice has proved very satisfactory under field conditions, and it saves much labor since the house does not have to be completely cleaned and re-

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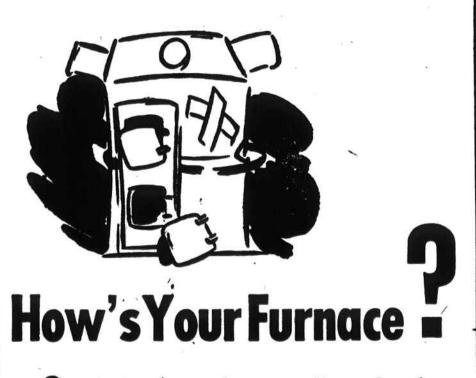
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Wildfire and blue mold are seprate and distinct diseases caused by two different organisms. Growers in the burley area often confuse blue mold with wildfire. Blue mold does not produce the round, yellowish or brownish spots, surrounded by a light band, as does wildfire. Instead, the affected leaves at first take on a yellowish cast and turn downward at the edges . A bluish or grayish moldly growth appears on the undersides of these leaves. Later the leaves or even the entire plants may be killed, either in spots or throughout the bed, producing a "burned over" appearance. While both diseases are favored by wet weather, each one develops differently and requires different treatment. Methods for control will be published next week.



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