

COUNTY AND FARM PAGE

COUNTY AGENT W. D. SMITH'S column

Full your seed corn before planting time.

These points can all be summed up into seven cardinal points for seed corn culling:

1. The ear must be heavy.
2. It must be solid and not tawny.
3. It must have a good luster and a proper color for the variety.
4. The butt tissues must be bright and show a good clean break from the chaff.
5. The germ faces must be bright and the kernels free from molds.
6. The kernels must be well matured and show a large percentage of the hard starch without immature soft tips.
7. The cob must be well colored, bright and without dull, dark discolored areas on it.

BE SURE OF YOUR SEED

It takes an expert to make orange grow on lemon trees. The safest plan for the average person who wants oranges is to plant orange trees. And it is with all crops—the surest way to produce top quality crops is to plant top quality seeds.

Millions of dollars are lost to farmers each year by the planting of inferior seed and seed of inferior varieties. A fine piece of work is being done by crop improvement association, experiment stations, and commercial organizations in developing new and better varieties and urging the use of better seeds. Farmers who study the results of variety tests and take advantage of the newer and better strains developed, are in position to get maximum returns for their labors.

This is the time of year to size up the seed situation. A few hours spent now in testing, grading, and cleaning the seed you expect to plant, or seeking better varieties, will be time well spent.

YELLOW CORN

Experiments have clearly shown that yellow corn carries more vitamin A than white corn. White corn is deficient in this vitamin which is so essential to growth and health. Yellow corn is recommended in preference to white as a feed for laying hens.

FERTILIZER CUTS COSTS

Costs of growing a bushel of apples in orchards needing nitrogen have been reduced 22 per cent, or more than one-fifth by applying nitrate of soda or ammonium sulphate two or three weeks before the trees were in full bloom, according to experiments conducted by the University of Illinois.

"I hope to see the time when Western North Carolina will supply the entire eastern part of the country with seed Irish potatoes," Dr. W. H. Darst said Saturday at a meeting of vocational education teachers and students at the court house.

Dr. Darst is of the agronomy department of the North Carolina State college, Raleigh, and is also director of the North Carolina Seed Improvement association. He is internationally known as an expert on seeds and crops.

FINE POTATOES GROWN HERE

"In grains, I suppose corn is best suited to Western North Carolina mountain farms," Dr. Darst said. He said that he is greatly interested, however, in having this section developed as a seed potato region, since the finest known Irish potatoes are grown here.

Relative to the Agricultural Adjustment administration's acreage reduction program, Dr. Darst said that he

believes that it will mean the raising of the standards of agriculture and the subsequent increasing of returns for farmers.

He pointed out that the present work of the vocational agriculture classes is in line with the AAA crop reduction plan, since the Young Farmers are being taught to know seeds and to stress quality rather than quantity.

Dr. Darst was enthusiastic over the interest vocational teachers and students manifested here Saturday at the first seed judging and crop identification contest at the court house. He said that it was one of the best class contests he has ever witnessed. Many of the students made perfect scores.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Beaverdam
Dora Kinsland and Champion Bank, Tr. to Grover C. Russell, lots.

Jess Woods to Cornelia Woods, 5 tracts.

S. M. Robinson to George J. Vain court, lot.

Walker Brown to J. S. Thompson, 8 acres.

Fred Mease, et al to Addie Mease, 4 tracts.

Addie Mease to Charlie Mease, 4 tracts.

Board of Education to H. P. Smith, et al, tracts, 2 acres.

V. S. Bryant Jr. to S. D. Moss, lot.

Clyde
J. Mack Hagyes to Herman Hagyes, 16 acres.

Bon-A-Venture to Mrs. Oda Conza, lots.

Crabtree
C. L. Hill to J. M. W. W. G. M., and C. B. McElroy, 32 acres.

C. R. Francis to C. L. Hill, et al, 12 1/2 acres.

P. J. McCracken to C. H. Sanford, et al, 12 acres.

Fines Creek
Lee Ferguson, et al to Grover C. Ferguson, et al, 50 acres.

Iron Duff
M. M. McElroy, et al, to L. M. McElroy, 21 acres.

H. M. McElroy to D. H. McElroy, 2 1/2 acres.

Pigeon
M. M. Noland, et al, to H. W. Barnett Jr., lots.

V. S. Bryant trustee to Realty Purchase Corp., lot.

Haywood County to Max Janet, and Louisa Davis, 2 tracts.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

James Hunt, colored, and Lula Casey, colored, Waynesville.

Kenneth K. Gordon, Norristown, Pa., and Nora A. Joyce, Pittsburg, Pa.

Ben Fisher and Bertha Kirkpatrick, both of White Oak.

Kelly Frady, Cullasaga and Thelma Jackson, Cruso.

J. Richard Geringer, Draper, and Bessie Janet Snyder, Waynesville.

Charlie H. Gibson, Canton and Mary Davis, Waynesville.

Hardy N. Rathbone and Sara Rathbone, both of Fines Creek.

Timely Questions And Answers On Farm Problems

Question: Should eggs with a slight coloration of shell be used for hatching purposes?

Answer: The coloration of shells from purchased flocks shows a deviation from true and should not be used for hatching especially if the lady chicks are to be sold as pure-breds. Unless the birds are trapped it will be difficult to identify the birds producing off-color eggs and, where the poultryman is doing his own breeding, it would be well to discard the present male birds and replace them with birds from flocks that have not shown this trouble.

Question: Can a grower sign a single Corn-Hog contract for land rented from different landlords?

Answer: Yes, provided all the land is rented on a cash basis. However, where the land is rented on shares from one landlord and for cash from the other the contract must be signed by that landlord from whom the land is rented on shares. Where all land is rented on shares a separate contract is required for each parcel of land. Each contract will include only that land rented from one particular landlord and must be signed by him as co-maker.

State Credit Has High Rating Now

State Treasurer Johnson Says
State Operating Costs Have
Been Reduced 32 Per Cent

Raleigh.—Although the State of North Carolina's credit is now rated as A-1, with its bond-selling above par, a year ago the state was tottering on the brink of bankruptcy with New York banks not only refusing to renew short time notes but providing for immediate payment when North Carolina bonds were selling for as low as 70 cents on the dollar. State Treasurer Chas. M. Johnson revealed. This is the first time State Treasurer Johnson has really let the cat out of the bag and revealed the inside fact with regard to the state's fiscal condition a year ago.

"Now that the state's fiscal condition is among the best in the United States, with \$180,450 of its bonds selling above par, I thought I might as well go ahead and spill the beans and let the state know just how serious the state's financial condition was a year ago until the general assembly finally passed the sales tax and balanced the budget," Johnson said today.

Johnson also pointed out that North Carolina had cut operating costs as much as 32 per cent more than any other state, having reduced operating costs 32 per cent, with the result that North Carolina is today operating about as economically as possible without completely destroying essential governmental services.

In the physiology class the children were naming the different parts of the body. One of them named the liver.

"And what comes next to the liver?" No one seemed inclined to answer. Max, who is usually dull in physiology, waved his hand frantically. The teacher, pleased at his interest, said beamingly, "Well, Max, what is next to the liver?"

"The bacon, ma'am," replied Max triumphantly.

BLACK WALNUTS—WANTED

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Improper Feeding Is Killing Ewes

Many of the deaths in sheep herds are due to faulty feeding, says L. I. Case, extension husbandman at N. C. State College.

A number of deaths reported recently have been traced directly to a lack of calcium in the diet of sheep fed a poor grade of roughness. Other vital elements are also lacking in poor feeds.

The amount of fat in a sheep's body apparently has little effect on disease resistance, Case said, since both fat and scrawny animals die about equally.

The trouble is customarily referred to as "pregnancy disease," since it frequently afflicts ewes in an advanced state of pregnancy. Symptoms are: loss of appetite, nervousness, walking in circles and lagging behind, later the animals are unable to stand and finally they lapse into comas.

Ewes fed plenty of good leucine hay, such as soybeans, pea vine, clover, and alfalfa are seldom affected by such disease.

The trouble has been noted this winter following the violent changes in weather conditions and growers are urged to keep their animals well fed with leucine hay and grain. Mr. Case says a few sheep are needed on most North Carolina farms at this time, since much land must be put to range and hay crops. Sheep clean the fields and are maintained at low cost. They give a double profit of both lamb and wool.

CAT SCRATCH FATAL TO FOREST CITY BOY

A small scratch made the corner of his mouth, made by a cat which he was holding in his arms, proved fatal to Joseph G. Matheny, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Matheny, of Forest City. Death claimed the lad at the Rutherford county hospital, Rutherfordton, Wednesday morning.

Joseph received the scratch several days ago. Infection developed and he was taken to the hospital where his condition gradually grew worse.

James (chasing new overcoat): "I can't wear this, dear! It's three sizes too big."

Wife: "Yes you can! Remember, it's got to go over the radiator of the car in cold weather. That's what we have to consider first."

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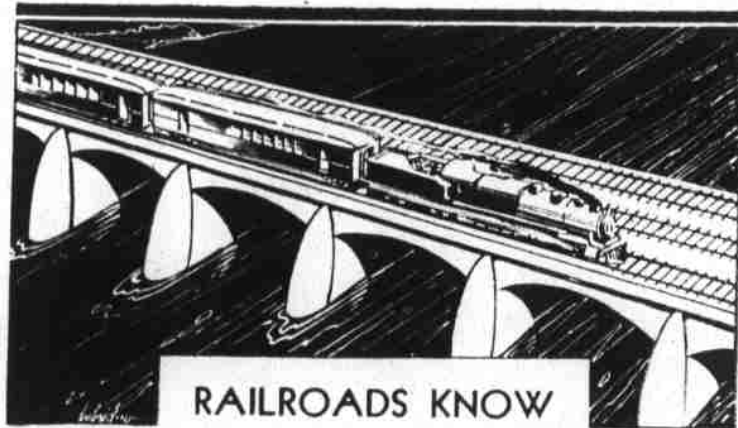
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AT THE DEPOT

NOTICE

The Board of County Commissioners In session Monday, February 19, 1934 made an order that the Tax Collector of Haywood County prepare and on April 5, 1934, advertise for sale all delinquent 1932 taxes.

Board of Commissioners
Of Haywood County