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## Interesting Farm Facts From About State And Nation

Between October 1, 1953 and June 1, 1954, some 3,000 fires will burn over 220,000 acres of North Carolina forest. Only you can prevent forest fires.

Flue-cured domestic tobacco is expected to be 3 to 5 per cent higher in 1954.

The 7,760,000 bushel North Carolina wheat crop this year was 7 per cent below that of 1952.

The 6,204,000 bushels of Irish potatoes produced in North Carolina this year was above the 5,456,000 bushels produced last year, but below the 9,513,000 bushel average.

Sheep production in North Carolina is on the upswing.

Planned burning of sagebrush on Idaho cattle ranges has increased the grazing capacity of the land 40 to 100 per cent in the last 15 years.

The Dutch government says it will take \$15 million to recover the land that was under water during last winter's disastrous flood.

A synthetic rice is being developed in Japan.

During the marketing year ended June 30, United States flue-cured tobacco exports were off 17 per cent.

## Youth Plans Conservation

CHICAGO (AP)—A "Young Outdoor Americans" conference designed to stimulate interest in conservation work will be held here next spring.

The Izaak Walton League of America, celebrating the 300th year of the publication of Walton's "Complete Angler," will play host. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Future Farmers of America, 4-H Clubs and Camp Fire Girls will have representatives from 48 states. Governors' committees will select the youths who attend on the basis of their interest in the subject.

The league's executive director, William Voit, Jr., says "Ideas developed at the conference, March 10, 11 and 12, 1954, will be filtered back to state conservation groups for study and application."

Want ads bring quick results.

## State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

QUESTION: Is there any check on the butterfat tests made at milk plants in the state?

ANSWER: As a service to the state's milk producers an N. C. Department of Agriculture regulation requires that department technicians check butterfat tests results of all dairy plants in North Carolina. State laboratory technicians make regular spot-checks of composite samples already tested by milk plant technicians. If the two results vary more than 0.3 per cent, both the plant and producer are notified.

QUESTION: How deep should soil samples be taken?

ANSWER—The depth sampled is an important factor affecting the results of soil tests. For cultivated crops or new forage crop seedings, the plow layer should be sampled. In most cases, this will be about six inches. Some pastures may only be plowed four inches. Information should be obtained on the soil layer with which the lime and fertilizer is to be mixed. Where lime and/or fertilizer has been top-dressed, such as pasture or alfalfa, the top two inches should be sampled, first scraping off the surface litter. Row ridges may present a sampling problem where this type cultivation is practiced. In these instances, the soil should be taken from the sides of the ridges being careful not to get into the fertilizer band or row.

QUESTION: If I add a few good Jerseys to my dairy herd can I expect my butterfat tests to be higher?

ANSWER: Yes, depending on the number of Jerseys added and the number of cows of other breeds in your herd. Here's an example: One herd consisted of 12 Holsteins producing 300 pounds of milk per day and eight Jerseys producing 150 pounds per day. Here, 67 per cent of the total production came from the Holsteins with a 3.4 per cent average. Only 33 per cent was produced by the 5 per cent Jerseys. A much larger percentage of Holstein milk resulted in a 3.9 per cent test for the entire herd.

The first recruiting station of the Marine Corps was at "Tun Tavern" in Philadelphia, Pa. The proprietor of the tavern, Robert Mullin, was appointed to the rank of captain and became the first Marine Corps recruiting officer.

## HAS GOOD REASON TO BE THANKFUL



OF ALL THE MILLIONS of Americans celebrating Thanksgiving Day, Robert Smith feels that he has particular reason to be thankful. The first quadruple amputee to return from the Korean war, he married and settled down in Takoma Park, Maryland. Here he is cuddling his son, Don Eugene, born just a few weeks ago. (International)

## Prowler Under Bed

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Mrs. Minnie Slaton, 43, Oklahoma City, was puzzled when two policemen banging on her front door awakened her. They pointed out a window screen had been cut and the window was open. The front and back doors also were open although Mrs. Slaton said she had locked them.

The policemen looked under the bed in which Mrs. Slaton had been sleeping, and found a 15-year-old boy who admitted breaking in to look for money.

## Overpayment Corrected

CLIFFSIDE PARK, N. J. (AP)—It took special action of the Mayor and City Council to cancel an overpayment of taxes made by Raffaele and Jennie Campana. The amount was one cent!

## Titles Make Headlines

NEW LONDON, Conn. (AP)—Titles of two of Eugene O'Neill's plays inspired a copy-reader on the New London Day, where O'Neill once worked, in composing a headline for his story about a desolate piece of property on Cape Cod where O'Neill did much of his early writing. Provincetown, Mass., was about to foreclose on the property, owned by O'Neill, when a friend paid a back tax bill, halting the action.

This is how the Day headed the story:

AH WILDERNESS (THE TAXMAN COMETH)

Royal Charger was the leading juvenile sire in England and Ireland in 1952 with 13 winners. His Royal Serenade was the winner of the American Handicap and the 1953 Hollywood Gold Cup.

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Margaret Johnston County Librarian

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## FIVE DIE IN CUB PLANE CRASH



WORKERS AT La Guardia Airfield, New York, looking at the wreckage of a Piper tri-pacer, try to figure out how a plane so small could carry the five persons who met death when it crashed in a heavy fog. Two of the dead were children. While names of the victims were not immediately available, the craft is believed to have been one reported missing on a flight from East Hampton, N. Y. (International)

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The U. S. Census Bureau estimates that an American is born every 9 seconds, on the average.

## Coyotes Protected

TOPONAS, Colo. (AP)—Coyotes are now finding a friend in western ranchers who once shot them on sight. The ranchers are posting "Coyotes Protected" signs says Audubon Magazine.

The change of attitude results from the discovery that coyotes help keep down mice, gophers, moles and rabbits.

The rodents have destroyed as much as one-third of the hay crops and have cut the livestock carrying capacity of the ranges by as much as one-half.

Oct. 31 marked the end of the year for the Druids, ancient religious order in France, England and Ireland.

## St. John's High School Honor Roll Released

Billie Jo Stanelli, sophomore leads the St. John's High School honor roll for the second week's period with a 94.8 average. Others on the "A" Honor Roll are Paula Stanelli, freshman, 94.3 average, and Regina N. sophomore, with 93.6.

On the "B" Honor Roll are Alicia Reeves, 92; Wilbur D. 89.6; James McGowan, 89.2; as Edge, 88.2.



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