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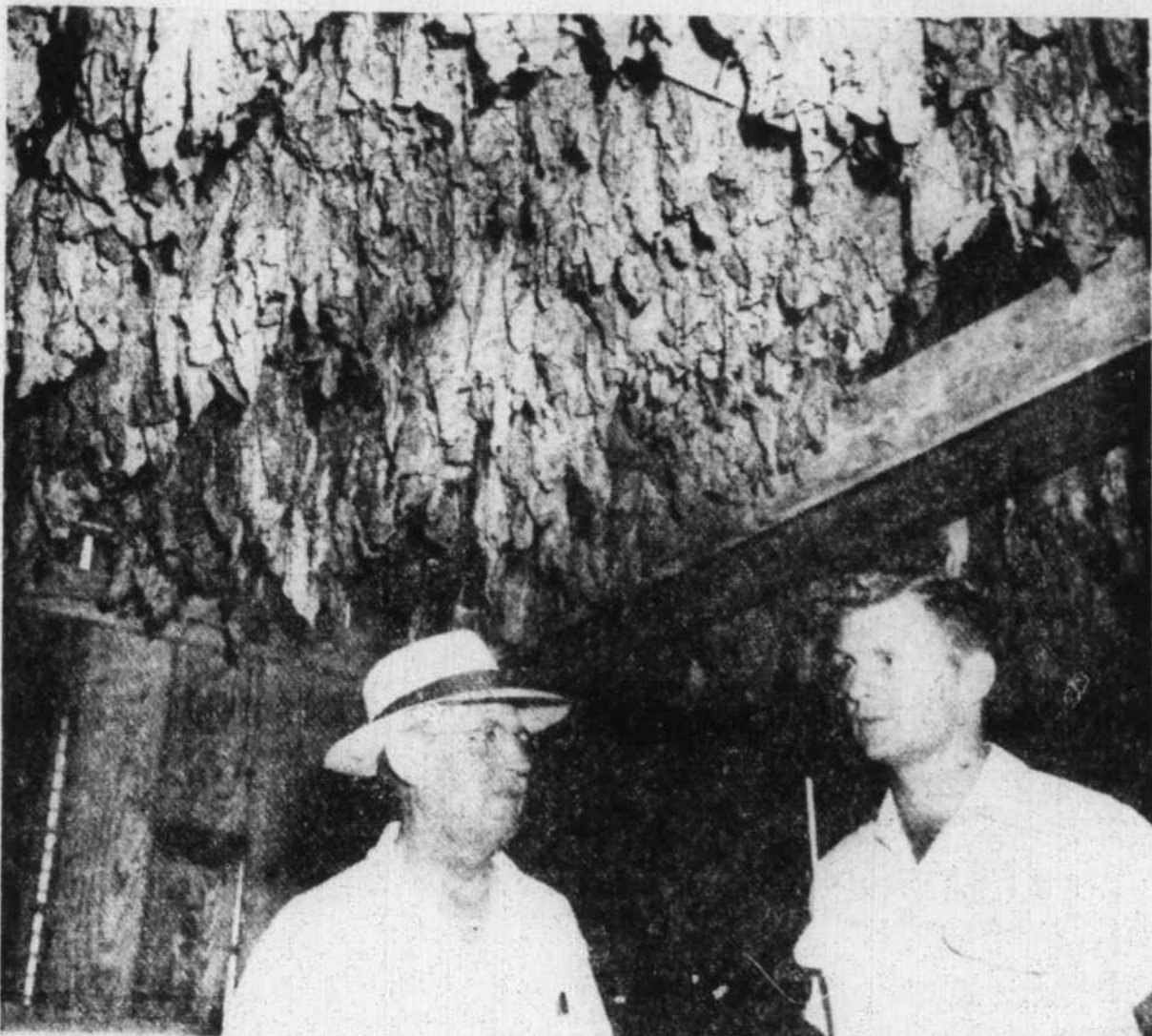
Annual Burley Tobacco Field Day Will Be Held At Test Farm Wednesday

Crowd Growers Expected

Tobacco experts will be at the annual Tobacco Field Day at the State Test Farm Wednesday, August 25, at the State Experiment Station, E. Colwell, assistant director of the Agricultural Experiment Station, Raleigh; Dr. Luther Shaw, tobacco agronomist; agronomist specialists Harold H. R. Bennett and S. N. R. Bennett; M. R. Whisenhunt, director in charge of the test farm, who is in charge of the program.

Shown in the recent preliminary demonstrations were more than 100 persons, a good turnout for the field day, according to the County Office.

At 1:30 p.m. the following will be covered: evaluation and evaluation of disease resistance; effects of topping at various stages of plant development; effects of fertilizer control treatments on yield and quality; effects of fertilizer and plant bed production of plants and such plants in the field; effects of application of 4-8-10 compared to 4-8-10; effects of turning immediately as compared to 4 days on manure as a fertilizer; effects of dressing demonstration; effects of irrigation that would be practical for burley and curing barns.



TOBACCO experts will have charge of the Tobacco Field Day at the State Test Farm here Wednesday. Here on the left is Dr. Luther Shaw, in charge of the tobacco work on the farm, and M. R. Whisenhunt, farm director, in a barn of tobacco being cured in an experiment. A large attendance is expected.

Recommendations For Making Fruit Jams Taste Better

By RUTH CURRENT
State Home Demonstration Agent

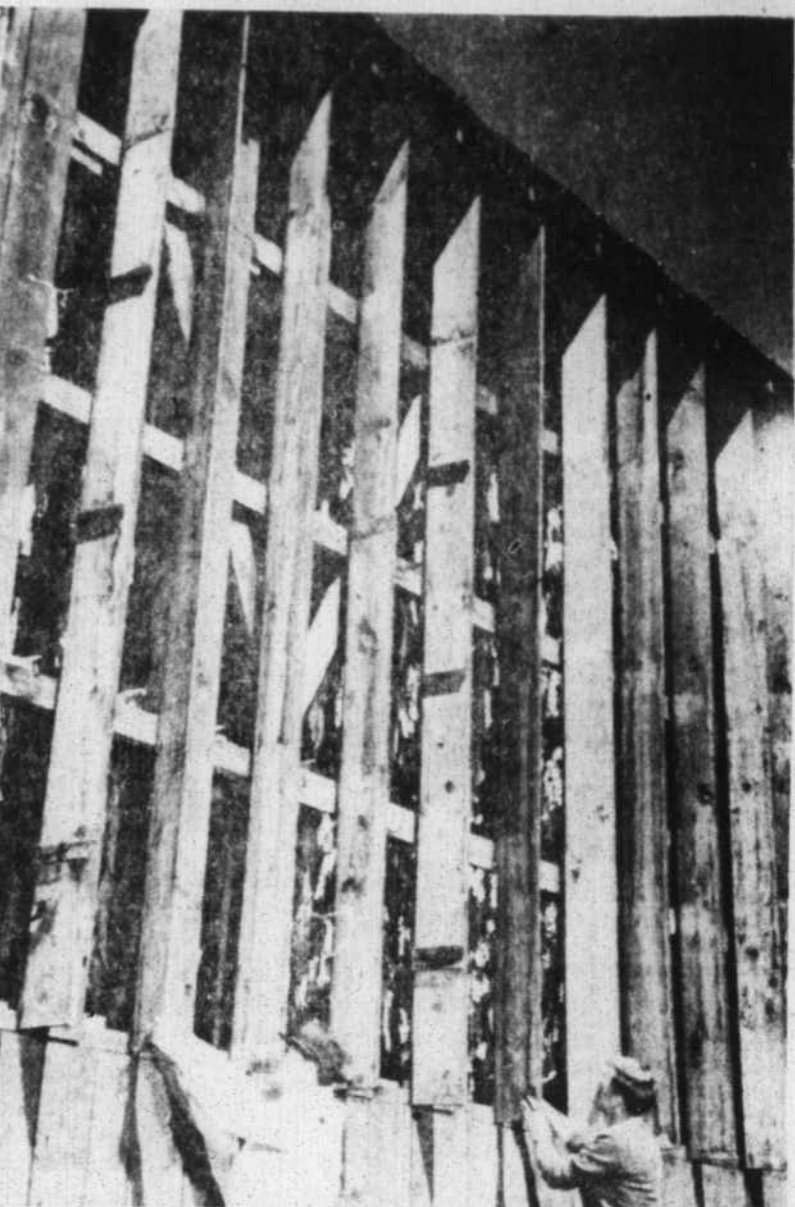
FRUIT JAM — Before the figs, peaches, and grapes are gone be sure to put away several jars of jam for winter use. Rose Ellwood Bryan, extension specialist at N.C. State College, says jam is more easily made than preserves and is a marketable product. It differs from preserves in the method of cooking, the object being to cook the fruit into a smooth paste of jelly-like consistency. She recommends these recipes.

Fig Jam—Select soft, thoroughly ripe figs. Peel and mash with wooden spoon. Use 1 pound fruit to 3/4 pound of sugar, with juice of 1/2 lemon for every pound of fruit. Put fruit, juice and sugar into preserving kettle with just enough water to prevent burning. Cook slowly until fruit is a smooth, thick mass. The temperature of the jam when finished will range from 221 to 223 degrees F.

After jam is cooked pour immediately into hot sterilized jars and process for five minutes at 180 degrees F.

Peach Jam — Select soft clear-stoned peaches. Cut into small pieces, mash, and add 3/4 pound of sugar to each pound of fruit. Proceed as in directions for Fig Jam.

Grape Jam—Have one-fourth of the grapes under-ripe. Wash the fruit and remove stems. Separate the skins from the pulp and cook pulp until seeds can be removed by pressing fruit through a colander. Boil skins with a little water until they are tender. Add pulp and one pound of fruit (skins may be left out if desired) use 3/4 pound sugar. Proceed as for Fig Jam.



BURLEY barn ventilators are among the experiments being carried on at the State Test Farm with burley tobacco. Growers will see and hear the latest suggestions for curing and marketing their crop at the Tobacco Field Day Wednesday.

Bookmobile Schedule

Tuesday, August 24

MORNING STAR-HAYNES HILL	9:00-9:30
Quay Smathers	9:30-10:10
Jack Chambers	10:30-10:45
Morrow's Grocery	11:00-11:15
Wilson's Grocery	11:30-11:45
J. L. Rhodarmar	12:00-12:15
B. M. Stamey	12:30-12:45
Burl Henderson	1:00-1:15
Smathers Dairy	2:00-2:15
Sam Rathbone	2:30-2:45
L. E. McGowan	

Friday, August 27

PANTHER CREEK-FINES CREEK	9:00-9:15
Dewey Davis	9:30-9:45
Floyd Green	10:00-10:30
Harley R. Rathbone	11:00-11:30
H. L. Rathbone	11:45-12:00
R. G. Rathbone	12:15-12:30
Paul Ferguson	12:45-1:10
C. R. McElreath	1:30-1:45
Trantham's Store	2:00-2:30
Francis Rogers	2:45-3:00
Violet Moore	

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State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

QUESTION: Two of my pullets have crooked toes. What causes this?

ANSWER: Simple crooked toes may be brought about by mismanagement early in the chick's life. In flocks which have only a few chicks with crooked toes it is unlikely that the condition was inherited. Simple crooked toes should not be confused with so-called curled toe paralysis, which is brought about by riboflavin (vitamin G) deficiency in the diet.

QUESTION: Can alfalfa be grown in all sections of North Carolina?

ANSWER: Yes, with the exception of the Tidewater areas. Alfalfa, if seeded according to recommendations and topdressed each year, alfalfa will produce three to four and a half tons of hay per year. It may be used for grazing, for hay, or for silage. One important limitation in the production of alfalfa is that it requires a

Pigeon Valley Fair Officers, Committees Announced

The Pigeon Valley Fair Association has named officers and committee members for the current year, M. C. Nix, manager, has announced.

The fair this year will be held September 23-25 at the Bethel school.

L. C. Moody of the Cecil community and Richard Alexander of Crusa community were elected to serve on the fair's board of directors until 1956.

J. E. Justice was reelected secretary-treasurer.

The following fair superintendents were named:

George Stamey, in charge of

show rings; Carl Green, the horse show; Henry Justice, livestock exhibits; Mary Jane Leatherwood, food and clothing exhibits; Charles Stamey, agricultural exhibits; George Cogburn, agricultural department entries; one Bethel FHA member, to be designated, of entries in the homemaking department.

Ways and means committee members are T. A. Cathey, chairman; Van Wells, Mrs. Lou Singleton, Mrs. Edgar Burnette, Mrs. Don Stevenson, Mrs. R. E. Cathey, Troy Hargrove, Mrs. Carson Clark, Mrs. Gladys Henson, Mrs. R. G. Chason, and a Bethel FHA member.

Members of the publicity committee are Mrs. Edgar Brunette, chairman; Mrs. Alice Cathey, Mrs. Harley Wells, Mrs. Charles Laymon, Mrs. Martin Rogers, Mrs. J. W. Johnson, T. L. Riddle, Kin McNeil and a Bethel FHA member.

The catalog committee is composed of Mrs. Clifton Terrell, Mrs. Guy Clark, Mrs. M. C. Nix, Mrs. Bill Swift, Vincent Hall, Charles Stamey, Walter James, and a Bethel FHA member.

Mrs. Lou Singleton is chairman of the pet show committee. Mrs. Joe Beverage, David Vance, and a Bethel FHA student are members.

The commercial exhibits committee is headed by R. C. Sheffield, who will be assisted by L. B. George, Henry Garner, and FHA and FFA members.

Carl Green was named chairman of the horse show committee. Other members are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stamey, and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wells.

Lyman C. Reed will serve as chairman of the committee on community booths. Mrs. Edgar Burnette, Mrs. Cecil Murray, Delmer Reed, L. M. Sherrill and Richard Alexander are members.

Mrs. Bert Cagle was named again as chairman of the committee on antiques and unusual exhibits, an outstanding attraction of last year's fair.

Others on the committee are Mrs. Rufus Hargrove, Mrs. Ralph Kelly, Mrs. Kate Terrell, and FHA and FFA members.

well-drained soil.

QUESTION: Are North Carolina produced "Choice" steaks as good as Western produced "Choice" steaks?

ANSWER: Yes. Grading beef is a method of measuring the merits of a live animal or carcass to arrive at its value. The official standards, developed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, are used to determine the grade. These standards are used by state graders, packinghouse graders and U. S. D. A. meat graders throughout the country. This system of grading is used by the N. C. Department of Agriculture. Therefore cattle carcasses graded "Choice" in North Carolina are equal in eating quality to those graded "Choice" in any other state.

QUESTION: Is alfalfa really the "King of the Hay Crops?"

ANSWER: In one respect, yes. It will produce more feed per acre in good years and bad than any other legume forage crop, more even than permanent pasture or any other combination of plants. Alfalfa is however, still behind lespedeza in acreage. But alfalfa has a seven-month growing period, compared with two for lespedeza. Alfalfa averages three to four and a half tons of hay per acre annually. A stand of alfalfa will remain productive for several years if well managed.

QUESTION: Is corn subject to greater insect infestation in the field than small grain?

ANSWER: Generally, yes. You can help prevent much insect damage to stored grain by harvesting your grain carefully. The longer grain stays in the field after maturity, the more it is subject to infestation. Because small grains are harvested quite soon after they mature, they usually are not seriously infested in the field. Corn is liable to greater field infestation than small grain because it is left in the field for a much longer time after maturity.

Size and hair color are important factors governing a cow's comfort on hot summer days.

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