

County Farm Agent's Column . . .

It's tree & shrub planting time; tobacco performance survey on

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November is an excellent month for transplanting trees and shrubs. In preparing the soil a bed should be worked up if the plants are to be less than 6 ft. apart. Three pints of 8-8-8 fertilizer should be worked into each 100 sq. ft. of soil. Bermuda grass can be removed by hand or by treating with chemicals.

John Harris, Extension Horticulturist, says "It is better to put a 10c plant in a \$10 hole than to put a \$10 plant in a 10c hole." The hole in which the plant is to be set should actually be at least 12 inches wider on all sides and 6 inches deeper than necessary to accommodate the ball of soil or root system. Good top soil should be used to fill in below and around the plant. Set the plant so it will stand the same depth that it grew originally.

Box woods, azaleas, and camellias should be planted slightly higher for these plants will not grow even one or two inches too deep. Leave the burlap on wrapped plants. Fill and pack the soil around the plant. When filled, make a ring of soil 2 or 3 inches high around the plant to hold water. Water thoroughly, then mulch with 3 to 4 inches pine straw or other coarse material. All plants should be pruned back from 1/2 to 1-3 in transplanting. Stake and wrap the trunk of small trees with kraft paper to prevent sun scald. Water at least once a week during dry periods with a minimum of 3 gallons of water per plant.

A bulletin on planting of trees and shrubs is available free at the County Agent's office.

STRAWBERRIES

Throughout the Piedmont North Carolina there are farms

who are growing strawberries on a "pick them yourself" program. In these operations several acres of strawberries are planted and cared for by the operator, then as they ripen the public is invited to come and pick all the berries they want at a charge usually of 20 to 25 cents per quart. Extension horticulturists indicate that some of these operations can bring in well over \$1,000 per acre. It is felt that a few more of this type of project could be successfully put into operation in this area.

TOBACCO VARIETY PERFORMANCE SURVEY

A tobacco variety performance survey is being conducted in Orange County to determine how various varieties compared in yield and value during 1964 on tobacco farms.

As many farmers as possible are being contacted so that the information gathered will represent a sizeable portion of the tobacco grown in the county. Growers are being asked what total pounds and value he received from each variety he grew in 1964.

Cards are being sent to a representative group of growers in the county and the growers who receive cards are urged to fill out the card accurately and return it to the County Agent's office. Everyone who receives a card should send it in regardless of whether his yield is low, medium, or high. This is essential if the summary of the variety data is to represent the actual performance of a given variety in the county and state.

This information is also being accumulated by other counties, and a summary of the county, belt and State results will be available for growers to see as soon as it has been summarized.

SLOW-MOVING VEHICLE EMBLEM DEVELOPED

The Slow-Moving Vehicle Emblem, developed at Ohio State University, has aroused wide interest because of its potential to become a uniform warning device, recognizable by the public for identifying slow-moving vehicles on the highway. The Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, the Cooperative Extension Service, and the Automotive Safety Foundation cooperated with Ohio State in the study.

Two girls win in area for Four-H activities

Rachel Phelps, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Phelps, a member of the Schley Senior Four-H Club was selected as the 1964 Northwestern District Four-H Swine Winner. She received this honor in 1963 also.

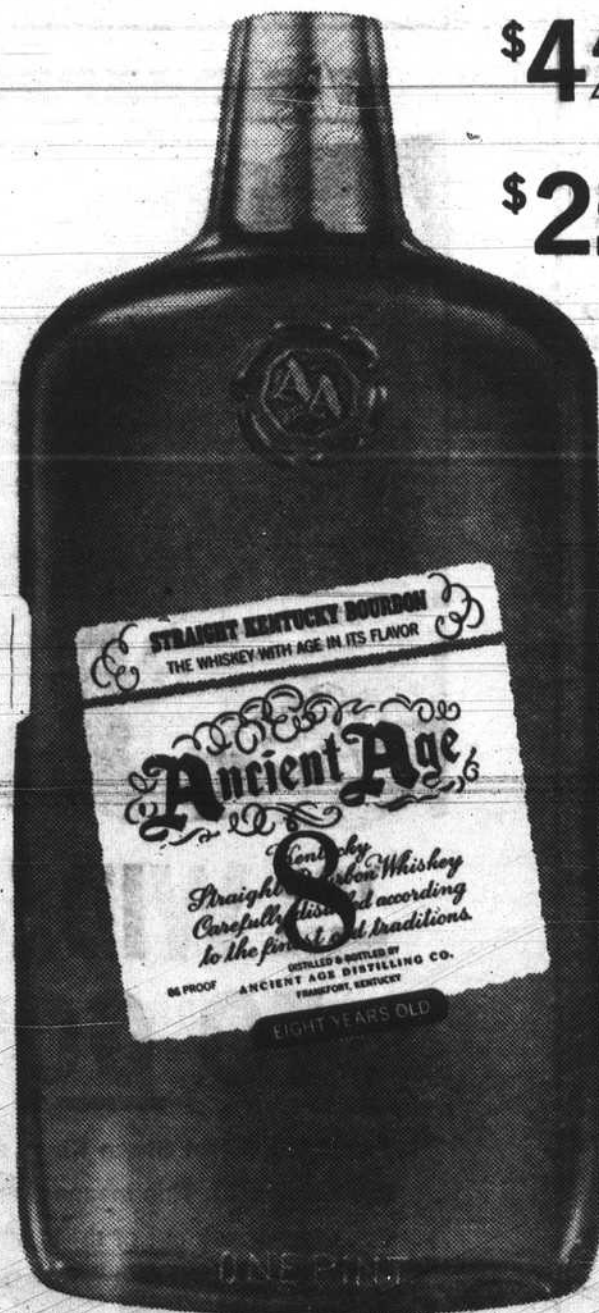
Swine has been only one of her projects. Some of the others have been Food preparation, electric, clothing, automotive, beef, and junior leadership. At the present she is serving as junior Leader of the Schley Junior Four-H Club.

Ellen Bacon daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bacon, a member of the St. Mary's Senior Four-H Club was named the 1964 Northwestern District Four-

H Leadership Winner. Last year Ellen received a trip to National Four-H Club Congress in Chicago for her work in the recreation project. Ellen has served as recreation leader at Four-H Club Camp for several years. She is currently a sophomore at University of North Carolina at Greensboro.



Ancient Age STRAIGHT KENTUCKY BOURBON



\$4.45
4/5 QT.

\$2.80
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Census work jobs available

Applicants for the position of enumerator for the 1964 Census of Agriculture in Orange county are still being sought, crew leaders John Ferrell and Betty Newton in charge of census operations for the county said today. Persons interested in working temporarily for the U.S. Bureau

of the Census on the farm census should apply to the crew leader Ferrell on Baptist Rd., Durham. The telephone number is 596-5933. The job will provide about three weeks of temporary employment. Pay rates are designed to provide earnings of \$10-\$16 daily.

Qualifications for appointment as an enumerator include: U.S. citizenship, age of at least 18 years, high school education or its equivalent, availability of car for use in enumeration, good physical condition for driving, walking, and standing, financial support through period of employment (wages are paid at the conclusion of the enumeration), ability to write clearly and neatly, pass a written examination.

lect them. At that time, the enumerator will help answer any questions that may have proved troublesome.

The Census of Agriculture is taken every five years in years ending in "4" and "9" to gather information on the nation's agricultural resources and production. Such information is vital in making decisions affecting many segments of the U. S. economy. Data gathered include the number and size of farms, acreage and harvest of crops, livestock inventories, and information on farm equipment and improvements and income and some production expenditures.

Two named to head census of area farms

Mrs. Betty Ann Newton of Burlington and John McVey of Durham have been named crew leaders for the 1964 Census of Agriculture.

They will supervise a team of census enumerators who will visit all farms and ranches in Durham, Alamance and parts of Guilford and Orange counties to collect official census questionnaires from farm operators. Enumeration of all farms in the county will take place in November and early December.

The census will be taken in the following way: Shortly after November 5, the Bureau of the Census, an agency of the U. S. Department of Commerce, will mail census questionnaires to all rural boxholders. Those required to fill out the forms should do so and hold the questionnaires until a census enumerator comes to col-