

Christmas Use Of Cotton Urged

In a "Cotton Christmas" broadcast over the coast-to-coast network of the Columbia Broadcasting System Saturday, December 14, C. K. Everett, Director of Merchandising of The Cotton-Textile Institute called attention to a new spirit in our observance of Christmas this year. "America is on the march," he said, "into countless stores to buy gifts for family and friends."

This general mobilization of mass good-will and thankfulness that we are at peace will not be satisfied until we have spent actually billions of dollars, Mr. Everett declared, adding that shoppers this year have an unparalleled range of cotton gifts from which to choose.

Pointing out that wars and embargoes have cut established ties with the Old World and thrown us back on our own resources, Mr. Everett made a plea for greater National unity. "In selecting our Christmas gifts for individuals whom we know, we have the opportunity to spread our

INCREASE
Indications are that there is a sizeable increase in the wheat acreage planted in Bladen county this year for home use, reports R. M. Williams, assistant farm agent.

holiday cheer to countless others whom we do not know but who are just as much a part of our America as our immediate circle of relatives and friends," Mr. Everett observed.

"An easy way to speed this broad and patriotic Christmas generosity is through the selection of gifts of cotton; for cotton is America's Number One Fiber and it supports a "family" of some fourteen million Americans," Mr. Everett said.

Citing the dwindling flow of cotton for export as a tremendous hardship on our American cotton growers, Mr. Everett made a plea for support of this great group of our citizens through the purchase of cottons for Christmas. "Make this a Cotton Christmas," said Mr. Everett, "by so doing you will be assured it will be a Merry Christmas for your loved ones, and it will help make a Happy New Year for some struggling farmer or discouraged sharecropper in our Southland."

4-H COOKING WINS



NORTH CAROLINA'S delegation to the 19th National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago Nov. 29-Dec. 7 includes Pat Graham, 16, of Fayetteville, Cumberland county, who was chosen for outstanding work in food preparation. . . . During her five years of club work, Assistant State Club Leader Frances MacGregor announces she won 18 placings on 36 exhibits, and earned \$546. She has prepared 1130 meals and canned 777 quarts. This year Pat was president of the county 4-H council and editor of her school paper. . . . As state winner she has been given an all-expense trip to Chicago by Servel, Inc. which also provides six \$200 scholarships for national winners. This is the sixth year of the contest, which is conducted in co-operation with the extension service.

New Publication Tells How Best To Can Meats

Pork chops, sausage, spare ribs and backbone. Fried chicken, corned beef, fish, and pickled pig's feet.

Methods for canning all these meat delicacies are described in a new Extension Folder (No. 48) which has been published by the State College Extension Service. Mrs. Cornelia C. Morris, Extension economist in food conservation and marketing, prepared the text. The publication is entitled "Canning Meats" and it is available free upon request by name and number to the Agricultural Editor, N. C. State College, Raleigh.

Mrs. Morris says pressure canners should be used in canning meats. "Other methods are not safe," she declared. "Pressure canners are made of strong material with a tightly-fitting lid, which, when clamped in place, will hold steam under pressure, thus bringing the temperature inside the canner-up to a much higher temperature than the boiling point."

Other equipment and supplies which the Extension specialist recommends for canning meats include: Good jars, new rubber rings, dish pans, a frying pan, shallow pans, measuring cup, sharp knives, and a meat fork. She also suggests that a good supply of clean dish towels, soap, matches, salt, and hot and cold water be available.

One of the points stressed in the folder is: If meat is to be cooked before it is canned, it should not be more than half done. There are several ways to cook the meat. It can be browned quickly in a small amount of hot fat in a frying pan; it can be roasted in the oven; or it can be stewed or boiled. Salt should not be added to the meat until it is packed into jars.

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Question—What is the best green feed for poultry in the winter?
Answer—Cured alfalfa hay, clover hay or lespedeza make good greens for winter use as a poultry feed proving the green color is retained. Another satisfactory feed is alfalfa leaf meal, and again it is important to retain the color. However, alfalfa leaf meal should not constitute more than 10 per cent of the mash. All the hays should be fed in racks since the birds will eat only the leaves and the stems can be thrown in the litter.

Question—How can I store Dahlia roots to keep them over the winter?
Answer—An ideal place to store Dahlias is any cellar or storage bin that does not become warmer than 50 degrees F. The average furnace heated house cellar is too hot and dry and the clumps will need protection. This can be accomplished by packing the roots in a box of slightly moistened granulated peat moss and placing in the coolest part of the cellar. Dry sand or sandy soil may be used as packing material.

Question—What is the best fertilizer mixture for use on tobacco plant beds and what amount should be used?
Answer—Two hundred pounds of a 4-8-3 mixture for each 100 square yards of bed has proven most satisfactory. If a low grade fertilizer is used, it can be supplemented with 50 to 100 pounds of cottonseed meal, provided the meal is mixed thoroughly with the soil. All fertilizers should be broadcast on the plant bed and thoroughly mixed with the upper three or four inches of soil. Be sure that all roots and small stumps are removed from the plant bed space. The soil should be broken finely by using a disc harrow, coultter, or some other suitable implement.

Two Types Of Insects Attack Flowers, Shrubs

You can look a horse in the mouth and tell how old it is. "You can also look at the mouth of an insect which is attacking flowers and shrubs and tell what kind of poison or insecticide to use against it," says J. O. Rowell, entomologist of the U. N. C. State College Extension Service.

There are, generally speaking, two major groups of insects from the standpoint of control, Rowell explained. One group includes those insects with chewing mouth parts and which are controlled, for the most part, through the use of stomach poisons. The second group includes insects with sucking mouth parts and these are controlled mainly through the use of contact insecticides and fumigants.

The entomologist says that it is usually very easy to identify the insects with chewing mouth parts either by examination of the mouth parts or by observing the nature of their attack. Representatives of this group include grasshoppers, leaf choppers, and caterpillars.

"Perhaps the most satisfactory stomach poison on the market to control choppers is arsenate of lead," Rowell declared. "It can be used as a dust or spray, but caution is advised since it is poisonous to humans and animals."

The insects with sucking mouth parts include plant lice, scale insects, and leaf hoppers. They suck the juice from their host plants. The most common and widely-used contact insecticide for this type of insect is nicotine which may be applied as a spray or dust.

Rowell stated in conclusion that a satisfactory combination stomach poison and contact spray may be made by preparing an arsenate of lead solution and adding 1/2 ounce of soap and 1 teaspoonful of 40 per cent nicotine sulphate for each gallon of arsenate of lead solution.

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Let's Make A Wreath And Here's The Way

Christmas decorations begin with the wreath on the door. Miss Pauline Smith, district home agent of the State College Extension Service, is an authority on decorations and she gives the following directions for making a wreath:

Assemble the evergreens you want to use. From the florist you can buy foundation frames of heavy single wire and two spools of wreath wire; one of the fine thread weight, and 22 other gauge. Some persons may be able to make their own frames, especially after buying one or two as samples.

Clip the evergreens into short, even lengths; an average length being about six inches. Fasten the heavy wire to the frame and, holding the spool firmly in your right hand, take several pieces of evergreen with your left hand, binding them tightly to the frame. Continue this operation, overlapping material closely, until you have completed the circle. View your completed wreath from a distance and shear any protruding material that spoils the outline.

Another method is to make sufficient quantity of small, individual bunches of greenery of uniform length, width and thickness to complete your wreath. Fasten each securely with a short length of light weight wire. Clip the ends to a uniform evenness and bind to the wire frame, overlapping closely.

To make a wreath of tapering outline, bunches of graduating size are first made and arranged in order on the frame, then wired in place.

SEQUOIA

J. Lyman Stewart of Norton, a Jackson county farmer, says the new Irish potato variety Sequoia is smoother, the vines stay green much longer, and yields are 40 to 50 per cent better than other varieties.

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Methodist Notes

Christmas program at the church at 7:15 P. M. Friday, December 20. A Christmas tree with Santa Claus handing out the presents. Public invited. Anyone wishing to give gifts to friends may place gift under tree by 7 o'clock, and Santa Claus will call out name. The Sunday School will prepare some gift for all children of the children's division. Parents are invited to come and bring children. Miss Plonk will direct her glee club in singing Christmas hymns for the program.

At 11 A. M. the pastor will preach the Christmas sermon on, "The Christmas Light." Sunday night at 7 o'clock a Christmas playlet will be given entitled, "The Awakening of Ebenezer Scrooge," an adaptation of Dickens, "A Christmas Carol." This program is directed by Mrs. Walter Brown.

Some money and much time has been spent in decorating the church for these programs, and the public is invited to come in and enjoy the services.

FIRST

John Thompson of Colerain, the first 4-H club member of Bertie county to use cotton as a club project, has just finished ginning 927 pounds of lint from a measured .9 acre, says Assistant Farm Agent R. D. Smith.

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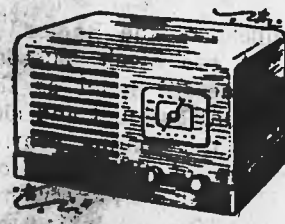
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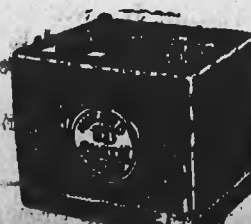
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