

**Contest Aids Safety In North Carolina Textile Trade**

Charlotte, Dec. 23.—The fifth annual state-wide textile safety contest conducted by the North Carolina Cotton Manufacturers' Association resulted in a considerable decrease in lost-time accidents, Hunter Marshall, Jr., Secretary and Treasurer of the organization, said.

Mr. Marshall explained that this decrease not only meant a great saving to the workers in wages lost and suffering caused by accidents, but also brought the manufacturers a reduction of 16 2-3 per cent in insurance rates for cotton spinning and weaving in comparison with those of 1936.

**INCREASE**

Low prices and limited export outlets for coffee and oranges has led to increased cotton planting in Southern Brazil, the increase expected to run between 10 and 15 per cent.

**More Screen Planting Needed Around Farm**

Make all plants serve a purpose, says John H. Harris, Extension landscape specialist, and he adds, "very few farm people have sufficient screen plantings." He names, the chief uses of plants as follows: To decorate the house, infirmament, shade, border and to screen unsightly building and equipment.

"Border and screen plantings require very little pruning," Harris stated. "They should be allowed to grow large and as natural as possible. Avoid mixing plants up too much; use several plants together for maximum effect in foliage or flowers."

The landscape specialist recommends native plants for borders and screening. "With so many native plants available, and with the ease of rooting common shrubs, there is little excuse for lack of screen planting," Harris declared.

He lists the following native plants which are suitable for screen plantings around the farm (in some cases local names are given the same shrub to help in identifying it): Red bud (Judas tree), azalea, dogwood, chokeberry, beautyberry (French Mulberry), sweet shrub (sweet beard), white fringe (grandfather's beard and white ash), Hawthorn, winterberry, crab apple, plum, sumac, elderberry, bay, inkberry (gallberry), cedar, mountain laurel (mountain ivy), wax myrtle (sweet myrtle), rhododendron, Hemlock (spruce), summer sweet, yaupon holly, and Jersey tea.

Harris also recommends pivot hedge because of its rapid growth and dense foliage. The pivot hedge should be cut once or twice a year, permitting it to stay informal in outline, rather than smooth and formal.

**FEEDING**

A poor feeding program is responsible for the run-down condition of many Beaufort county poultry flocks, says W. G. Andrews, assistant farm agent of the State College Extension Service.

Say "I saw it in The News-Journal."

**SANTA Goes Modern**



Santa Claus often steps out of his reindeer sleigh these days to make faster time, or to go where the sleigh cannot go. Here he is in the person of Capt. William Wineapaw, veteran New England pilot, ready to take off from the East Boston airport with another load of Christmas gifts for the lonely lighthouse keepers and isolated islanders.



This is how Santa Claus comes to Sun Valley—on skis. Here is the gay St. Nick speeding down the snowy slopes and right into the chimneys of the residents and visitors.



In lands of no snow Santa can be expected to use this novel method of bringing Yuletide joy to those who celebrate on the beaches. This warm-weather Santa who skips so nonchalantly over the deep blue sea happens to be Phil Daubens-Peck, famous Olympic games swimming champion.

**Mistletoe Has Known Long, Eventful History**

Of all the Christmas greens, the best-loved, probably, is the mistletoe, which likewise has experienced the most eventful history of all plants.

In the days of pagan worship in England the mistletoe was chosen for great honors, being cut from its host, the oak tree, with golden axes. It was gathered for the people and a bit given to each person to ward off illness.

But the plant paid dear for these honors for when the Christian church was established it was not allowed in any church because of its pagan association, and it is told that preachers even would stop in their sermons if a tiny bit were spied and the service waited until the offending bit of green was removed.

In later centuries it became again the symbol of peace and friendship and has since been tacked on the doorway as a token of friendly greeting.

**Yule Log Cake**

This year you may want to make a "Yule Log Cake." It's quite simple. Spread over a jelly roll a jelly fruit nut mixture. Roll quickly and wrap in waxed paper. Then chill until set. Cover with chocolate French pastry icing. The "bark" can be made by making grooves with a fork or pastry tube. You'll want some "knot holes" in your Yule Log Cake. Small white and green candles will do the trick. The "log" should be kept chilled until time to serve.

**Rich Soil Is Required For Vegetable Garden**

H. R. Niswonger, Extension horticulturist of N. C. State College, is constantly reminding farm people that the vegetable garden is the most valuable and important plot of ground on the place. "But it should be the richest soil on the farm," he declared.

Continuing, Niswonger said: "You cannot provide the vegetable needs for your family by planting the seeds or plants in soil that is not properly prepared or soil of low fertility. This is the time of the year to prepare the garden plot for next spring's plantings."

The horticulturist recommends that the ground be covered with about an inch of stable manure or one-half inch of chicken manure. Over this, broadcast 150 pounds per one-half acre of 16 per cent superphosphate, and if the soil is light, broadcast 50 pounds of potash.

The manure and fertilizer should be turned under now and left in the rough. This will allow the freezing weather to crumble the soil, thereby making it easier to get in shape for spring planting. If there have been peas or beans planted for turning under, broadcast the superphosphate and potash the same as with stable manure before plowing under, Niswonger advises.

As a final suggestion, the Extension

**N. C. Probationers Earn Over \$1,500,000**

Raleigh, Dec. 23.—Slightly more than 3,000 persons under the supervision of the North Carolina Probation Commission have earned more than \$1,500,000 during the three years in which the present system has been in operation, it was announced here. This means, it was pointed out, that probationers, instead of being a liability, constitute an economic asset, in that the State has been relieved of their care and they, on the other hand, have been able to supply the needs of their respective families. Hence, their earnings have a double value, that is, the amount saved the State and the amount they are able to provide for their dependents.

State Probation Commissioner Harry Sample estimates that of the money earned in the past three years by the approximately 3,000 probationers, no less than \$1,032,592 was spent in living expenses.

Cabarrus county 4-H club boys are showing an increasing interest in the production of purebred swine with 13 now owning registered Berkshire gilts or sows, says Assistant Farm Agent W. H. Williams.

specialist says arrangements should be made when the garden is planted to buy, rent or borrow some kind of sprayer or duster to use in fighting disease and insect pests. "It does not pay to spend money for fertilizers and garden seed if you let the bugs and diseases destroy the plants," he asserted.

**Chevrolet Building Over 100,000 Cars Per Month**

Detroit, Dec. 23.—Continuation of the high production rate which Chevrolet has maintained, ever since presentation of its 1941 models, resulted in manufacture of the 400,000th of these units, at the Flint assembly plant yesterday, it was announced here by M. E. Coyle, general manager of Chevrolet and vice-president of General Motors.

The latest 100,000 units of the new model year's production have been built since November 27, Mr. Coyle pointed out, adding further to the already remarkable record established since the first 1941 Chevrolet left the assembly line September 3. It took just 62 working days to produce the first 300,000 of these cars, and the average production rate, ever since they were brought out, has been substantially above 100,000 a month.

"There is no indication, currently, of any lessening in the demand on which Chevrolet's volume production is based," said Mr. Coyle. "Dealers in various parts of the country report car and truck sales prospects well in excess of the very good volume attained last year. For the immediate future, at least, there is indication of sustained volume in our manufacturing and assembly plants throughout the United States."



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