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## State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

**QUESTION:** How can I grow fruit trees on my small garden plot?

**ANSWER:** The development of dwarf apple trees that never grow taller than eight feet may be the solution to your problem, says James T. Francis of the State College Horticultural Department. These trees can be trained on a trellis or wall with heavy pruning, and thus trained, they are both ornamental and useful. The Malling VIII and Malling IX rootstock give the dwarfing effect.

**QUESTION:** What are the advantages of using radiant heat for brooding chicks?

**ANSWER:** This so called new brooding system appears to offer much greater efficiency in fuel consumption, labor, disease prevention, and in growth of chicks, poult, and ducklings, according to T. T. Brown, poultry specialist. More chicks per man can be cared for, floor space is more fully utilized, larger bunches of chicks can be brooded together without crowding, litter remains drier and less disease trouble is encountered when radiant heat is used.

**QUESTION:** What is the average number of pigs per litter in North Carolina?

**ANSWER:** Statistics on file at the Extension Service show this figure to be 6.5 pigs per litter.

## BOB-SLEDDING IN GERMANY



American Red Cross Photo: Red Cross recreation staffs have found bob-sledding a favorite sport of GI's of the 39th Regiment and Constabulary in Germany. A heavy snow always brings out a crowd. When you give to the Red Cross, you send a bit of American fun to the men overseas.

## AT HOME ON THE FARM — WITH — THE CITY COUSIN

As I walked down the dark street, bent on catching a bus home, Wallace Appleton caught up with me. Both of us had been to the regularly Monday night meeting of our civic club, where a man from Chicago told us of the goings-on behind the international scene.

"How'd you like the talk?" I asked him, as he came along side of me.

"I don't know," he says, "sometimes I think we hear too

much of national and international problems, not enough about what we can do in this city of ours to cure its many ills."

We came to the corner where I wait for the bus to the suburbs. Standing there around a traffic light we talked things over.

I told Wallace we mustn't lose sight of the broader phases of living in today's world, but at the same time, I agreed that it might have been better to hear what our city was doing about the housing shortage.

"Take the small rural community of our fathers' time," Wallace says. "Every problem was met as a community enterprise, with a great deal of loyalty and spirit. Husking bees, log rolling—why, in those days, when a man was up against it and needed a house, he just called in his neighbors. Each farmer was a stick in a bundle, just like the old fable. They made a pretty strong bundle, too."

"That sort of thing isn't done anymore, huh?" I asked, looking up the street for my bus that was due any time now.

"Naw," says Wallace, with a despairing sigh. "Everybody's too busy these days."

Then I told him the story of Willie Duke.

It didn't take place fifty years ago, either. The last time I was around to see E. L. Norton, Northampton County Agent for the State College Extension Service, he gave it to me just as it happened about two weeks ago.

I told Wallace how Willie had run the general community store in tiny Rehobeth until his place was destroyed by fire early on a Sunday morning. There was his business—a mess of charred wood and bursted canned goods—no building, no sock.

But Willie didn't run to his neighbors for help. They came to him, bright and early Monday morning. Nothing was said about the lumber shortage as saws went to work on pine trees that were part of the North Carolina landscape the day before. How about the shortage of labor? Carpenters are scarce items today! Carpenters and helpers measuring and fitting the green boards. Perhaps these neighbors didn't break any records, but "Willie Duke's General Store" was open for business Thursday morning—four short days after it had been leveled by fire!

Meanwhile, my bus had come and gone. But Wallace Appleton was convinced that Tar Heel farmers, at least, have not forgotten the lesson of the bundle of sticks.

## Farm and Home Week Will Be August 25-29

Featuring demonstrations of farm mechanization and labor saving devices, the fortieth annual Farm and Home Week will be held on the State College Campus August 25 to 29, it was announced this week by Director I. O. Schaub, of the State College Extension Service.

With "Information, Inspiration, and Recreation" as the by words, this year's event will combine two-hour lecture and discussion periods each morning with demonstrations, tours, and inspection of exhibits in the afternoon.

Suggesting that farmers and home makers bring their problems along with them, Dr. Schaub emphasized the fact that "one simple problem solved may be worth hundreds of dollars" to an individual.

Officers of the North Carolina Farmer's Convention and the N. C. Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, along with representatives of the State Department of Agriculture, Farm Bureau State Grange, Production and Marketing Administration, Soil Conservation, and other interested agricultural agencies, met with Extension officials last week to lay the groundwork for what is expected to be the greatest Farm and Home Week held at the College.

The Farmers' delegation was headed by Jacob M. Pickler of New London, Stanly County, president of the Farmers' Convention, and Mrs. Glenn Duncan of Siler City, president of the Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, represented the women.

## Stores, Wives Controlling Prices

Raleigh, March 11: Price tags in North Carolina stores show that merchants and budget-conscious housewives are working to bring meat costs under control. Testifying to the effect of merchant and consumer resistance, the State Agriculture Department marketing service says that beef and pork quotations are falling slowly on livestock markets and that packing houses are noting lessened demand.

Pork prices jumped sharply last week as livestock dealers began to feel the results of curtailed hog production. Agriculture Department officials attributed the smaller hog crop to the fact that farmers last fall disposed of brood stock in protest to OPA ceiling and mounting feed costs.

Bacon, which sold for around 69 cents a pound last week and for 42 cents under the OPA, is priced at from 68 to 74 cents a pound. Pork chops, which sold for 63 cents a pound a few days ago and 37 cents under the OPA, are now around 65 to 70 cents per pound.

Beef cuts at most stores are showing few price changes.

In the poultry line, fryers and hens continue at a level of from 48 to 55 cents per pound.

Seafood, which has shown sharp upward trends in price since 1941, is now declining, and is now generally the most economical meat on the market.

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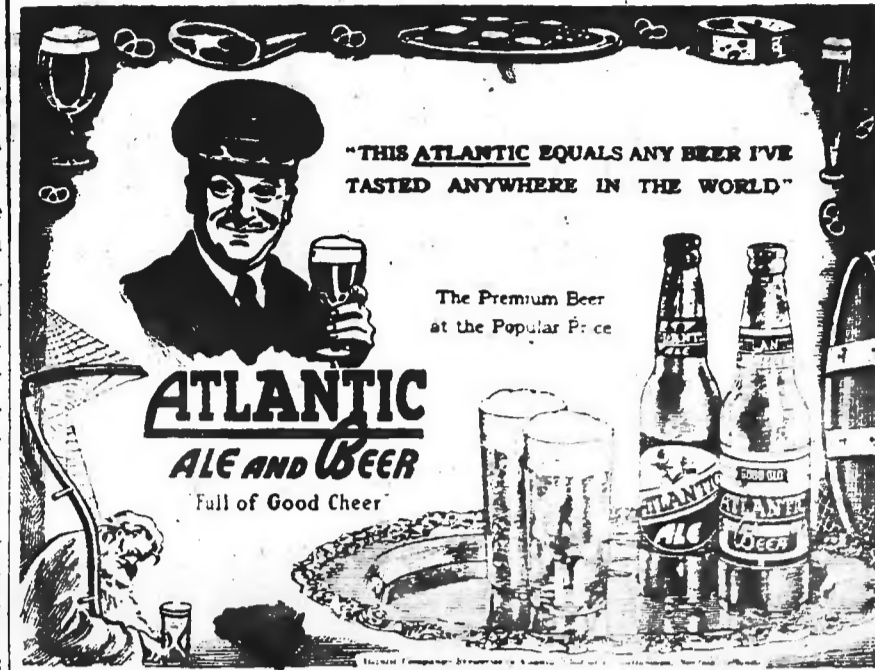
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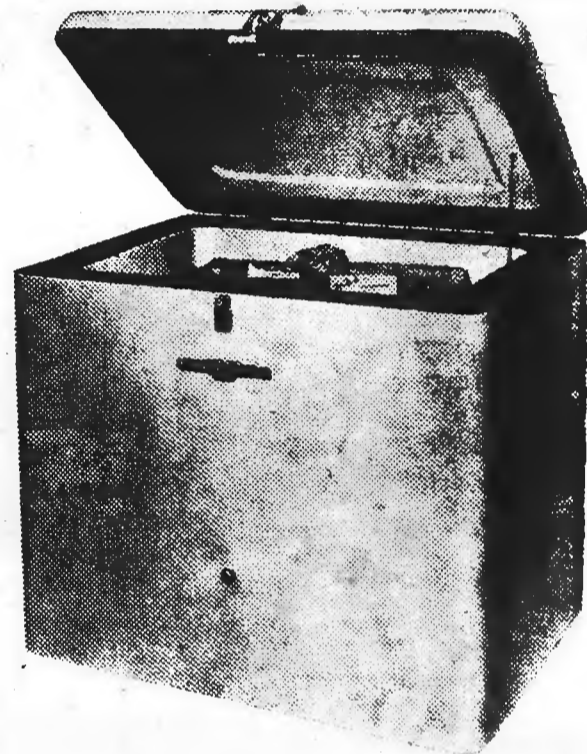
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