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You can imagine my surprise on learning that a certain area in Japan has soil and climate not too different from that of the southeastern United States.

It seems that because of his similarity, a North Carolina native recently traveled 3,200 miles by rail and flew 9,700 miles by four-motored Army freighter planes to work with a soil survey project set up by the U. S. Army in southern Japan.

To this important post, went one William D. Lee, associate professor of Agronomy at State College, who received a nine month's leave of absence March 1. In talking over this appointment with the head of his department,

I learned that Lee was chosen because of his very intimate knowledge of, and wide experience with the yellow and red soils of this section of his own country.

Far from his home and family who stayed behind in Raleigh, the Buncombe Countian is hard at work on improving the agriculture of a beaten nation. With two other stateside men, Lee is examining the soils to determine what improved practices can be applied to Japan's basic pattern of farming.

Whenever a man sets eyes on Tokyo for the first time, lasting impressions have a way of building up. I wanted to know what Lee, who has been connected with State College since 1936, would have to say about these original imprints on the memory.

Breathes there a man who wouldn't write home about it? Well, this Mr. Lee, who's chief interest of a lifetime has been North Carolina soils, set down his impressions in a letter to Director I. O. Schaub of the State College Extension Service. His train of thought on Tokyo runs like this:

"A much bombed city, with vast areas laid waste—broad streets—everything left handed—smells—decrepit little trolleys packed full, with people on the outside like ants clinging to a picnic cookie—little men, big loads—

"Everything left handed—doors driving—turns—always bumping into someone going the wrong way—bicycles, bicycles—some pulling half a ton in a trailer—

little men, big loads—Japanese with rosey cheeks who do not look ill-fed—smell—

"Odd dress, women in slacks, kimonos, dresses, wooden shoes. Jeeps, thousands of them, driven by Japanese. Hundreds of colonels, hardly a second lieutenant.

"Army houses and feeds us in hotels and large homes—many places 'off limits'—Army runs free buses—large and important buildings missed in bombing—people appear intelligent, clever, polite—Army uses Japanese everywhere possible—about half the office force in Agriculture are Japanese." His wandering thoughts end.

I have noticed before that where little men have big loads in agriculture, State College is always represented in any program designed to lighten their burden.

Now I know why Mr. Lee went to Japan.

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

QUESTION: What precautions can I take to lessen the damage done by potato tuberworms?

ANSWER: During growth, the potatoes should be kept well cultivated and deeply hilled, says James T. Conner, Jr., Extension Entomologist at State College.

This practice prevents the adults from laying eggs in the potatoes while they are still in the growing stage. Since the adults lay their

eggs chiefly in the late afternoon and night, it is important that the potatoes be moved from the field to storage the same day they are dug, when digging time comes.

QUESTION: What can I do as a poultryman to reduce the cost of feed?

ANSWER: Prof. Roy S. Dearstyne, head of the Poultry Department at State College, says that

this is a question as old as the industry itself. It invariably leads back in each case to the same starting point, he believes. Carefully bred stock, which implies stock bred to live, grow and perform, is a big factor, and thoughtful, efficient management by the owner is equally one of the greatest advances the industry could make, Prof. Dearstyne says, pointing out that research has shown that this will reduce feed costs by from 10 to 15 percent. More care in feeding by reducing waste at the feed hoppers to a minimum and cutting down spoilage through better feed storage will also result in a saving to you. Getting rid of cull birds and cutting down mortality are two other answers to your question provided by Prof. Dearstyne.

NOTICE OF PRIMARY AND ELECTION DATES FOR TOWN OFFICIALS

In response to a resolution passed by the town commissioners at their regular meeting Tuesday March 4th, notice is hereby given that the primary for nomination of candidates for Mayor and five Commissioners for the two year term beginning first Monday in June will be held in the town hall on Monday, April 7th, 1947.

The registrar will have the books open beginning Saturday, March 15th and they will remain open until Saturday, March 29th for all who are eligible and have not done so to register.

Saturday, April 5th will be challenge day and the books will be open that day for that purpose.

Thursday, March 27th will be the last day for filing and no name will be placed on the ticket for the election which will be held Monday, May 5th unless same has been filed with the clerk on or before said closing date with the required fee.

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