

Crop Performance Results Reported

"Measured Crop Performance," the annual publication of the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station which carries the results of crop variety testing throughout the State, has just been published and is available on request to the Agricultural Editor at State College.

The 52-page circular gives reports on tests with corn hybrids, cotton, wheat, oats, and barley. It is intended as a guide for farmers who about this time of year begin looking around for sources of good seed.

The tests are conducted annually with funds provided by a special act of the 1941 General Assembly, by commercial seedsmen, and by the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association. Test fields are located in differed sections of the State chosen to represent variations in climate, soils, and prevalence of insects.

Results of the 1948 tests and averages for several years are given in 23 tables in the bulletin, which was prepared by H. L. Cooke, research instructor in charge of variety tests, and R. P. Moore, director in charge of the Crop Improvement Association.

Explaining that "a performance test may be compared with an athletic contest where the best team does not always win, but generally does," Cooke and Moore list recommendations for 1949. For corn, they emphasize the consistently high yields of hybrids, particularly N. C. 27, N. C. 26, and Dixie 17. The small grain recommendations remain about the same. A promising new barley, known as Sunrise x Davidson 2999, will be released this summer, and two new wheat varieties, known as 5450 and 5466, are described as two of the most promising wheats yet developed by the Experiment Station.

Persons desiring a copy of the publication should ask for Experiment Station Circular No. 364.

Four-H Club boys in Forsyth County have listed more than 600 individual projects for 1949. Corn, swine, and gardening are the most popular, with about 90 each in the county.

A total of 2,653 Negro farmers and veterans attended a series of educational farm meetings held in 12 southeastern counties this winter.

LOCAL GIRL ON COLLEGE GOVERNING BODY



Pictured are the judicially robed officers of the Greensboro College student government which will mete out punishment to erring classmates this year. Elected following recent campus campaigns, the tribunal group are front row, left to right, Betty Davis of Raeford, day student representative; Ann Oakley of Greenville, second vice-president; Sue Rast of Greenwood, S. C., first vice-president; Helen Schwartzbard of Highland Park, N. J., president; and back row, Jean Tyree of Rocky Mount, recording secretary; Mickey Marsh of High Point, treasurer; and Kash Davis of Weldon, corresponding secretary.

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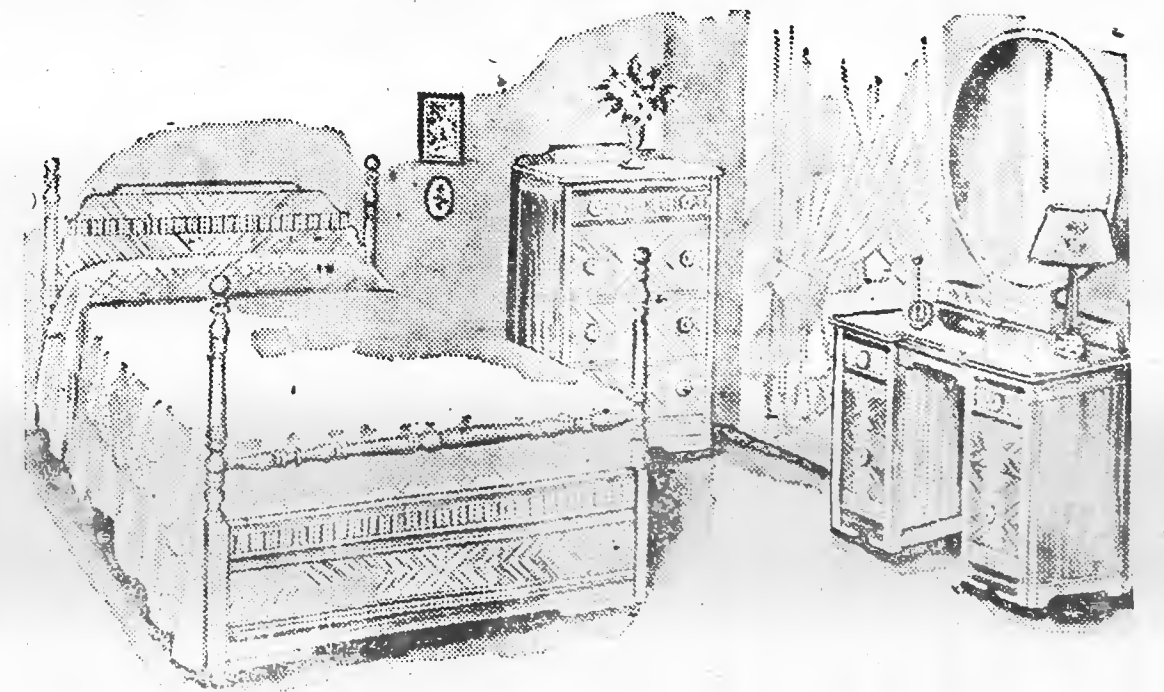
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Speaking Contest Finals Scheduled

High school students in approximately 90 counties participated in the opening round the North Carolina agricultural speaking contest this year, reports J. Frank Doggett, soil conservationist for the State College Extension Service.

The State finals in the contest will be held in the YMCA auditorium at State College on Friday, March 25, at 2 p. m. The public is invited.

The finals will be open to winners in the 40 districts of the State. Presiding will be John P. Stedman of Lumberton, chairman of the agricultural committee of the North Carolina Bankers Association, which is sponsoring the contest. Judges will be D. S. Weaver, assistant director of the Extension Service; L. Y. Ballentine, State commissioner of agriculture; and Jule B. Warren, editor of "We The People" magazine.

The general subject to reach contestant is "Proper Land Use and Treatment—Its Effect upon the Economy of North Carolina." State prizes, all in savings bonds, will be \$400 for first place, \$100 for second, and \$50 for third.

The contest is the fourth annual one to be sponsored by the Bankers Association.

Sclerotinia, a stem-rot disease, has caused serious damages to alfalfa and clover stands in several North Carolina counties this winter.

Many Carolina Gardens Will Be Displayed During April This Year

Raleigh, N. C.—As never before, historical and floral North Carolina will be on display all during April this year; as never before in the annals of the Garden Club of N. C., the events in 15 towns have been carefully planned for spectator enjoyment and programmed in a 28-page booklet just released, it was announced by Mrs. Wesley Taylor, Publicity Chairman of the N. C. Garden Club, (Justamere Farm) Greensboro, N. C.

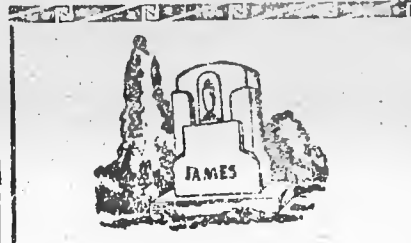
Dame Nature is co-operating with garden lovers this year—after the mildest winter in a decade threatened to bring out flowers during March, a present cold snap has, in the opinion of horticultural experts, guaranteed April full-bloomings in garden and field.

Wilmington's all-out three day Azalea Festival, complete with tours, parades, a beauty contest, three simultaneous balls, a nationwide radio broadcast and a golf tournament April 1 thru 3, after fearful moments is assured a "million azaleas" in full bloom. Goldsboro, also on April 1, is hoping for blooming of the unique mountain flora in Cliffs-of-the-Neuse State Park. Rounding out the first week, New Bern will show a half-hundred old homes and as many gardens in guided tours April 3 and 4.

Chapel Hill (1 thru 17), Concord, and Tryon have continuing events scheduled; in Chapel Hill Coker Arboretum will feature: in Concord the Cannon farm. "For Pity Sake" is open by arrangement; Tryon Garden Club features Peep Shows. Special flower shows are scheduled in Greensboro April 22 and 23; in Hillsboro 22 and 23; and in Wilson on the 25th.

Greensboro's guided tours events are scheduled for the 9th and 10th. Eden in the same week (8 thru 10) will open for the first time in a decade the old homes and gardens which witnessed the birth of a state and a Nation in a gala homecoming. Southern Pines, in the midst of a spectacular Spring winter-resort season, will add garden tours to horse and golf events there and nearby Pinehurst. April 12 and 13. Durham (15 and 16) will open private gardens to add to the continuous showing of Duke Memorial Gardens, and Henderson, with no charge on any event, will show on the 16th. Up in the mountains, Asheville's internationally-favored resort facilities will devote the 14th and 15th to special tours.

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