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Check Seed Plates Now, Farmers Urged

"Don't wait until planting day to obtain the proper seed plates for your corn planter—do it now!" urges Dr. R. P. Moore, director in charge of the North Carolina Improvement Association at State College.

Corn hybrids, Dr. Moore explains, are sold by grades which may require special seed plates. Since good stands are needed to make high yields, attention must be given to the selection of the proper size plates.

Many farmers rework the cells of either old or new plates in order to get an accurate seed drop. The important point is to make sure that the largest kernels of corn can be planted without difficulty. If this is done, the smaller kernels will cause no trouble, especially in well-graded lots of corn.

Most manufacturers of corn planters are willing to help farmers select the proper plates, says Dr. Moore. However, he adds, farmers must be willing to help themselves. They must realize that luck is neither a good farming partner nor a substitute for the proper plates.

Farm fish ponds are continuing a popularity among Moore County farmers, reports Assistant Farm Agent W. G. Caldwell.

Poole's Medley

BY D. SCOTT POOLE

Everybody knows that Raeford was formed from the last syllables of McRae and Williford, but all may not know that mail for the citizens of Central North Carolina was distributed by carriers from Fayetteville.

Fayetteville was at the head of navigation on the Cape Fear river, and that was the trade center for more than half the people of North Carolina. My mother took the Fayetteville Observer, then a weekly paper. Farm produce was marketed there, and supplies bought for a large area of North Carolina.

Merchandise and mail were brought from the North by ships and then up the Cape Fear river. Ships loaded with cotton and other produce were shipped to Northern markets.

There were no throughline railroads from the North until after the Civil War. The first throughline railroad was the Southern, the next was the Atlantic Coast Line. The Seaboard was built in

between in the 1870's. My first ride on a train was in 1880. when I first attended the State Fair.

Say, good people, there are many happy over the appointment of Dr. Frank P. Graham to the United States Senate. Senator Graham and Senator Hoey hold opposite views on the leading questions dividing the people, and we will be in about the same position we would be in if we were unrepresented.

Both are good, real good, but for opposite purposes, and a fellow in the Charlotte Observer Monday, Senator Graham holds membership in a number of organizations we do not like. However, he may be powerful good. Let's wait and see.

Fruits have been killed in April since I can remember, and if frost does not kill it next month we are in luck.

In the early 1900's, here in Raeford, Postmaster Currie carried one or two mail bags, not much in 'em, down to the depot,

met the train and carried the mail up every morning.

One day I failed to get my papers in the postoffice on time. and Mr. Currie opened the mail bag, and put my papers in.

Fact and Figures was the name of my paper, and that name helped, some thought, in advocating the new county.

The U. S. Postoffice, McLaughlin Co., E. D. McLean, Bob Smith, D. B. and Son, Dr. H. R. Cromartie, McQueen and Guiton, B. R. Gatlin, McNeill Bros., D. McKeithan, N. S. Blue Co., Facts and Figures, Culbreth and Graham, I. B. Andrews, George Edgerton, John McMillan, Moore Bros., Dr. Gilbert, Peele Bros., and McGill, Dickson and Graham, O'Neill and McRae was Raeford.

Except for the Bank of Raeford, now Hoke Drug Company, the whole town was of frame buildings, and there was a number of fires. The most destructive were in January, 1915, and December 31, 1925, when the Oil Mill, Hotel Raeford and from there on to Central Avenue. In the two fires, the losses were nearly a quarter million dollars.

This town has never had any mushroom growth, but it has steadily grown. It has grown more in the last ten years than ever before.

We have no idea the majority of voters would vote for the consolidation of Hoke with any other county. Nor will a majority vote for liquor.

Two of the largest dogs in town jumped on one of the smallest dogs in town a few days ago, and that reminded that some people are like dogs.

It does not look so much like war now, but the "fools" may stir up trouble any time. They should all know that no question has ever been settled by war. Diplomacy settles all controversies.

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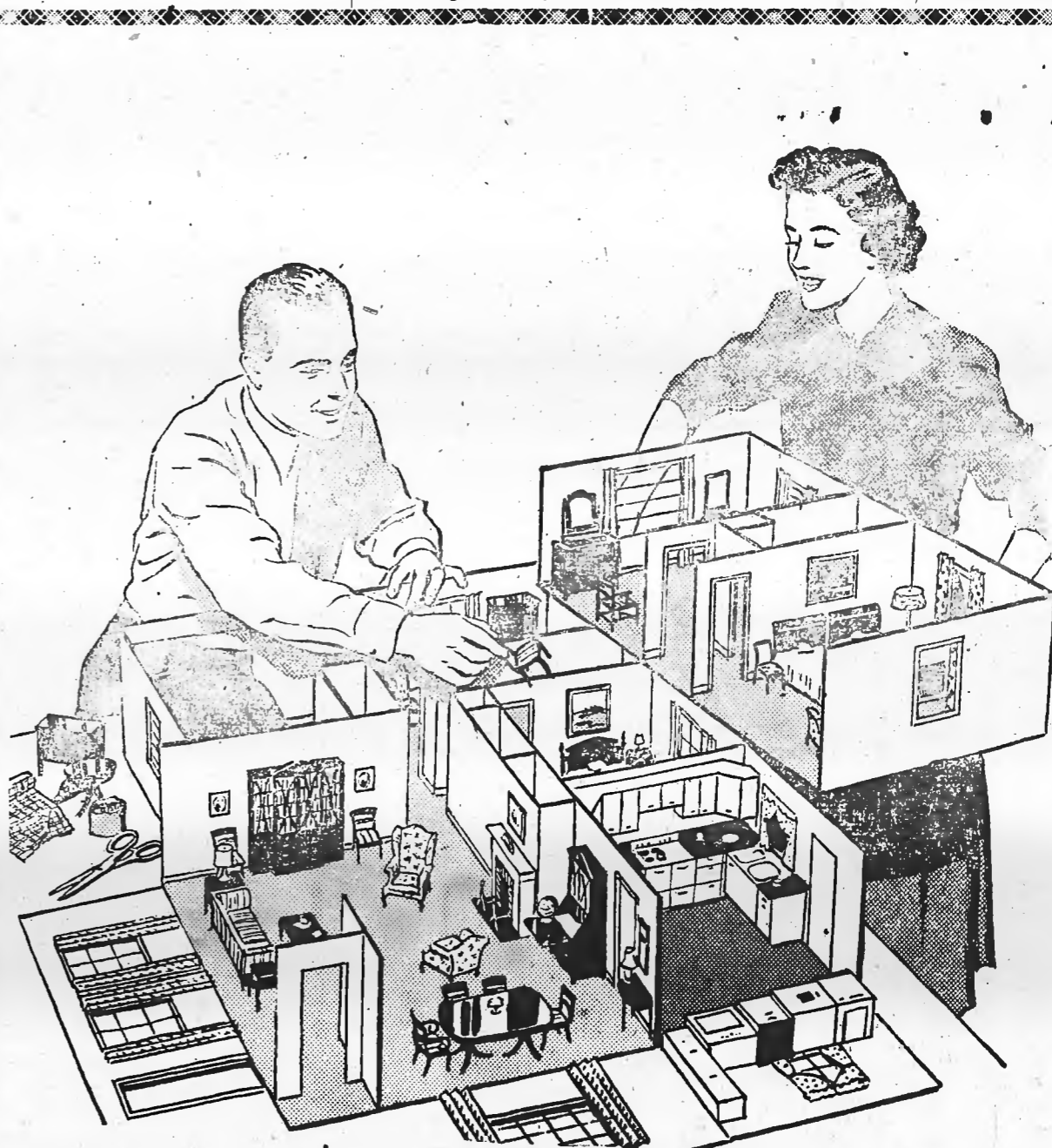
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