

Poole's Medley

BY D. SCOTT POOLE

The showers which broke the drought last week were accompanied by hail and wind in several communities, doing considerable damage.

I have noticed for years that dry weather spells were broken by clouds which carried hail. Hailstorms are mysterious to me—I do not know the why.

The older I get the more I value and love the Sandhills, but that word should be written in two words, Sand and Hills, noted for beauty.

The crops that have not been

destroyed have increased and are fine. It is worth while to drive over Hoke County and take a look at the growing and ripening crops.

Clay is not so far away, nor so deep, and these ditches in the Sand Hills show that. Where it looks like a sand bank, there is a clay foundation.

It is amusing to hear the prices of cotton quoted over the radio. It drops back to much lower quotations for March than in October.

These combines have put the

old time threshing machines out of business, but we boys looked forward to the wheat threshing and the cornshucking. We feasted for days.

There is a good crop of peaches this year, and of apples. The freezer locker people should do a good business this season. They keep fruit and vegetables fresh.

The first town fire I ever saw was J. Reece Blair's barn in Troy one Sunday afternoon. He had his horse and buggy removed and let it burn.

Occasionally a house burned, but a fire started in Nance's feed barn in a pile of hay. I saw it and gave the alarm, some fellow smoking. Two residences, a hotel and four stores burned, and most of the goods.

The best fire fighting I have seen was in Troy when Spike Morris' hotel was burned, one Sunday in November, 1900. I think it was. A bunch of citizens kept the courthouse from burning, and the lightwood pile, too.

There were two two-room offices behind Allen's store and hotel and we kept them from burning. One of them and the lightwood pile caught fire but it was put out before it started burning.

When the Morris store, post-office and rugstore were burned the fire fighters saved other buildings by keeping them wet.

Building materials are scarcer and more expensive, and fires seem more frequent, but we get the news these days. That is the biggest change of any.

Our newsgatherers are a wonder. We get news from the war zone sometimes within two hours after it occurred. The destruction of life is about as fast.

These tractors are going to reduce the number of horses and mules in use on the farms, for a tractor can do as much plowing in a day as ten horses or mules.

A horse or dog can be a true and tried friend, and not many

will do away with them altogether.

President Truman seems anxious to have his views presented to the people. They have had some of that off and on, long enough to know them.

There is a great difference in getting a living from fields clear of stumps and roots, and from fields recently cut out from the forests.

Singing as the music is written is an accomplishment worth while, and it is a delight to hear good singing. Praise is as needful as prayer, though many do not take in the worship of song and praise.

The old time singing class was a great help. At both Jackson Springs and at Bensalem churches they often had singing schools, and as a rule, they had splendid singing at the preaching services.

GARDEN TIME

By Robert Schmidt

While we are between crops, in a sense, we should be thinking of ways to improve our garden soils. Much needed organic matter may be added through the use of stable manures or summer and fall green crops to be turned under. These materials will make heavy soils easier to work and will give sandy soils a better water-holding capacity and along with that, there is the added fertility. But what I wish to talk about is soil acidity and the use of lime. Many gardeners do not understand the proper use of lime because they do not know the needs of the individual crops.

Also, they do not know how acid their soil is. It is foolish to add lime to soil if you do not know that it needs lime or that crops to be grown require more lime.

Lime reduces soil acidity. Most vegetable crops will thrive in slightly acid (pH 6 to 6.7) soils but there are a number of them that will not thrive at all in very acid (pH 4.5 to 5.0) soils. These are asparagus, spinach, onions, celery, lettuce, beets, muskmelons, cauliflower, broccoli, parsnips, okra, and salsify. Crops such as beans, cucumbers, watermelons, corn, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes and tomatoes are quite tolerant of very acid soils—in fact, it is desirable for watermelons. It is also desirable to grow Irish potatoes on quite acid soils to prevent the development of potato scab, a serious disease which is made worse by lining the soil.

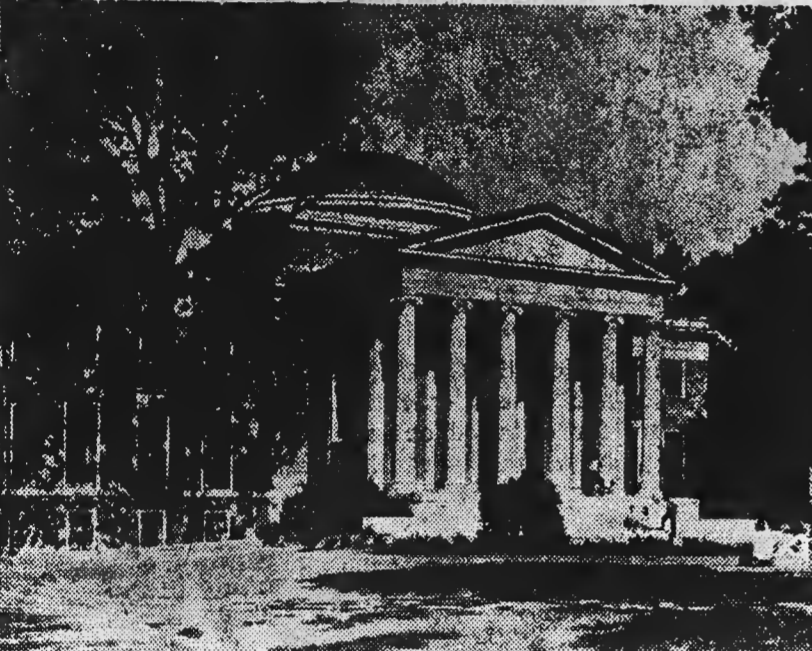
The soil testing laboratory of the N. C. Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, will test your soil

free of charge and tell you how much lime to use. That leaves no excuse for not knowing the correct acidity of your soil. Take samples by slicing the soil with a spade or trowel to a depth of four to six inches which will give you soil from the top as well as lower down. Thoroughly mix and send about one pint to the laboratory. If your garden is large take sam-

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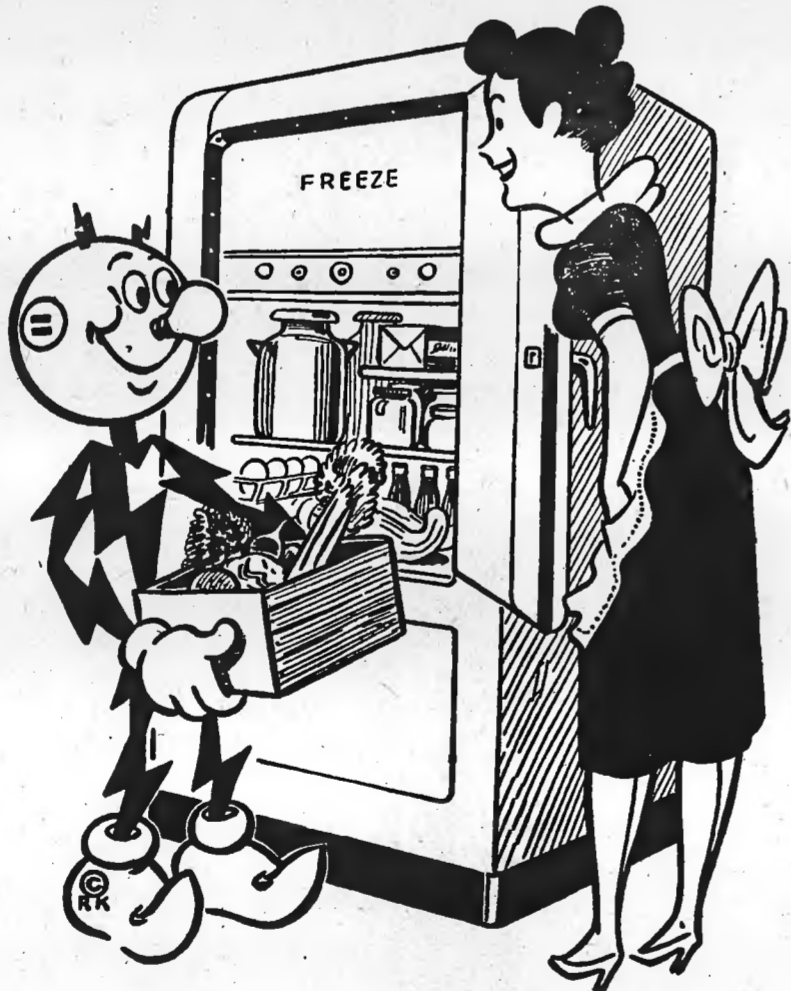
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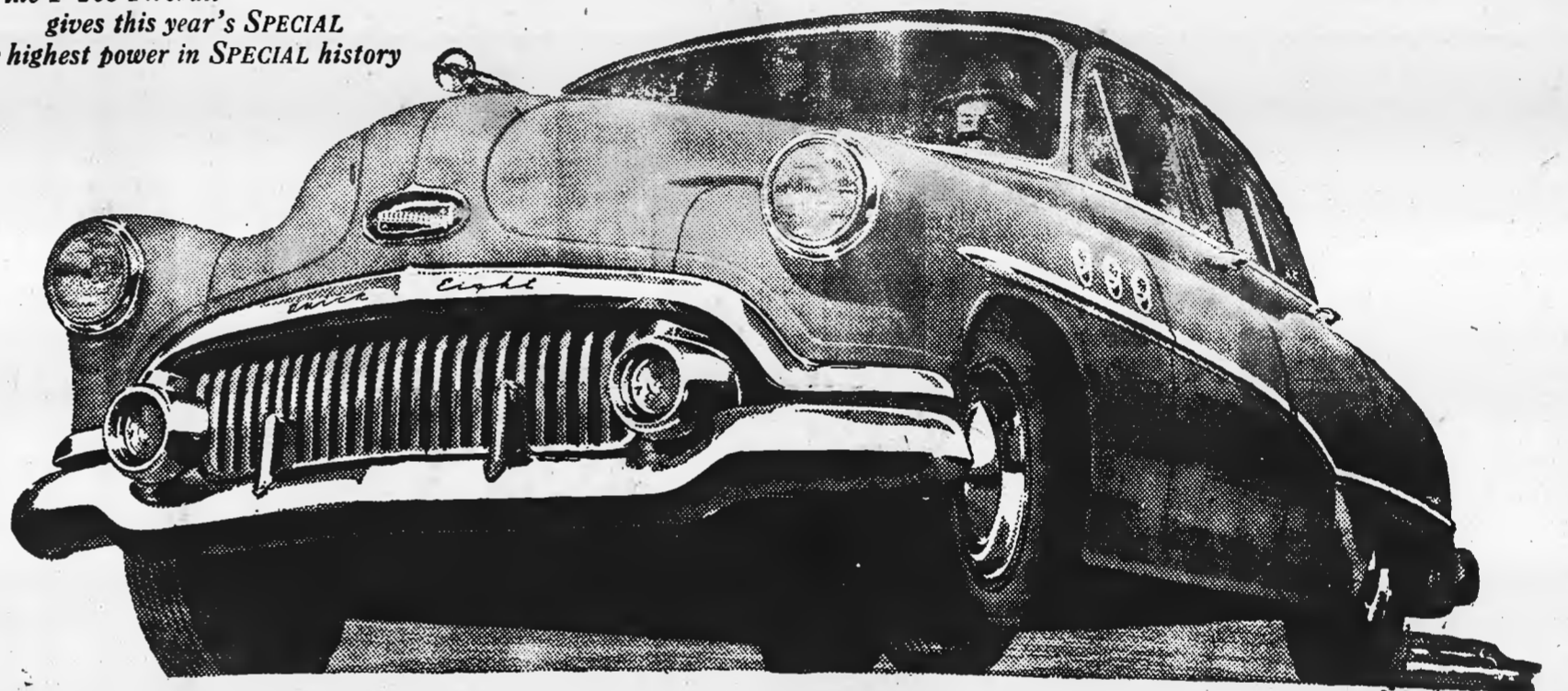


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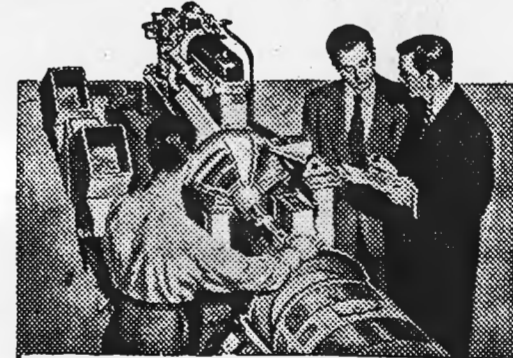
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