

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

QUESTION: What is centipede grass?

ANSWER: It's a low creep lawn grass that does well on almost any kind of soil. Its scientific name is *Eremochloa ophiuroides*. It will grow well in the sun and does reasonably well in the shade. Its main claim is that it remains close to the ground and requires little mowing. The worst objection to it is that it browns over at the first frost of winter and remains so until spring growth starts. Seed of centipede grass are now becoming available. If you can get them seed them in April. However, the usual practice is to start centipede grass from roots planted in April and May.

QUESTION: How can I keep



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crabgrass and cocklebur out of my corn?

ANSWER: With 2,4-D you can control crabgrass, cocklebur, morning glory pigweed, lambs-quarter and ragweed. Use pre-emergence spray, spraying surface of soil five to seven days after planting or just before corn emerges. Use 1 1/4 pounds of 2,4-D per acre on sandy soils, 1 1/2 pounds on clay soils and two pounds on muck soils. Do not cultivate or disturb the soil until the corn is 14 inches tall or until weeds appear. Plant corn at least one inch deep. Avoid pre-emergence applications on extremely sandy soils. Injury to stand may occur if heavy rains follow the application before the corn comes up. Poor weed control is likely under dry conditions.

Fountain Praises HD Club Work

"You are democracy in action and totalitarianism is endeavoring to destroy what you represent," said Congressman L. H. Fountain, of the Second North Carolina District, as he addressed women of Nash, Halifax, and Edgecombe Counties at their annual district federation meeting recently in Roanoke Rapids.

"The history of home demonstration in North Carolina is a glorious story of spiritual, mental and material growth," remarked Congressman Fountain. "Your goal has been to give better, deeper more abundant life to the farm family. The old farm house is little akin to the modern farm home of today with its comfort and convenience. It is because of your activity that America has made amazing progress. In a relatively short space—40 years—revolution in homemaking has taken place. The utilization of new findings might have been slow but for home demonstration.

"You women have striven and toiled, suffering setbacks every-where that America is and America's best," said Fountain. "One of

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The training of local volunteer 4-H leaders in the proper care and safe operation of the farm tractor was the highlight of the recent four-day 4-H Tractor Maintenance Clinic at N. C. State College. Here (left to right) are Edward Allen of Roanoke Rapids, Route 1, neighborhood 4-H leader;

J. C. Ferguson, Extension Service agriculture engineer; Daniel Chase, American Oil Company representative of Charlotte, whose company sponsored the program; and Jack Anderson of Clarendon, Route 1, volunteer 4-H leader. The volunteer leaders in turn train 4-H Club members in tractor maintenance.

the greatest assets of your organization is that it is concerned with the very root of democracy. You as homemakers hold a unique responsibility in developing in your children the democratic way of living.

"Today, however," continued Fountain, "is not the time for eulogy or past accomplishment. We can't always dwell on the good. We are looking out of lighted windows onto a darkened world.

"But have we not the answer to our problems? Have we not known it all along? Is it not the picture of America on its knees praying to the Almighty for guidance?"

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related social sciences, says Hamilton, is one of the best ways to prepare oneself for a wide variety of fields in which success depends upon "skill in understanding, working with, and supervising people." Among the fields for which such training qualifies its students are rural sociological extension work, scouting, social welfare work, Red Cross field directors, journalism, personnel management, business and administrative positions, and many others.

N. C. State College offers a four-year course in rural sociology leading to a bachelor of science degree. The primary aim of the department is to teach students the principles and techniques for understanding human group behavior.

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