

Along the Way

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Duplin County Republican Convention

Produce such as lettuce can easily be purchased at local supermarkets anytime of the year. Duplin farmers and businessmen can be counted among the earlier pioneers supplying nationwide grocers with produce.

Farmers and businessmen put their knowledge together in Rose Hill during the early 1940s. As an experiment, Rose Hill farmer/businessman J.B. Fussell grew lettuce to be shipped out of North Carolina to eastern and midwestern grocers. Reports in a June 1941 issue of the DUPLIN TIMES-HERALD stated 1,000 crates of lettuce were shipped from Fussell's farm. Each crate held 3.4 bushels. Fussell hired 100 workers to harvest the lettuce crop and quickly wash and pack the produce for shipment. Each crate was lined with duro-pack paper which held a layer of crushed ice around the heads of lettuce. The process began early one morning and ended late in the night with crates of iced-down lettuce loaded on refrigerator trucks ready for transporting.

The idea of shipping fresh produce did not stop with lettuce. Fussell also shipped 2 crates of beans the same week of the first lettuce shipment in June of 1941. No further updates were printed in the TIMES-HERALD on Fussell's experiment.

However, today supermarkets all across our nation have all types of fresh vegetables any time of the year. Modern grocery stores make

The Duplin County Republican Convention will meet Saturday, September 25 at 2 p.m. at James Sprunt Technical College auditorium for the purpose of electing delegates to the District and State Conventions. Eugene "Red" McDaniels, Republican candidate for Congress, will address the convention. All Republicans are invited and urged to attend.

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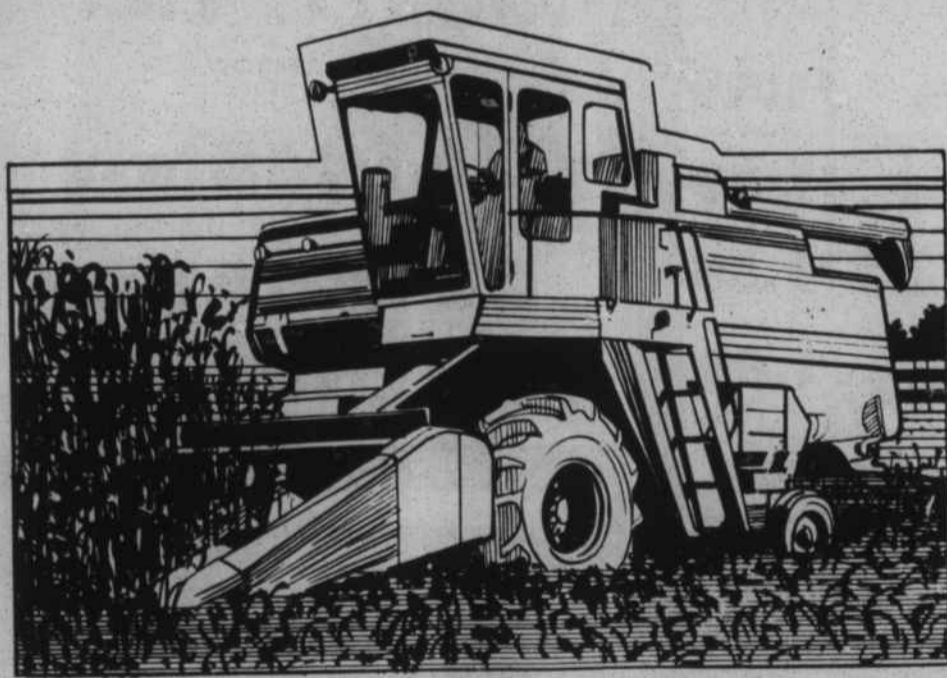


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Rhodes Family Reunion

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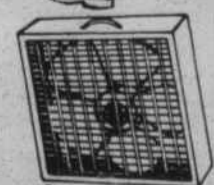
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