



"I have tomatoes growing on my potato vines. How come?" This is a perennial question and here is the perennial answer. Maybe some day the public will become well enough informed so that this question will not pop up every spring through the press.

The seed balls found on the potato plant contain true seed of the potato. These true seed are used by the plant breeder to produce new varieties. Parents are selected and crosses made on the flowers in the greenhouse. When the seed balls mature, the seed are removed and the cross classified. Then the seed of each cross are planted. When they come up, and while the plants are very small, they are set in two or three inch pots and grown until tubers form. The small tubers in each pot represent a potentially new variety. We grow thousands of them each year. It is an interesting story.

It is not uncommon to find seed balls on potato plants in the mountains where climatic conditions favor the formation of seed. It is less common to find them in eastern Carolina; however, they do form under certain weather conditions, particularly if the tem-

perature is cool during the period of bloom.

"I bought wilt resistant tomato plants and they are dying." Let's assume that you did buy wilt resistant varieties such as Homestead, Southland or Rutgers. There are two types of wilt, Fusarium and Bacterial. Resistance to Fusarium has been obtained by breeding but the job of licking the Bacterial wilt problem is yet to be accomplished.

Two teachers of Vocational Agriculture came to see me last week. They were loaded with plant specimens they wanted identified before rooting cuttings. I found lace bugs on some of the plants which reminds me to remind you to keep the sprayer or duster busy on your shrubs, fruit trees and vegetable crops.



Hollywood Meets Challenge To Produce "Peyton Place"

It is the duty of a picture maker to offer to the public every type of entertainment. "Peyton Place," showing Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at the Yancey Theatre, presented a challenge to John Michael Hayes, who portrayed the screenplay, to the director, Mark Robson, and to Jerry Wald, its producer, but all were sure from the beginning that the end result would be worthwhile.

"Peyton Place" takes the lid off a small New England community. It is a highly sensational story but thoroughly capable of being translated to the screen as strong as any story before made into a motion picture. Some years ago Mr. Wald was fortunate enough to bring Joan Crawford to the public in the role of "Mildred Pierce." In that picture Miss Crawford played her first screen mother role. Ann Blyth, then a complete unknown, played her daughter. The role won an Oscar for Miss Crawford. The part was not a pleasant one, but the drama was great.

Now, in "Peyton Place," Mr. Wald was again lucky enough to

have Lana Turner play Constance MacKenzie. She is not only a mother, she is an unwed mother. In the part of her daughter Allison, is an unknown player, Diane Varsi. These two roles hold the key to the story as in the earlier production, and the history of "Mildred Pierce" might easily repeat itself.

But this was not all. "Peyton Place" provided not only a startling and highly dramatic story and a vehicle for Miss Turner, worthy of her talents, but offered an opportunity to launch other new talents besides Miss Varsi, and to give some veterans of the screen opportunities to win new laurels.

Every part no matter how small has been cast with the utmost care into what Twentieth Century-Fox, honestly believes will be one of the finest, if not the finest drama of this or any other year. One which will in no way offend the innocent, but one which will not frustrate the intelligent. Feature starts 7:15 p. m. each night with only one complete show.

NEGRO STATE CONFERENCE OF FARMERS, HOMEMAKERS, MINISTERS, HELD LAST WEEK

This year for the first time, the Negro State Conference for Farmers and Homemakers, held each year in Greensboro at A. & T. College, met jointly last week with the Town and Rural Ministers Institute, according to R. E. Jones, Negro state agent.

The purpose of their meeting together last week, said Jones, was to combine their efforts toward working for the common good, since many of their programs and efforts overlap in scope.

The Homemakers program held lectures and demonstrations on such projects as trends in the home nursing, science in everyday family living, changes and adjustments facing farmers, human relations, making old picture frames attractive, producing, conserving and buying food, and tricks with the sewing machine. Such outstanding personalities as Honorable L. Y. Ballentine, commissioner of agriculture; Dr. Irwin V. Speery, professor of Family Development, Woman's College; as well as various subject matter specialists on the Extension staff at A. & T., and N. C. State College, appeared on the program.

Major problems facing North Carolina farmers, the changes and adjustments taking place in all areas of farming were emphasized by specialists and Ballentine in the Farmers program.

The Ministers program also included an opportunity for Commissioner Ballentine to emphasize the changes taking place in agriculture that will affect all the people of the state and how these changes will present economic problems in rural and small town communities. Appearing on a symposium were H. M. McNeill, Neg-

ri district agent, Dr. H. F. Robinson, associate professor of Agricultural Economics, A. & T. College; and Howard Winstead, manager of the Employment Agency, Greensboro representative of the United States Department of Labor.

The four-day conference attended by farmers, homemakers, and ministers from all parts of the state ended last Thursday at noon.

HORIZONTAL SILOS BECOME POPULAR

Mention silo and most people automatically think of an upright cylinder. But, silos of the horizontal type, such as trench and bunker, have become more and more prominent.

Lower initial cost and the possibilities of mechanized filling and feeding, or self-feeding of the silage, have been attracting many Tar Heel farmers to the idea of bunker or trench silos.

How good are these newer type silos? Guy S. Parsons, dairy specialist for the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service says that the effectiveness of the various structures in preserving dry matter of grass silage depends to a considerable extent upon the technique and management of the farmer at time of making silage. He needs to be more careful in making silage in the horizontal type silo because of lack of weight from depth of silage as well as the greater surface area exposed.

These two disadvantages can be partially overcome by packing the silage with a tractor during the filling process and by covering the surface of the silage with plastic covers held in place with material such as sawdust, Parsons said.

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