

Agri-Vues

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In response to a request, following is some information on controlling moles. Winter time is a good time to begin a mole control program to rid of their tunnels next summer. Let's begin by discussing what not to do: Flooding tunnels with water hose, gassing with exhaust from motor, poison peanuts. These methods are ineffective and additionally it is illegal to kill moles with poisons in North Carolina. Methods that do work and are legal are: Trapping with a spring spear mole trap over the tunnel. Removal of food supplies by use of soil pesticides. Moles invade areas heavily infested with worms, grubs and other insects. Reducing these food supplies causes moles to starve or move to other areas. There are several choices of soil insecticides that are effective. Consult your garden

supply dealer or the Agricultural Extension office for specific suggestions. In all cases follow directions and cautions of insecticide container.

FARM CITY WEEK
Mutual understanding between farm and town dweller is vital to the prosperity of our land. Each farmer feeds 55 Americans—it's important for those 55 to understand the food production processes—you might say your life depends on it. Take part in the Farm City Week observance. It begins Friday and extends through Thanksgiving Day.

WATCH SEED TAGS
Farmers and Agricultural Supply dealers should watch certified seed tags closely this year. At the time of purchase or delivery, look for the blue certified seed tag. Read it carefully to see if you are

buying Certified 1 or Certified 2. Both tags are identical in appearance except for the different germination levels and words certified 1 or certified 2. Either grade is O.K. but be sure you buy and pay for what you want.

SOIL TEST NOW
We are having a right heavy rush of farmers soil testing recently. Now is a good time to soil test for next year's crops. Bring your soil samples in and we will send them to the lab at no expense to you. Why guess when you can be sure of your fertilization and liming needs next year?

COST OF PRODUCING MILK
The report on cost of producing milk for the first six months of 1975 has just been released by the North Carolina Milk Commission. It showed that it cost the average North Carolina dairyman \$10.41 to produce 100 lbs. of milk during the first six months of this year. The cost for the first six months of 1974 was \$10.48. Average price received by dairymen per 100 pounds of milk during Jan.-June 1975 was \$10.18 as contrasted to \$10.22 a year earlier. Consumers who grumble about high prices should grumble to someone other than the farmer.

From Burnsville Little Theatre:

See 'The Fantasticks' This Week

An unforgettable night of entertainment begins at 8:15 Saturday, November 22, at East Yancey High School with the presentation of "The Fantasticks" by the Burnsville Little Theatre. Admission will be \$2 for adults and \$1.25 for students. There will be an open dress rehearsal Thursday, November 20 at 8:15 at East Yancey. This performance is aimed at students but adults are welcome too. Bring the kids. Admission for this special performance is only 50¢.

"The Fantasticks" is a musical comedy that will delight and entertain the entire family. It is filled with beautiful dialogue, memorable songs and music, fantasy, and even slapstick comedy. This highly acclaimed play, written by Harvey Schmidt and Tom Jones, opened in New York in 1960, and is still playing there, making it the longest running musical in the world!

It is a funny, yet moving story of innocence and learning. The boy and the girl are

tricked into a romance by their parents who pretend a feud to make their children curious about each other. Realizing they have been tricked by their parents, the romance falls apart and the two set out in separate directions to see something of life. Their experiences make them wiser and the story takes another interesting turn at this point.

Many of the songs from "The Fantasticks" will be familiar—"Try To Remember," "Much More," "Soon

It's Gonna Rain," "I Can See It," to name only a few.

This is Burnsville Little Theatre's first musical and it promises to be one of their brightest and most entertaining productions yet. Much credit goes to director Bill Wilson, artist in residence at Mayland Tech, who recently directed "Godspell" there. Superb casting, along with the excellent job done by music director Sue Koch and choreographers Carmela Mandala and Kim Robertson, guarantee a fine production. Musicians will be Billy Gouge, pianist and Joel Robertson, strings and percussion.

The cast includes Maria Mandala, a student at East Yancey as Luisa; Chris Baucom, a student at Harris High as Matt; John David Stewart, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Micaville as Bellamy; Martha Westall, a student at East Yancey as Ms. Hucklebee; Michael McAuliffe, a Yancey County resident and Vice-President of Burnsville Little Theatre as El Gallo-the narrator; Patrick Hardy, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Burnsville plays Henry, an aging and comical actor; and Tommy Carr, a student at East Yancey plays his assistant. Kim Robertson performs a mime ballet in the production.

A casting problem gave an interesting twist to this particular presentation of The Fantasticks. The script called for two fathers, but when one of the actors cast as Hucklebee had to leave the play and another male actor could not be found for the part, director Bill Wilson changed the role to "Ms." Hucklebee and cast Martha Westall as the young boy's mother. The result has been most pleasing and the casting change hints at a second romantic story line involving the parents.

Don't miss this opportunity.



Patrick Hardy Portrays Aging, Comical Actor

nity to see a community theatre production of one of the most entertaining and applauded musicals ever written for the stage.

'Nickel' Program Helps In Research

North Carolina farmers feel that they have one answer to rising food prices, and that answer is research.

Of the 60 research and education projects at North Carolina State University that farmers are aiding through their Nickels for Know-How program many are designed to lower farm production cost.

Glenn Presnell, chairman of the Yancey Nickels for Know-How Referendum, said that past experience shows that lower farm production costs are usually passed on to consumers.

An example of cost-cutting research is the feeding studies being done with beef cattle. The goal is to use more low-cost forages and roughages and less high-cost grain in feeding cattle.

Among the pests being studied are mosquitos, alfalfa weevils, viruses on ladina clover, tobacco hornworms, spider mites, soybean stem borers, grape root borers, sicklepod in soybeans, and the fungi that cause Southern Corn Blight, black rot in peanuts and root rot in apples.

Collectively, these pests cost farmers millions of dollars annually, which drives up the price of food.

Presnell reported that the Nickels for Know-How program in contributing about \$170,000 annually to these research projects at NCSU. The money is collected through a nickel per ton assessment on feed and fertilizer sold in the state.

The program is voluntary, and every six years the users of feed and fertilizer are given an opportunity to vote on whether they wish to continue the assessment. The next vote is November 25.

Presnell urged Yancey County citizens to continue their support of this "worthwhile effort."

Polling places will be Deyton Farm Supply, Johnson & Company, Newdale Grocery, Dellinger & Silver, Brooks Wilson Grocery, Profit's Store, Edmonds & Young, Clate Whitson Grocery, Tipton's Grocery, Deyton's Grocery, Worley Robinson Grocery and Byrd's Store.

South Toe Community Meeting

A meeting will be held this Friday evening at 7:30 p.m., November 21, in the South Toe School. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the building and location of the Community Center planned for the South Toe area.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting and to present their views and feelings.

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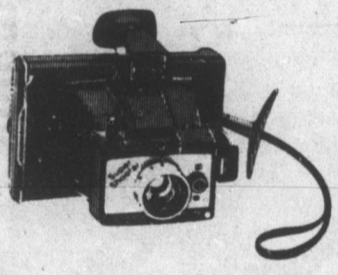
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David E. Lillenthal and Harcourt Morgan.

The college president contended Lillenthal and Harcourt Morgan were falsely representing TVA power costs, making them appear lower than those of private utility companies.

After World War II, Morgan lived quietly at his home in Yellow Springs devoting much of his time to Community Services, Inc. which he organized in 1938.

In 1947 Morgan and his wife journeyed to Finland to aid the Friends Service Committee in rehabilitating 500,000 displaced Finns.

In November, 1948 Morgan and his wife were summoned to India as a member of an Indian university commission to improve education facilities in that country.

Morgan also made similar studies for the Friends Ser-

vice Committee in Mexico in 1940, where he surveyed the possibilities of refugee resettlement.

Before becoming head of Antioch College in 1920, Morgan was chief engineer of the Miami (Ohio) conservatory district. There, he created a network of dams to prevent another occurrence of the 1913 flood which claimed several hundred lives and destroyed some \$100,000,000 in property in the Dayton, Ohio area.

Morgan was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, June 30, 1878. He grew up in northern Minnesota. He left home at 19 and with only \$1.50 he started a trip down the Mississippi River on a log raft. He spent three years at odd jobs in Iowa, Nebraska and Colorado.

He began his engineering career as a land surveyor with his father; and on his own, he studied hydraulic and water-control engineering. In 1905,

the Minnesota legislature adopted a drainage code drafted by the young engineer.

Morgan was supervising engineer in drainage investigations for the U.S. Department of Agriculture from 1907 to 1910, when he formed the Morgan Engineering Co.

He reclaimed more than 1,000,000 acres of land in the Mississippi Valley and after the Miami River flood in Ohio in 1913, took on the \$30,000,000 job of flood control there. His engineering work took him to many other states.

For several years, Morgan maintained a residence in Yancey County, where his son, Ernest, now lives.

A Memorial Service will be held Tuesday, November 25 at 8 p.m. at Arthur Morgan School in Celo. A service was also held this week in Ohio.

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Has Grandpa been forgetting things and stumbling around lately? If so, don't ignore it — he could be ill, not senile.

Just because some elderly persons show signs of senility (memory loss, confusion) doesn't necessarily mean they have senile dementia, the stage at which brain cells wear out and die. In fact, it's a widely known fact that much memory loss and confusion can be caused by depression, illness or environmental stress. When treated, the patient usually perks up mentally. Even 85-year-olds can stay alert if they're healthy! So, keep gramps happy with respect, understanding and good nutrition. He deserves it!

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