

Accident Proves Worth of Treating Soil for Insects

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To learn from one's own experience is excellent learning, but rather slow if this is the only way we learn — especially in farming. Successful farmers must also learn from the experience of others.

Farmers whose land is heavily infested with soil insects such as Billbugs, wireworms and cutworms can learn a good lesson from the experience of C. L. Davis of Pollockville. Davis treated his soil on practically his whole farm, with an insecticide called Aldrin, to control soil insects.

Through error, one small field received no aldrin. A stand count on this untreated field showed an average stand of one stalk of corn every 33 inches whereas in an adjacent treated field planted at the same time the stand count showed one stalk every 19 inches. In the untreated field, one out of every five stalks showed stunting from Billworms whereas only one out of every 38 stalks in the treated field showed damage.

Any successful farmer can tell you that no profit can come from a field of corn having only one stalk every 33 inches. In fact this field of corn is almost sure to lose money.

The question naturally follows, "How much does it cost to treat land with aldrin." The cost is very low as compared to benefits obtained. Four to five dollars per acre will pay for the treatment and one treatment will last for 2 years. Aldrin is preferably applied broadcast to the soil in either a dry form or a liquid form one month prior to planting. It is best to apply the material to the land just after it is broken and disk it in thoroughly.

Many farmers have found that aldrin does an excellent job of controlling wireworms and cutworms in tobacco.

Farmers interested in controlling soil insects should contact their county farm agent's office or vocational agriculture teacher for further information.

It might be added here that not all fields are heavily infested with soil insects but in Jones County a high percentage of the farm land is loaded with these pests and the

farmers need to be constantly striving to get rid of these profit takers.

Quick Summer Dessert!

By Betty Barclay

FOR a quick summer dessert, fill this simple—but simply delicious—flaked coconut crust with your favorite ice cream. Serve at once... or freeze until ready to use. Or for a quick chiffon pie, fill cooled crust with packaged strawberry or lemon chiffon pie filling and chill until firm.



Coconut Crumb Crust

1½ cups (about) Baker's Angel Flake Coconut; 2 tablespoons butter, melted; 2 tablespoons sugar; ¼ cup finely crushed graham crackers, ginger snaps, vanilla wafers, or chocolate wafers.

Combine coconut and butter and mix well. Add sugar and cookie crumbs, mixing thoroughly. Press firmly on bottom and sides of 9-inch pie pan. Bake in moderate oven (375°F.) 10 to 12 minutes, or until lightly browned.

To serve, fill crust with packaged strawberry or lemon chiffon pie filling mix and chill until firm.

Technicians Badly Needed; State College Offering New School for Technical Studies

(Editor's Note: The shortage of engineers is acute in the Tar Heel State, but the need for engineering technicians is an even greater problem. According to current reports, industry must have from three to eight technicians for every college-trained engineer.)

What is the role of the engineering technician? He is the fellow who takes the engineer's ideas and puts them into practice. He installs, maintains, and repairs industry's wide variety of mechanical equipment as well as the modern labor-saving home appliances.

In keeping with the State's technical needs, the North Carolina State College School of Engineering has revised the curriculum for the Gaston Technical Institute in Gastonia.

Beginning this fall, the Gaston Technical Institute, a part of the college's Extension program, will offer four two-year courses in the fields of electricity, electronics, mechanical and production, and civil technology.

The first of the four courses to be outlined is the electricity technology program.)

By Peggy Cheers
A broad vista of career oppor-

tunities in the electrical fields will be opened to electrical technology graduates.

The electrical program is designed to prepare students in drafting, electrical sales, supervision of electrical installations, maintenance of power plants, and other electrical equipment and contracting fields.

The two-year course set up on the semester system, offers engineering drawing, algebra, English, physics, general shop, and trigonometry during the opening year.

The specialized work begins during the second year when students take up electrical drafting, A-C and electrical control circuits, electrical machinery, electron tubes and circuits, wiring and specifications, personal supervision, and technical reports.

For admission, students must be high school graduates with aptitude in technical work.

Freshman registration for the fall semester at Gaston Tech begins on September 19 and classes start on September 23.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Sasser of Dover announce the birth of a son, nine pounds nine and one-half ounces on July 10. Mrs. Sasser is the former Jane Pollock of Trenton.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ervin Thigpen of Pink Hill announce the birth of a son, Ricky Lynn, nine pounds twelve ounces on July 8 in Pink Hill. Mrs. Johnson is the former Katy Arnette.

Dr. and Mrs. Albert Andrews of Dover announce the birth of a daughter, Betty Lou, seven pounds ten ounces on July 10. Mrs. Andrews is the former Myrtle Spence of Kinston.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Fountain of Chinquapin announce the birth of a son, Bryan Clifton, six pounds fourteen three-quarter ounces on July 10. Mrs. Fountain is the former Nannie Simpson of Richlands.

Application for admission must be made on special forms furnished by the Gaston Technical Institute. Those interested should write the school as soon as possible, Box 1939, Gastonia, N. C.

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