

PLANT DISEASES MAY BE CURBED DURING WINTER

Much Important Work Of This Nature May Be Done In Cold Months.

Raleigh, Dec. 14.—Contrary to popular opinion, a large amount of highly effective work can be done during the winter months to control plant diseases, says Dr. Luther Shaw, Extension plant pathologist of State College. This is particularly true of fruit trees which are normally pruned during the winter period, he stated.

The winter carry-over of many diseases of apples, including scrub, bitter rot, blotch, and fire blight can be greatly reduced by systematic pruning of the trees, using the latest improved methods and taking special precautions to prune out as much dead wood as possible, Dr. Shaw continued.

An apple tree pruned so as to permit good light and ventilation is rendered less vulnerable to attack by disease-producing organisms, and can be more thoroughly sprayed and consequently better protected from the organisms than a tree with thick growth. Destruction of diseased leaves and fruit on the ground by discing, plowing, or other means, is also highly desirable.

The plant pathologist pointed out that the same practices are equally effective when applied to peaches, pears, grapes, and small fruits such as raspberries, blackberries, and dewberries.

It is especially important to destroy the dried or mummified peaches which were infected with brown rot the previous season and left hanging on the tree or on the ground under the tree, he said. The brown rot parasite spends the winter in their dried fruits.

Dr. Shaw offers to send interested orchardists the latest available bulletins on plant disease control upon request to the Agricultural Editor at State College, Raleigh.

Film Acting Is Easy For Sandy

Thanks for making me a movie star!

Of course baby Sandy did not use those exact words to tell Universal officials how happy she was to have the opportunity which catapulted her to world fame. But she expressed her appreciation in a much more practical way.

Without a single rehearsal, Sandy made her first scene good in a single "take" during the initial day's shooting on "Little Accident," in which Sandy co-stars with Hugh Herbert beginning today at the Dolly Madison theatre. Herbert rehearsed the action, which took place in a newspaper office where Sandy is abandoned by her father, and the baby was placed in position just before the cameras turned.

"We could never have done it better if we shot the scene a dozen times," Director Charles Lamont happily declared to Florence Rice, Richard Carlson and Joy Hodges, who play featured roles.

BEER RETAILERS BEING WATCHED BY COMMITTEE

Eight Dealers Who Violate Laws Required To Close Establishments.

Raleigh, Dec. 14.—The beer industry's "clean up or close up" campaign in North Carolina resulted in the revocation of eight retailers' licenses last week and action against eight other dealers this week.

Edgar H. Bain of Goldsboro, State Director of the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors Committee, announced today that petitions were filed with the Alamance, Burke, and Rowan county boards of commissioners this week requesting the revocation of the retail beer licenses of eight dealers. The petitions were based on alleged liquor law violations by the retailers.

Last week, the committee was instrumental in securing the revocation of eight retailers' licenses in Lenoir, Guilford, Buncombe, and Craven Counties, Colonel Bain announced.

Petitions seeking revocation of the beer licenses of 15 retailers who are operating contrary to the industry's "clean up" program are now pending before the boards of commissioners of seven counties—Beaufort, Clay, Cabarrus, Rowan, Haywood, Alamance and Burke.

The Beaufort Board will act upon three petitions at its January meeting, officials announced. The Clay County Board has scheduled a public hearing for December 16th on one petition.

Since September 1st, the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors Committee has extended its "clean up or close up" campaign to more than a third of the state's 100 counties with the result that 34 dealers have lost their licenses to sell beer. One dealer has been placed on probation and many others have been warned to correct certain unsatisfactory conditions.

Crop Judging Is To Be Featured

Raleigh, Dec. 14.—Crops judging contests for 4-H Club members and Vocational Agriculture students will be one of the features of the annual meeting and seed exposition of the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association at Greenville, N. C., on February 1 and 2, it is announced by A. D. Stuart, State College seed specialist and secretary-treasurer of the association. In announcing the program and premium list for the exposition, he reminded farm agents and vocational teachers to begin training their teams for the contests.

L. R. Harrill, state 4-H Club leader, and R. J. Peeler, district supervisor of vocational agriculture education, will direct the contests.

Stuart also said that nearly \$250 in cash awards, in addition to medals and silverware, will be offered for exhibits at the seed show. The premiums will be presented at the annual banquet of the Crop Improvement



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Association on Thursday evening, February 1. A banquet for the winning crops judging teams will be held Friday evening. Featured speakers during the two-day event will be Dr. T. B. Hutchenson, professor of farm and acting director of the Experiment Station at V. P. I.; Dr. I. O. Schaub, dean of agriculture and acting director of State College; W. Kerr Scott, state commissioner of agriculture; and Dr. Gordon K. Middleton, State College agronomist and acting director of the expo-

Mayor Jack Spain will welcome the meeting to Greenville, and President Leon R. Meadows will extend a welcome for Eastern Carolina Teachers College. The response will be made by S. T. Henry, dairy farmer of Spruce Pine and president of the Crop Improvement Association. B. B. Everett of Palmyra is vice-president of the association. LAND POSTED SIGNS AT THE TIMES OFFICE

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