

Auto Thefts Jump During 1st Quarter

You'd better keep a sharp watch on your car worried W. E. Koonce of the Motor Vehicles Department's Auto Theft Bureau to-

day. Increased activity among the nation's auto pilferers was reported to Koonce recently by officials of the National Auto Theft Bureau. NATB figures showed a 25-per-cent increase in auto thefts for the first quarter of the fiscal

year. In North Carolina—where thieves cop autos at a rate of from 90 to 100 a month—the number of thefts in January jumped sharply. Last month there were 153 auto thefts reported to investigators of the Theft Bureau.



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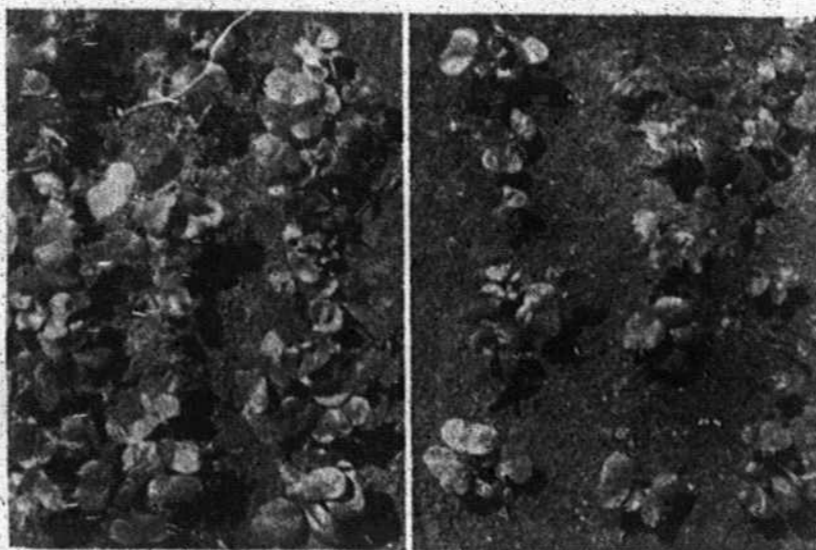
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SEED TREATMENT MEANS — BETTER STANDS, HEALTHIER PLANTS

In the flat on the left above are cotton seedlings from treated seed. Seed from the same source was planted in the same type soil without treatment in the flat on the right. Results such as this are frequently encountered in the numerous experiments on cottonseed treatment conducted by the Experiment Station.

Similar results are found to occur under practical farm conditions as is shown by a 4-year summary of cottonseed treatment demonstrations conducted by the Extension Service. Results from a total of 251 demonstrations conducted over the 4-year period showed that an average of 431 plants per 100 feet of row emerged from treated seed while untreated seed only produced an average of 305 seedlings per 100 feet of row. This means that treated seed produced over 41 per cent more seedlings than did untreated seed. Three times as many plants were killed by sore shin in untreated as in treated rows and 76% more of the living seedlings had disease in untreated rows than in treated rows. At picking time there was an average of 134 plants per 100 feet of row from treated seed and only 101 per 100 feet of row in untreated rows. Better stands mean higher yields.

Later work by the Experiment Station shows that where cotton seed of good germination is properly treated farmers may safely reduce their seeding rate and even avoid thinning.

Consult your County Agent for seed treatment recommendations.

Grover Girl All-Tourney

By LOLA FAYE HARDIN

GROVER—Mr. and Mrs. Gene Kirkpatrick, of Shelby and Lowell, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Keeter.

Pfc. Charles Houser, Fort McClellan, Ala., spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Houser.

Ben Field, USN, Norfolk, Va., spent the weekend with his family.

Mrs. Lee Meharg and son, Rickie, spent several days in Charlotte with Mr. and Mrs.

Grover Nunnery.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Rollins, of Lincolnton, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Rube Rollins.

Peggy Keeter star forward on the Grover high school girls basketball team was placed on the All-Tournament team in the Val-deecee Tournament. Miss Rachel Fardin was chosen as Grover's 'Maid of Honor.'

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Tate and Mrs. B. A. Harry, Sr., visited Ellis Tate and Annette Harry at Gardner-Webb college on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Annie Roack is a patient in the Shelby hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Westmoreland entertained Charles Houser at a birthday dinner Sunday. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Houser, Miss Faye Houser, Wilber Roack and Joe Plumby.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Ramsey visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Turner in Earl on Sunday afternoon.

The Lions Club was entertained at a barbecue supper at the school on Monday evening at the regular meeting.

Mrs. S. M. Hughes and Mason Hughes visited Mrs. Hughes' brother, a patient in General hospital, Spartanburg, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Strain visited Mr. Strain's father in Gaffney on Thursday night.

Mrs. Jack Hardin, of Gaffney and Grover, has accepted a position at Cleveland Products Inc.

Sunbeams met on Monday afternoon in the church basement.

Mrs. R. E. Hambricht, Miss Lula Fain and Mrs. Lee Meharg spent Monday in Charlotte.

The Grover Lions Club is sponsoring the Hi-Neighbor Quartet of Anderson, S. C., and several local singers at the Grover high school on Saturday night at 8 p. m. The admission is 50 and 75 cents.

Azealea Festival Set March 27-30

WILMINGTON—In subtropical Southeastern North Carolina, spring gets an early welcome. What has become more or less the State's "official" greeting to the new season is the annual Azealea Festival at Wilmington, center of a garden area boasting more than a million azaleas.

For four days, thousands of visitors ride around the free-lined roads of the Low County to marvel at the brilliant show of color—vibrant crimsons, magentas, and purples mingling with pale pinks, lavenders, and whites. The 1952 Festival—the fifth—will be held March 27-30.

Chief show places for Festival visitors are ancient Orton Plantation and Airlie Estate, private gardens open to the public, and Greenfield Lake and Park, municipally owned. Live oaks and cypresses draped with Spanish moss form the backdrop for the display of azaleas and other flowers.

Orton, on the banks of the broad Cape Fear River, was founded in 1725 by "King" Roger Moore. The Orton mansion, a perfect example of ante-bellum architecture, may be seen from many vantage points in the beautifully planned gardens and on the soft green lawns. Masses of indica azalea blossoms, enhanced by late-blooming camellias, roses, wisteria, and dogwood, greet the visitor.

Airlie Gardens' 95 acres of lakes and formal and natural gardens were designed by Topel, for many years gardener to the German Kaiser, when the estate was owned by Pembroke Jones, wealthy 19th century rice planter and industrialist.

Greenfield Park, lying within the city limits of Wilmington, has a five-mile scenic drive around the lake giving close-ups of great banks of azaleas, giant fuchsia Indicas and multi-hued dwarfs. The expansive lake is dotted with stately, moss-hung cypresses.

Last years national crop was about the same size in acreage as the 1935 crop, but about 50 per cent more cotton was produced.

In 1951, total farm production was about two-fifths larger than the 1935-39 average, even though man-hours of labor were down sharply.

The volume of crude oil moved through trunk pipe lines in 1950 was two and a third billion barrels, 11 per cent more than in 1949.



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- Premium Crackers Nabisco 1-Lb. Pkg. **29c**
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