

### Good Start Is The Key To Success

All of the technology modern agriculture can muster can't help a crop unless the farmer can first get it through the ground and get a stand established.

This is where the importance of good seedbed preparation and the use of top quality seed comes in, according to Henry Dameron, County agricultural extension chairman.

"A good start is a big part of the total production picture," the extension chairman added. "No matter how many things we do to the crop and no matter what kind of growing season we have, nothing will make any difference unless we get a plant up and off to a good start."

To help assure this, Dameron suggest selecting good seed, preparing the land properly and planting at the most favorable time.

He cautioned against over-doing it, however, especially in land preparation. He cited the waste of fuel, time and money in going over and over a piece of land too many times.

The soil only needs to be loosened enough for good seed coverage and smooth enough not to bounce the seed out of the seed plate. The last point is particularly important with planters that have inclined plates.

Planting factors that should be watched carefully include speed of operation, using the correct size seed plate for the seed you're planting and planting at the right depth.

Other important considerations are soil moisture and temperature. Seed are slow to germinate in dry soil or in soil that is too cold. Remember that soil doesn't warm up as fast as the air over it.

As important as all the other factors is the selection of high quality seed. Dameron says that certified seed are the farmer's best insurance against poor stands, impure varieties and other problems that often accompany uncertified, poor quality seed.

### '69 Class Planning Reunion

The Bessemer City High School Class of 1969 is planning a 10th year reunion.

Letters have been sent out to a majority of the graduates but there are several members the reunion committee has not located.

Anyone knowing the locations of Terry Lee Carpenter, Demetrius Percue Moore, and Andrea Kay Reed is asked to contact Jimmy Colvin at 629-2085 or Ronald Charleson at 629-3205.

### Singers Observe Anniversary

T.A. Powell Singers will observe its third anniversary beginning April 28th.

Rev. August Jackson will be the guest speaker at 7 p.m. Sat., April 28. The singing program will be Sun., Apr. 29th, at Galilee United Methodist Church. Dr. T.A. Powell is pastor of the church.

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