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Short Course For Club Boys.

Clemson College, May 10.—The time for holding a short course in agriculture for the prize winning club boys in each county has been fixed for July 7 to July 18 inclusive. The first and second prize winners from each county according to the official rules of the work, are entitled to the short course free of charge and expenses except railroad fare. The third prize winner may be needed as an alternate in the first or second falls to attend. Mr. L. L. Baker, Supervising Agent of Club Work, calls attention to the fact that in counties where corn clubs are not conducted the winners in pig clubs are entitled to the short course, and also to the fact that club members who are not entitled to a scholarship in the short course may attend by paying the sum of \$12, which will cover expenses of board, tuition, and laundry during the course. Doubtless there are many club members who would like to take advantage of the opportunity because it will be a chance for not only valuable instruction but a delightful trip and outing. Mr. Baker desires therefore the names and addresses of those club boys who may wish to attend in addition to the names and addresses of the prize winners. He expects to have at least 100 boys in the course this year, and is arranging with the agricultural workers at the college to make the most successful and profitable short course yet held. Club members and county agents should remember the date July 7 to July 18, and all preparations to attend. The boys are expected to reach the College on the afternoon of July 7, and leave on the morning of July 19.

Three Men Killed By Explosion.
Hamlet, N. C., May 15.—Hamlet is again in mourning on account of the loss of one of its prominent citizens, Wiley S. Benton, who together with his colored fireman, Ed Davis, also a resident of Hamlet, and Brakeman Bule, were killed by the explosion of a locomotive near Raleigh on Tuesday.

WINTHROP COLLEGE Scholarship and Entrance Examination To Be Held July 4th and 5th.

The examination for the award of vacant scholarships in Winthrop College and for the admission of new students will be held at the County Court House on Friday, July 4th, at 9 a. m., and also on Saturday, July 5th, at 9 a. m., for those who wish to make up by examinations additional units required for full admission to the Freshman Class of this institution. The examination on Saturday, July 5th, will be used only for making admission units. The scholarships will be awarded upon the examination held on Friday July 4th. Applicants must not be less than sixteen years of age. When scholarships are vacant after July 4th, they will be awarded to those making the highest average at this examination, provided they meet the conditions governing the award. Applicants for scholarships should write to President Johnson for scholarship blanks. These blanks, properly filled out by the applicant, should be filed with President Johnson by July 1st. Scholarships are worth \$100 and free tuition. The next session will open September 17, 1919.—For further information and catalogue, address President D. B. Johnson, Rock Hill, S. C. 6-7-8-13

BROWN ROT IN FRUIT.

Save Your Peaches and Plums From This Destructive Disease.

Clemson College.—Brown rot of peach and plum is one of the most widespread and destructive diseases of fruit that we have to contend with in many cases the entire crop is destroyed just as the fruit begins to ripen. Practically every orchard in South Carolina is infected with it and while it is widespread and very destructive, it is at the same time easy to control, according to Director H. W. Barre, of the South Carolina Experiment Station, by spraying with lime-sulfur.

There are numerous commercial brands of lime-sulfur on the market and some of these have been tested by careful experimenters and found to be very satisfactory. The ordinary commercial lime-sulfur solution has been used at the rate of one part to eighty parts of water with fair success. This mixture will control brown rot. Sometimes, however, and under certain conditions of temperature and humidity, it destroys a certain percentage of the foliage. The safest and best mixture to use is the home-made self-boiled lime-sulfur mixture, made as follows: Use 8 lbs. of fresh quick lime and 8 lbs. of sulfur (flour) to 50 gals. of water. Make this up by placing the eight pounds of fresh lime in a tub or barrel and add just enough water to slake it. An excess of water seems to drown the lime and retards the slaking process. As soon as the lime begins to crumble apart and a violent boiling is set up, add eight pounds of sulfur and stir in thoroughly, adding enough water to keep any part of the mixture from becoming dry or burning. Keep this well stirred and allow the boiling to continue for 5 to 10 minutes. Special care should be exercised at this time to keep any part of the mixture from becoming dry. Enough water should be added, in fact, so that the paste is thin enough to be easily stirred. After the boiling has continued 5 to 10 minutes enough water should be added to cool the mixture.

The trees should be sprayed two to three weeks after the shucks drop, and again at intervals of from two to four weeks until the fruit begins to ripen.

OAT SMUT.

Easy Control Measures Prevent Great Loss.

Clemson College.—Oat smut is the most widespread and destructive disease of small grain. It frequently occurs as a serious disease wherever oats are grown if proper control measures are not practiced. This disease alone reduces the production of oats in this State by at least 10 per cent, and in some fields there are losses as high as 50 per cent, which can easily be prevented by inexpensive seed treatment, says J. L. Seal, Extension Service plant pathologist.

This disease is caused by a fungus which grows within the tissues of the plant. The spores germinate about the same time that the young oat plants come up, and the filaments of the fungus remain alive in the oat plants without apparently causing any serious damage until the plants begin to head in the spring. It then concentrates its efforts in the oat heads and fills up the places where the grains should form with the black, sooty masses of its spores.

As these masses of spores break up, they are scattered by the wind to all parts of the field. Many of them lodge on healthy heads of oats in the field, while others are infested in the threshing operation; but in both cases the spores remain alive on the grain until planted in the fall.

Seed for planting should not be saved from fields that show over 2 to 5 per cent of smutted heads, and in that case the seed should be treated. Even if a field is practically free of smuts and there are smutty fields near it, the seed should be treated. In fact, the material for seed treatment is so inexpensive that there is no reason why all grain seed to be planted should not be treated beforehand.

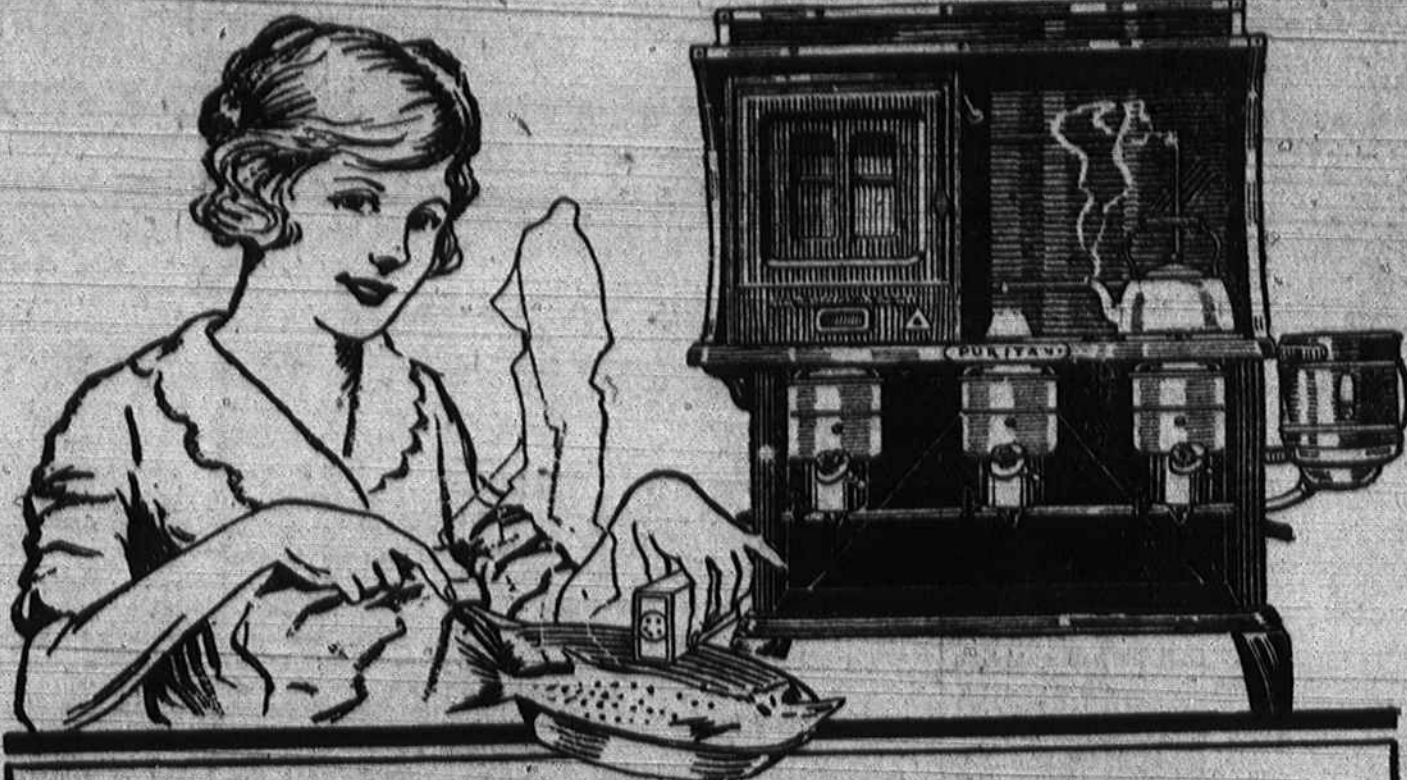
If there is a neighbor in your community who treated his oat seed last fall, compare your field with his and see if there is not money saved by such a practice.

STEM-END ROT OF WATER-MELON.

Clemson College.—This disease is comparatively new, but it causes a serious loss of melons in transit. There was a loss of 2,500 carloads of melons shipped from the southeastern states last summer, due entirely to this disease. It is seldom found in the field and the shipper is often astonished that 40 to 60 per cent of his melons rotted in transit, when at the time of shipping they are apparently in good condition.

The stem-end rot fungus is common on ripe or dying vegetation in and around melon fields, especially on cotton and corn stalks and old melon vines. These become covered with black fruiting bodies of the fungus in which countless spores are borne and from which they are scattered by the wind. When a melon is cut from the vine, a drop of sap exudes from the cut stem and provides ideal conditions for infection. The knives and hands of workmen are often carriers of infection, and thus perfectly healthy melons may become diseased.

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A Goliath in the Ranks.

The following is taken from the editorial columns of the Boston Herald of April 21:

Among the allied armies on the Western front there may have been soldiers who were better drilled and more thoroughly disciplined than the American doughboy, but for sheer grit and aggressive courage it is the unanimous testimony of both the French and British authorities that our men ranked second to none. And if there is a more conspicuous instance of daredevil gallantry in the ranks of any army than that of the South Carolina private who raided a machine gun post with a shovel and came back to his own lines without a scratch The Herald would like to know of it. There is no fairy fiction about this episode, moreover, for here is the official citation:

"Private Henry Boice Hunt of Chesterfield, S. C., Company L, One Hundred and Eighteenth Infantry (A. S. No. 1312279): For extraordinary heroism in action near Ramcourt, France, October 8, 1918. While the advance of his company was being held up by terrific machine gun fire from several enemy nests, and after all the members of his squad had become casualties, Private Hunt made his way forward with his automatic rifle. Under a continual rain of machine gun and shell fire he operated his gun against the enemy until the gun jammed, whereupon he took a shovel, rushed a machine gun post 75 yards away and killed the gunner, thereby enabling the continuance of the advance.

This man has received the distinguished service cross, and he assuredly deserved the honor if any one ever did. Before we entered the war it was a favorite taunt of the subsidized throtled German press that the American soldier, if he should ever get to Europe, would have neither the skill nor the courage to be a factor in the situation. They were wrong and the whole German race now knows it. This young fellow from South Carolina contributed a man's full share toward their enlightenment on the matter of trans-Atlantic courage. While we are honoring throughout the country the leaders of regiments and brigades let us not, therefore, forget the private in the ranks. For when all is said

and done, it was the men in the ranks who won the war. An army made up of men like Private Hunt of Chesterfield would win any war.

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All parties indebted to the estate of Andy Kelly, deceased, are hereby notified to make payment to the undersigned, and all parties, if any, having claims against the said estate will present them duly attested within the time prescribed by law.

S. C. TRUESDALE, Executor.
Camden, S. C., May 13th, 1919.

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