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## SATSUMAS AND HOW TO BUD AND GROW THEM

County Agent O. G. Price Tells a Lot of Things You Should Know

### ST. TAMMANY SOIL RIGHT FOR GROWTH

How to Grow Trifoliata for Stock, Treatment of Diseases, Etc.

(By O. G. Price, County Agent)

The Satsuma trees are at home in the soils and climate of St. Tammany parish because they are budded on a hardy root stock, the citrus trifoliata. This root stock, the trifoliata, is at home in our outcrop pine lands that have a sandy, silty soil, rather light in color and a light yellowish crumbly clay subsoil. This tree is very hardy and can live and produce some fruit in the wild state. That is, it is found growing wild as the pine, oak, etc., yet it responds well to good cultivation, fertilizer and treatment. Root diseases have not done harm to this shrub in this parish. The disease and insects that attacks the trunk, branches, foliage and fruit are very easily controlled.

The Satsuma is propagated by budding on this citrus trifoliata root (mock orange or hedge orange) stock because it will grow, yield fruit, etc., in our climate, and the majority of our farmers where the drainage is good enough to prevent the roots from becoming water-soaked.

The oranges of the trifoliata are gathered as they ripen in October, November and December. The oranges are opened and the seeds are squeezed from the orange into the soil. The oranges average forty seeds each. The seeds may be taken from the oranges as they decay but the seed should not be permitted to become dry enough to crumble nor should the oranges be placed in so great a bulk that they will heat enough to kill the germ of the seed. If the seeds become dry and crumble they will not germinate.

The soil for the trifoliata should be prepared as for setting strawberries or planting of any small garden seed, plant in rows about 2-1/2 to 3 feet apart, planting the seed very thick, say about 1-1/2 to 2 inch apart in the row. When the seeds are in the row cover them about 1 to 1-1/2 inches deep. A little cotton seed meal and acid phosphate mixed well in the soil before planting the seeds assists the plants in their growth and development.

When the plants are up, weed and cultivate them just as one would a vegetable garden. As the trees grow to a height of 3 or 4 inches they are transplanted to rows 3 feet apart and set 6 inches apart in the row. Here they stand until they are as large in diameter as a lead pencil when they are budded with the Satsuma buds and then cut down just above the bud, after the bud has been in the plant ten days.

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### SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

The next regular meeting of the Parish School Board will take place in my office in Covington, La., on Friday, January 5, 1923.

ELMER E. LYON, Secretary

### AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Rev. W. O. Wagner will preach at the Methodist Church, Sunday, Dec. 31, at 11 a. m.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank all our friends, neighbors, relatives, and Mr. Poole, for their kindness and thoughtfulness during the death of our dear father, E. L. Goodbee. We are especially grateful to Rev. F. C. Talmage for kind words at home and at the grave. The beautiful floral offerings were greatly appreciated. All have our heartfelt thanks. MOTHER AND CHILDREN.

### WARNING.

It is a violation of the law (1) to throw trash about streets or premises (store in barrels or boxes, burn at intervals, and place refuse available to garbage wagons); (2) to house consumptives for pay within 1500 feet of the courthouse; (3) to build without a permit; (4) to sell dairy products without a permit; (5) to keep swine without a permit. Violators will be prosecuted. 430-21 Covington Board of Health.

### ORDER OF EASTERN STAR INSTALLS OFFICERS.

Southern Pine Chapter, No. 81, Order of the Eastern Star, installed the newly elected officers at their meeting on Dec. 21, as follows: Mrs. Elise Pfeiffer, Worthy Matron; Rex M. Ickes, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Robina Burns, Associate Matron; E. L. Pfeiffer, Secretary; Mrs. Cora Young, Treasurer; Mrs. Elizabeth Ickes, Conduress; Mrs. J. H. Warner, Associate Conduress; Miss A. Ferreand, Ada; Miss Addie Badon, Ruth; Miss Ella Paine, Esther; Mrs. H. C. Homeyer, Martha; Miss Wessie Lansing, Electa; Mrs. E. G. Richard, Chaplain; Mrs. Verna Bulloch, Marshal; Mrs. Rebecca Barringer, organist; Mrs. Anna Dutsch, Warder; L. A. Perreand, Sentinel.

## GROWING TRUCK AND FRUIT VS. PLANTING THE PINE TREE

Where Is There As Healthy a Place To Live As St. Tammany Parish?

\$500 A YEAR ON TOMATOES ALONE

Thompson of Bonfouca Believes Trucking a Paying Proposition

By A. E. Briggs

High-priced land never was made by forestation or reforestation, but one need only visit any orchard or truck section anywhere to be convinced vegetable and fruit growing bring wealth not only to the landowner, but to the farmer and merchant as well.

The pessimist and skeptic in this parish are willing to agree with Alexander and his Conservation Department. After listening to their defeatist and disagreeable comment that St. Tammany parish is not fit for growing pine trees, it is a consoling relief to visit and talk with a man like Mr. Thompson of Bonfouca. He is a man who has done and is doing things. And he says he has only one fault to find with a large number of the natives here. Otherwise they are as estimable people as to be found anywhere, but too many of them lack patriotism toward their native parish. It seems hard for them to believe that any good can come out of St. Tammany parish. Certainly a man who feels that way ought to go somewhere else. Why does he stay here? Well, the knackers are not to be blamed for staying here. Where is there as healthy or pleasant place to live? But if we are going to stay here, we ought to get our eyes wide open to the many other advantages and opportunities which we can make for ourselves right here. With co-operation and a boosting spirit among us all this parish can be made the most prosperous country in the entire South.

Mr. Thompson is one of those who is showing the way. He is looking to the future and preparing for his old age an assured income which probably could not be equaled by anything else. In short, he is growing a considerable orchard, and it will only be a short time now until he begins to realize on his first planting of pecan trees. Pecans and pears and oranges are his present provision for the future.

But Mr. Thompson is a practical man, and while that orchard is growing he is paying its way and more with a truck crop. He has thus earned a local sobriquet as "The Tomato King," and there is no doubting the fact that he has earned even a better title than that.

For five years Mr. Thompson has from a half acre plot sold over \$500 of tomatoes every year. Last year with a drought and a short season his sales amounted to over \$600. That signifies a high degree of success. In view of the utter fiasco of reforestation in Louisiana, I claim that it is a better return than the Conservation Department can show for any tract of timber since it began its reforestation propaganda.

Mr. Thompson gets a fancy price for his tomatoes by reason of the fact that he is very careful to grow the very finest of tomatoes, most careful to select perfect fruit of uniform size, and to pack it so that it arrives at his customers in the very best of condition. How does he do all this? Read this carefully and see if you can't do it too, Mr. Farmer. You won't drive Mr. Thompson out of business, I assure you, for there is a big demand for his class of goods, bigger than he can supply.

He selects a Livingston Globe. Says there are others just as good, or may be better, but he likes\* this one. He plants the seed in the hot bed or cold frame in January, and sets out the plants in March. The main point is to get hardy plants. They should have plenty of sunlight. Any garden book will tell how to harden up the plants.

He prepares the ground by plowing and reploting and harrowing until all the grass is killed out. He has gotten his land in good shape by plowing under a lot of vegetable matter which has rotted and made an abundant supply of humus. Then about a week before planting out he puts the fertilizer into the drill row. The formula he uses is 9-4-7 1/2. He regards the potash as the most important single element. He makes but one application.

Each tomato vine is staked and tied, and all the shoots are pinched off as they come out, excepting only the first which is allowed to grow, so that the matured vine has only two branches. After 8 bunches of fruit are set all others are pruned away. This system insures a large and uniform size of fruit.

When it comes to packing, he chooses a crate which will hold just 12 tomatoes, no more and no less. He sells on his reputation for standard quality, and is proud to say that the man who taught him the business had to admit that the pupil had done better than the teacher. Perhaps the most interesting part of this story is that this successful tomato grower was not born or raised a farmer, but came from the city only a few years ago. What mainly distinguishes him from other men as he swings himself in his disposition to study his business and to believe in his ability to achieve things. When he starts to grow anything he reads all the literature he

## Iowa Girls Win Trip Abroad

Buelah Rodgers and Kathryn Bohlbaugh of Iowa are two country misses from Iowa who won the canning contest at The International Livestock Show at Chicago. Their prize is a three months' trip to Europe with all expenses paid.



They competed against farm girls from every state. They will demonstrate their ability in canning in devastated zones of France.

## WM. C. GRIFFIN DIES AT HOME IN WALDHEIM

William C. Griffin died at his home here on December 29, 1922, after months of sickness and suffering. Mr. Griffin was well known and has many friends and relatives mourn his loss. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Mary Griffin, and six children, Annie, Wm. R. Hester, Ruby, Otis and Heatrice. May his soul rest in peace.

## PERSONAL AND LOCAL NOTES FROM FOLSOM

(By Staff Correspondent)

Miss Gertrude Mandot, one of our efficient teachers, handed her resignation to Supt. E. E. Lyon and has closed her career as a teacher, leaving last Saturday for her home in Baton Rouge. She will be missed by the social set and her beauty and charming personality had made her a great favorite among her large number of friends.

Christmas Trees and Entertainment. Last Friday evening the Folsom public school had a Christmas tree and entertainment at the Community House. The program consisted of songs, recitations and drills, the children taking their part well and showing that their teachers had devoted time and attention in drilling them. Santa Claus arrived on time loaded with all kinds of presents, each and every child being remembered.

Oyster Supper at Community House. The ladies of the Baptist Missionary Society served oysters at the Community House last Saturday night. There was also a contest for the most popular young lady. Miss Lena Moran, of Pearl River, one of our teachers, was awarded the cake and the winner. The proceeds will be used in helping to reseat the Baptist Church.

Young Boy Meets With Serious Accident. Earl Baham, 5-year-old son of Maurice Baham, of Unesud, while playing with a tin horn, fell on his face and forced the instrument into his throat, tearing the palate loose and lacerating his throat in a horrible manner. He was rushed to the office of Dr. Fred R. Jones, at Folsom, where he received medical attention, and after recovering from the anaesthetic was taken to his home.

Blackwell-Fussell. Last Sunday at 5 p. m., Mr. Step Blackwell, of Folsom, and Mrs. Elmira Fussell, of Blond, La., were quietly married at the home of Rev. Booth. The happy couple came to the home of Mr. Blackwell, where they will reside.

On Tuesday night a large crowd from here called on them and had a very enjoyable time. After a few words of welcome and congratulations by Dr. F. R. Jones, refreshments were served.

Booth-Laird. The holiday season brought surprise to Folsom folks and also started a new series of felicitations when it was learned that Mr. Carroll Booth and Miss Ollie Laird had slipped off to Covington and were quietly married December 27, 1922.

Mr. Booth is the son of Rev. Booth of Folsom and Miss Laird is a charming and popular young lady who has been teaching at the Onward school for some time. She has a large number of friends in the Second Ward. Good wishes and congratulations will follow them on their trip to Baton Rouge.

Personals. Mr. Dewey McKee, who left two years ago for the West, returned last week from New Mexico, and is spending a while with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. McKee. He is looking well and brings glowing accounts of the country where he has been.

Mr. John Stevens, who has been seriously ill for some time, has improved so that his children, who have been at his bedside, feel that they can return to their homes.

Mrs. B. McKee was taken to the hospital in New Orleans, Thursday, with a severe attack of pleurisy. Her friends hope for a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Hughes and son, of McComb, Miss., spent Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. York.

Messrs. Milton and Allen Stevens, of Gonzales, La., are the guests of the Blackwell brothers.

Misses Althea Heintz and Josie Frederick of Covington, spent Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Emile Heintz.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Wallis left Tuesday for their home in Livingston, after spending a week here with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Verger and Mr. and Mrs. V. Verger and little son visited relatives in Abita Springs, Sunday.

Prof. G. W. Varnado left last Saturday for his home in Franklinton to spend the holidays with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Spring had as their guests for the holidays Mr. and Mrs. (Continued on page 6)

## ONE ACCIDENT IN MANDEVILLE CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

Former Resident, Barnett Cusach, Accidentally Shot in New Orleans

MIDNIGHT MASS LARGELY ATTENDED

Santa Claus and Christmas Trees, and Other News and Social Doings

(By Staff Correspondent)

Mandeville, Dec. 23.—A most quiet Christmas was recorded in Mandeville. Regardless of the absence of public demonstrations, family observances were many and old Santa paid his annual visit to homes and saddened the hearts of the children. The season has brought home our college folks to remain in our midst until 1922 expires and then again to resume studies.

Christmas Fireworks Victim. Little Bertha Baudot, unconsciously holding a lighted firecracker in her hand, received painful injuries when it exploded, the contents entering her eye. The black powder and fragments had to be removed, which was quite painful. Although still bandaged, her eye is improving. This was the only accident that occurred in Mandeville on Christmas Day.

Midnight Mass Largely Attended. One of the largest gatherings that has ever witnessed Midnight Mass was present Sunday night in Our Lady of the Lake Church. Both Catholics and non-Catholics constituted the congregation. Just before Mass began the singing of "Silent Night" filled the church with a Christmas atmosphere. Then came High Mass, offered by Rev. Thomas Schuster, local pastor. The choir rendered exceptional music throughout the service. A very large number received communion. Father Thomas delivered a short but beautiful sermon, in which he wished all those present the joy of the season.

Barnett Cusach Shot By a Friend. Mr. Barnett Cusach was shot in the stomach last Saturday by a friend with whom he was shaking hands. Cusach was immediately rushed to the hospital and an operation performed. Doctors assert that he is out of danger.

Although living in New Orleans, Mandeville still feels that she has a claim on this young man who lived here during childhood. Mr. Cusach always was very popular and had scores of friends. In former years he was Mandeville's star pitcher. We are all glad to learn that he will recover from his wounds.

Eleventh Child Arrives. The stork left the eleventh child at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Griffin last Thursday morning—a fine little girl.

Student Body Enjoys Christmas Tree. After Santa Claus had arrived and taken his place at the Christmas tree, the pupils of Mandeville High gave a pleasing and entertaining program consisting of songs, recitation and readings. Many ladies of the School League with numbers of non-members formed a large part of the audience.

Prior to the distribution of the gifts, Miss Lois Chapin, principal, complimented those who had participated in the program and expressed her desire to organize a Glee Club among the high school girls.

The evening's affair ended with presentation of goodies to the entire student body.

Mandevillians Add to Lacombe Mass. Adding much to Christmas Mass at the Sacred Heart Church in Lacombe was the rendition of Bataam's Mass, the series of songs sung at high mass. Father Francis, pastor of the church, was indeed proud of the choir's singing and extended thanks to those who composed it. The choir included Miss Elsie Vulliet, Mrs. H. Vallier, Miss Edvige Vulliet, Mrs. Val Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. P. Villars.

Catholic School Program. Under the direction of the teachers of Our Lake of the Lake Parochial School, the children gave a much appreciated Christmas program to a large assembly last Thursday night. Many numbers were presented.

The combined amount from the door receipts and refreshments netted a very nice sum.

Union Church Holds Christmas Tree Celebration. A Christmas tree program was rendered at the Union Protestant Church, under the auspices of Miss Ella Paine. With the assistance of the Sunday School pupils a very enjoyable program was rendered.

The tree was beautifully decorated with Christmas ornaments and colored lights. The Santa Claus was not present, he did not forget the children, for each pupil received a gift and fruit. The reading of Mr. H. Russ was especially enjoyed, along with the other numbers.

Basketball Team Entertained. One of the most pleasant events of the week was the supper given last Thursday evening by Miss J. Elder, in honor of the Mandeville High basketball team. Each guest received dainty favors. In attendance besides the hostesses were Misses Lois Chapin, Ella Paine, Bertha Flick, Onita Russ, Gladys Howze, Messrs. Preston and Clay Prieto, Wilbur Wallace, Claude Poisson, Eads Russ and Rene Dubourg.

Gay Evening Spent With Miss Paine. The Senior Epworth League and friends were guests at a very enjoyable Christmas party at the home of (Continued on page 6)

## TWO MEN KILLED IN HANDLING TIMBERS AT SLIDELL

Delayed Mail of Regular Correspondent Tells Story of Accident

C. M. PIERCE AND I. T. SPENCE

News Notes and Personals and Slidell Doings of the Week

Delayed Correspondence.

Slidell, Dec. 22.—A most heart-rending tragedy occurred December 20, at 3:25 p. m., when Mr. C. M. Pearce and Mr. I. T. Spence, who were at work on the bridge just south of the South Draw, were instantly killed by a piece of falling timber. The timber struck Mr. Pearce on the back of the head and Mr. Spence on the forehead, knocking him into the lake. After dragging an hour for the body they finally recovered it. Mr. Pearce's body fell on the track.

Mr. Pearce is a well-known and a well-thought-of citizen here. Every one that knew him thinks of him with remembrance of his kind life and holds him in the greatest esteem. The funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Rev. Giles of the Methodist Church.

A procession of the pupils of the ninth, tenth and eleventh grades (one of the family being in each grade) followed by the H-Y boys (one of the boys belonging to this organization), marched in procession to the church, and from the church to the cemetery. Many beautiful flowers were placed on the grave, entirely covering it.

All of the citizens of Slidell join us in expressing our sympathies to the family.

Mr. Spence, a native of Meridian, was carried to New Orleans Thursday evening.

Slidell, Dec. 23.—The Christmas exercises at the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches were held last Friday night. Both programs were delightful and were enjoyed by all.

The Baptist Christmas exercises were held Sunday night. The program took one back to the time of the birth of Christ. The house was dark, and the inn and manger were complete. After the pilgrims and shepherds came the star, and the figures of Mary and Joseph with the babe in the manger. The scene was very realistic.

The young people enjoyed a party at the Community House Monday night.

Mr. S. Carr entertained at a party Wednesday night in honor of Miss Lucille and Mr. Lamar Yates. Quite an enjoyable time was spent.

A dance at the Community House, Wednesday night, afforded the young people much pleasure.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Simmons entertained Mr. Simmons' Sunday school class, Thursday night. An enjoyable evening was spent and many interesting games played. The hostesses were assisted by Miss Edna Simmons. A delicious salad course was served and every one declared themselves as having had a wonderful time.

Mr. Charles Huff, of Poplarville, attended the dance Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Coney and family motored to Magnolia to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Reid had as their guests for the week end Mr. and Mrs. Willis Tate, of Baton Rouge.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Smith and family spent Christmas in Covington with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith spent Christmas in Bogalusa, where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. Reid motored to Poplarville and Picayune to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Urselle Smith, of New Orleans, visited Miss Gladys Crockett Tuesday and Wednesday.

Miss Evelyn Crow is visiting in Lake Charles.

Miss Gladys Crockett will leave January 2d to enter training at the Hotel Dieu.

Miss Velma Shay is visiting in Angie.

Mr. and Mrs. McCants and daughter, Miss Thelma, of New Orleans, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Quave.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Crockett and family and Miss Bernice Crockett are spending the holidays in Ruston.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sebastian and daughter, Miss Alicia, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Cleveland and Mr. Joe Sebastian, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Tilly.

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## MADISONVILLE CELEBRATES BUILDING OF NEW ROAD

The "Old Home Town Marshal," St. Nick Himself and All Side Dishes

A BIG TIME FOR A BIG THING

Auto Accidents, Basketball and Other News and Social Notes

Madisonville, Dec. 23. Christmas Eve, at 2:30 o'clock, a grand parade was staged in Madisonville for the benefit of the good roads campaign, in conformity with all precedent campestrial rules. The Old Home Town Marshal, gaily attired, led the parade mounted upon a galloping steed. Next came Old Saint Nick himself, stationed on a no-no prancing reindeer, but a mule whose speedometer registered 1 mile per hour, wide open. Then closing the grand cortege of officials was Mr. Galatas on a prancing pony closely followed by some twenty automobiles with the citizens for good roads.

A few glimmers were added to the affair when Mr. Galatas rode into the drugstore and caused quite a little excitement among the patrons standing on the steep front porch steps of the Koopp Cottage, down through the spacious dining hall, greeting the guests as they ate. It was a novel stunt.

Big Truck Turns Turtle. A big 2-ton truck from Ponchatoula and carrying the Ponchatoula basketball team to Covington last Friday evening turned turtle out on the outskirts of Madisonville, pinning its occupants underneath. The accident, it is said, was unavoidable and according to the statement of one of the occupants, the machine struck a cow and headed for a deep ditch, turning over as the driver attempted to swerve it back into the road. The truck was badly damaged but the boys escaped injury with the exception of a Mr. Sharp, who received lacerations of the head and arm.

Ford Car Catastrophes Down Steep Embankment. Saturday evening a Ford touring car from Bogalusa, with four occupants, after dodging a series of twists and turns, catapulted down a steep embankment on the Covington road two miles from here. It is said the driver lost control of the wheel and the car perked two somersaults, landing on its wheels, scattering the boys at intervals in the deep ditch half filled with water. The unhurt they were severely shaken up. The car was badly damaged.

Miss Hilda Quave Badly Burned. Friday morning about 8 o'clock Miss Hilda Quave was badly burned and thus attracted fire while sitting close to an open grate. The flames almost immediately enveloped her before assistance reached her side. She was in a critical condition but is now out of danger and improving.

Basketball. Wednesday evening the Spanish Team from St. Paul's College, Covington, took the measure of the M. A. C's. to the tune of 17-19, in an all round snappy game played in the college gym. The first half ended 6-5 in the local boys' favor, but the last half found the college team moving ahead. The final score was 17-10.

A return game is scheduled for Jan. 1st on the Madisonville court.

Christmas Fireworks Victims. Joseph LeBlanc and Margaret Pelloat, both small children, were victims of Christmas fireworks. A toy gun with which the little boy was playing, accidentally went off, sending Christmas in Bogalusa, where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. Reid motored to Poplarville and Picayune to spend the Christmas holidays.

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### MEETING OF PARISH MEDICAL SOCIETY.

The St. Tammany Parish Medical Society, at its annual meeting held last week in Covington, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Dr. J. K. Griffith, Slidell; vice-president, Dr. G. A. Pennington, Madisonville; secretary-treasurer, Dr. F. R. Singleton, Slidell; delegate to the State Medical Society, Dr. J. F. Polk, Slidell; alternate, Dr. F. F. Young, Jr., Covington.

These officers will be installed at the annual banquet Jan. 11, 1923. Baton Rouge was unanimously endorsed for the 1924 meeting of the Louisiana State Medical Society.

Those present were Drs. A. G. Maylie, H. D. Bulloch, G. A. Pennington, J. K. Griffith, J. F. Polk, F. R. Singleton, F. F. Young, Jr., J. F. Buquet, H. E. Gautreaux.

### MR. BRIGGS BUYS THE NEWMAN STOCK FARM.

Mr. A. E. Briggs has bought the Newman dairy and stock farm and is arranging for important improvements in it. Mr. Briggs is a man of experience and unusual ability, and under his progressive management the dairy industry will have a new stimulus and a booster for this important industry.

Mr. Briggs has been joined by Mrs. Briggs for the few days required for looking over things and giving attention to changes. It is understood, however, that no permanent residence will be established there. It is probable that Mr. and Mrs. Briggs will spend most of their time in New Orleans.