

## Various Diseases Attacking Crops In Chowan County

### Vegetable Growers Are Especially Concerned Due to Damage

The Black Shank disease is doing some damage in three of six tobacco fields, says County Agent C. W. Overman. "While there is nothing we know of to check the disease in fields at present," says Overman, "we are recommending to the growers that they visit the Oxford Experiment Station when the Field Day is held and observe the disease resistant varieties in view of possibly using Oxford No. 1, or some other Black Shank resistant variety for their planting next year."

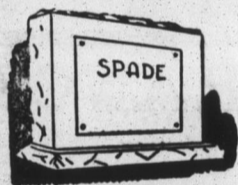
Vegetable diseases are giving growers considerable concern, particularly in the Rocky Hook area. Dr. Ellis, plant pathologist, from N. C. State College, spent one day last week in the county visiting fields with the county agent and diagnosing the diseases. Bacterial blight was the principal disease found in snap beans and has caused partial loss in some fields and complete loss in one field. Bacterial spot and phoma spot were found to be attacking peppers. Late blight had practically ruined one field of tomatoes. Proper fungicides were recommended for these diseases.

Several fields of cantaloupes are showing some form of leaf spot disease and specimens have been sent to State College for identification and control recommendations. The pathologists said that the Downey Mildew disease is moving toward this section at a very rapid rate and cantaloupe growers are advised to begin dusting their fields immediately with 5% tri-basic copper dust to keep the disease checked. Thus far, Downey Mildew has not been detected in Chowan County cantaloupes but this disease is blown up from the South by the wind, attacks cucumbers and then spreads to cantaloupes very readily. Growers who wish to control this disease should dust their cucumbers in the garden as well as cantaloupes in the field, says County Agent Overman. Tri-basic copper should be applied at the rate of 15 pounds per acre and applications made at 5 day intervals until the harvest season is well on the way.

Several watermelon growers are taking a chance this year with non-wilt watermelon varieties because they favor the size and quality of these varieties. Wilt is beginning to show up in some of these fields.

### Five 4-H's In This County Eligible For Big Poultry Contest

Five 4-H members in Chowan County are eligible to receive sterling silver medal awards for outstanding



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records in the 1949 National 4-H Poultry Achievement program. Other awards provided by Dearborn Motors Corporation include an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago next November for the state winner and \$300 college scholarships for each of 10 national champions. The program is conducted under the direction of the Cooperative Extension Service.

In order to participate, members must care for a poultry flock. Keeping complete records judging, demonstrations, exhibits and efficient management are all considered in determining the winners.

There were 144 county medal winners in North Carolina last year.

County extension agents will furnish full information on this program.

### Sanford P. Cayton At Great Lakes, Ill.

Sanford P. Cayton, seaman recruit, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Cayton of 305 East King Street, is undergoing recruit training at the world's largest Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

Recruit training is the sharp break between civilian and Naval life in which the new Navy man learns the fundamental principles of the Naval service.

In the course of his training the recruit is taught seamanship, Naval customs, terms, basic ordnance, gunnery, signalling and navigation.

Upon completion of his training the recruit is assigned either to units of the Fleet or to a service school for specialized training.

### MASSSES NEXT SUNDAY IN EDENTON CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Most-Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered Sunday, July 10, at 9 and 11 A. M., EST., each including sermon on "Miracles of Christ, the Seal of God's Approval," Holy Communion, concluding in 45 minutes, followed by Sunday School, with confessions Saturday 5 to 6 and 7 to 9 P. M., Sunday 8:30 to 8:55 and 10:30 to 10:55 A. M., in St. Ann's Catholic Church, stated Father F. J. McCourt, rector, who invites everybody to all services.

Friday, July 8, Mass at 7 A. M. in Duke of Windsor Hotel convention room, Windsor, confessions there 6:30 to 6:55 A. M.

### Stuart Stephenson Sports Booster

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president of the Southeastern League. "They gave me the devil while I was a sports writer for not giving their favorite teams or players more play," he said, but added hastily, "I still consider them the greatest years of my life."

"His column 'X-Ray-ing Sports,' which he wrote daily while he was with The Advertiser, was one of the most popular sports columns in Alabama.

"Through editorializing in his column, he helped promote sandlot baseball here, got a lot of badminton courts built, promoted golf tournaments, helped install baseball at Sidney Lanier, and dozens of other things.

"Stephenson is one of the most

popular speakers at sports banquets in the state. He helps all the semi-pro clubs to draft and interpret league rules and cooperates with any team in the state, no matter what kind of sport, in any way that he can.

"He still does some sports writing, usually on special occasions. He also does some sports announcing over the radio. Last week during the Montgomery Country Club Invitation Golf Tournament he broadcasted a portion of the tournament over WSFA.

"He served as first president of the Dixie Amateur League after its organization in 1933. The league was composed of former college stars. "And we sent a lot of the boys to the majors," he said.

"He started off his sports writing in Montgomery with a bang as the first story he covered was a football game between Alabama and Kentucky. "It was the beginning of more ravel than I had ever dreamed of," he said.

"As long as he remained sports editor of The Advertiser, he traveled with the Alabama and Auburn football teams. "I tried to be careful and write as much about one team as the other," he stated. "But sometimes some of the fans didn't think I played fair with their team. They gave me the devil." He accompanied Alabama on three Rose Bowl trips.

"While he was in high school, his family moved to Edenton, N. C. He was graduated from school there and

enrolled at North Carolina State the next year. He had ideas of playing football there, but suffered a head injury at the beginning of the season and was forced to give up active participation in sports in college. "I was too small to play anyway," he asserted.

"Football was rough in those days, he remembers. "The coach didn't stand on the sideline and tell you what to do. "He yanked out his false teeth, laid them aside, and showed you how to do it."

"During his sports writing days, Stephenson saw many history-making events. Some which he considers outstanding were:

"Jimmy Hitchcock's point after touchdown in the rain in a game between Auburn and Wisconsin. Hitchcock was an Auburn back. "That was the greatest clutch play I have ever seen," he said.

"Dixie Howell's 67-yard touchdown run against Stanford in the 1935 Rose Bowl game.

"Bobby Long's 47-yard drop kick from the side line in a game between North Carolina State and North Carolina University. Long was a North Carolina State star.

"Dixie Walker's home run with the bases loaded to enable the Columbus Redbirds to defeat Montreal 8-7 and win the Little World Series.

"Lefty Grove's first major league game which he lost to the great Walter Johnson by a 2-0 score.

"Until several weeks ago, Stephen-

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