

AROUND THE FARMS IN CHOWAN

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Why Don't Pecans Bear Every Year? This is a question many people have asked. Also, many people have pecan trees which bear nuts that are poorly filled with meat.

Pecans are generally considered to be alternate bearers—producing heavy crops every other year. To produce normal crops every year, the trees must have sufficient plant food to mature the present year's crop of nuts and at the same time build up enough reserve in the tree to develop the next year's fruit buds.

Other reasons for trees not bearing include lack of moisture, insects and diseases, and lack of pollination. The pecan is monoecious (male and female flowers are produced on different parts of the tree). For normal crops, pollen from the catkins must be shed when the female flowers are at the proper stage to receive it. Weather is also an important factor in the production of a normal crop of nuts. Late spring frosts and freezes may injure the nuts or kill the pollen. Since the wind blows the pollen, cloudy, rainy weather at blooming time may also prevent pollination.

Pecan trees do best on soil that has a pH level of 5.5 to 6.0. It is well to have a sample of the soil tested to see whether lime is needed.

Under average conditions, a complete neutral fertilizer analyzing 8-8-6 or 6-8-8 is best suited for fruit trees, including pecans. February and early March is the best time to fertilize these trees. Apply two to three pounds of fertilizer for each year the tree is of age or for each inch the trunk is in diameter one foot above the ground. This means a tree that is ten years old should receive twenty to thirty pounds of fertilizer, and the same for a tree that is ten inches in diameter. With a sharp stick or some other sharp instrument, make holes in the ground about one foot deep and two feet apart all around the outer edge of the limbs. Place the fertilizer in these holes and then cover lightly. Fertilizer should be applied when the soil is about dry enough for cultivation.

The same method of fertilization should be used for peach trees, apple trees, and any other tree fruits. Bunch grapes are shallow rooted and the fertilizer should only be put three or four inches deep. Muscadine grapes, like the Scuppernon, need some fertilization but not very heavy.

Pruning The Home Orchard should be done just as soon as possible now. Prune your Scuppernon grapes first and sometime this month. This should be done by cutting out all the old dead, wood and thinning out the remainder so that the vine is not too thick on overhead arbors. If some bleeding occurs, don't become alarmed it will soon stop.

Bunch grapes, like the Concord, Niagara and others, should be pruned to six or eight main canes. All dead vines should be removed. Clip the new growth back to four or five buds. Bunch grapes should be sprayed during the winter with Bordeaux mixture or some other proper grape spray; too control any black rot fungus that is carried over on the vines.

Apple trees and pear trees should be thinned but not cut back except when necessary. Remove most of the water sprouts, cut out any dead wood and thin the other growth so that the tree has a good open appearance.

Peach trees should be pruned to an open center. The center part of the tree should be kept fairly open so that the sun can come in, spray may be properly applied, and the tree kept low so that most of the fruit can be reached from the ground. Thin out the weaker sprigs, leave the stronger ones to produce fruit and cut these back to six or eight buds. The double buds are fruit buds while the single buds are leaf-buds. Save your double budded sprigs to produce fruit and thin out your leaf bud sprigs.

Plum trees, cherry trees, walnut trees and most others, only need thinning so that the tree is kept fairly open.

A good winter or dormant spray is important. If scale is present on the tree, spray with scudicide or oil emulsion or liquid lime-sulphur. Follow instructions on the container. Liquid lime-sulphur applied at the rate of one gallon to fifteen gallons of water is a good dormant spray for fungus diseases on apples and peaches. These sprays should be applied before the buds start to swell. Otherwise, injury may occur.

Chowan Woodland should be

recognized as a crop just as important as any on the farm. Properly managed woodland makes good interest on investment throughout the year and every year. Yet, it is our most neglected crop.

Let's resolve to and start farming our woodland immediately. This is the slack season when you have time to do something about it. Thin out thick stands of young pines leaving the good trees to grow. Poison undesirable hardwoods and brush that is shading out young pines. If you have areas that need to be set in pines, order your pine seedlings immediately from the State nursery and get them set during January and February.

We in Extension and other Agricultural workers in Chowan County will be glad to visit your woodland with you, help you determine what should be done and the best way to accomplish it. There are ASC practices set up whereby you can get partial payment to assist in controlling hardwoods, thinning and setting young pines. We will be delighted to have you call on us for this assistance.

Edenton Teams Lose To Ahoskie

A scrappy, sharp-shooting Ahoskie Indian cage outfit handed the Edenton Aces their first conference loss in as many starts by a 58-47 score Tuesday night.

The Aces had a cold first quarter, and the Indians jumped into the lead for good.

Billy Griffin again led the Aces in scoring with 22 points, but Brinkly Overton equaled this performance for the Indians with 22 points also. Elton Bass got 8, Johnny Phillips 6, Jack Bunch 5, Billy Wilkins 4, and Tolley and White one each for the Aces.

In the girls' game the Acelets had to rally, but it fell short as the Squaws won 41-37.

Sara Relfe Smith canned 22 points in a losing cause. Linda Spencer got 8 and Mary Ann Overton 7.

The Aces and Acelets will be hosts to Williamston's Green Wave Friday night.

106 Receive Old Age Aid In December

Mrs. J. H. McMullan, superintendent of public welfare, reports that during December 106 persons received old age assistance, with \$3,595 distributed for an average of \$33.92. There were 19 cases of aid to dependent children who received \$1,030 or an average of \$14.11. Twenty-nine cases of aid to permanently and totally disabled received \$1,216 or an average of \$41.93. There were 12 cases of aid to the blind who received \$439 or an average of \$36.58.

During the month there were three emergency cases for which \$53.03 was spent. Other financial assistance included \$321.74 for hospitalization in the county, for which the county's part was \$296.24; hospitalization outside the county, \$206.80; one ambulance service, \$42.50; one pauper funeral, \$25 and one medical case, \$54.

Chowan Teams Defeat Camden

In two conference games played in the Chowan High School gymnasium Tuesday night the Chowan boys and girls edged out Camden High School in two very close games.

The Chowan girls, who are undefeated in 31 consecutive games, were hard-pressed by the visitors and claimed the victory by a margin of only two points 32-30.

Emily Leary led the Chowan girls with 19 points, followed by Margaret Raines with 14. E. Sawyer with 13 points and L. Rupert with 10 points were Camden high scorers.

The boys' game was even more hotly contested with the Chowan team hanging on to a one point lead 42-41 when the whistle blew ending the game.

Jeff Ward led Chowan's scoring with 20 points, followed by Joe Hollowell with 12. Richard Mansfield led Camden with 19 points, followed by Charlie Seymour with 10.

Both Chowan teams will play conference games at Columbia Friday night.

LIONS MEET MONDAY
Edenton Lions will meet Monday night, January 12, at 7 o'clock. President J. R. DuLancy requests every member to be present.

Fuller Speaks In Plymouth Jan. 13

William D. Fuller of Edenton will speak in the Washington County Public Library, Plymouth, Tuesday, January 13, at 8 P. M. His topic will be the current economic and political situation in the world with emphasis on the status of the individual. The speaker will be the dinner guest of the Rotary Club of Plymouth which will attend the program in the library as a group. The public is cordially invited to come as guests of the board of trustees of the Washington County Public Library.

Mr. Fuller is a former resident of Philadelphia, where he was real estate officer of the Provident Trust Company. He is a graduate of the Wharton School of Business Administration of the University of Pennsylvania. He was very active in community affairs, serving in various capacities in Philadelphia. He was a member of the 7th Regiment N. Y. National Guard, which later became the 107th Regiment of the 27th Division in World War I. The 27th Division participated with the 30th Division of the South in breaking the Hindenburg Line. In this action Mr. Fuller was seriously wounded and was confined to the hospital for two years.

The audience will have the opportunity of participating in the program by asking questions and discussing points under consideration. All who attend are assured an interesting and stimulating evening.

Police Arrest 34 During December

Chief of Police George I. Dail reports that Edenton police made 34 arrests during December, 33 of whom were found guilty as charged. Those arrested included 19 white males, one white female, 13 colored males and one colored female. Miscellaneous traffic arrests led the list with 10, followed by five charged with drunkenness.

Fines amounted to \$825.50 and costs \$248.25 or a total of \$1,073.75, of which \$235.22 representing officers' fees was turned back to the town's general fund.

Activities during the month included 45 calls answered, two automobile accidents investigated, one stolen automobile recovered, seven funerals worked, eight street lights reported out, 23 courtesies extended, 30 doors found unlocked, 25 investigations made, three fire calls answered and 865 parking citations issued. The police made 1,097 radio calls and were on the air one hour, 31 minutes and 25 seconds.

DAR MEETS JANUARY 14 AT HOME OF MRS. PETTUS

Mrs. Wood Privott, regent of the Edenton Tea Party Chapter of the DAR, announces that the January meeting of the chapter will be held Wednesday afternoon, January 14, at 3:30 o'clock. The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. L. Pettus instead of the Iredell house.

This is the first meeting of the new year and Mrs. Privott urges all members to attend.

Wm. Preston Parks Heart Attack Victim

William Preston Parks, 46, died suddenly Monday night at 7:30 o'clock in Chowan Hospital as the result of a heart attack. He was employed by Oliver's Texaco Service and was a member of Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Helen B. Parks; two sons, William Earl Parks, with the U. S. Air Force in Texas and Elwood Parks, at home; three daughters, Mrs. Tommy Hollowell, Jr., of Tyner and Julia Ann Parks and Gail Parks, both at home; two brothers, Herman Parks of Newport News and James Parks of Edenton; four sisters, Mrs. Gurney Harrell, Mrs. Claude Rogerson and Mrs. Carrie Kinnamon, all of Edenton and Mrs. Alma Byrum of Tyner. One grandchild also survives.

Funeral services were held at Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The pastor, the Rev. Lamar Sennell, will officiate, assisted by the Rev. B. L. Raines, pastor of the Rocky Hock Baptist Church. Burial will be in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Gene Perry, John Oliver, Jr., Earl Smith, Marion Bunch, L. C. Briggs and Carson Davis.

Mrs. O. C. Long, Jr. Named Homemaker

Continued from Page 1, Section 1 rearing their three children, Canny 12, Phil 8, and Deborah 4.

Mrs. Long and her husband live with their family and her mother, Mrs. R. W. Leary, in the Rocky Hock community. Their remodeled home shows her ingenuity and taste in furnishings and accessories. It expresses her own love for neatness and a well arranged and well-balanced way of living.

Mary says that all phases of homemaking are a joy to her. She enjoys cooking and has ample opportunity because she entertains quite frequently.

In the Rocky Hock Baptist Church her influence is apparent. She now serves as president of the WMU, teaches an adult Sunday School Class, is superintendent

ent of the Baptist Training Union, as well as a member of various committees.

Having been a HDC member for several years and served in various offices, this year Mrs. Long was elected first vice-president of the 25th District Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs.

The welfare of her children is a foremost thought with Mrs. Long, and she has actively participated in PTA since becoming a "school-parent".

In summarizing, Mrs. O. C. Long, Jr., very ably fills the description "a loving mother, a trusting friend, a wonderful person, whom everyone has dependence in."

Red Men Install New Set Officers

Officers were installed at the meeting of the Chowan Tribe of Red Men held Monday night with the installation ceremony in charge of Albert Cullipher, tribal deputy Great Sachem.

The officers who were installed were as follows: Prophet, Caswell Edmundson; sachem, Leroy Harrell; senior sagamore, Clyde Hollowell; junior sagamore, Guy Williams; chief of records, J. Edwin Bufflap; collector of wampum, Jack Barrow; keeper of wampum, William E. Barrow; keeper of the wigwam, W. T. Elliott; trustee for a three-year term, W. J. Daniels.

The new sachem announced the following appointments, who were also installed by Mr. Cullipher.

Sannaps, Bill Harris and Thom-

CIVIC CALENDAR

(Continued from Page One) sale at the branch office of the Carolina Motor Club on East Water Street.

Chowan Tribe of Red Men will meet Monday night at 7:30 o'clock.

An emergent communication of Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will be held tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock.

The Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Ware of Paris, France, will preach at the Assembly of God Church Monday night, January

12, at 7:30 o'clock. Chowanoke Council No. 54, Degree of Pochontas, will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock.

Edenton Jaycees will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock at the Penelope Barker house.

Edenton Lions Club will meet Monday night at 7 o'clock.

Revival meetings will be held in the Edenton Methodist Church during the week of February 8.

According to present plans, the Edenton Woman's Club will sponsor the 1939 pilgrimage April 17 and 18.

Another cancer clinic will be held Friday afternoon, January 9,

at the Health Department in Elizabeth City.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church will celebrate its 250th anniversary at the consecration service to be held Monday night, January 26, at 8 o'clock.

William H. Coffield, Jr., Post No. 9280, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

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