

AROUND THE FARMS IN CHOWAN COUNTY

By C. W. OVERMAN, Chowan County Agent

White Extension Workers will be out of the county next week, May 18-23. We will be attending the State Conference of Extension Workers at Asheville. A state-wide conference of workers is held every five years. This is the fifth year and time for the conference again.

Don't get the idea that we will be on a vacation. The conference schedule is a full one. Some meetings will be held at night in order to get all of it in. The purpose of the conference is to inform your Extension Workers so they can better help you.

The Commissioners' Luncheon staged by the County Home Demonstration Club Council was a most enjoyable occasion on Monday of last week. An excellent meal and wonderful fellowship. The Chowan County Commissioners were all present.

The 4-H Livestock Judging Team participated at the Albemarle Fat Stock Show on Tuesday. The team consisted of Joe Hollowell, Richard White, and Bryant White, with Johnny Winborne as alternate. It was my privilege to accompany them, as Mr. Marsh was called away for a special meeting.

The team did a good job judging hogs and beef cattle, in spite of the fact they placed fifth in six teams. School work and activities had hindered practice. We hope they can get plenty of practice for next year and become a "Crack Judging Team".

The Albemarle Soil Conservation District Supervisors held their quarterly dinner meeting at the Edenton Restaurant on Wednesday night. A large percentage of the supervisors and many guests were present. Plaques for the fine supervisors' work were presented. Participating

farm implement dealers were recognized for their excellent cooperation.

Serecia On Soil Bank Land is coming slowly, but coming. Don't plow it up, just be patient. Last week, I was called to a farm to look at the Serecia. When I arrived, the farmer told me that his Serecia had failed except in one field. Upon close investigation we found that he didn't recognize Serecia. It was up in all of the fields, some better than others, but enough for an eventual good stand.

Weeds were plentiful in some areas. I suggested that he mow the weeds when they reach a height of eight to ten inches so the Serecia can come on through. A second mowing in late July or August may be necessary. The Serecia should reseed this fall and give a good stand to suppress the weeds next year.

SUNLAY SCHOOL LESSON

government work. He traded with other countries the things which his section could supply, that they wanted. Archaeological discoveries also show us that King Solomon was active in mining and smelting copper. He also expanded trade routes. His ships were manned by Phoenician sailors and made three-year voyages regularly (I Kings 9:26-28, 10:22). But despite all these sources of income, Solomon's financial needs were increasing faster than his supply. If Solomon was the wise ruler he is credited to have been, and if he had a real sense of responsibility with his power, then he would either have cut expenses in government, or sought new sources

of income. We have seen that he did the latter, at least in part.

There is no indication that Solomon used any of his great expenditures to help the people of his country, except for the relatively small percentage of people who were employed by the government. In this Solomon was no different from rulers of surrounding countries. In the traditional role of keeping the symbol of office important, Solomon did one of the most outstanding jobs in Hebrew history. But apart from his skill as a judge he seems to have had less interest in the people than either Saul or David. And Solomon's success presented him with a peculiar temptation. In his prosperity he was tempted to forget the Lord who had been with him and had given him good fortune. Solomon had become very powerful, and was tempted to use his power for his own selfish desires rather than for the welfare of his people. His great strength threatened to undermine his covenant with God.

In our own day many leaders are entrusted with great power, and have continually to fight the temptation to let this power corrupt the possessors. It is a great responsibility to use strength with a sense of responsibility. We may not all be in a position of great power, but it is an unusual person who has no power at all—either in our homes, in

civic work, in church work. A guiding rule for each of us should be "What will benefit the majority most, regardless of how we, ourselves, feel about this thing?" If we follow this concept we, as individuals, and our community as a whole will be the better for it.

Collar Rot Reported In Peanut Counties

Observations and preliminary surveys indicate that collar rot, a soil-borne fungus disease of peanuts, is becoming more important on Virginia bunch peanuts in North Carolina.

It has been found affecting peanuts in several of the major peanut-producing counties, reports J. C. Wells, plant pathologist for the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service.

In many instances this disease is being confused with the Southern stem rot disease, Wells said. Collar rot is characterized by the death of the plant during the late summer. The lower portion of the stem and tap roots decay, becoming gray to slate colored. Stems of affected plants become blackened and rough due to the formation of fruiting bodies of the fungus.

In contrast, Wells added, symptoms of the Southern stem rot disease are root decay and a light brown rot at the base of the stem

that frequently kill the stem and foliage. During wet periods a cottony fungus growth forms on the dead areas around the base of the plant. Later small, hard, yellow or light brown colored bodies resembling mustard seed form on the infected stems.

Collar rot has been found to occur almost exclusively in fields where peanuts are following cotton, thus indicating the need for a change in the rotations now being used for peanut production.

At the present the only practical means of reducing losses is to follow at least a three-year rotation, planting peanuts behind corn in the rotation instead of behind cotton. Studies have been initiated to determine economical and practical control measures for this disease.

GUM POND CLUB MEETS

The Gum Pond Home Demonstration Club met on May 6, at the home of Mrs. Carey Evans with 16 members and one visitor present. Mrs. Charles Noble joined the club.

The meeting was called to order and the members sang "Down In The Valley." Ila Bass read the 13th chapter of II Corinthians and the Club Collect was repeated by all.

The president advised members that they needed to decide different ways of making money for the club.

Mrs. Louise Wilson, food conservation leader, gave a report called "The Cold Facts About Safe Foods."

Due to the illness of Miss Catherine Aman, Assistant Home


Agent, Mrs. C. W. Overman attended the meeting in her place and gave a very interesting demonstration on color in the home. She explained that it is better to plan a home around one major color, rather than trying to mix in too many colors.

The meeting was then adjourned.

ed and the hostess served delicious refreshments of ice cream, cake and salted nuts.

Mere words are cheap and plenty enough, but ideas that rouse and set multitudes thinking come as gold from the mines. — J. W. P. —

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