

AROUND THE FARMS IN CHOWAN COUNTY

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Peanut roots and pods can tell you a lot right now. Peanut digging is the best time to examine the roots and pods for underground problems. May I suggest that you take a little time out, during your busy time of digging, and carefully examine the roots and pods on many hills in each of your fields.

Tuesday, Extension Peanut Specialist Astor Perry and I examined several fields of peanuts. Some fields are showing a lot of pods and other conditions indicating calcium deficiency. Immediately, you may think the thing to do is to apply lime, but this may not be the answer. Land plaster was applied to peanuts before the heavy rains in late July and August set in. Land plaster is our quick source of calcium during pod forming time. Land plaster is very soluble, so no doubt the heavy rains leached the land plaster out of the soil and caused a deficiency. Had we have suspected this, another application of land plaster following the heavy rains would most probably have paid good dividends.

Another problem we found was nematode injury. Both stinging nematode and root-knot nematode has been found. The only solution to this problem is soil fumigation prior to growing peanuts on the soil again. Root worm injury was also very prevalent in some fields. Even though the root worm only cut through the culls leaving a small hole, moisture entered the hole and caused the pod to rot. An application of a good soil insecticide such as Aldrin or Heptachlor applied ahead of the first cultivation would have prevented this injury and also controlled this injury which was so prevalent in practically every untreated field this year.

Examine your crop carefully now for these signs of injury and trouble. The annual peanut field day will be held at the Research Station at Lewiston on next Thursday, October 1, beginning at 10 in the morning. I realize that this field day comes at a very busy time but it should be worthwhile to peanut growers and others interested in peanuts to attend.

The discussion period on peanuts and the annual meeting of the N. C. Peanut Growers Association will begin at 10. There will be on display peanut production and harvesting equipment. Following a Dutch dinner on the grounds a field tour of the farm will be made.

On this tour the research workers and specialists will show you the various research plots and explain to you what they are endeavoring to do. There will be a demonstration using the most modern equipment for digging peanuts, combining peanuts and curing peanuts artificially. I am sure you will find this field day very interesting and very beneficial. Round up a carload of your neighboring growers and meet us there.

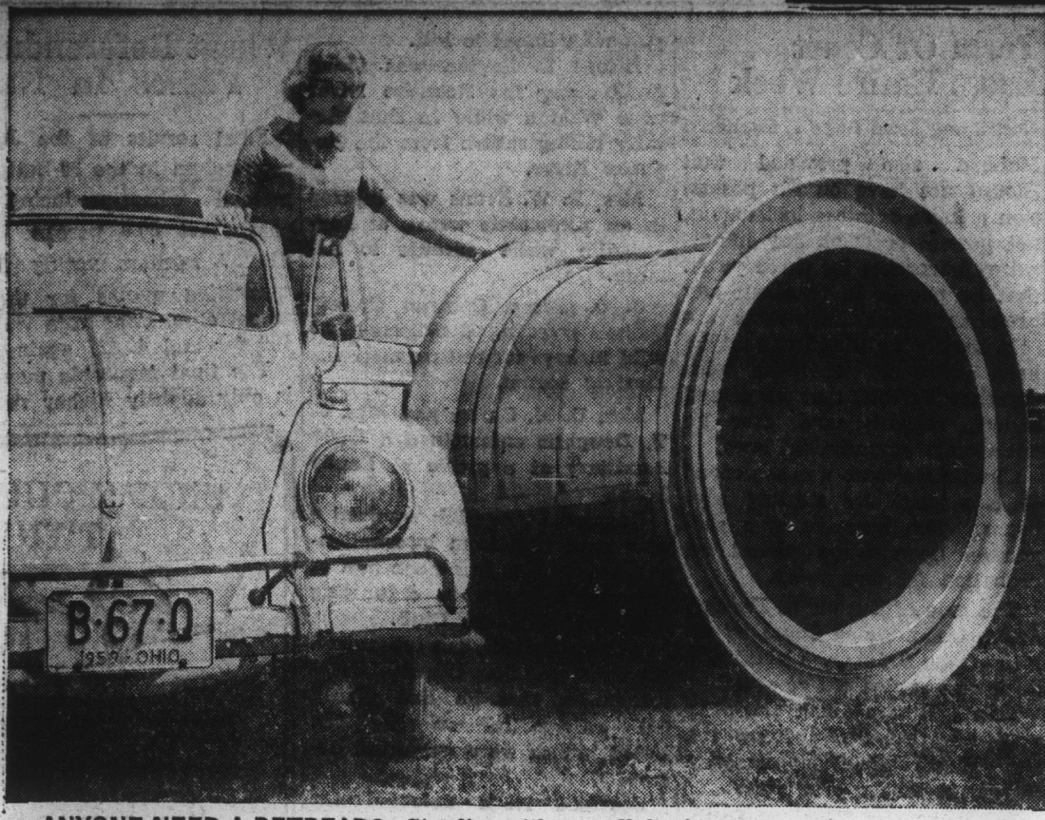
Bale and a half to two-bale cotton is a reality in Chowan County this year in spite of the heavy summer rains. Several growers have reported their first picking yields which are running between a bale and a half and two bales per acre. I haven't actually heard of a two-bale crop yet, but from what growers have told me, some of them will make a two-bale crop on some fields when the second picking is made.

Warner Evans of B. W. Evans Gin Company was by my office Tuesday morning and showed me a gin report on 15 bales of cotton he has ginned since installing an adjusting some new equipment. One of the bales was middling, and the rest were strict low middling grade. There was no indication of any injury due to gin preparation. We want to congratulate Mr. Evans on doing such a fine job in ginning cotton for growers.

The way the cotton is picked and handled largely determines the grade of cotton that can be ginned. Excellent cotton in many fields is being poorly picked and handled and the result is a low grade product and a low price.

Regardless of whether cotton is ginned and then sold or sold in the seed, it will pay Chowan County growers to do a good job of harvesting and drying their cotton before taking it to the gin.

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ANYONE NEED A RETREAD?—Standing with a small foreign car, secretary Patricia Casey eyes the world's largest tire rim. Developed for use with a Goodyear 10-foot-high tire for military vehicles, it outweighs both car and miss.

Jaycees Interested In Rescue Squad

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For the occasion Roy Hardee of Greenville, head of the North Carolina Rescue Squad, will be the principal speaker and various town and county officials will be special guests.

Mr. Hardee will provide information regarding the functions of a rescue squad as well as information about organization. Mr. Byrum urges every Jaycee to make a special effort to attend the meeting.

Lions Hear About California Farming

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California's farming area is in the center of the State and is in the form of a bowl entirely surrounded by mountains, which tends to hold the topsoil in place.

The speaker explained that California's population was increasing each day. Los Angeles County, he explained, now has over 5,000,000 residents and the State within the next ten years will have between 15,000,000 and 20,000,000 residents. It is for this reason, he explained, that it is important for North Carolina farmers to improve their efficiency in growing, packaging and marketing its fruits, vegetables and livestock.

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tables and livestock. He pointed out that California will probably be able to serve only its own markets, and North Carolina should be able to sell its products throughout the east coast to offset imports from California.

Mr. Agnew was high in his praise of the hospitality of California farmers and farm leaders. Guy Hobbs complimented Mr. Agnew on his organization of the tour, and stated that persons who made the trip to California had benefitted tremendously.

Chowan County residents who had been on the caravan were guests of the club. They were Lonnie Boyce, Wesley Chesson, W. E. Bond and Dick Atkinson.

25th Anniversary Of '34 Aces Team

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While only about 12 players were called upon during the season to carry the brunt of the battles, the squad included the following: Calvin Sexton, Paul Spencer, George Wood, Worth Spencer, Edward Wozelka, Reuben Miller, E. L. Hollowell, Jack Satterfield, John Byrum, Melvin Layton, John Martin Harrell, Vernon Spruill, James Smith, Josiah Elliott, Lamee Bufflap, Bill Harrell, Clyde Lee Cates, Richard Rogerson and Carroll

Boyce. Frank Holmes was manager, Edmund Forehand assistant manager and Dick Goodwin, trainer. Of the group, two are dead, Clyde Lee Cates and Dick Goodwin. Nine of the number are scattered around, but letters will be sent to them inviting them to attend the celebration. This group includes Edmund Forehand, Lance Bufflap, Bill Harrell, Paul Spencer, Richard Rogerson, Melvin Layton, John M. Harrell, Vernon Spruill, James Smith, Josiah Elliott, Calvin Sexton, Reuben Miller and Jack Satterfield.

1958 North Carolina Cash Farm Receipts Hit New Record High

Cash receipts from North Carolina farm marketings and government payments during the calendar year 1958 totaled \$1,948,198,000, according to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service. At this level, cash receipts were 3.4 percent above the previous record of \$1,013,671,000 in 1956 and 17.3 percent above 1957 receipts of \$83,771,000.

The increase of \$154,427,000 in total cash receipts in 1958 over 1957 was the result of substantial gains in receipts from livestock and livestock products, all crops, and government payments. Cash receipts from farm marketings of livestock and livestock products increased from \$269,019,000 to \$313,567,000; receipts from crops advanced from \$598,313,000 to \$697,093,000; and government payments increased from \$26,439,000 to \$37,538,000.

Cash receipts from crops accounted for 69 percent of the total receipts from all marketings of crops and livestock in both 1958 and 1957.

More than two-thirds of the increase of \$98,780,000 in cash receipts from crops was accounted for by increased receipts from tobacco—\$369,642,000 to \$439,080,000. Tobacco accounted for 63 cents of each dollar of cash receipts from all crops and for 43 cents of each dollar of cash receipts from marketings of both crops and livestock. Substantial gains in cash receipts were also made by peanuts, soybeans and corn. Broilers, cattle and calves, hogs, and eggs, in the order named, accounted for the major portion of the gain in receipts from livestock and livestock products.

North Carolina continued to out-rank any other state in the South Atlantic Region in total cash receipts from crops and livestock. In fact, total cash receipts from crops and livestock

in North Carolina in 1958 exceeded the combined total for Virginia, West Virginia and South Carolina. North Carolina ranked 11th among all states in the nation in total cash receipts from crops and livestock. The State ranked fourth in receipts from crops and 19th in receipts from livestock and livestock products.

APPLICATIONS TAKEN FOR COAST GUARD ACADEMY

Applications are now being accepted for the 1960 Coast Guard Academy examinations Rear Admiral P. V. Colmar, Commander.

Fifth Coast Guard District, has announced.

The competitive examinations will be held on February 23 and 24 in some 120 U. S. cities. Successful applicants will be admitted to a four-year course of instruction at the Academy, located at New London, Conn., which provides career officers for the regular Coast Guard.

Admiral Colmar has stressed the fact that appointments are based solely on the competitive examinations and prospective adaptability to military life. There are no Congressional appointments or geographical quotas.

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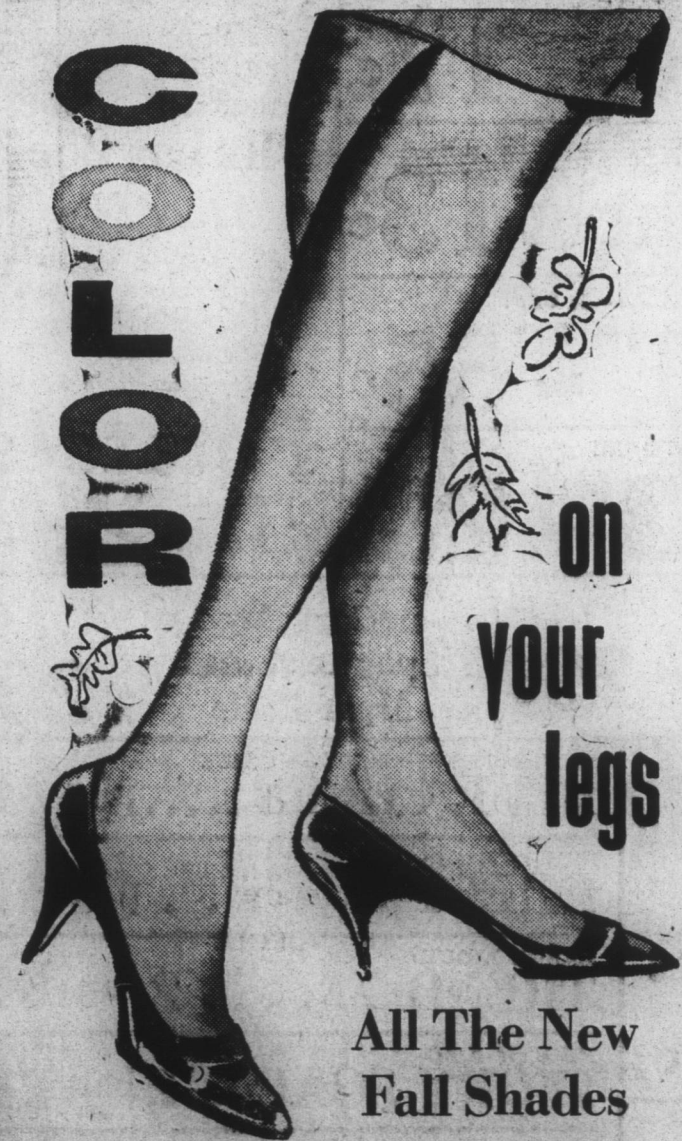
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