

AROUND THE FARMS IN CHOWAN COUNTY

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Field Days Scheduled: Two field days have been scheduled to allow farmers, agricultural workers and other interested persons an opportunity to observe research work being conducted on cotton and peanuts. The Cotton Field Day will be held at the Upper Coastal Plain Research Station near Rocky Mount on Tuesday morning, September 25, beginning at 10 o'clock. The Peanut Field Day will be held at the Coastal Plain Research Station at Lewiston on Thursday morning, September 27, beginning at 10 o'clock.

It is important that farmers and farm supply dealers, as well as others, attend field days or tours held at research stations. We need to know what phases of research development our money is being spent on and have a better understanding of the efforts and progress being made even though we may not clearly understand the technicalities involved. The better knowledge we have of an enterprise to project the better we are able to evaluate it intelligently.

Insects in Peanuts and Soybeans: In the last week I have been in several fields of peanuts and some fields of soybeans where the grass army worm and other worms are just beginning to work. These are tiny fellows, most of them about the size of a pencil lead, but they can grow and develop fast and eat a lot of leaves.

Growers should watch their fields closely. Along the peanut row brush the vines briskly watching for the worms falling into the middle. Most any of the insecticides recommended for peanuts will kill these pests. If the hay is to be used or sold for feed, then an insecticide with a safe residual tolerance like Sevin or Methoxychlor should be used.

Pasture Seeding Time: Now is the time to seed new pastures and re-seed or renovate old pastures. I am sure you must have had your soil tested as we have recommended and have your soil test report back. Apply lime and fertilizer as recommended by your soil test report, then work this into the soil thoroughly. In most every case, regardless of the shape the land is in, I would broadcast my lime and fertilizer and then do the plowing and disking preparing the soil. This will allow the plant food to become well mixed in the root area for the plants. Just remember that lime, phosphorous, and potash do not move freely through the soil. Therefore, these elements must be placed where they are to be used.

For hogs alone use ladino clover only with no grass. For cattle and other livestock I would use a mixture of clover and grass, about 4 to 5 pounds of clover and 12 to 15 pounds of grass seed per acre. Be sure to inoculate the clover seed just prior to seeding.

Cotton Picking Time Is Here: Several growers have begun to

pick cotton during the last week. Good quality cotton is necessary for the highest return as well as the reputation of our area. I think the following suggestions are very important.

Use a good defoliant applied properly about 4 to 5 days prior to picking. Allow cotton to open as fluffy as possible but don't let it go long enough to begin falling out of the squares. Pick cotton when it is dry, not when there is dew or even a slight amount of rain on it. Hand-picked cotton should be emptied on sheets and allowed to dry further in the sun before taking in. Machine-picked cotton should move on to a storage room or to the bins where it is stored as loosely as possible, not packed down.

I realize that there is a false idea prevailing in Chowan County that cotton picked with dampness in it, packed tightly in bags and sold in the seed will bring the grower most money per acre. I don't care how good our gins are they cannot gin cotton handled in this manner to make as good grade as cotton picked dry and handled properly. The napping and other defects caused by the gin equipment resulting from dampness and packing as well as trash gives Chowan County a reputation for producing a poorer quality cotton. If we are to have a reputation for good quality cotton and receive the most income possible from this crop, then it is necessary that we not only do a good job growing it but we must do a good job of harvesting and processing it to have a good quality product for the market.

Soil Sampling: I have been receiving copies of soil test reports apparently coming from soil samples taken by representatives of our fertilizer dealers. I understand that some of the local fertilizer dealers are sending their men out to take soil samples and I want to commend them highly for this excellent service. I hope they will continue to do this because farmers in general are not using the soil testing service.

There are a few suggestions that I would like to make. On the information sheet to go in with the soil sample there is a line to indicate what crop will be grown in 1963 and what crop will be grown the following year. On some of these reports the crop for 1963 only is being shown; therefore, I assume that the farmer did not tell the soil sampler what crop he expected to grow the following year. In this case you are missing half of your recommendation as well as not giving the soil testing laboratory technician an opportunity to know what the rotation is. A knowledge of the rotation is very important in the case of peanuts and soybeans because we want to keep the potash level sufficiently high for these crops.

Soil testing is an excellent practice but it is no better than the way in which it is done and

the information given. It is most important that farmers cooperate with soil samplers in giving them the full information needed on the soil information sheet for every field.

Gov. Sanford Speaks To School Children

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"Education is more important today than ever before," said the executive, "We are in a rapidly moving age, and that is why quality education is more important today than ever before."

"There have been more changes in the past 20 years than in all the centuries before. What is coming in the next 20 years?" asked Sanford, "If you can see that 20 years from now there'll be no place for the man who has not prepared himself, then you can see why education is so important."

"You need to develop your brain power. This is going to be your last chance to develop your minds, the last chance to prepare yourself to go after that ambition. Opportunity is waiting for those who are getting ready for it."

"This state is going to grow as it has never grown before. Our future depends on your willingness to make our schools the best. This is the most important thing we are doing in North Carolina."

"All this education adds up to a trained mind, and in the world of the future there won't be a place for an untrained mind. Join with me in making our schools the best in the nation," concluded the governor.

Resident State Highway Commissioner Gilliam Wood introduced Sanford at all four schools and referred to him as "the greatest friend to education in my time."

Edenton City School Superintendent Hiram J. Mayo opened the rallies at the town schools and called it a "great day" for Edenton's schools. "This is the first time in the history of Edenton City Schools that a governor has visited the students during the regular school day."

Platform guests at the Edenton schools were members of the Town Council, County Commissioners, city Board of Education, State Senator J. J. (Monty) Harrington of Lewiston, Representative B. W. Evans, Mrs. Edward G. Bond, chairman of the Industrial Education Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, Mrs. C. A. Phillips on behalf of the local PTA, and Ray Stone, executive secretary of the North Carolina Citizens Committee for Better Schools.

County School Superintendent W. J. Taylor opened the county program by welcoming the guests. Members of the county schools sang "The Old North State" at the beginning of the programs.

Sanford returned to Raleigh after the White Oak visit.

This age is reaching out towards the perfect Principle of things; is pushing towards perfection in art, invention and manufacture.

—Mary Baker Eddy.

Term Of Court Ends Tuesday Afternoon

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Edenton ordinance, simple assault, and resisting arrest. His case was continued after the contempt order.

The grand jury heard evidence on the Vann matter most of Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. They brought out not a true bill shortly after 10 A. M., Tuesday. Vann was released and immediately left Edenton.

Vann was originally charged with the rape of pretty 18-year-old Margaret Lee Briggs of near Sunbury. The incident was alleged to have occurred July 12 at Chowan Beach.

Another interesting case ended when Judge Morris directed a verdict of not guilty in an assault case against George W. Cooper, a sixth grade teacher at the Edenton Colored Elementary School.

Cooper was charged with assaulting one of his students, George Walton, with his fist while the student was trying to leave the classroom. Judge Morris advised Cooper that "if he does it again, wear him out again."

The grand jury made their report on conditions in the county, and they found things to be generally satisfactory. General repairs were the only recommendations made. Judge Morris praised the jury for their work during the court term.

Members of the grand jury included C. A. Phillips, foreman; Sam Thomas Wright, Irvin D. Spivey, William Edward Shaw, Wilford Toppin, Claude J. Stillman, Thomas E. Parker, Jr., George W. Lewis, Edgar Ray Boyce, Donald F. Bell, J. A. Curran, Ralph K. Hollowell, J. T. Byrum, Emmett P. Jones, Joseph G. Stone, Sr., Thomas F. Hopkins, Frank J. Ward and Russell Byrum.

Cases charging 20 Negroes with trespassing resulting from sit-in demonstrations in early 1962 were continued under former order. These cases are awaiting a ruling by the U. S. Supreme Court on similar situations involving the rights of private businesses.

Three young prisoners, Irvin D. Sonifrank, Glenn E. Darnell, and Donnie Mutherspak, were given six additional months apiece after pleading guilty to felonious escape.

Hazel W. Rountree, Negro, appeared and was released upon showing compliance of a judgment handed down in 1957.

Capias was issued for Sidney Boyd, who failed to appear to answer a charge of non-support. Billy Roland Respass pleaded guilty to speeding and was sentenced to 30 days, suspended upon payment of a \$15 fine and court costs.

Cameron M. Pierce pleaded guilty to drunk driving and was sentenced to four months, suspended upon payment of \$100.

and on condition he not drive a vehicle for 12 months and remain in good behavior.

Benjamin Norman, Negro, received a total of 30 months upon conviction of possession and manufacture of non-tax-paid liquor. He was acquitted of possession for the purpose of sale.

Charles William Pierce, Negro, was convicted on two counts of forgery and given 4-6 years on the roads.

John Ellis Johnson was found guilty of speeding and ordered to pay a fine of \$15 and costs.

William Louis Bateman pleaded guilty to three counts of breaking and entering and two of larceny. Judge Morris first set sentence at 2-3 years, but on Tuesday reversed it to four years probation.

Jimmie Bateman was convicted of breaking and entering for the purpose of larceny and given a 4-6 year sentence. Bateman was found not guilty on a charge of larceny.

Marcus Roy Nixon pleaded guilty of forgery and was handed a suspended 3-5 years sentence.

Curtis E. Etheridge was acquitted of a charge of disposition of mortgaged property.

Judge Morris interrupted court Monday afternoon to release copies of his contempt order against Frinks to the press. "I have never seen a man act as contemptuously before Superior Court as this man did," remarked Morris.

"I do not want publicity, but I am not afraid of it," said Judge Morris as he instructed the press to distribute a story of the Frinks incident.

Judge Morris' order read as follows:

"It appearing to the undersigned judge duly commissioned to preside over this the September, 1962, term of the Superior Court of Chowan County that upon the call of the criminal calendar at this term of court the solicitor for the state called the name of Golden A. Frinks. There was no response to the call of the name. The court upon examining the docket observed that the docket showed that the defendant is charged with engaging in picketing in violation of Article 9, Section B of the town ordinance of the Town of Edenton; second count of picketing in violation of Article 9, Section 4 of the town ordinance of Edenton; third count of assaulting a police officer, and a fourth count of resisting arrest by an officer while in the performance of his duty.

"Upon the failure of the person so charged to answer, the sheriff informed the court that the defendant was seated to the left facing the court on the third row in the court room, and the sheriff suggested to the person pointed out to the court that he answer to his name. The defendant did not answer. Whereupon, the court inquired of the defendant whether or not his name was 'Golden A. Frinks.' The defendant refused to answer, whereupon the court stated to him to stand. The defendant in obedience to the command of the court did stand, indicating

to the court that he is the defendant and that he has heard what the court had said to him with reference to his name.

"After having stood the court again inquired of him if his name was 'Golden A. Frinks,' and he failed to answer.

"Upon the foregoing findings of fact, the court does now find as a fact and so holds that the defendant has willfully, deliberately and contemptuously refused to answer any inquiry by the solicitor or by the court itself, and in such refusal has committed a direct contempt of this court.

"It is, thereupon, considered, ordered and adjudged that the defendant be and he is hereby ordered committed to the county jail of Chowan County for a term of thirty (30) days, the court finding as a fact that the conduct of the defendant is in willful contempt of the Superior Court of Chowan County and is a direct and not an indirect contempt."

During the term the following divorces were granted: William Edward Shaw from Vera Davenport Shaw, Mildred Fayton White from Robert White, Jessie L. Skinner from Clinton Skinner, Lloyd Roberts from Delois Morning Roberts, and Lane Thomas Tomlinson from William Francis Tomlinson.

Water Survey Topic At Council Meeting

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Mrs. M. T. Barrington gave a report on Homemakers Week and Miss Harriet Leary reported on crafts workshop. Mrs. Cameron Boyce, chairman of the Christmas Festival Committee, reported that the Christmas Festival will be held Tuesday, November 27, at the Chowan Community Building, from 3 to 4 P. M. and 7:30 to 9:30 P. M. Each Home Demonstration Club in the county will have different items for sale at the Festival with proceeds going to the Home Demonstration County Council treasury.

The annual Achievement Day will be held Wednesday, October 31, Husband's Supper will be on Tuesday, November 20 at Rocky Hock Community Center. The County Council also voted to give a \$100 scholarship to an outstanding boy or girl each year and alternate between the two schools. The first scholarship award will go to a graduating senior from Chowan High School.

Mrs. B. P. Monds, County Council president, presided at the meeting and Yeopim Home Demonstration Club was hostess for the occasion.

Planning Meeting For X-ray Survey Tuesday, Sept. 18

Dr. J. A. Johnson, district health director, announces that a pre-planning conference will be held at the Health Center on Cedar Street in Elizabeth City Tuesday morning, September 18, at 9:30 o'clock. This conference is in connection with the chest X-ray survey in the district which is scheduled for the Health District November 24 to December 22.

Dr. T. B. Smith of the State Board of Health will attend the conference.

"Since we will have only one

mobile X-ray unit for a total of 20 days in the four-county district," says Dr. Johnson, "it is necessary for us to plan carefully for the best utilization of this time."

"Your cooperation is urgently needed to make this program a success. Please plan to attend this pre-planning session and help us stamp out tuberculosis in this area."

RED MEN MEETING

Chowan Tribe No. 12, Improved Order of Red Men, will meet Monday night, September 17, at 8 o'clock. Oscar Peoples, sachem of the tribe, urges a good attendance.

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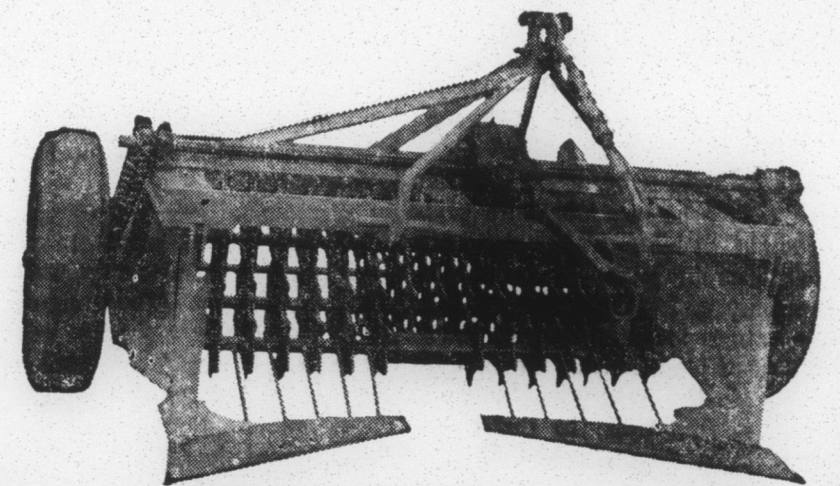
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