

Around The Chowan County Farms

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Most Chowan County melon farmers begin spraying for leaf diseases about two weeks late. This is assuming that the idea time to start spraying is the time the runners begin to form. According to the answers received from the watermelon and cantaloupe farmers 65% sprayed the first time when the cantaloupe and watermelon vines were beginning to cover the ground.

We feel sure that the effectiveness of controlling Alternaria, Gummy Stem Blight, Downy Mildew and Thracnose is substantially hurt by starting to spray at ground covering time.

You can usually get one or two sprayings with ground equipment if you start at the time runners are just starting to form. We all know that ground equipment is more effective than aerial application.

Cantaloupes and watermelons sometime have

as high profit as peanuts. I doubt if you give the attention to your melon crops that you do to peanuts in controlling leaf-spot. I am confident that Leaf diseases are potentially more damaging to melons than leaf spots to peanuts. We had quite a few watermelon fields for which no melons were harvested from last year. I feel that spraying melon crops is just as important as spraying peanuts.

Let me get back to the watermelon questionnaire results. Bravo was named by far the most number of times (73%) as the fungicide used. Difolitan, Manzate and Diathane M45 were used some.

Of the farmers who sprayed two and three times were the most often given times of application. A lot of years three times is all the application that is needed.

We are glad to report that over half of watermelon farmers answering the questionnaire sprayed at least one

time. We feel that applying a fungicide is more important than what material you use.

Of those spraying about 64% sprayed only one time. We are sure that you cannot get the job done by spraying only one time! No wonder we had field completed ruined!! And of course we know that many of our farmers did not spray at all!

Most watermelon farmers who sprayed for leaf disease, quit spraying about two weeks before harvest.

Most watermelon farmers thought leaf disease hurt them. Last year watermelons were hurt more than cantaloupes by leaf diseases. This is not usually true, but the rains came later in the season than it does sometimes.

We know of no variety of watermelon with resistance to leaf disease. For cantaloupes there are a couple of varieties, Summit and Saticoy, that apparently have resistance to these leaf diseases.

About 25% of the watermelons farmers reported rotten bottom disease. Our observation was that this disease was not a major problem last year. The control measure used for controlling Southern Stem Rot in peanuts will help control Rotten Bottom in Watermelons. Varieties with Fusarium Wilt disease included Jubilee and Crimson Diamond.

Bake Sale

Center Hill Extension Homemakers Club will sponsor a Yard and Bake Sale on Saturday, June 4, 1983 at the Center Hill Community Building beginning at 10 A.M.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, and baked goodies will be served all day.

Proceeds from this sale will go for the benefit of the Community Building Fund.

Mrs. Helen Hollowell, president, invites everyone to come, buy and browse.

Edenton-Chowan Recreation Report

Tennis Lessons
The Recreation Department will offer tennis lessons this summer for both youth and adults. Adult tennis lessons will be taught to beginners and intermediate players. Lessons are scheduled to begin June 6 and run for three weeks. A second session will begin in July. Lessons will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings starting at 7:00. Youth lessons will be offered when school is out. If interested call the Recreation Department at 482-8595 to sign up.

Swimming Lessons
The Recreation Department will offer six sessions of beginning swimming lessons this summer starting as soon as school is out. Registration forms are available at the Recreation Department office. All classes are taught in the morning at the Coach Inn pool. There are two classes offered each morning in the following sessions; June 20-July 1, July 5-15 and August

1-12. For more information call the Recreation Department at 482-8595 or come by during office hours to sign up. A registration fee is charged.

Aerobic Class
It's time now to get in shape for the summer and warm weather and the best way to do it is to get involved in the aerobic exercise class at the Recreation Department. Classes are held every Monday and Wednesday night from 6:00 to 7:00 and every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 10:00 to 11:00. Julie Spivey is the class instructor and wishes to invite any lady interested. You may call Julie at 482-8055 or the Rec. Dept. at 482-8595 for more information.

Gymnastics Class
The Recreation Department is offering a gymnastic class for ages 4-12 this summer. The classes will be offered in one week sessions from 1:30 - 2:30 daily. Emphasis will be on tumbling and floor exercises. The older ages will also work on the

balance beam. The classes will be taught at Walker School. Call the Recreation Department at 482-8595 for more information.

Adult Softball
Mike Dowd blasted 2 homers and drove in 5 runs to lead Pickwick to an 8-3 win over Millers. Millers took a 3-1 lead into the fourth when Pickwick pulled ahead 4-3 with Dowd's solo shot the big blow. Dowd's 3 run shot in the fifth put the game away as Pickwick cruised to their 6th win.

In other games Busch scored 8 7th inning runs to turn back CCU A's 12-10, Texaco thumped the PD 9-1, Natural skunked Western Gas 12-0, Tyner beat Atlantic Forest 14-2, Texaco outlasted

Oakleaf 16-11, Ryland put away PD 17-7, Exxon bombed Western Gas 18-6, Millers shocked Busch 3-0, Pickwick toppled Pizza Hut 15-1, and Texaco prevailed over Atlantic Forest 15-6.

Standings as of May 30
Division 1 - Texaco 9-0, Exxon 7-0, Oakleaf 4-5, PD 3-5, Atlantic Forest 0-8
Division 2 - Pickwick 7-0, Busch 3-4, Millers 3-5, Pizza Hut 2-5, A's 2-5
Division 3 - Natural 5-1, Ryland 5-2, Tyner 3-4, Eagles 1-5, Western Gas 1-6

In Women's Softball the Super Starlettes defeated the Hospital 16-1, Nixon's defeated Ryland 15-5, and Coors chalked up their first win defeating the Blue Jays

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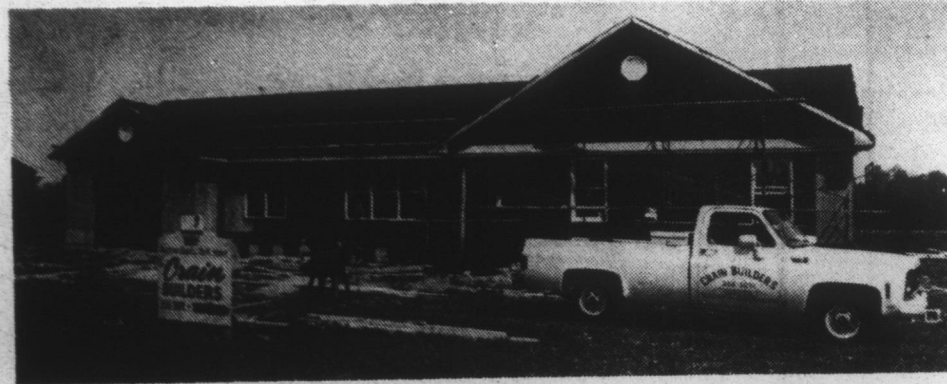
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