

Spraying For Leaf Disease

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Since the word has reached Chowan vegetable farmers that about last week was the ideal time to start spraying watermelons and cantaloupes for leaf disease, it is very gratifying to find that a goodly number of you have already started spraying. I hope that the rest of you melon farmers will fall in line and start spraying right away. If everybody pitches in we can go along way towards eliminating the \$350,000 we lost to melon leaf disease last year.

The material cost for spraying three times will be less than \$50.00 which isn't too bad when you consider that the fungicide application could save half of your crop and in some fields over 75% of crop was lost.

What about spraying one or two times? Dr. Sam Jenkins, Research Professor for plant diseases, says "You need 3 or 4 spraying ordinarily but one or two sprayings would help some."

Now I want to relate two stories about spraying for leaf diseases last year. One was here in Chowan and one was in Laurel Delaware. We had our watermelon variety test

with Emmett and Bobby Winborner last year. They sprayed four times beginning when they could spray with ground equipment. The last three times were by airplane.

The result of their effort was good leaf control even though they had over 12 inches of rain during the month prior to pulling watermelons. Prince Charles had a yield of 64,000 lbs. per acre, Charleston Gray no. 5 yield was 55,000 lbs. and Crimson Sweet, 49,000 lbs. These are good yields under any kind of weather conditions. I feel sure some others of you did an equally good job but I know about Emmett and Bobby! We had a man from Duplin County to call asking how we grew 64,000 lbs. per acre of melons and it was a pleasure to tell him. It was due to good land, growing Prince Charles Variety and good leaf disease control!

Last summer Anna and I went up into Canada on our vacation. We stopped at Laurel Delaware auction market going and coming, since it wasn't much over 100 yards out of the way. On the return trip the sale was over when we got there. Anyway I spotted a nice looking man with graying hair standing where the truck was being loaded. To myself I said,

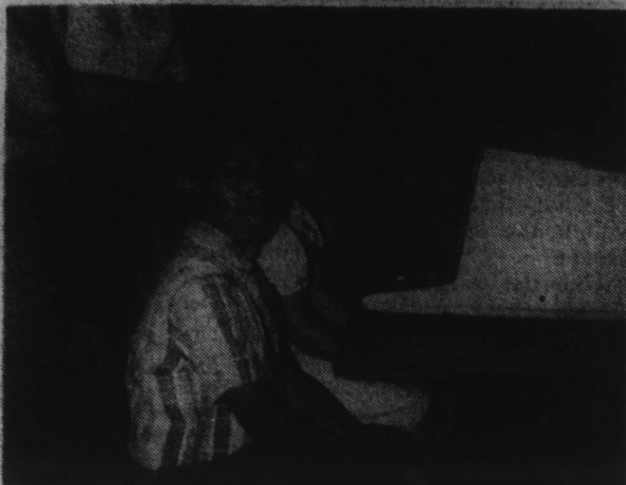
"That man's a buyer." I moved over to him and asked him how the sale was that day. He answered "Good. Here's a list of prices I paid today." For five lots he paid from 4 1/4 to 8 per lb. We talked and I asked him if he bought melons in North Carolina earlier in the year. His answer was little sharp "Not many, they don't spray down there!" The quality of melons was poor.

I pressed forward and asked, "Where did you buy melons in North Carolina?" Clinton in Sampson County was the answer."

Could another buyer have said the same about Chowan County Melons? Since a large part of our melons were not sprayed at all, I feel that it could have been said.

I went back to the auction area. A small load had come in. I moved up beside an apparent farmer and began conversation. Soon the conversation was the place I wanted it to be. "Do you spray your watermelons? Sure almost everyone sprays here!"

We hope that you will help in building the reputation that North Carolina melons are good quality melons and have been sprayed for leaf diseases.



STUDENTS OPERATE COMPUTER—Third graders from D.F. Walker Elementary School were introduced to the computer at John A. Holmes High School this past semester. Shown above are Alandra Ferebee, Sandra Forehand and Janice Twiddy as they were given an opportunity to learn about computers.

Learning About Computers

On June 6 and 7, the third graders, at D.F. Walker Elementary visited the Introduction to Data Processing classes at John A. Holmes to learn about computers.

Over the past semester, the introduction students have been developing math programs to coordinate with the tests in the third grade mathematics text. Having the third grade students run through their programs was the culminating activity. As the high school students helped each group of third

graders, Michael Crabtree explained various processes on the computer. Third graders were given an opportunity to key in a simple program, compute math problems, and watch a display of graphic designs programmed by David Davenport and Johnny Crabtree. The data processing classes are taught by Teresa Kerber and Thelma Greenwell.

50th Anniversary

The Rev. and Mrs. Leonard W. Topping of Charlotte, N.C. are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary this next Tuesday, June 14th. Mr. Topping graduated from Union Seminary in Richmond in May 1933. Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Topping came to this area to jointly pastor the Cann Memorial of Elizabeth City and First Presbyterian Church of Edenton. They stayed a little over 4 years then went to pastor five other church fields in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. In retirement they have continued to serve three other churches. So they celebrate 50 years of, as they say, "great adventure in the Christian ministry" too. The Toppings had two children - one still living, and three grandchildren.

Alternative Students Hold Program

A special program was held on Friday, June 3, at 11:00 A.M. in Swain Auditorium by staff and students of the Edenton-Chowan Alternative School. The theme of the program was: "There Is Music in the Air at ECAS."

The program was highlighted by a most enjoyable talent show. The talent show winners were: 1st place - Robert Williams, and assisted by Jerry Brickhouse - Karate Demonstration; 2nd place - the Barber Shop Twins, Stephanie Wright and Connie Bunch; and 3rd place - Zenetta Simpson - solo of "Battle Hymn of the

Republic." The Alternative School Drill Team performed and the ECAS staff led in the singing of several songs. Talent show judges were: Mr. Jake Boyce, Mrs. Mary Morris, Mr.

Wayne Blair, Ms. Gail Johnson, Mr. Walter Noneman, and Mrs. Mary Smith. Mrs. Clara Boswell is principal at the Alternative School (ECAS), where Each Courteous Act Spreads.

Last Conference Day Scheduled

Monday, June 13, will be the last Parent Conference Day in the Edenton-Chowan Schools for the present school year. Parents will be able to discuss their child's Achievement Test scores with teachers.

parents to make every effort to come to school for these very important conferences. Some schools may be able to hold a conference on a day other than June 13. The schools are looking forward to sharing the test scores with each parent.



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N.C. School Boards Association,
Hunt's SB 515 is "extremely dangerous," "would damage... public education" and "do considerable harm." NEA supports teacher strikes.

N.C. Citizens for Business and Industry,
Hunt's plan (Senate Bill 515) "will represent a giant step toward unionization... the calling of strikes and general disruption of the education of our children."

**Help The N.C. School Boards Assoc. & N.C. Teachers
Defeat Jim Hunt's SB 515.
Contact Your Legislators**

(Remember Jim Hunt is receiving massive union support for his campaign for U.S. Senate.)

1. NCSBA Letter, 5-11-83
2. News and Observer, 5-22-83
3. NCCBI Legislative Bulletin, No. 28, 5-27-83
4. NCSBA Letter, 5-11-83
5. Fayetteville Observer, 3-7-79

6. NCCBI Legislative Bulletin, No. 28, 5-27-83
7. NCCBI Legislative Bulletin, No. 19, 5-20-83
8. NCSBA Letter, 5-11-83
9. NCCBI Legislative Bulletin, No. 28, 5-27-83
10. Atlanta Constitution, 3-13-83

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