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## POISON FOR WEEVIL OFTEN IS NO GOOD

Farmers Should Use Care in Purchasing Poison for the Boll-Weevil.

### SUCCESS DEPENDS ON MATERIAL SELECTED

Department of Agriculture at Washington Urge That All Farmers Use Care in Buying Poison for Control of Boll Weevil, as Much of It is Absolutely Worthless.

When a farmer goes to buy calcium arsenate for boll weevil poisoning he should look carefully at the label that it should be printed on the label that the material is satisfactory for cotton dusting and that the manufacturer specifies straight use of the material without the addition of lime or any other carrier. This is the urgent advice of the boll weevil specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture. If it is neglected, they say, the farmer may get material that either will not control the weevil or that will kill his cotton.

**Danger in Careless Buying**  
Poisoning, they continue, will control the weevil, but the whole scheme is seriously imperiled by careless buying of poison. Many concerns are beginning the manufacture of calcium arsenate, and there is danger that there will be even a larger percentage of unsatisfactory material than last year unless care is exercised in purchasing. As many farmers are already doing so, now is the time to exercise such care.

The farmer should not buy calcium arsenate merely because it is labeled or sold as such, the specialists say but should buy calcium arsenate by specifications. It should contain not more than three-fourths of 1 per cent of water-soluble arsenic pentoxide, on account of danger of burning plants. It should contain not less than 40 per cent. total arsenic. If it contains much less it will not control the weevil. Its density should be between 80 and 100 cubic inches to the pound. Otherwise it will not make a satisfactory dust cloud and the individual plants can not be treated successfully with it.

**Examination of Samples**  
In order to be certain that the material is suitable for cotton dusting the farmer should, as shortly after making purchases as possible, send samples to the Delta Laboratory at Taluhah, La., for examination. In purchases of any size, samples should be taken from at least three packages. A safe rule is to take a sample for every ten packages. Each sample should weigh a half pound. Full information as to the source and history of the material should accompany the samples.

Success in boll-weevil poisoning, the specialists point out, depends on observance of these precautions. The farmer who is not willing to exercise that measure of care would be wise not to attempt poisoning at all.

**Mr. Fred White Says, "Don't Idle Because You Only See one Rat"**

"I did, pretty soon I found my cellar full. They eat my potatoes. After trying RAT-SNAP I got five dead rats. They pass up the potatoes to eat RAT-SNAP. If there are rats around your place follow Mr. White's example. Three six 25c, 50c, and \$1. Sold and guaranteed by Z. V. Bellamy, E. J. Gerock and E. J. Bell and Co.—adv

## WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' CLUBS ARE ACTIVE

Preliminary Report of The Women and Girls Club Work for 1919.

### WOMEN AN GIRLS AGAIN SHOW GREAT GAINS

Mrs. Jane S. McKinnon, Now in Charge of This Work in North Carolina Makes a Preliminary Report, Which Evidences Great Growth in Every Department.

Raleigh, December 10.—The preliminary report of Mrs. Jane S. McKinnon for the year 1919 shows that the girls and women enrolled in the club work of the Home Demonstration Division have again accomplished great things during the year. The work has been greatly extended, as there are now 62 counties organized with home agents in charge. They have established 666 women's clubs, 425 girls' clubs and 226 community clubs, with a total membership of 77,194.

As to some of the things which these women and girls have accomplished, reports show that there were 1,966 poultry club members who raised 70,828 fowls. At the State Fair the club members representing Anson County won \$75 in premium money, and Mrs. A. M. Redfern reports that these members now have on hand a good supply of poultry and poultry products for sale and use during the winter. A number of the girls have stored eggs in waterglass for home use this winter.

Others, to the number of 588 girls and women, produced 54,612 pounds of butter which they sold at an average price of 59 cents per pound.

In canning work, the preliminary report shows that 1,362,890 quarts of vegetables and fruits, worth \$405,242.85 were canned during the year; 37,070 pounds of vegetables worth \$5,441.07 were dried; 28,199 pounds of fruit worth \$6,489.05 were also dried; 45,151 pounds of fruits and vegetables worth \$5,530.86 were brined during the same period.

It is not canning alone, however, that the girls and women in the home demonstration work have concerned themselves. At the present time the school teachers in many of the rural communities are cooperating with the home agents in giving demonstrations as to how to prepare and serve balanced meals and wholesome school lunches.

The shortage of help in the household has caused considerable interest to be shown in demonstrations of electrical plants for the operation of washing machines, churns, home light systems and home water works. As a result of the activity of the home demonstration agents, at least 1,116 of these electrical plants have been put in, and to date 493 washing machines have been installed. Many other conveniences, as a result of this electrical power, have also been added to the farm houses.

Another new activity of the division which is proving to be very popular is the work with the muscadine type of grape. With the James variety, it is reported that club members in 11 counties have planted 2,274 vines during the year. Club members in 29 counties report that they have made 6,030 gallons of the grape juice and 1,744 gallons of other grape products.

### COLERAIN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar L. Stokes also Mrs. L. E. Stokes went to Norfolk last Tuesday shopping.

Mr. Jim Forehand is now in Richmond and has accepted a position at that place.

Mrs. Hatch, who has been spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Lineberry, returned to her home in Pittsboro last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Deans went to Norfolk this week. Mr. Deans went to consult a doctor.

Rev. Lineberry went to Raleigh on last Wednesday.

Mrs. Bertie Skipper of Norfolk spent last week with her mother, Mrs. Mattie Northcott.

Mr. Reuben Majette of Como was in town last Wednesday and Thursday.

Mesdames C. L. Henry and D. Roy Britton went to Norfolk last Thursday shopping.

We are sorry to report Dr. L. A. Nowell on the sick list. We want doctors, above all people, to stay well.

Mr. L. E. Stokes returned from Ayden last Friday, driving a new Pan American which is a beauty.

Mr. D. R. Britton made a business trip to Windsor last Thursday.

Mr. Maurice Beasley of Baltimore arrived in town last Friday. He will spend some time here.

Miss Hortense Sessoms spent the week end with her cousin, Miss Grace Beasley.

Messrs. Joe Stokes, Es and Manly White and several other young men attended the concert at Chowan College last Friday night, given by the Naval Base boys. They all reported a good time.

Mrs. Adkins and children of Bethlehem, were in town Saturday. Mrs. Adkins visited her daughter, Mrs. Stokes.

If all reports are true wedding bells will be soon heard in our town—ring on.

Mr. L. E. Stokes and family were visitors in Windsor last Sunday.

We are glad to report that the local Baptist Church went over the top in the Seventy-Five Million Dollar Campaign by twenty-eight hundred dollars. The apportionment was \$15,000.

### AULANDER NEWS

Miss Clarine Scull of Gates County and Miss Roxie Dunning of Suffolk have returned to their homes after an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Gatling. Many social affairs were given in honor of these young ladies while there.

Mrs. H. B. White has returned from Windsor, where she has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Spivey.

A marriage of much interest was solemnized here on November 27th when Miss Mary Harrell became the bride of Mr. Edwin S. Early of the city of Portsmouth. The bride who is the youngest daughter of Mr. E. C. Harrell, one of our most prominent citizens, wore a dark blue broadcloth suit with gray accessories. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Early and is now connected with the Robinson Hardware Co., of Portsmouth. After an extended wedding trip north, they will be at home in the New Monroes, Portsmouth.

Miss Annie Grey Stokes of Windsor and Miss Blanche Kilpatrick of Dover were guests of Mrs. C. P. Newsome last week.

Preparations are being made for an entertainment and Christmas tree at the Methodist Church.

The C. W. C. are preparing to have a Community Christmas tree and all those who are interested are requested to meet with the club next Thursday night in the school auditorium.

Mr. Austin Long of Colerain was a visitor here Sunday.

Mr. Vernon Burden of Wake Forest is at home for a few days.

About \$25.00 worth of equipment has been ordered for the school play ground and is expected to be here by the first of the new year.

Mrs. G. C. Williford, of near Ahoskie, visited her mother, Mrs. Bettie Harrell, last week.

Seventeen girls received scholarships in schools and colleges during the past year, while 272 are paying a part or all of their educational expenses by work, which they are doing in canning, basketry, grape culture or gardening.

### POWELLSVILLE NEWS.

Quite a large crowd attended the land sale near Mars Hill school last Friday.

Mr. H. O. Rayner purchased a new Ford automobile Thursday.

Mr. D. C. Miller was the guest of friends in Perrytown last Sunday.

Mrs. Ray Saunders and brother David Hollaman, who have been visiting parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Holman, near here, returned to their homes in Norfolk last Sunday.

Miss Kate Davis and Mr. W. A. Wynns attended a special program at Holly Grove Sunday.

Rev. N. H. Shepherd conducted his regular services here at the Baptist Church Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Raynor and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mitchell were visitors at Mars Hill Sunday.

Messrs. Myron Harrell, Roswell Overton, Lloyd Evans and Sidney Taylor attended the concert given by the Naval Base Orchestra at Chowan College last Friday night.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. J. E. Jordan last Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Demain Miller were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wiggins on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Early and children were visitors in town Sunday.

Miss Ruby Myers was in town a short while Saturday.

Mr. Donald Waters was the guest of his brother, Mr. H. C. Waters, the past week end.

Messrs. S. B. Carter and L. F. Evans went to Colerain last Thursday.

### READER CAN HELP MAKE GOOD HOME NEWSPAPER

Sometimes, perhaps, readers of the HERALD think there is an item missing from the paper which should be there. There is just one reason why it was not there—because the editor did not know about it. The Suffolk County Review has the following sensible editorial headed "Suggestions":

There is nothing that the editor likes better than suggestions that will make his paper a better paper. Of course, these suggestions must be constructive and not something like this:

An irate subscriber enters the office the day after press day and fixing his beady-eye on the editor he demands and explanation of why his wife's sister's cousin did not get in the "local." "She's been in town 3 days," he concludes.

Yes, it does look like a bad case against the editor. Of course, no one had told him said "cousin" was in town. He is an editor and should have known it. That's what he is there for.

Remember, friends, an editor is just like the rest of you and bound to make mistakes. But granting that no human being could cover all the field which an editor is expected to cover and not miss anything occasionally.

We try to get all the personals, but if somebody's wife's sister's cousin slips in town at about 10:30 on an automobile, we cannot be expected to know it unless you tell us about it.

And if you have a party on the same day there happens to be a funeral, a ball game, and a runaway in town, just to make sure that we do know it, call us up and give us the details. You know we are just as anxious to have our paper cram full of news as you are to find it that way.

### Big Land Sales Advertised

The Herald carries the announcements of two large real estate auction sales to be held in Aulander this week. Like real estate in all of this section, it is hard to get and to make sure that you get an opportunity at this choice property, better look up the advertisements in this paper and go to the sales as advertised in this paper.

The Raleigh Real Estate and Trust Company, which has sold many tracts of land in this section will conduct both of the sales.

### High School Teacher Gone

Miss Beamon, assistant high school teacher, in the local school, has gone to her home near Wilson, to recuperate from a recent illness. She is not expected to return soon. In her absence Miss Annie Parker is supplying for her.

## MILL MEN TO BUY COTTON REGARDLESS

Mills Would Rather Pay Higher Price Than Run out of Cotton.

### SO SAY THE COTTON ASSOCIATION OFFICIALS

Cotton Goods Manufacturers Rather Than Run Short of Material With Which to Carry on Their Work—Mills Cannot Afford to Lie Idle—Much Money Invested.

That the manufacturer would rather pay a higher price for the raw material than run out of this raw product has never been better shown than is now in evidence in the price the manufacturers are paying for tobacco. There is, of course, a great demand for Carolina tobacco—a demand that the present supply will not likely meet. Rather than run short of the raw material out of which to make the increased millions of cigarettes, the manufacturers are paying much higher prices for North Carolina tobacco than they have ever paid in the past. They would rather pay the difference if it will induce the farmers to raise more tobacco to meet the increased demands.

Cotton is not different from other crops, so far as the manufacturer is concerned. The cotton mills of the world, with the great investment in machinery and buildings, with thousands of operatives depending on these mills for their daily bread can no more afford to shut down their plants than can the tobacco factories of the country. If the present price of cotton is not sufficient to supply the needs of these cotton mills, and they have to run the risk of being forced to close down because of the lack of cotton to spin they would rather pay the higher price which will make it attractive for the farmer to grow more cotton.

This is just the situation which faces the world today. There is not enough good cotton to supply the demands of the mills. The boll weevil the interest of farmers in other crops the tendency to cultivate tobacco in place of cotton where it can be grown—and this crop is encroaching on the cotton lands constantly—and the increasing interest of the southern farmer in stock, will not help to increase the amount of cotton grown. The cotton farmer in the future is not going to be satisfied with mere existence when his neighbor, the tobacco farmer, rides into town on an automobile.

### The HERALD will publish a Special HOLIDAY EDITION next week—December 19inst.

A colored cover page will be used as an outside cover, and there will be many other features of this paper that will make it the most thoroughly newspaper ever published in this office. We are publishing this paper in order to give every business in this entire section an opportunity to get in some good Christmas advertising. Of all the times in the year when advertising is worth while it is during the holidays. Try one in this issue. All advertisers and reporters are requested to get their copy in this office next week, so that there may be no delay in publishing this edition.

Watch that label. Now is a good time to pay up.

## NITRATE SODA MORE VALUE THAN MEAL

Relative Strength of Cotton Seed Meal and Nitrate of Soda.

### COUNTY AGENT GAITHER GIVES THE FACTS

From the Analysis He Makes It Is Cheaper and Better to Use the Nitrate of Soda as It Can Be Purchased Cheaper—Should Use More Lime Under All Crops.

Many farmers have asked the County Agent whether they can afford to use cotton seed meal as a fertilizer at present prices of this material and nitrate of soda selling around about \$60.00 per ton.

A chart showing the relative availability of nitrogen in various carriers has just been issued by the North Carolina Experiment Station and it shows that cotton meal is 77 per cent available as compared with nitrate of soda, when used under cotton.

Nitrate of Soda carries around 17 per cent ammonia and cotton seed meal around 7 per cent. Of this 7 per cent in cotton seed meal 77 per cent is available. This gives 5.29 per cent available ammonia in cotton seed meal as compared with nitrate of soda.

On this basis the farmer gets 340 pounds of available ammonia in a ton of nitrate of soda for \$60.00 and he gets 105.8 pounds of available ammonia in a ton of cotton seed meal for \$80.00, or a pound of nitrate of soda costs 65c. and a pound of available ammonia in cotton seed meal costs 75.6 cents in cotton seed meal. This makes the available ammonia in cotton seed meal cost 4.28 times as much as in the Nitrate of Soda.

If a farmer wishes to get same effect from cotton seed meal as he would from a ton of nitrate of soda he would have to buy 8560 pounds of cotton seed meal and pay \$342.40 for it. He can get the same in nitrate of soda for \$60.00.

In using nitrate of soda as the only source of ammonia there should be a light application between the planting and the time top dresser is usually applied in order to get the best results.

Heavy applications of nitrate of soda tends to make soils hard and close, but this can easily be overcome by the use of ground limestone, or ground oyster shells or burned lime, applied broadcast in the winter or in early spring.

There is not near enough lime used in this County, especially on the heavier soils. The cotton seed situation will enable the farmers to use more of the lime this year by buying nitrate of soda and using a part of the saving between the price of soda and cotton seed meal to buy the lime.

Ground marl and fine ground lime stone can be bought around \$6.00 per ton F. O. B. Ahoskie in bulk car load shipments.

E. W. GAITHER, County Agent.

### DOUGHBOYS IN BALKANS

Cattaro, Montenengro.—The American Red Cross is serving American doughboys in this town. A battalion of the 322nd Infantry, part of the army of occupation, is being given medical assistance as well as canteen and entertainment service by the Red Cross Mission of Montenengro.