

INSECT FOUND WAS NOT A BOLL-WEEVIL SAYS STATE BUREAU

Cowpea Pod Weevil Does Not Damage As Much As Cotton Bug, Says Department Bulletin

MENOLA PLANTER SENDS BOTTLE FULL OF BUGS

Chief Entomologist Says Pod Weevil Does But Little Damage To The Cotton

Mr. I. Finley Snipes, of Menola said he emitted a sigh of relief when the following letter was received from Raleigh:

"Your letter of the 16th, accompanied by bottle containing weevil thought to be Boll-weevil, is received. On examination I find that this is the Cowpea Pod-weevil and I am enclosing herewith form letter in regard to it. As the Boll-weevil invaded your section last summer I am sending you our publications on it, under separate cover. However, your injury by the Boll-weevil will probably be light this year."

This information came from Franklin Sherman, Chief of the Bureau of Entomology, and was in response to a letter written to the Bureau by Mr. Snipes, who had caught some of the weevils in his cotton. They were thought to be boll-weevils, and Mr. Snipes was after expert advice. It came to him as a relief, because, as he said, "It was enough to throw a scare into a fellow who has all his future harvest tied up in cotton fields."

Evidently Hertford county farmers will lose but little cotton from the weevil this year, and the news contained in the Raleigh letter foreshadows a large crop of cotton for 1923. The present crop is one of the best in years, and with favorable weather conditions from now until harvest time, cotton planters will receive good returns from their product.

The supposed Boll-weevil was also discovered in other cotton fields around Menola, and when first found were thought to be the real article. Farmers in that section of the county had already begun to despair and were decrying the results supposed to come from the ravager of so many cotton fields. Mr. Snipes, however, wanted a final authority, and he immediately sought it. The bulletin published herewith has been mailed to Mr. Snipes, and tells the points of difference between the weevil found and the real Boll-weevil. It reads as follows:

Cowpea Pod-Weevil

"This insect bears some resemblance to boll-weevil and is often mistaken for it. It does injure and even kill some young cotton plants, and this damage is then blamed on the boll-weevil. Its injury begins in and for the most part is confined to, lands that were in peas the year before.

"It has long been present in our fields, and attracted considerable notice in 1907, but has been seldom reported in other seasons until within the last few years when people have been looking more closely, finding it and confusing it with Boll-weevil.

"Its damage is chiefly to very young cotton, and after the cotton is chopped to final stand and begins to attain size and strength, the injury becomes less noticeable. No elaborate tests of possible remedies have been made and do not seem necessary,—for if a farmer finds them troublesome a simple change next year so that cotton shall not follow peas seems to be all that is needed.

"Most of the insects which are commonly mistaken for Boll-weevil are entirely harmless to cotton, but this one does do a slight injury to the crop.

"As compared with Boll-weevil, this Cowpea Pod-weevil is more chunky-bodied, shorter-legged, shorter bill, blacker, harder, lacks the yellow-brown fuzz, and has little pits on back, shoulders, etc.

Very truly yours,

FRANKLIN SHERMAN,
Chief in Entomology.

MOYOCK MAN SAYS HE CAN LICK CHESS CHAMP

J. P. Murray Wants To Play Paul Holloman Of Ahoskie's Tribe Of Chess Artists

As a producer of championship checker players Ahoskie takes an Ace High rank. Each new generation brings with it some new champ whose ability to handle the little checkers excels his elders, and who mounts higher to the top of the ladder in checkerdom. For instance, there is Squire Joe Askew, who once shone a luminary in checker playing, albeit he still believes he can play the game and refuses to yield any of his glory.

Then, there is Mr. Cad Jenkins and L. T. Sumner, two tough opponents for the very best in the game. They've been at it a long time, although the former has Sumner beat in point of service. As for the respective merits of the two, the reporter refuses to be an arbiter. These two checker movers usually decide it amongst themselves down around the landmarks of "livery stable" days. Both are good, and we're for them both when playing outsiders, but each believes he is better than the other, and Sumner probably believes it stronger.

Next to them in point of service come Abb Holloman and Urm Holloman, both good checker players, and worthy opponents for the generation just ahead of them. As for the lesser lights there are plenty of them, and amongst the number may be some fellow who'll wrest the title of Supreme Titleholder from the present holder.

But, if that "and" ever does bloom forth, he just must have the goods if he expects to beat Paul Holloman, present Titleholder and King among Checker (or Chess) players. This fellow Holloman, in street parlance "Knows His Herbs."

He is acknowledged by all in Ahoskie to be their conqueror. Visitors who abide here long enough to test his skill have also handed the palm to him. Challengers from other towns and cities have also lately been turned back by the Ahoskie Champ. In a tournament at Suffolk on the Fourth of July, he walked off with every contest, playing the best Norfolk and Suffolk had to offer.

Now, along comes a fellow Murray, from Moyock, who says he believes he is better than Holloman. He is willing to wager \$50 he can take a majority of a 20-game series. He offers to put up a purse, the winner to take all, a tournament to be arranged in August. His challenge was issued through the Independent, weekly newspaper published in Elizabeth City and appeared in its last week's issue.

Holloman remembers this fellow Murray, all right; and he acknowledges his skill at the game. In fact, Murray won from the local champ in two sittings about three years ago. "I am better now than I was then," Holloman says; and he is willing to take Murray on. He is expecting to communicate with him in an effort to discover the real champion, that is, for the benefit of any and all doubters.

A tournament was previously in prospect for Ahoskie some time about the first of September, with Suffolk and Norfolk players, and all other championship seekers. Murray will also be invited to come down here and take a hand in the games. If he accepts, the fur will fly—but when it's all over, the HERALD is expecting Paul Holloman to emerge victor, sending this well meaning Mr. Murray back to Moyock for a higher admiration of the local champ.

CLUB GIRLS CAMPING AT BEACH THIS WEEK

Chaperoned by Miss Myrtle Swindell, county home demonstrator, members of the various girls' clubs in Hertford County are spending this week at Chowan Pleasure Beach, Colerain. They left early Tuesday morning by trucks and automobiles for the trip.

These girls take an annual trip to Colerain, and, under the direction of Miss Swindell, put into practice much of the knowledge of home economics they have been taught during the year.

County Banks Have Made Big Gains In Resources Within One-Year Period

Comparative figures taken from the June 30 reports made by Hertford County banks, as of 1922 and 1923, show the people of the county have added materially to the bank accounts within the one year period. The resources of the county's seven banks were \$298,922.08 greater June 30, 1923, than they were June 30, 1922. Money borrowed by the banks is also lower this year than it was in 1922, although in this particular there is but little variance. The figures are: for 1922, \$255,829; for 1923, \$244,307, making a difference of \$11,552. Adding this to the difference in resources, makes Hertford county bank depositors \$305,444.08 richer this year than last.

Even these figures do not tell the full prosperity that has been reigning here for the last twelve months. One of the factors tending to lower the amount is the enormous amount of cash paid out by farmers for 1923 fertilizers. According to bankers, the cash outlay for commercial fertilizer was at least 50 per cent heavier this year than for any other year on record. The money thus paid out has gone from the community, and must be subtracted from the resources of the banks reporting. Payments for automobiles have also exceeded those of previous years, and subtract from the sum total of the 1923 resources.

At that, however, a healthy growth is seen in the figures certified by the banks to the State Corporation Commission. And, the reports were made at the year's duldest season for banks in this agricultural region. When the next report is made out, there will no doubt be a greater increase, both in the aggregate and comparatively. If all signs do not fail, and with the crops now showing a healthy state of condition, Hertford County will take a big boost in its resources when the harvest season starts.

The following table gives the comparative showing in resources of all seven banks in the county.

	1922 Resources	1923 Resources	Gain
Farmers-Atlantic Bank, Ahoskie	\$506,817.83	\$513,917.86	\$ 7,100.03
Bank of Ahoskie, Ahoskie	359,201.80	391,293.85	32,092.05
Peoples Bank, Murfreesboro	320,369.78	368,243.57	47,873.79
First National Bank, Murfreesboro	266,659.59	442,833.07	176,173.53
Merchants & Farmers Bank, Winton	274,314.22	285,669.29	11,355.07
Bank of Winton, Winton	120,898.02	113,360.49	*7,537.53
Bank of Harrellsville, Harrellsville	115,886.50	142,746.64	26,860.14
TOTALS	\$1,964,142.69	\$2,258,064.77	\$301,454.61
LESS			7,532.53
TOTAL GAIN IN RESOURCES			\$293,922.08
DECREASE IN BILLS PAYABLE			11,552.00
TOTAL INCREASE			\$305,444.08

*Indicates loss.

AHOSKIE LADY HONORED BY ROBERSONVILLE HOST

Mrs. W. J. Myers, of Ahoskie, who has been the house guest of her friend, Mrs. Walter P. Sumner at Robersonville, was the recipient of a reception given in her honor. The account published below will be of interest here.

Mr. and Mrs. Sumner's beautiful home was thrown open to their friends on Thursday, July 18th in honor of their guest, Mrs. W. J. Myers of Ahoskie, and Miss Nannie Williams of Nashville, N. C. The home was most beautifully decorated, the color scheme being blue and white. Baskets of blue hydrangea and white roses were used. Progressive hearts was played, Miss Ethel Bailey and Mr. Ethna Anderson making top score, won the prizes. Then the guests gathered on the lawn which was lighted with blue and white lights. Each was given a potato and knife and asked to carve a candle holder. Mr. Mayo Little was given the prize for carving the best holder. Then each guest was given a candle over which they toasted marshmallows. Gathering again in the reception hall the company was served with a delightful salad course and ice tea. Each plate was given a little blue basket filled with white mints containing a fortune.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Keel, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Grimes, Mrs. Myers of Ahoskie; Misses Pope, Roberson, Adkins, Bailey, Thames and Nannie Williams of Nashville and Messrs. Parker, Smith, James, Little, Congleton and Atkins.

At a late hour when the guests departed, each one declared Mr. and Mrs. Sumner the most entertaining host and hostess.

GOOD CROWD AT PLAY

Two hundred persons attended the play, "Farm Folks," given in the high school auditorium last Friday night, under the auspices of Circle No. 1 of the Woman's Missionary Union. About \$40 was realized from the proceeds, which will be turned over to the fund now being raised to liquidate the debt on the Baptist parsonage.

BORN, ANOTHER BOY

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John E. Parker, East Church street, on Saturday, July 14th, a son.

CRIMINAL DOCKET HAS SHORTENED CALENDAR

Only six civil cases have been docketed for trial at the July term of Hertford County superior court, which begins next Monday, July 30. The motion docket is still lighter, there being one lone issue to be disposed of, it being in the case of Ernest Parker vs. Hoggard and Perry.

There are more than fifty criminal actions to be tried at the term next week, besides others that will undoubtedly be reported by the grand jury. Many of those on the docket were continued from the April term, which had its hands full in disposing of the murder case from Murfreesboro. Of the number to be tried on criminal charges, only three are without bail. These are all negroes and are incarcerated in the county jail at Winton.

Judge Jno. H. Kerr will preside over this term of court. All civil cases placed upon the calendar were put there by special order, and all of them are set for Wednesday. Clerk D. R. McGlohon says it is highly improbable that even the six will reach trial, owing to the congested criminal docket. Although only one motion is on the calendar, as published, others may be made in all cases on Civil Issue Docket.

The cases set for trial Wednesday are:

- 77 E. D. Hoggard vs. J. H. Williamson.
- 125 J. D. Sessoms vs. J. T. Early.
- 170 Cordelia Parker vs. Bessie Casper, et al.
- 159 J. H. Mitchell, Gdn. vs. J. T. Barner and F. Craig.
- 190 Farmers-Atlantic Bank vs. A. H. Brett et al.
- 134 Philip Moore et al vs. John W. Moore et al.

ROAD BOARD ATTENDS TO ROUTINE MATTERS

Reports of committees, continuing others, and general approval of bills and payrolls kept the county road board at work during the greater part of its allotted time last Monday afternoon at Winton. Salesmen for feed and road machinery were on hand, and orders were given for some of both.

Several additional wheelers were ordered, and other machinery and equipment added.

MANEYS NECK REFUSES TO FOLLOW OLD TRACKS

Provision Has Been Made For Free Clinic To Be Given School Children

(By G. C. PICOT)

Hertford County does not have a whole-time health officer, but the Maneys Neck consolidated school, located at Como, is not to be without the proper medical supervision, this being the sentiment of the Betterment association of which Mrs. Joe Blount Ferguson of Statesville, is president.

Backed by J. C. Taylor, chairman of the board of trustees, once upon a time member of the board of county commissioners, and by Thomas I. Burbage, former member of the county board of health, and with Mr. Taylor, a lifelong friend of progress and all civic betterment, this organization of public spirited women is putting on a free clinic for the administration of diphtheria toxin-antitoxin for all white school children in Maneys Neck between the ages of 6 and 21.

In commenting recently on the health situation, or rather lack of health situation in the Como school, owing to the so-called "economical" ideas of the majority of the commissioners in withdrawing the appropriation for a whole-time health officer, the Como school principal explained fully the disadvantage to the school of such a procedure.

He spoke of the experience of last autumn when the usual "beginning of school" diphtheria epidemic played such havoc with the attendance and the entire scholastic organization. Continuing along these lines, he pointed out two outstanding facts: first, last September the anti-toxin had to be given at the parents' expense, working a hardship in some cases of large families and keeping large numbers at home; second, that a quick acting preventative dose being necessary, the anti-toxin with only a 30-day immunity could be given, thus forcing on the majority of the pupils some two or three doses during the fall semester.

Owing to these facts, Dr. Burbage has most generously offered to give the three necessary doses at a mere nominal price and the Betterment Association has raised the necessary funds for this great work.

The first clinic is to be held at the Como school on Thursday morning, July 26th, at 9 o'clock.

HERTFORD RANKS HIGH IN ITS BANK CAPITAL

Hertford County evidently has an abiding faith in its financial institutions, especially its banks. At least, when last figures were compiled on bank capital per inhabitant in the counties of this State, Hertford ranked 19th, out of the one hundred. These figures were compiled as of December 31, 1921, or a year and a half ago.

For every person in the county, there was at that time \$22.61 worth of capital stock of banks. The State average for the same time was \$20.90, or almost two dollars per person less than this county's average. Six months later, June 1922, the average bank capital to the person in the United States was \$50.91, and North Carolina ranked 45 in the whole Nation, or almost right at the bottom.

The per capita bank capital in this county was greater than any of its adjoining counties at the time these figures were compiled. Some of the other counties rank as follows: Halifax, \$16.63; Gates, \$13.36; Northampton, \$11.88; Warren, \$6.71; Bertie, \$14.13. Mecklenburg County, with its many cotton mills and large interests included in the State's Second City, Charlotte, stood at the top in North Carolina when the survey was made. In that county, every person had an average amount of bank capital amounting to \$90.85.

WILL BE AWAY

S. P. Burgess, shoe repair man located on Railroad street, will be out of his office the first three days of next week. He will spend several days in Virginia visiting relatives.

RATE FOR SCHOOLS AMICABLY SETTLED BY COUNTY BOARDS

Seventy-Five Cents On One Hundred Dollars Valuation Agreed Upon For 1923 Administration

ORIGINAL BUDGET IS CUT TO MEET FIGURE

Extra Teachers Allowed At May Meeting Will Not Be Granted Schools

Taxpayers in Hertford County will pay 75 cents taxes on every one hundred dollars worth of real and personal property during 1923 for the support of its public school system. That rate was tentatively agreed upon by the board of education and the county commissioners, in a joint session at Winton last Monday. At least, the 1923-24 school budget was ordered lowered to a point where a 75 cents rate would take care of it.

Dr. J. H. Mitchell and Mr. B. G. Williams, chairman of the two boards, pledged the two boards to this rate when they voted for their respective boards to reduce the budget to approximately \$89,000. This vote followed a separate vote, unanimously carried in each instance, by the two boards, in which the board of education voted to reduce the budget and the county commissioners' board to approve the budget as amended and lowered. Thus, all talk of a court decision was estopped, and each board gave some and took some.

"Blaming it on Raleigh" was the undivided attitude of members of each board. The legislators who were responsible for North Carolina's school law were scored heavily, and not one of the representatives sitting in the meeting Monday could see anything but the rocks ahead for county and state, unless the taxing system was radically revised, by the Legislature.

Although the original school budget called for a sum total of \$112,000, deductions made by reason of a balance on hand, the State equalizing fund, the dog tax, the poll tax, and fines and forfeitures cut that figure down considerably. The initial budget would have required a rate of about 85 cents per hundred. By further reducing the fund for teachers by approximately \$6,000, and other minor deductions, the board of education set 78 cents as the minimum rate which they could run the schools.

Mr. W. J. Vaughan, St. Johns Commissioner, moved to set the rate at 70 cents, but his motion met no second. Following a conference between Attorney Jno. E. Vann and Superintendent N. W. Britton, the former made a plea for a 75 cents rate, which upon motion of E. W. Whitley and seconded by E. H. Eure was unanimously agreed upon by the board of commissioners. The rate will be fixed at a regular meeting of the county commissioners on the first Monday in August.

Mr. Vann, of the board of education, made a talk at the outset of the session, after Doctor Mitchell had been elected chairman; and in it, he plead for a harmonious agreement, a give and take attitude, and the ending of the controversy that was about to become a tempest. He did not want to see those lawyers, whom he smilingly referred to as "vultures awaiting the prey" get any of the taxpayer's money for legal services. He wanted harmony, and it was harmony that prevailed most of the time. Attorneys Stanley Winborne and J. Lloyd Lawrence, of Murfreesboro, sat with the commissioners and education board, respectively.

The budget was examined in detail during the meeting. In the first item, that of teachers' salaries, \$6000 was lopped off. This was placed in the budget as a result of the joint meeting of the two boards on May 28, when several schools in the county asked for additional teachers. Ten new teachers were added at that time, and on Monday these teachers were disallowed, thereby paving the way for the reduction in this item.

The item of back debts was stricken out, as sufficient money was in sight from the 1922 taxes to take care of these. The rest of the reduction made in the budget will probably come off the item of new schools and equipment.

There was little disagreement and (Continued on page 2)