

Farm Review & Forecast



ADDITIONAL SPACE—The construction of additional office space in the county agriculture building will provide adequate space in Jackson for all county agricultural extension personnel. Expected to be ready for occupancy by January 1, the total cost of construction will be around \$15,000, including \$1,500 for a new heating system and roof for the entire building.

Extension Building Addition To Cost Northampton \$15,000

JACKSON — Construction of additional office space in the county agriculture building is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000 and be ready for occupancy by January 1. Contract for construction is \$13,800 and County Auditor Melvin Holmes said county officials expect an additional \$1,500 expenditure for a new heating system and roof for the entire building.

Purpose of the expansion is to provide adequate space for all county agricultural extension personnel. Three staff members are now located in Rich Square. Upon completion of the construction, they will be moved to Jackson. The extension office in Rich Square has been maintained there since the early 1930's when it was established. Relocation in the county building will provide a more convenient service for farmers who are in the county seat on other business.

In addition to the lobby and two office additions on the front of the building on courthouse square, a third office will be added between the agriculture building and ASCS offices. This office will be located behind the present home agent space and will enlarge facilities for that agency. County funds will be used for expansion and improvement of agriculture facilities with the additional \$1,500 expenditure to be approved by the Board of Commissioners at their November meeting. Auditor Holmes said he does not anticipate any opposition to appropriation of the funds as the project is one that has to be done now or within the next few months.

A heating expert was brought to Jackson to examine the present system in the building and make recommendations for heating of the additional space, Holmes said. The expert told officials they "will be lucky if the present heating plant lasts until Christmas." As a result, decision to install a new system in the building and make recommendations for heating of the additional space, Holmes said.

Consideration had been given to patching several leaks in the roof of the building but upon investigation it was found that the roof has deteriorated to the point that it cannot be patched.

School Menus

RICH SQUARE SCHOOL
Monday - Corned beef casserole, carrots, potatoes, onions, snap beans, biscuit, butter, milk, cherry cobbler; Tuesday - Vienna sausage, potato salad, field peas, bread, fruit cup, milk; Wednesday - Bologna, navy beans with tomato sauce, cheese wedge, apple-raisin salad, bread, milk; Thursday - Meat loaf, rice and gravy, snap beans, biscuit, butter, pineapple tidbits, milk; Friday - Hamburger, cole slaw, onions, French fries, roll, cake, milk.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
Monday - Ground beef with spaghetti, green salad, apple pie, hot biscuits, butter, milk; Tuesday - Vegetable soup, peanut butter sandwich, sweet bun, crackers, butter, milk; Wednesday - Swiss steak with gravy, buttered rice, string beans, lemon cake, rolls, butter, milk; Thursday - Scalloped chicken on noodles, red apple sauce, garden peas, rolls, lemon cake, butter, milk; Friday - Holiday.

Methodists Will Hear Dr. Page

GARYSBURG - Quarterly conference for churches on the Spring Church-Garysburg charge will be held Sunday morning at the Garysburg Methodist Church, Dr. J. W. Page, superintendent of the Rocky Mount District will deliver the 11 a.m. worship service and conduct the conference. The Rev. Vance Lewis is pastor of the charge which is comprised of Lebanon, Oak Grove, Pleasant Hill, Spring Church and Garysburg Churches.

Wildlife Editor To Be Club Guest

RICH SQUARE - The editor of Wildlife in North Carolina, a monthly publication, will be guest speaker at Monday night's meeting of the Rich Square Garden Club.

Roy Amundson will show the club members movies on Wildlife Bables. Amundson has been in wildlife education in North Carolina since 1948. In addition to his editor duties, he does a weekly radio program on 50 N. C. stations, writes a weekly news column for Associated Press and a Rod and Gun column for approximately 30 newspapers.

Wallpaper and Paneling

Wallpaper and solid board wall paneling make a good team for Early American interiors. Boards, however, should be vertical grain and knot-free to combine most effectively with patterned paper. Douglas fir, ponderosa pine, western hemlock, white fir and western red cedar are favorites for the job.

Cotton Marketing Report

Cotton harvesting picks up speed across the state as evidenced by samples arriving at the classing office. Samples classed last week by the Raleigh office amounted to 18,400 and brought the season's volume to almost 50,000 samples.

Merchant demand was moderate to good and a considerable proportion of current ginnings moved into market channels at prices of \$1.25-\$2.50 per bale above CCC loan. Demand was best for White grades and Middling through Low Middling with staples of 1 1/16 inches and longer.

Sixty-three per cent of the samples classed last week graded Strict Low Middling or higher, up from 55 per cent for the previous week. Strict Low Middling was again the predominant grade and represented 36 per cent of the samples, followed by Middling with 23 per cent. Samples reduced in grade because of grass amounted to only six per cent as compared to 10 per cent a week earlier.

The average staple length was less than the previous week. However, 72 per cent of the samples had staple of 1 1/16 inches and 25 per cent were 1 1/32 inches in length. Micronaire readings which measure fiber fineness and maturity indicate that 90 per cent of the samples fell in the

3.6 through 4.9 range. Fiber strength of the current crop continues to be higher than last year. The North Carolina Department of Agriculture reports that the zero gauge Pressley average on cotton tested during the past week averaged 79,000 pounds per square inch as compared to 76,000 for the same period last year.

4-H Poultry Show, Sale To Be Held

CONWAY - The 4-H poultry show and sale will be held on the grounds of Zoar Church near here Wednesday, October 20 at 9 a.m. The pullets will be judged and placed in pens of 14.

"This will be a good time to purchase some good pullets to keep an abundant supply of fresh eggs on hand all year. Everyone is invited to attend this event and encourage the 4-H'ers and also purchase a pen of pullets or a portion of a pen, states C. L. Boone, agricultural extension agent.

Each 4-H poultry chain member received 100 sexed baby chicks during the spring. Each member will furnish 14 pullets to be exhibited and sold at the show. The proceeds from the sale of these pullets will be used to purchase baby chicks for the chain next year.

Members of the chain this year are: Bettie Ricks, Josephine Stancill, Perry Stancill, John and Robert Lynn, Arthur Daye, Selma Johnson, Florine Gay, Erzell Suttler and Roger Phillips.

The Sears-Roebuck Foundation sponsors the show and sale each year, furnishing the ribbons and prize money for each ribbon.

Thomas B. Morris, extension poultry specialist at N. C. State University, will serve as official judge. J. H. Forlist will serve as auctioneer.

Burgwyn Promoted By Weyerhaeuser
PLYMOUTH - John G. Burgwyn, Jr., has been promoted by Weyerhaeuser Company to a new position of personnel assistant in the firm's headquarters at Tacoma, Washington.

David M. Fisher, vice president-manager of the Company's North Carolina Division, said the advancement was effective October 1, 1965. Fisher said Burgwyn will assist with corporate-level recruiting, employment and staffing activities.

A native of Jackson, Burgwyn came to Plymouth with Weyerhaeuser in 1963 following army service in communications intelligence. Following duty with Weyerhaeuser as an industrial relations assistant, he was promoted last June 1 to quality-control supervisor at the company's new plywood plants here.

Burgwyn, whose parents live in Jackson, obtained an industrial relations degree from the University of North Carolina in 1960. He was varsity baseball co-captain in 1959 and 1960 and won the outstanding player award in 1959.

Northampton County Soil Conservation Notes

By JOHN B. LITCHFIELD
Soil Conservation Service

A conservation farm plan was delivered last week to J. C. Collier of Garysburg. The plan is designed to help him use and manage his land according to its capabilities. It was worked out in cooperation with the Northampton Soil and Water Conservation District.

The Soil Conservation Service provided technical assistance. In addition to direct assistance in deciding on practices to use, this included a map showing the soil types and land capability classes.

Grassed waterways will be used to provide protected channels where water concentrates to run downhill. Parallel terraces will break slopes into short sections to reduce the chance of erosion. They will also set the pattern for contour farming.

Grass field borders will be used to protect the edges of the fields. They will also provide wide, solid turn rows for equipment.

J. O. Baird of Gaston is installing drain tile in one of his fields this week. The tile will be installed in a system that was installed several years ago. It will help relieve a drainage problem that could not be solved with open ditches.

Nearly five miles of parallel terraces were built on the farm this year. These terraces were all built in such a manner that the land can be worked with four-row equipment. Land shaping was necessary in some places to smooth the fields so parallel terraces could be made to work.

Ernest E. Daughtry of Seaboard says he is pleased with the way his peanuts are coming in following fescue. He started a three-year rotation last year using small grain - fescue one year, peanuts the next, then cotton or corn. He says this helps protect his land against erosion. It also adds organic matter to improve the structure of the soil and make it work better.

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NOW IS THE TIME TO PLAN YOUR SEED PROGRAM FOR 1966

- Seed plots should be stacked.
 - Research has shown that peanuts properly stacked and naturally cured have superior germination to those wind-rowed and combined.
 - Collect a representative sample for germination purposes from the hopper at the time the peanuts are thrashed.
 - Have a TZ test run NOW and a growth test run next Spring. (Peanuts with germination below 80% should not be considered for seed.)
 - Store seed in a cool, dry place, free from rodents.

- The multiple variety concept.
 - Growers with 50 acres or less should consider planting two varieties with different maturing dates. Example, the Florigiant for an early maturing variety, and the NC-5 for a late maturing variety.
 - Growers with above 50 acres should consider planting three varieties with different maturing dates. Example, the Florigiant for early maturity; the 56-R, 61-R, NC-2, NC-1, and NC-4x for intermediate maturity; the NC-5 and the Ga. 119-20 for late maturing varieties.

- Nematode Damage
 - Now is the time to check the root system for nematode damage. Where roots are matted, Root Knot nematodes are usually present. Where roots are pruned, Sting nematodes are usually present.
 - For a nematode assay collect a sample of soil 6 inches deep, place in a plastic bag, seal, and bring to the County Agents Office. This should be done during the months of October and November.

The nematode assay service is available to peanut growers only, and is made possible by the N. C. Peanuts Growers Association in cooperation with the Extension Plant Pathology Department of N. C. State University.

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