

Agriculturally Speaking

No Reports Received Of Serious Shortages

By L. B. HARDAGE
Thursday, May 12, 1977—this has been a week of unusual weather, as all of you know. Rain varied last week over the county from probably 1/2 inch to close to 2 inches in some sections. April was dry except we had some rain the first week. As I recall not a large amount. Probably around one inch. On Monday, May 9th, Tuesday, 10th and Wednesday, 11th, it was unusually cold and windy, and some frost Tuesday morning and Wednesday morning. No large amount of damage visible to tobacco in the field; however I would assume that there would be a lot of resetting due to this

unusual weather. Most corn is yellow and some frost bite; however, it will soon grow out of this. Small grain crops have been severely damaged by the cold winter and dry spring. This crop will be real short in the county. Pastures are in general poor to fair and will be real short this summer unless general rains come soon.

I have not heard of any major tobacco plant shortages or any blue mold or disease problems in the plant bed.

L. C. Cooper, Agricultural Extension Agent, estimates that corn, cucumber and soybean acreage will increase at least 10% each over the 1976 acreages. Part of this due to the cut back in tobacco acres and pounds for 1977.

Make plans now to attend the tobacco stabilization meeting at the Scott Pavilion, N. C. State Fairgrounds on Friday, May 27 at 10 a. m. the Secretary of Agriculture will be the main speaker.

Cattle Producers
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Delegates From 17 County 4-H Clubs Attend Meeting Here

By G. W. KOONCE
One hundred and twenty-one 4-H'ers and leaders from 17 organized 4-H clubs attended five training classes at a workshop held at Mariam Boyd School last Thursday evening.

Classes taught were presidents, vice-presidents, and parliamentarians instructed by A. M. Ward of Norlina with 21 in attendance; secretary-treasurers instructed by Lucious Hawkins of Warrenton with 30 in attendance; reporters instructed by Mrs. Mary M. Jordan and Mrs. Lucious Hawkins of Warrenton, with 26 in attendance; exper-

enced leaders instructed by Miss Emily Ballinger and Mrs. Bertha B. Forte, County Home Economics Extension Agents, with 25 attending; and new leaders instructed by Glenn Woolard and George W. Koonce, County 4-H Agents, with 19 in attendance.

The workshop began with a large group session. Prayer was given by the Rev. R. D. Bullock of Drewry and briefing was given on purposes and other details of the workshop.

Teaching took place in small classroom groups as indicated with a Pepsi and light refreshment break following the first session.

A wrap-up large group session ended the workshop with reports being given by recorders from each of the classes.

A review of the reports given in the five classes taught were as follows:

PRESIDENTS, ETC.
By ANGELA DOWNEY

Our group was instructed by Mr. A. M. Ward. Mr. Ward distributed literature and showed films on the proper way to conduct meetings. He talked about "Why Use Parliamentary Procedure?" There were lots of good reasons given, but the best one was "to help an organization transact business qu' and easily."

Rules and principles were also discussed. The order of business was discussed. We discussed motions and talked about the four classifications of motions. Voting and the different methods of voting were discussed.

Nominations and the power of the chair were discussed. The meaning of terms such as division, plurality, adjourn, etc., were discussed.

We didn't cover lots of other things needed due to lack of time but the training was very good and worth every minute of our time.

SECRETARY-TREASURER

By SYLVIA CARROLL

The regular meeting of the secretary-treasurer's group session was called to order by Mr. Lucious Hawkins, acting as a resource person at 7:30 p. m. on May 12 at Mariam Boyd School. Thirty members were present.

Following the recognition of members Mr. Hawkins called our attention to a

booklet entitled, "Secretary-Treasurers" book. In the book we noticed a constitution in the back. Facts about how to be a reliable and good secretary, president, or any other officer were brought out.

Mr. Hawkins, our resource person for the night, was very nice about teaching us some of the important things in our books. Many things that even I didn't know were brought out in the information he gave us.

He brought a booklet entitled, "Roberts Rules of Order." A very enjoyable book it seemed to be. Then afterwards we just talked in between the lines about our booklet.

There being no questions or responses from the members, our resource person then decided to read parts of the book. As the parts were read Mr. Hawkins gave brief but good explanations of each.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned for a short while for refreshments.

REPORTERS
By SALLIE WEST

At the workshop for reporters we discussed how to select information for news articles such as: conflict, recency, newness, discovery, timeliness, prominence, recognition, nearness, significance, the unusual, adventure, names, numbers, amusement, etc. The content of the news articles was discussed in respect to the five W's: Who, What, When, Where and Why.

How to write a news article was discussed in respect to the Inverted Pyramid story, the Chronological Order story and the Composite (many angles)

story. We found out that the qualities of a good reporter are to be reliable, accurate, loyal, enthusiastic, respect for authority, to be impartial and courteous.

We also learned the points to remember when reading before large groups such as: stand correctly using good posture; speak loudly, clearly and distinctly; look at your audience; use acceptable grammar, and use correct pronunciation.

EXPERIENCED LEADERS
By MRS. RODGERS HOLTZMAN

The following were some of the things taught in our workshop. (1), Importance of leaders keeping a roll of members and the office they hold and the projects; (2), We practiced planning educational programs for monthly 4-H meetings and discussed including as many members as possible in meeting agendas; (3), How 4-H members should plan with leaders the programs they want to have during the year; (4), Each club was asked to turn in monthly meeting programs for the remaining months of 1977; (5), To encourage more 4-H members participation in demonstrations. Share the Fun, Fashion Revue, etc., were discussed including awards for such participation. We then discussed problems we were having within our clubs.

NEW LEADERS

The report coming from the group gave an outline of what was taught as follows:

1. Purpose of 4-H
2. What 4-H Has to Offer youth
3. The Importance of Leadership Development
4. Community 4-H Club leadership roles
5. How to conduct a

community 4-H club meeting

6. Discussion
Clubs in attendance at the meeting were Arcola, Busy Clover of Mayflower, Cool Springs, Elam, Embro, Golden Star, Haliwa, Manceers, Manson, Northern Vaughan, Oine, Ridgeway, Shining Star, Warrenton, Wise - Paschall, Youth Achievement of Drewry and Youth Improvement of Norlina.

Our thanks to the many contributors who made the workshop possible. Special thanks and appreciation to our volunteer professionals who gave of their time to

teach classes; to Mr. Michael Williams, principal of Mariam Boyd School and Pepsi Cola of Henderson.

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endum. Registration dates of June 6-17 have been set and July 5-15 for voting. The referendum, if approved would establish a National Uniform collection plan to fund beef research, marketing, promotion and consumer information programs. To vote in the referendum, producers must first register at the local ASCS office and certify they have owned cattle during the past 12 months. After the two week waiting period, they will return to the ASCS office to vote. At least fifty percent of the producers registering must return and vote and two-thirds must vote in favor of the program for it to be enacted.

Youth Improvement Club Has Gathering

By CHARLIE FIELDS, JR.

The Norlina Youth Improvement Club held its monthly meeting on May 9 at the Norlina First Baptist Church at 6 p. m.

The meeting was called to order by Oita Cheston, president. Devotion and the minutes followed.

The business session included plans to have a bake and stew sale on May 28 at 11:30 a. m. The place will be announced later.

Mr. G. W. Koonce, extension agent, visited with us. He presented us with the award for first place in Soil Conservation.

Our educational topic was "Don't Get Run Down," discussed by Wayne Kersey. Dues were paid and refreshments were served by the Fields family. Twenty-five members, two parents and two leaders attended the meeting.

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