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Control of Flies Serious Problem In North Carolina

How to control flies is a summer-time problem that worries just about everybody around Zebulon.

Breaking up the breeding places of the pests is one way to help control them, says George D. Jones, extension insect control specialist at State College. He points out that removing decaying vegetable products and manure, draining wet places around barns, and cleaning up poultry houses will go a long way toward reducing the fly population.

Door and window screens and even old-time fly swatters are also still effective, asserts the specialist. It just isn't possible, he adds, to rely entirely on the use of chemical sprays in the fight against these pests.

DDT Usually Works

Jones says DDT is effective in most situations if used properly. In hog and chicken houses and barns where animals not giving milk are housed, he suggests using one pound of a 50 per cent DDT wettable powder in three gallons of water, applied to wet the surfaces where fly specks are most numerous.

DDT as a wettable powder, one pound to 10 gallons of water, can be used on animals not giving milk. In dairy barns and on milk animals, the above dosage of methoxychlor, rather than DDT, should be used. Methoxychlor is available as a 50 per cent wettable powder, and the same equipment for spraying can be used.

Needed Daily

Old type pyrethum-oil mixtures are still recommended as space sprays in enclosed areas in homes or milk houses. To be effective, however, these sprays must be used daily.

Jones says there are several new products on the market but extravagant claims are being made for some of them. He advises studying the labels and recommendations carefully for all materials before using them. Regardless of the sprays used, it is still important to maintain sanitary premises and clean up the areas where flies breed.

Town May Get Supply Warfarin, Clerk Says

It may be possible for the Town of Zebulon to secure a supply of the new, powerful Warfarin rat poison from the Wake County Health Department for distribution in Zebulon, according to Willie B. Hopkins. At the present time, the poison can be purchased from the Health Department in Raleigh.

A survey made in Zebulon by representatives of the County Health Department showed that all over town rats and mice exist in large numbers.

The Warfarin mixture, ready to use, is sold by the Health Department for 20c per pound. A five-pound supply is considered sufficient for farms.

Mortgages Up

On January 1, 1946, the U. S. total farm mortgage debt reached the lowest point since 1913. The figure is now higher than in 1946 in every state except Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, and North Dakota.



These are precautions recommended by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis when polio is around. Also wash hands before eating and be on the alert for such symptoms as feverishness, sore throat, headache, upset stomach or sore muscles. They may—or may not—mean polio. If the disease does strike, call your doctor promptly and follow his advice. Your local National Foundation chapter will provide necessary assistance.

Alcohol Again Is Basis For Most Zebulon Cases

Five of the seven cases tried during the short session of the Zebulon Recorders Court last Wednesday were the result of too much alcohol. With a number of cases continued and several others postponed because the defendants did not appear, the next session of Judge Irby D. Gill's Court promises to be a long one.

James Brown, colored, had a 30-day sentence given him for public drunkenness in Zebulon suspended upon payment of a \$50 fine and costs.

O. B. Fowler, charged with being drunk and disorderly on the public highways of North Carolina, was sentenced to 30 days suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs.

The hot weather could be partly to blame for two cases of family spats brought before Judge Gill. Junior David Sanders, colored, was found guilty of assaulting his

wife, Christine, with his fists and threatening to cut her with a knife. Judge Gill continued prayer for judgment until September 12 upon payment of \$16 costs.

Zollie Person assaulted Polly Person with a shotgun, and prayer for judgment in this case was continued until September 12 upon payment of \$17.15 in costs.

Andrew Harris, colored, was found guilty of giving a worthless check on Peoples Bank & Trust Company for \$7.69 to Frank Kannon and sentenced to 30 days suspended upon payment of a \$15 fine and costs.

Carl Pearce, charged with two cases of public drunkenness, was found guilty and given a total of 60 days on the roads.

J. G. Bailey, found guilty of being publicly drunk and disorderly in Zebulon, was sentenced to 30 days on the roads. The sentence was appealed.

Olive Surprises Youthful Culprits; Local Robberies Are Solved Friday

Philip Olive decided about one a.m. Friday morning that he and Mrs. Olive needed a pound of bacon for Friday's breakfast and as a result the mystery of continuous losses at Olive's Service Station and Grocery in Wakefield was solved, for Olive's early morning visit to his store surprised two young intruders busily helping

themselves to the large stock of merchandise in the store.

Three charges of larceny and receiving have been made against Gerald Wayne Perry and James Wade Bolton, whom Olive scared away, and two charges of larceny and receiving have been made against Charles Marshall Perry, who is reported to have been present on previous entries into the store.

Went for Bacon

The Olives returned late Thursday night from a visit to Mrs. Olive's home, and after leaving Mrs. Olive at home, Philip drove to Wakefield for the bacon.

Hearing noises inside his store, he went around behind the build-

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The Methodist Church will have its Sunday School picnic on Friday, July 20, at Pullen Park in Raleigh. Those planning to attend will meet at the church at 2 p.m.

Draining Land Properly Will Mean More Money Locally, Expert Declares

Draining land properly is one simple way in which thousands of Tar Heel farmers could increase their crop returns, says H. M. Ellis, extension agricultural engineer at State College.

This problem is not so grave around Zebulon, he stated, but in areas adjoining Moccasin Creek and Little River it does hamper such farming operations as growth of timber, both for pulpwood and use at sawmills. Ellis says the problem is particularly important in the Coastal Plains area but also affects a considerable acreage of land in the Piedmont and mountain sections.

Car Hits Truck, Other Cars at Two Stations Last Sunday Afternoon

Joe B. Dean may not have been sure of where he was going Sunday afternoon, but he made his presence known to a lot of people and by the time his 1949 Ford came to a stop he had brought down upon his head charges of careless and reckless driving, drunken driving, and driving with no operator's license.

Coming toward the stoplight about 3:45 Sunday afternoon, Dean ran off Highway 264, traveled the bank for 75 feet, and banged against a light pole behind Joe Wood's Texaco Station.

Through Stoplight

Bouncing off the pole, Dean's Ford galloped over 250 feet through the stoplight at the intersection and crashed into Raymond Massey's pickup truck at the Atlantic Service Station, knocking the truck into William "Red" Davis' Chevrolet.

Henry Harvey Dean, brother of the driver, came through the wild ride in good shape, only to be charged with drunkenness when the law arrived and checked his condition.

Damage to the Ford automobile was estimated at \$350; to the Massey pickup at \$100; and to the Chevrolet at about \$75.

Municipal Building Work Running Slow

Early estimates of a completion date for the Town of Zebulon Municipal Building were too optimistic, city officials said this week. When the building project was begun, it was expected to be completed in late August.

No definite date has been set for the contractors to turn to building over to the town, but at the present rate of progress, it is possible for the structure to be ready for use in September or October.

Surface drainage is best accomplished by digging shallow ditches that follow low depressions through the field. To drain the soil itself requires digging many comparatively deep, open ditches, or constructing under-drains. The best under-drain, and in the long run the least expensive, is tile drain, except in woods.

Continuous Line

The tile should be laid in the soil in a continuous line and with such a grade that any water which finds its way into it will be carried by gravity to some lower point.

Proper drainage, says Ellis, makes plants drought-resistant, since they develop roots deep enough to reach moisture during the summer. Also, the entire field can be worked at the same time rather than waiting until the wet spots become dry and the dry spots become hard.

Drainage makes soil firm and fit for plowing earlier in the spring, and drained soil can be cultivated sooner after rain than can undrained land. In addition beneficial bacteria work more effectively in well-drained soil.

Rain Saves Tobacco Crop Around Zebulon

Rain, lovely, wet, cool, life-giving, money-making rain feel on parched fields around Zebulon over the weekend, ending a drought which cost tobacco farmers many thousands of dollars.

The dry, torrid days during the past weeks had burned tobacco in the field until it had lost much of its sale value.

Gardens had suffered, too, with the dry days and hot sun seriously hurting the growth.

Following the rains Saturday and Sunday, crops all over the community greatly improved in appearance, and hopes for a near-normal tobacco harvest were expressed.

FARM HOME HINTS

By Ruth Current

A closet which can be set aside for storage only is in luck when it comes to protecting woolen garments from the clothes moth. Better yet is a closet in the attic, built large enough to hold not only clothing but also upholstered furniture not in use. Such closets should be well stocked with flake naphthalene.

To control moths in a storage closet, advise entomologists, brush all clothing thoroughly, clean the closet thoroughly, and seal all cracks in the plaster and about the baseboards with crack fillers. See that doorframes are equipped with rubber or moth-proofed felt

gaskets, against which the door can be shut tight at all points.

On the top shelf of the closet, or in muslin bags hung from hooks, put one pound of either flake naphthalene or paradichlorobenzene crystals. The fumes given off by the slow evaporation of the crystals quickly stop moth larvae from feeding, and ultimately kill the larvae, if the fumes are retained long enough in proper concentration. To maintain such concentration, make sure that the closet is perfectly tight, and that it has a tight-fitting door which is kept closed except for the brief times when clothing is being put in or taken out.