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AGENT ADVISES HOW TO CONTROL TOBACCO WORMS

Tobacco Bud Worm and Tobacco Horn Worm Do Much Damage

FORMULAS OF POISON

County Agent Brandon Says Growers Should Make Every Effort to Control These Pests

By T. B. BRANDON
Tobacco worms, are well-known pests to North Carolina tobacco growers. There are two kinds of worms responsible for the damage, as most growers well know: (1) The tobacco bud worm; (2) the tobacco horn worm. These pests cause many thousands of dollars damage to the tobacco crop each year and growers should make every effort to control these insects.

Control
The tobacco bud worm is closely related to the corn ear worm and feeds in the tips of the growing plants. The best known method of control is to apply poisoned corn meal to the buds. Mix one pound of arsenate of lead with 75 pounds of corn meal (or 6 heaping teaspoonfuls of arsenate of lead to 1 peck of corn meal).

Carefully mix the poison throughout the corn meal. The meal should not contain much coarse husk. About 12 pounds of the mixture (arsenate of lead and corn meal) or 1 peck per acre is necessary for each application.

Caution: Do not substitute Paris green, calcium arsenate, or any other poison for the arsenate of lead. Do not substitute any other material for the corn meal.

A small pinch of the poison mixture should be dropped into the center of the bud. Applications carelessly made are of no value. When the buds are closed they should be opened with one hand and the mixture dropped in with the other. Do not apply too much of the poison mixture as an overdose will injure the plants.

From three to five applications during a season will usually give control. Applications should be begun when a careful examination of the buds show that the worms are becoming numerous. The applications should be made a week apart. (From F. B. 1531 U. S. D. A.)

Tobacco Horn Worm

The tobacco horn worm is well known by all tobacco growers. The damage by this pest is often very severe. Arsenate of lead applied as a dust has given best results in the control of the horn worm. As a dust, the arsenate of lead should be applied at the rate of 3 1/2 to 5 pounds per acre. If applied as a spray, used from 3 to 4 pounds of arsenate of lead to 100 gallons of water.

The "one-in-six" mixture (1 pound of Paris green with 5 pounds of arsenate of lead) used for the flea beetle will control the horn worm. See circular on Tobacco Flea Beetle for information about the tobacco flea beetle. (From F. B. 1356 U. S. D. A.)

Caution: Use only poisons which are advised. Do not substitute any other material for those recommended.

For detailed information about the tobacco horn worm write for Farmers Bulletin 1356, "The Tobacco Horn Worm."

Attempt to Steal Truck Foiled by Balking Motor

Unable to start the motor, a thief or thieves failed to run off a truck belonging to Mr. Ben Ward last night. Mr. Ward, who lives on the road between here and Washington found the truck 100 yards from its garage with the switch keys missing.

Lindbergh Style

"Why didn't you tell us something about it?" was the question asked "Doc" Harrison upon his return from a short honeymoon trip.

"Well, Lindbergh told 'em nothing, so why should I?"

WATTS THEATRE

Wednesday June 5

TIM MCCOY

in
"MORGAN'S LAST RAID"

Also COMEDY

Thursday-Friday June 6-7

RICHARD BARTHELMESS

in
"WEARY RIVER"

NEWS AND COMEDY

Shows at 7:15 and 9 P. M. Daily
MUSIC BY PHOTOTONE

Baptist Women Will Meet In Robersonville Thursday

A very successful meeting of the Martin County-Plymouth Division of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Roanoke Association at Robersonville next Thursday was forecast by Mrs. P. L. Salsbury, an officer of the association, who was here yesterday in the interest of the session. An appropriate and representative program has been arranged, and an interesting meeting is expected. Mrs. D. W. Herring, of China, will deliver an address during the morning session, convening at 10 o'clock.

SHERIFF SELLS LAND FOR TAXES

227 Parcels of Land Sold For Unpaid Taxes Here Yesterday

For an hour and a half yesterday, the county tax collector's hammer was raised and allowed to fall on 277 tracts or parcels of land in Martin County, making one of the largest tax sales in the history of the county. Property valued at more than a half million dollars was affected by the sale, that the approximately \$10,000 taxes unpaid might be accounted for when the collector makes his report to the commissioners next month.

Competition was practically absent during the sale yesterday, the county purchasing 231 tax receipts and several individuals taking in a total of 46. Mr. D. G. Matthews, of Hamilton, who has been making large purchases during the past several years, took no part in the sale yesterday, and except for the few individual buyers, the county acquired the receipts.

Last year the sale affected 160 tracts or parcels of land, valued at \$400,000, indicating that the delinquents are included, as a whole, in the list of small property owners. Parcels were sold yesterday where the tax was less than a dollar, and a goodly number were placed on the block where the tax was only a few dollars. Colored property owners in Williamsville led the list with 32 sales. Their brethren in Jamesville Township were a close second with 30 sales. The list by townships follows:

Township	White	Colored
Jamesville	19	30
Williams	4	13
Griffins	4	0
Bear Grass	6	0
Williamston	27	32
Cross Roads	7	3
Robersonville	12	24
Poplar Point	6	0
Hamilton	15	1
Goose Nest	10	12
Totals	110	121

AGAIN TRY TO CURB TRUCKING

Warehousemen Post \$500 As Forfeit If Ruling Is Violated

Apparently looking upon the trucking of tobacco directly or indirectly by warehouses as a cut-throat measure, tobaccoists at their meeting held in Greenville last Saturday entered into another agreement in an effort to withhold trucks owned and operated indirectly by the houses from the roads, according to reports received here.

Each warehouse is to put up a \$500 guarantee assuring its recognition of the order. Rules were offered whereby a check can be made, and it is believed that the trucking business will be controlled during the coming season.

The warehousemen have found the practice very expensive, and the small markets have suffered as they were unable to go into the outlying districts with trucks.

Town Tax Collector Sells 60 Tracts of Land Monday

Sixty tracts of land were sold by the town tax collector here yesterday to satisfy unpaid taxes. Fifty-two of the tracts were bought in by the town, only eight purchases being made by individuals. Thirty-four of the sales affected property belonging to colored people, twenty-six tracts belonging to white owners.

The sale this year was slightly larger than it was during the past year.

Bethel Holiness Church To Begin Revival Sunday

According to an announcement made yesterday, Rev. I. H. Presley, of Falcon, will begin a revival meeting at the Pentecostal Holiness church at Bethel next Sunday. Rev. Presley was principal of the Falcon High School for several years and has worked in camp meetings there in connection with his regular pastoral work. He is invited to hear him.

TOWN BOARD HAS LONG SESSION AT MEET MONDAY

Is Sworn In for New Term And Immediately Gets Down to Business

BOARD REORGANIZED

W. T. Meadows Retires as Treasurer And N. C. Green Is Elected; To Serve Without Compensation

The new board of town commissioners, made up of four old members and one new one, and the mayor, recently re-elected took the oath of office administered by Clerk of the Court R. J. Peel, yesterday afternoon at two o'clock, the board and mayor entering immediately upon the duties of their offices. With paving bids to be opened and considered and almost endless number of minor things to be handled, Mr. N. C. Green, new member, had no time to deliver his inaugural address, and the exercises went by in a hurry and without fuss.

After hearing and discussing the eleven paving bids, a greater part of the afternoon, the new officers met in regular session last night, handling routine matters and perfecting an organization. A number of changes, some of them more or less marked ones, featured the last night meeting, indicating a very business-like and economical administration during the next two years. Stating that he was tired of the burdens connected with the town's treasury, Mr. W. T. Meadows made arrangements to turn the books over to Mr. N. C. Green, the new treasurer selected by a unanimous vote of the body. Mr. Green accepts the office without compensation.

The organization perfected last night:

Mayor Protem—L. P. Lindsay
Treasurer—N. C. Green (without compensation)

Standing Committees
Street—North side of Main—L. P. Lindsay and G. H. Harrison; South side—C. O. Moore and N. C. Green
Finance—W. T. Meadows, G. H. Harrison, C. O. Moore
Light—C. O. Moore, N. C. Green and L. P. Lindsay
Fire—L. P. Lindsay, N. C. Green and G. H. Harrison
Sanitary—N. C. Green and W. T. Meadows
Building—C. O. Moore, L. P. Lindsay, W. T. Meadows
Water and Sewer—W. T. Meadows, L. P. Lindsay, C. O. Moore
Custodian Market and Opera House—W. T. Meadows
Superintendent of Water Department—Jesse Harrell
Chief of Police—W. B. Daniel
Night Officer—J. H. Allsbrooks
Purchasing Agent—C. O. Moore

County Not Represented At Confederate Reunion

For the first time in many years, Martin county is not represented at a reunion of old Confederate veterans. The thin Gray Line has been narrowed gradually until there remain only three or four of those who took part in the struggle, and not one of that number could make the trip to Charlotte, there to meet old comrades and recall the happenings experienced 60 years ago.

The county's offer to provide railroad fare could not be accepted, age and feebleness preventing the three or four veterans from making the trip.

Eight of the local scouts with Mr. Wheeler Martin and C. B. Clark, jr. are attending the reunion, assisting in caring for the veterans from other counties and states.

Cool Weather Again Brings Out Overcoats

The cold weather here yesterday brought back overcoats and caused the kindling many fires. Reuben Bland of Robersonville, stated this morning it was the coldest day in June he ever saw, and he is 74 years of age.

A number of local people went around in overcoats, undecided whether it was June or January.

District Meeting of Masons At Robersonville Tomorrow

A goodly number of masons is expected at the 18th district meeting in Robersonville tomorrow afternoon and evening, it was stated by a member of the Stonewall lodge, this morning. The district embraces the three lodges in this county and those in Edgecombe. Many will attend from the local lodge.

Rain And Cold Are Giving Farmers Much Trouble

Farmers in this section are experiencing much difficulty in handling the grass in their fields, the recent rains having developed the grass to a point where it is hard to control.

Much tobacco has been drowned in many places throughout the county, and other crops have been injured by the rains and cold weather.

METHODIST REVIVAL MAY CLOSE TOMORROW NIGHT

Although no definite closing time has been announced, the revival now in progress at the local Methodist church may be brought to a close with tomorrow evening's sermon. It has been announced that should the services continue through tomorrow night, the revival will last no longer than next Friday.

Rev. B. Duke Critcher continues his series of strong sermons, and is attracting goodly crowds.

\$45,536 for County From State Fund

AMOUNT IS MUCH SMALLER THAN WAS EXPECTED

Larger By \$13,344.75 Than Amount Received Last Year

WILL GET SOME MORE

Allotment to This County Will Be Made Larger When Special Fund Is Distributed Later

In the operation of its schools during the coming term, Martin County will receive \$45,536.90 from the State Equalization Board at Raleigh recently. The amount allotted the county for the operation of its schools during the 1929-30 term is larger by \$13,344.75 than the amount received last year. The county's share in the fund last year was \$32,192.15.

The amount already allotted this county will be increased when a fund of \$1,250,000, what is called a tax-reduction fund, is distributed. This fund is used in defraying costs of the extended term, each district receiving "as near as may be" the same percentage of cost for the two extra months as it receives for the six months. Just what Martin's part will be is unknown, but it is understood that the total allotment will be less than the amount expected here.

There are two other funds, one of \$600,000 for supervision in the rural schools, and another is an emergency fund of \$300,000 to be used in the counties having the poorer schools. The equalization board has already awarded \$130,000 of the \$300,000 to 40 counties, but the distribution of that amount has not been announced at this time.

The board will meet again in about three weeks, it is understood, when the work will be continued.

The 90 counties which participated last year were decreased by \$4,981,872 in determined valuation, the largest decrease going to Beaufort, which was cut from \$31,222,248 to \$29,822,48. The valuation given property in this county by the equalization board was \$19,130,879, two or three million dollars more than the actual valuation recorded by the list takers. While the valuation was reduced considerably in Beaufort, it remains about the same in Martin, causing one to wonder how the equalization board arrives at its conclusions.

The largest beneficiaries of the distribution announced are Robeson, \$113,631.85; Johnston, \$110,221.46; Sampson, \$109,496.65; Union, \$105,491.03; and Columbus, \$104,076.44.

The distribution is based on the two factors of "determined valuations" and "approved budgets." For the most part, the values remained substantially the same as last year. The valuation for the entire State was raised by \$36,989,814 to \$3,232,350,337.

Explanatory Statement

"The State Board of Equalization in making distribution of the \$4,950,000 Equalization Fund provided as aid in the support of the six months' school term found it necessary to use some discretionary power lodged with the board by the last General Assembly in regard to that portion of the school cost shared by the State as follows:

"1. By increasing the teaching salary budget in those counties, where, in the opinion of the Board, the limitation in the law of one teacher for each 32 pupils in the elementary schools, and one teacher for each 27 pupils in the high schools, would not be a sufficient number of teachers to carry on the work efficiently. Each county was requested to submit a statement showing in detail the organization of their schools in order that the board might study the needs thus shown. Ninety-three counties submitted such statements and, with but few exceptions, it was found necessary to increase the number of teachers over that which would have been allowed by the provision stated above. It was felt that there had not been sufficient time for such accomplishment in organizing the schools to more nearly approach the limitation provided for State participating purposes. Many counties have indicated intention to do much in this direction during the next year.

"2. By increasing the transportation allowance of \$8 per pupil transported, as provided by law, wherever the same could be sufficiently justified, by the facts presented. The total amount allowed any county for transportation, however, could not exceed 15 per cent of the salary budget. Several counties, under this provision, had their transportation sum increased.

"The total value of the State as determined by the board is \$3,232,350,337. This is an increase over the total value fixed one year ago of \$36,989,813, but represents a decrease of \$4,941,872 in the 90 original participating

11 BIDS RECEIVED ON PAVING WORK TO BE DONE HERE

No Contract Let At Meeting Yesterday Pending Investigation

BIDS ARE VERY LOW

Prices Are Very Low, According to Engineer; 45 Representatives Here At Meeting of Commissioners

While no contract was let yesterday by the town commissioners for the paving of the principal sidewalks here and Smithwick street and the widening of the main thoroughfare from the corner of Watts street to Haughton's intersection, the officials practically selected the contractor, dismissing eight of the eleven and holding to three for the next two or three days that thorough investigations might be made before contracts are formally drawn.

A new low level in paving costs is believed to have been reached at the opening of the bids yesterday, Captain George Brooks, engineer for the town, stating that they were exceptionally low, that contractors were apparently anxious for work as the bids were as low as could be asked for. The bids, covering every phase of work included in the improvement program, ranged from \$42,199.50 to \$50,000.00, several varying in their amount no more than \$500.

Until thorough investigations are made, the commissioners are retaining J. G. Clark and Company, of Greenville; Frank L. Saunders, of Winston-Salem; and E. S. Waters, of Beaufort, the bids of these contractors varying little in the amounts.

In preparing the bids the contractors were asked to take into consideration the several types of paving, mixtures, top coatings, manholes, drains, driveways, curbs and gutters, storm drains, the widening of the main street and a number of other items. The three smallest bids and the ones held for further consideration, were of such a nature that should one particular kind of paving or mixture be chosen, a reversal in the order of the bids would result. Where one would bid two cents higher on the square yard of sidewalk, he would be two cents lower per square yard on the street work, causing a combination that the commissioners hesitated to accept either one of the proposals without further investigating the conditions.

Sidewalk paving will be done for around \$1.16 per square yard, and the street paving will cost around \$1.65, according to a study of the three bids now in the hands of the local commissioners. For the sum of around \$42,199.50, the town will get 17,000 square yards of sidewalks, 6,000 square yards of streets and the main thoroughfare widened, contractors stating that it is the largest improvement program at the smallest cost that has been attempted in a long time in this section.

POISON FOR BEAN BEETLE

County Agent Gives Formula for Control of Insect

With many requests reaching the county agent as to the best method of controlling the Mexican bean beetle, Mr. Brandon has given the matter close study and offers here a formula that is declared to be very effective in the control of the insect. Many people are afraid to eat the beans after they have been dusted, but the agent recommends washing the vegetable well before cooking, and then if you are in doubt as to the safety in eating the beans, he suggests that you send them to him for his table.

The formula recommended by Mr. Brandon:

"To control Mexican bean beetle, use one pound of calcium arsenate or one pound of arsenate, or lead to nine pounds of hydrated lime and dust lightly over beans about 10 pounds per acre. Have the poison well mixed with the lime. It should be applied with a duster or shaken out of a thin cloth bag, if a duster can't be found. The beans should be dusted once every week or after each rain to control the insect."

4-H Club Boys and Girls Leave Monday for Camp

Martin county 4-H club boys and girls with Miss Lora E. Sleeper, home agent, as their leader, left yesterday for a five-day outing at Camp Leach, the young girls and boys practically disregarding the cold weather and a drizzling rain.

SOUTH CAROLINA WEED OUTLOOK

Conway Warehouse Says Tobacco Prospects Are Brightest in Years

According to a report on the tobacco conditions in South Carolina sent out by the Planters warehouse, Conway, an eight percent decrease in acreage is evident there. As to the conditions of the crop, the report reads:

"The prospect at this time is the very best this section has had in five years perhaps. The crop to date is fully ten days earlier than that of last season. Right now we are enjoying after the cool spring, a perfect growing season and the crop in this section, generally speaking, is good. Most of the tobacco in this section is knee to waist high. A few of our farmers have tobacco shoulder high and have ploughed it out their last time. Curing will begin from two to three weeks.

"The crop in this section this year should produce a strictly cigarette type of a very fine quality."