

PESTS WRECKING CROPS IN SOME PARTS OF WEST

Grasshoppers Chewed Bare 1,600 Acre Grain Field; Eat Pitchforks

Here in Martin County, the boll weevil, the tobacco worm, bean beetle have caused some damage, but according to a report from Iowa this week, farmers and others in this section are blessed when it comes to pests. A report reads:

"Star boarders, not a whit particular as to their diet, are the worry of Midwestern farmers this summer. "Over wide areas of five grain-belt States, these guests, millions of hungry grasshoppers, have demonstrated the versatility of their eating ability. They have literally devoured everything from grain and gloves to feathers and fork handles.

"A steady menu of corn, alfalfa, or other grains brings no murmur of discontent from the hoppers. In South Dakota one 1,600-acre grain field was chewed bare by the insect visitors. But when these foods are exhausted they readily turn to other less edible substances.

Bran moistened with molasses is their delight—and downfall. By seasoning this delicacy with poison, farmers and entomologists have succeeded in curbing the pests in many sections of North and South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, and Minnesota. This week the Iowa Department of Agriculture plans to use airplanes in spreading the poison mixture over waste lands and to allay fears of farmers that the hopper devastation of 1927 may be repeated.

Clothes Devoured Grasshoppers, according to Dr. C. J. Drake, Iowa State entomologist, have a weakness for anything salty. Farmers' garments, after a perspiring day in the field, have retained enough saline savor to be highly desirable to them. At Winner, S. D., where screens are protecting trees of one cemetery from the pests, a farmer laid his gloves on an oats shock at lunch time, only to find them eaten to shreds on his return. A Monona County, Iowa, farmer's coat, left in the field, similarly was a hoppers' banquet. Even hickory pitchfork handles and wagon tongues have been gnawed to the point of worthlessness by the insects.

8-MONTHS TERM IS PROPOSED IN MARTIN COUNTY

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the county, and a county-wide levy of not more than 20 cents will be substituted. According to advices from State school authorities, Martin County, under the county-wide plan, would have to levy, based on the 1930 valuation, only 15 cents to support the extra two months. Tentative figures indicate that there will be a 10 per cent decrease in the valuation this year as compared with that of 1930, requiring of course, an increase of about 3 cents on top of the 15 cents, which means that the two months extra school for all the children could be operated for about 18 cents, with a margin of 2 cents to care for any emergencies that might arise. In other words, the State agrees to meet all operation costs for the extra two months after the county has levied a rate of 15 cents based on the 1930 valuation.

Last year, the county received around 11,239 for its extended terms. Under the county-wide eight-months plan, the county will receive considerably more money than that for the operation of the two extra months. And instead of levying around \$27,000 for its extended term, it would only levy \$24,000, the 24,000 being the amount a 15-cent levy on the 1930 valuation would create.

Passage of the proposed measure will lift a burden from those local tax districts added to them, whereas it will assure the non-local tax districts equal opportunities for the children. The failure of the measure, it is understood, would mean that transportation in the non-tax districts would create a problem at the end of six months. As a result, many pupils

But the hoppers sometimes meet their masters. The antitoxin of the current plague classic of the Pierre, S. D., farmer who sent his turkeys into an infested field only to have them return featherless after an encounter with the insects, comes from Cogswell, N. D.

A flock of gulls, better battlers than the domestic fowls, alighted in a grasshopper colony. In a short time that vicinity was free of its unwelcome boarders.

May Start Boom for Rivers Johnson for Lieut. Governor

Kinston, Aug. 2.—A boom for Rivers D. Johnson for lieutenant governor 'may be started in this section. Democratic leaders say the Duplin County lawyer would sweep the State against any opposition. About of middle age, but appearing younger, Johnson is one of the cleverest parliamentarians and ablest speakers in the State. He was an outstanding figure in the last session of the legislature. He is a member of the Senate. Admirers of the Warsaw man in Duplin, Lenoir, and other counties are reported trying to induce him to run. Johnson is said to have given no indication of his course.

The signing of papers is the only formality necessary to a divorce in Russia.

would likely be unable to reach school, and in losing two months, they would be unable to make but one grade every two years.

It was pointed out that the passage of the proposed measure would eliminate fifteen local tax units, result in a limited office work and red tape, cut down additional expenses, besides decreasing auditing and other allied costs incurred in maintaining two separate units.

A large majority of the counties in the State now have the eight-months term, and it is believed that a large percentage of the remaining ones will adopt the system this year.

Registrars and poll holders were named yesterday and the books will be opened this week for a new registration. The election will be held in the various precincts Monday, September 14.

Should the election fail to carry, the 15 local tax units would levy their old rates as usual.

The 15 local tax units, and the amount of tax levied in each are: Jamesville, 20 cents; Dardens, 17 cents; Poplar Run, 20 cents; Ange Town, 20 cents; Farm Life, 15 cents; Sandy Ridge, 15 cents; Williamston, 22 cents; Bear Grass, 35 cents; Everetts, 30 cents; Robersonville, 23 cents; Parmele, 20 cents; Gold Point, 30 cents; Hassell, 22 cents; Oak City, 20 cents; Hamilton, 30 cents and poll.

The five districts now levying no tax for the extended term are Spring Green, Smiths, Cross Roads, Macedonia, and Mannings.

LOCAL NEGRO IS CUT TO DEATH

Robert Peel, Jr., Stabbed to Death by Unknown Man At Belhaven

Robert Peel, jr., son of Robert Peel, who lives on the farm of Mr. W. H. Edwards, near here, was cut to death in Belhaven Sunday night by an unknown assailant.

Peel, a resident of Belhaven for the past few weeks, was working there, but no reason could be attributed for the brutal cutting.

He was cut to death near the place where he had been rooming, falling at the door and dying soon after without being able to give the name of his assailant or the reason for the attack. It is believed by resident of Belhaven that he was killed by mistake, the slayer believing that he was some other person, as Peel had had no trouble with any one since residing there.

He was stabbed through the throat, a large artery being completely severed. He was also stabbed through the lungs, twice in the face and in the muscle of one arm to the extent that the arm was broken.

Peel was buried this afternoon near the residence of his father on the Edwards' farm.

Tobacco Curers Take Jobs In Canada Tobacco Belt

Scotland Neck, Aug. 3.—Tobacco curers who are experienced in working in the weed are in demand as far away as Canada. Lynwood Moore, Frank Whitley, and W. L. Harris, of this place, and Douglas Hargrove, of Enfield, are leaving in a few days to cure tobacco in the province of Ontario. The four men plan to cross the border at Niagara Falls and remain at work for about six weeks. This is a yearly event for Messrs. Whitley and Harris, as they have been doing this work for several years.

For the fiftieth time, recently, burglars invaded the home of G. C. Love, of Memphis, Tenn.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL TAX ELECTION IN MARTIN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA.

In compliance with a petition by the Board of Education of Martin County and in accordance with provision of Article 20, Section 242, New School Code of 1929.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at the various voting precincts of the county on the 14th

day of September, 1931, for the purpose of ascertaining the will of the qualified voters of the county as to whether a majority of such voters favor the levying and collecting annually of a special tax with which to supplement the funds for a county-wide two months extended school term appropriated by the Board of Education of Martin County and the State of North Carolina. The rate of said special tax not to exceed a maximum of 20 cents on the \$100 valuation of property, real and personal.

At said election those who are in favor of the levy and collection annually of a special tax of not more than 20 cents on the \$100 property valuation, with which to supplement the funds for a county-wide two months extended school term, shall vote a ticket on which shall be written or printed the words "For Local Tax" and those who oppose the levy and collection annually of a special tax of not more than 20 cents on the \$100 property valuation with which to supplement the funds for a county-wide two months extended school term, shall vote a ticket on which shall be written or printed the words, "Against Local Tax."

That the registrars and poll holders for said election be, and are hereby appointed as follows:

Jamesville Precinct—A. Corey, Registrar, Charlie Davenport, and R. L. Stallings, pollholders. Williams Precinct—L. D. Hardison, Registrar, J. N. Hopkins and C. L. Daniel, pollholders. Griffins Precinct—Geo. C. Griffin, Registrar, W. T. Roberson and J. C. Gurkin, pollholders. Bear Grass Precinct—Dennis Bailey, Registrar, W. A. Brown and A. B. Ayers, pollholders. Williamston Precinct—Luther Peel, Registrar, Roy T. Griffin and Z. H.

WANTS

FOR SALE: 25,000 TOBACCO sticks, good condition, \$5 per 1,000. 15 cords dry wood, gum, poplar, etc., on road, \$3 per cord. Salsbury Supply Co., Inc., Hassells, N. C. jy28 4tw

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NOTICE: I HAVE INSTALLED A corn grist mill and grind on Tuesday and Friday of each week. Good meal guaranteed. Joshua L. Coltrian. jy21 4t

HOUSE FOR RENT: 5 ROOMS, lights, water and bath. West Main Street. Mrs. Kate B. York. ltpd

Rose, poll holders. Cross Roads Precinct—J. S. Ayers, Registrar; J. B. Barnhill and W. L. Aushorn, poll holders. Robersonville Precinct—J. B. Rawls, Registrar; H. C. Norman and J. P. House, poll holders. Poplar Point Precinct—W. S. White, Registrar; W. B. Leggett and Herman Harrison, poll holders. Hamilton Precinct—J. B. Purvis, Registrar; S. D. Matthews and J. S. Ayers, poll holders. Goose Nest Precinct—J. W. Hines, Registrar; J. T. Savage and T. C. Allsbrooks, poll holders. Gold Point Precinct—J. L. Croom, Registrar; H. L. Keel and J. Henry Roberson, poll holders. Hassell Precinct—C. L. Nelson, Registrar; E. R. Edmondson, jr., and H. T. Downs, poll holders. That a new registration is hereby ordered and that the registration books will be open for such purpose

beginning the 6th day of August, 1931 and will continue open until the 5th day of September, 1931. The registrars will be at their homes or at the usual places of registration during the above dates for the purpose of registering all of the qualified voters in said precincts.

It is further ordered that if said election is carried that no additional special school tax shall be levied in any special taxing district in the county, but if said election is not carried then the present system of local taxation is not to be affected.

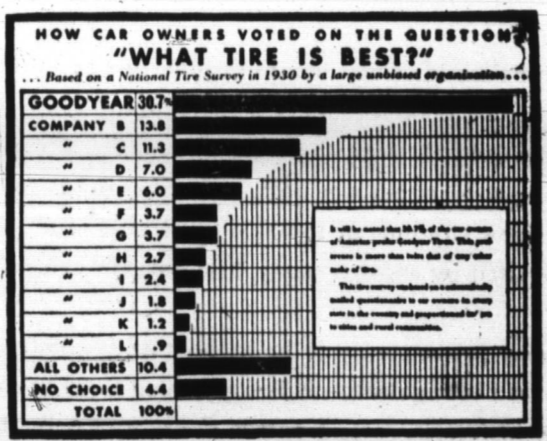
Done this the 3rd day of August, 1931 by order of the Martin County Board of Commissioners.

T. C. GRIFFIN, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners. Attest: J. SAM GETSINGER, Register of Deeds and Ex-officio Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners.

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