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YOU and YOUR CONGRESS

The business that was started many years ago by the rain-makers of Indian tribes may be the next major target of permanent federal control.

Congress, with a long record of control legislation behind it, is now considering whether it should control the weather.

As always in these matters, two questions immediately arise: Should control over would-be weather controllers be directed from Washington?

Should controls, if authorized, be rigid or moderate?

The whole matter is uncertain at the moment, due to the present uncertainties involved in artificial nucleation—man-induced rain.

Last Spring, for example, the cotton growers in Rep. Frank E. Smith's (D) Third District in Mississippi vainly searched the skies for days on end for their crops in a drought that lasted 56 days.

They wondered whether the rain-making experiments in California and some other western states might be depriving them of rain. They also wondered what their chances were of getting relief by means of artificial nucleations.

Their Congressman carried their questions to the U. S. Weather Bureau and was told that the Bureau had not been able to reach any definite, major conclusions on the subject.

Meanwhile, the drought broke in the Third District and Smith's constituents have had so much rain at this point that they again fear for their crops. They are wondering if rain-making experiments in western states may have caused too much Third District rain.

Perturbed by that turn of events, Smith has introduced a bill (H. Res. 296) calling for appointment of a special eight-member House committee "to conduct a full and complete investigation and study to determine the effects of artificial rain-making on the various segments of the national economy."

Smith cited as a supporting authority for his proposal T. H. Evans, Dean of Engineering, Colorado Agricultural and Mechanical College. Evans, who feels it would be dangerous to allow rain-makers to operate indiscriminately, favors a bill, passed by the Colorado legislature, which would impose moderate controls. It also calls for coordination of rain-making study and information by a regulatory commission.

Meanwhile, however, Sen. Anderson (D) of New Mexico, where some of the earlier non-Indian rain-making experiments were conducted a few years ago, has introduced S. 222, calling for rigid federal control of artificial nucleation. It would set up a Weather Control Commission, with the reins held tightly by the Secretary of Commerce.

Three subcommittees of the Interior, Agriculture and Commerce committees, with Anderson presiding, held joint hearings on S. 222. These were marked by conflicting testimony from U. S. Weather Bureau experts regarding the dangers and possible benefits of artificial rain-making. The Commerce subcommittee involved has held two closed-door sessions so far, trying to decide whether to recommend the controls prosed by S. 222.

In the interim, the disastrous, rain-made floods hit Missouri. Among other things, the floods stirred the suspicion that the excessive rain may have been induced, partly at least, by the cloud-milkers, who sow dry ice from airplanes or spray vaporized silver iodide into the atmosphere from the ground.

Accordingly, Rep. Richard W. Bolling (D) of hard-hit Kansas City has introduced H. R. 4864.

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County Agent Says Not To Stop Treating

Weekly Boll Weevil Survey Reported; Thinks Dusting Stopped Too Early In 1950

The weekly Cotton Insect Survey of July 30 shows 21% infestation in treated fields and 70% in untreated fields, according to E. M. Stallings, County Agent. The Farm Agent makes the following observations and recommendations.

In most fields checked this week a good crop of bolls is on the stalk, but it is well to remember that a boll is susceptible to boll weevil puncture until it is fully mature. Many of the bolls are still small and immature therefore in most cases it would be a mistake to stop control at this time. It is expected that migration will start this week in Hoke County, therefore sudden build-up of infestation in low infestation fields might occur.

Where there are immature bolls and where boll weevil is active, as is mostly the case locally, it would seem advisable to continue treatments at about 6 day intervals to prevent the loss of part of these bolls. Two more treatments in most cases will probably be sufficient.

It is believed that one of the worst mistakes made last year was stopping treatment too early, thereby allowing the loss of part of the crop which was almost made.

Weevil Score To Date Per 800 Plants Checked

May 21	2
May 28	2
June 4	4
June 11	19
Percent of squares punctured in 8 fields (100 squares per field examined)		
June 18	Poisoned once	7%
	Unpoisoned	17%
June 25	Poisoned twice	1%
	Poisoned once	9%
	Unpoisoned	19%
July 2	Poisoned 2%	
	Unpoisoned	19%
July 10	Poisoned 2%	
	Unpoisoned	19%
July 16	Poisoned Fields	
	(Unpoisoned for at least 10 days)	21%
	Unpoisoned fields	62%
	(Unpoisoned for entire season)	
	(Poisoned 4 times last time within past week)	1 1/2%
July 23	Poisoned	17%
	Unpoisoned	65%
July 30	Poisoned	21%
	Unpoisoned	70%

Hoke Women Attend Farm, Home Week

Mrs. Clayton Adams and Mrs. Frank McGregor of the Mildouson Home Demonstration Club, Mrs. R. B. Shockley of the Philippi Club, Mrs. J. L. McMinnis and Mrs. W. I. Strider of the Blue Springs Club, and Mrs. John Baker of the Little River Club are in Raleigh this week for annual Farm and Home Week, which is being held at State College.

Several other club members planned to go to Raleigh on Wednesday to attend the classes in Homemaking in the morning and to be present at the tea at the Governor's Mansion from three until five o'clock in the afternoon.

ROAD MACHINE RUNS WILD ON MAIN STREET

Last Friday morning at about seven o'clock K. D. Lowe's car was sitting peacefully in front of the Raeford Barber shop as things ere beginning to move around town. A state highway truck came down the street with a road grading machine behind it and when it got near Lowe's car the road machine broke loose from the truck and smacked into the car, smashing up one side and turning it over.

Recorder Hears Short Session On Tuesday; Only One Speeder

Tuesday's session of recorder's court was rather brief compared to the usual number of cases coming up before Judge Henry McDiarmid. Only seven were disposed of Tuesday. Most unusual thing about the session was that there was only one speeding case.

Three white men pleaded guilty of having some non-tax-paid liquor and each had to pay \$10 and the costs. They were James Babb, Jack Pate and Leonard Baker. Baker also got 30 days suspended on payment of the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

James H. Bodsford, white, paid \$10 and the costs for speeding with a truck. Roosevelt Hardin, colored, pleaded guilty of violating the prohibition laws by having some home brew. Judgment was suspended on payment of the costs and on condition of one year good behavior.

Henry Brown, colored, got 30 days in each of two cases for being drunk and disorderly. Sentences were suspended on payment of the costs and on one year's good behavior.

Arthur C. Ray, Jr., white, paid \$25 and the costs for careless and reckless driving.

Stafford Edward Gibson, white, was charged with driving drunk. He was only found guilty, however, of driving an improperly equipped car.

Tobacco Markets Of Border Belt Will Open Today

Raeford — Warehousemen and farmers dealing in 10 flue-cured tobacco markets of the South Carolina and North Carolina Border Belt completed preparations yesterday for the opening of sales today.

Sales were scheduled to begin today at Darlington and Pamplico in South Carolina, and Chadbourne, Clarkton, Fair Bluff, Fairmont, Fayetteville, Lumberton, Tabor City and Whiteville in North Carolina.

Nine South Carolina markets reported comparatively light sales and poor quality of offerings in their second auction sales of the 1951 season Tuesday.

According to the U. S. and North Carolina Departments of Agriculture, prices held fairly steady to Monday's opening levels which on a grade basis were about the same or slightly above last year's opening bids.

Opening day sales totaled 2,693,539 pounds at an average price of \$52.05 as compared with 2,922,076 pounds the same markets sold on opening day in 1950 at an average price of \$54.90. The Agriculture Department said the \$2.85 decrease in the general average was "due chiefly to the poorer quality of tobacco on sale."

Markets opening Monday in South Carolina were Mullins, Dillon, Conway, Hemingway, Kingstree, Lake City, Lamar, Loris, and Timmonsville.

The Agriculture Departments reported the following prices bid Tuesday on a limited number of U. S. grades:

Cutters—fair lemon \$68, low lemon \$66, low orange \$64. Lugs—fine lemon \$68, good lemon \$64, good orange \$63, fair lemon \$58, fair orange \$53, low orange \$43. Primings—good lemon \$61, fair lemon \$49, fair orange \$44, low orange \$32. Nondescript — best thin \$20, poorest thin \$11.75.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Lester moved this week into one of the Alexander cottages recently built by W. L. Alexander, just back of his home. The house the Lesters have occupied was owned by the late Mrs. Ella J. J. of Aberdeen and was willed to a niece, whose husband is employed at the local Robbin's Mill, and there is a probability of this couple occupying the house in the near future.

Many Attend Homecoming At Bethel Sunday

A large congregation from many parts of North Carolina attended the homecoming at Bethel Presbyterian church Sunday. Five former pastors of the church were present, along with four visiting Presbyterian ministers, and all took some part in the day's program.

Dr. Harold J. Dudley, executive secretary of the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina with offices in Raleigh, brought an interesting and inspiring message and spoke encouragingly of the progress the Presbyterian church is making in North Carolina and the South. He challenged Presbyterians to go "all out" for the church during this period of great opportunity.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Lucy Smith a bountiful dinner was served on the grounds at one o'clock. Many more could have been served.

One of the features of the day was the good music, led by Mrs. Ina P. Bethune. Miss Mary Ann Smoak and Miss Katherine Blue were heard in solos, singing "Come Unto Me," and "Bless This House, O Lord We Pray," respectively.

The Rev. Eugene Alexander made an interesting address for the new educational building, followed by a beautiful prayer of consecration by the Rev. C. M. Gibbs. Following this the pastor, the Rev. S. A. Ewart, declared that the Educational Building was dedicated to the glory of God in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost.

The assembly room was designated as the "Ryan McBryde Fellowship Hall," in memory of Mr. McBryde, who was for 30 years an elder in the church and superintendent of the Sunday school. The Kindergarten department was designated as the "Mrs. Wallace A. McLean Room", in memory of the late Mrs. McLean. The exercises were concluded by an interesting history of the early days of Bethel by the Rev. A. D. Carswell.

The beautiful flowers in the church and educational building were placed in memory of various loved ones by their families. Officers of the church are: Elders: D. J. Dalton, clerk, E. A. Wright, D. H. Yarborough, Lee Maxwell and W. A. McLean; Deacons: J. H. Wright, chairman, Wilson Clark, E. C. Smith, Jr., Robert Currie, John H. Currie, and C. J. McNeill, treasurer.

OPS Officials To Be In Fayetteville To Answer Questions

The Eastern Carolina Office of Price Stabilization will send a group of business analysts to Fayetteville on August 9 who will be located at the City Hall to explain various OPS regulations and to assist people of this area in preparing reports, the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce has announced. The office will be open from 11 AM to 12:30 PM and from 1 PM to 3 PM. Residents of Raeford are invited to meet with the OPS representatives for any assistance they may need.

A series of field trips to cities in eastern Carolina by OPS representatives under the auspices of chamber of commerce and merchants associations is planned as an OPS public service. "The Eastern Carolina Office of Price Stabilization is anxious to cooperate with the people in every way", Director J. G. Clark said, "and it is our purpose to help businessmen with their reports and to explain the regulation applicable to their business."

The Fayetteville visit is planned to serve people in this immediate vicinity and the following counties: Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson, Scotland, Bladen and Sampson.

Hoke Asked To Help Red Cross In Flood Relief

Hoke County has been asked to contribute at least \$175.00 through the Hoke County Red Cross chapter for emergency and long term rehabilitation assistance to thousands of families who suffered severe losses in the recent disastrous floods in four midwestern states. This represents a minimum amount needed from Hoke County in support of a nationwide fund appeal for at least \$5,000,000 for flood sufferers.

Newly compiled flood damage figures show 52,000 families affected, 1,500 homes destroyed and 20,000 homes damaged. About 20,000 families have already registered for long term Red Cross assistance. This includes home repair, rebuilding, refurnishing, occupational needs, medical, etc.

The Red Cross makes fund grants on an individual family need basis. About 200 Red Cross staff members are now in the flood area assisting thousands of volunteers of Red Cross chapters and other organizations. This takes money and lots of it.

The Hoke County Red Cross chapter urges the citizens of this county to send in their contributions. The need is great and our help is essential. Send your gifts to Tom McLaughlin, treasurer or to Mrs. Helen Barrington at the Red Cross office.

PERSONALS

Lt. and Mrs. Blitz Croft of Fort Bragg were supper guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McBryde Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Senter and children spent Sunday in Kipling with relatives.

Petey Dickson visited his aunt, Mrs. William Elliot at Seventy-First the past week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McNeill and family have returned from Ocean Drive Beach where they have been for the past month.

Mrs. Jennie Weaver and Miss Belle Graham are taking their vacation from August 1st to 10th and Graham's Gift Shop will be closed except on Saturday.

Mrs. H. C. McLaughlin and John returned last Friday after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Farrior Crenshaw in Ft. Deposit, Alabama.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Gore, Misses Clara Elizabeth Ramsey, Fannette Gore and Hal Gore visited Miss Anne Gore at Duke University Sunday. They also remained for the Carillon recital by Anton Brees Sunday afternoon.

Miss Clara Elizabeth Ramsey who has been visiting her McFadyen relatives in Raeford left Tuesday for her home in Marshall.

Later reports of the children and descendants of former Bethel Church members who came back for the day of happy reunion last Sunday include: the children of Mrs. Alice McRae: Mrs. Joe Ingram and husband of Mt. Gilead, Mrs. John Stewart and husband of Charlotte, and Octavus McRae and Mrs. McRae of Laurinburg, Mrs. Kate McNeill and Mr. Baxter McNeill of Maxton, Mrs. W. R. Hahn of Philadelphia, the former Flora Belle McNeill, Mrs. R. M. Adams of Hamlet, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burns, Fairmont, Mr. and Mrs. David Townsend, Jr. of Rowland, Miss Bonnie Teal, Fayetteville, Mrs. Ina McRacken, Mrs. Mattie Bounds and Miss Ida Johnson, Red Springs, Miss Elizabeth Strider, Asheboro.

Miss Alice Sutton Matheson and her guest, Miss Marcia Carmichael of Gloucester, Virginia, spent the week end with friends in Durham.

Move Started To Hold Wednesdays Open For Churches

At a recent meeting of the Raeford Kiwanis Club, on recommendation of the club's committee on "Support of Churches," a resolution was passed by the club asking all civic, social and political groups to refrain from having regularly scheduled or called meetings on Wednesday nights.

This action was taken in order to have it understood in Raeford and the surrounding community that Wednesday nights are left open for church activities. The resolution, together with a letter by passport of the Raeford Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches, has been circulated among civic and social groups in the community. In their letter the pastors approved the Kiwanis club's request to have the citizens and organizations respect Wednesday at church night.

New Game Licenses On Sale In County

Wildlife protector H. R. McLean reports that the new hunting and fishing licenses are now on sale with agents over the county. All licenses except the regular fishing license expired on July 31.

McLean asked sportsmen to get a copy of the hunting laws at the time of purchasing licenses from the agents.

Mrs. Alice Hall, 82, Is Buried Monday

Mrs. Alice McBryde Hall, 82, died at a nursing home in Laurinburg Sunday after a long illness. Funeral was conducted at the Lentz Mortuary here Monday morning at eleven o'clock by the Rev. A. D. Carswell of Spring Lake. Burial followed in the cemetery at Dundarrach Presbyterian church.

She was the daughter of the late Joseph A. and Sarah McNeill McBryde of this county and had lived in this section all her life. She was the widow of Hiram Hall.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. W. H. Lineberger, Charlotte, Mrs. Price Morris, Laurinburg, Mrs. J. J. Suddath, Tampa, Fla., Mrs. C. F. Evans, Myrtle Beach, S. C.; a son, G. A. Hall of Shannon; three sisters, Mrs. Annie McNeill and Mrs. Nora McKenzie of Shannon and Mrs. Hector Livingston of Red Springs; two brothers, Hector McBryde of Lumberton and Marshall McBryde, Shannon; several grandchildren.

Red Cross Offers First Aid Course

R. B. Lewis, local civil defense director, said this week that the American Red Cross had offered to hold a course in first aid if a sufficient number showed interest in taking it. The course would consist of 34 hours of instruction, with instructors being trained in the first phase.

After completing this course another 15 hours will be made available for those wishing to become certified Red Cross First Aid instructors. Those interested in taking the course may leave their names with the director at the bank. He also said that teachers would be asked to take a three-hour course during the next term.

PATROLMAN CHANGED

Patrolman D. G. Surratt is still here and expects to stay. Patrolman R. T. Harrell, who has been here for some months, was recently transferred to Greenville and Patrolman J. M. Helms of Kannapolis is now stationed in Raeford. According to information on the 42 new graduates of the State Highway Patrol's school at Chapel Hill, Patrolman William T. Herbin is to be assigned to duty here.

Auditor Fears Town Taxes May Have To Rise

Public Invited To Meeting Of Commissioners Monday Night At Courthouse At 8:00

James M. Williams, of the firm of Williams & Williams, certified public accountants, Raleigh, was auditing the books of the town of Raeford yesterday, and according to one commissioner, Mr. Williams stated that he considered it probable that a substantial increase in the town's tax rate would be necessary for the town to stay on a current financial basis. This increase would be necessary for the fiscal year 1952, which began July 1, according to the auditor.

The town board has decided that the town's taxpayers should know the situation and be given an opportunity to express themselves on it. For this reason the mayor announced yesterday that the board would meet in the courthouse on Monday night, August 6, and invite the public to attend and take part in the discussion. Mr. Williams will be present to make a report on his audit of the town's books and to present his professional recommendations.

Several factors and angles of the situation could be discussed in this news article, but as several different views will undoubtedly be presented Monday night at what promises to be a most interesting meeting to the town's taxpayers, these will be omitted here and what takes place will be covered in full for next week's paper.

D. Scott Poole Is 93 Tomorrow

D. Scott Poole, former school-teacher, legislator, editor, etc., and publisher of The Hoke County Journal for many years, is winding up another year and will celebrate his 93rd birthday tomorrow.

Most of his family expect to be present and among those coming from out of town will be Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lowe of Charlotte and Mr. and Mrs. Leon McKay of Dunn. Mrs. Lowe is Mr. Poole's daughter and Mrs. McKay is his granddaughter.

Mr. Poole's many friends and acquaintances in the county and the Sandhills and over the State will wish him a happy birthday. Those readers not living here may be interested to know that he is still quite active and may be seen conversing with his friends on the streets of Raeford almost any time.

Men Working Here Killed In Monroe Monday Morning

The truck of Davey Tree Experts Co., which has been working around Raeford for several weeks, was wrecked in the rain while returning here Monday morning and two of the three men in it were killed and the third injured.

The wreck occurred about three miles east of Monroe, from where they were coming to Raeford and took place at about four o'clock when the Davey truck crashed into the rear of another truck and exploded, burning the two to death. The other driver was able to get one man out, but the others were caught and it is not known whether they were killed in the crash or whether they burned to death.

The dead were Robert Canady of Charlotte and J. D. Starnes of Monroe. The injured man is James Freeland of Charlotte. The three had roomed with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Tapp while working here during the week.

Misses Mary and Hazel McLean have returned home after spending several days in Wilson with their sister, Miss Betty McLean.