

Farm Family Of The Year

Hendrix Family Area Runnerup

Earl Hendrix and his family have been named runnerup for the title of Area Farm Family of the Year of the North Carolina Association of Conservation Districts.

The area covers 10 counties. The Hendrix family was honored for concerns and efforts in soil and water conservation.

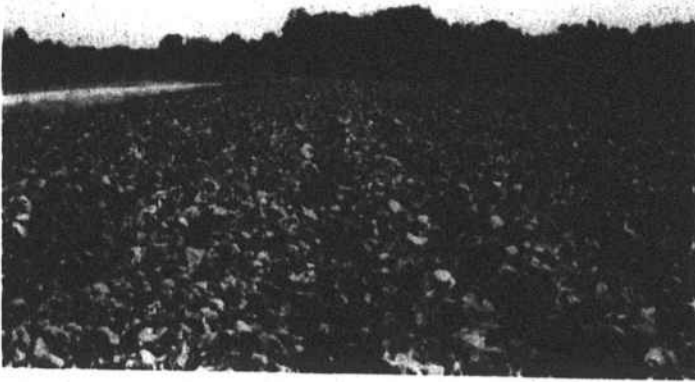
Farms of the area were toured in early fall in the judging to choose the winning and runnerup families.

The Hendrix family earlier had been chosen Hoke County Farm Family of the Year by the Hoke County Board of Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors and commended for concerns in protecting soil and water.

For years the Hendrixes have used the best and most profitable conservation practice -- no-till. Hoke District Conservationist Sam Warren said. They also installed water conservation on their farms in the form of center pivot irrigation for tobacco and truck crops, he added, and use swine waste as a fertilizer rather than let it run into and pollute streams.

"Our soil and water resources are most precious, to the economy and future of our nation," Warren pointed out.

D.R. Huff of Hoke County is the current president of the state association.



Double-cropped no-till soybeans planted into wheat stubble on the Hendrix farm.

Hoke Agricultural Extension News

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Insect Pests of Stored Tobacco

It appears that there is a good bit of tobacco stored on the farm this year. Calls have been received with questions about insects in stored tobacco.

There are two major pests of tobacco stored on the farm: the tobacco moth and the cigarette beetle. Of these, the tobacco moth is a somewhat more common pest in North Carolina and much more destructive.

Adults of the tobacco moth are about 3/8" long and grey or brownish grey. They cause no damage but fly in from other storage areas nearby farms, or from established infestations on old tobacco, feed seeds or other material near the storage area and lay eggs on or near tobacco. Infestations may also be spread by the movement of eggs or larvae in burlap sheets.

Larvae vary in color from pinkish to yellow to off-white. They are tiny when first hatched but grow to a half inch in length. The head of the larva is reddish brown and there are usually small brown spots along the back.

During the summer months the life cycle takes approximately 50 days from egg to egg. In the fall, most larvae in tobacco move to the surface or to cracks and crevices in the storage area and spin loose cocoons of silk in which they overwinter. Some larvae may remain in the tobacco but are relatively inactive.

Activity, and damage, are resumed in late March (near Wilmington) to late April (in the northwest section of the state). Larvae produce ragged holes in the leaf and may consume entire leaves except for the larger veins. They also leave a great deal of waste and silk behind which can lower the

grade of NOG.

Adult cigarette beetles are compact, with the head usually bent downward. They are light to dark brown, lightly covered with short yellow hairs and about an eighth inch in length. Larvae are almost microscopic when first hatched. They grow to about 3/16 inch in length, are grublike in appearance and creamy or greyish white. During the summer the life cycle lasts for about 55 days.

In unheated storage areas most beetles pass the winter as relatively inactive larvae. They begin to cause significant damage at about the same time as the tobacco moth. Damage, done by the larvae, consists of small holes which may look like flea beetle damage. A powdery waste is also left behind and an off-flavor may be imparted to the tobacco.

The first step to control of both these pests is sanitation. Remove all scrap tobacco from all storage and work areas. Also remove all feed, seed, organic fertilizer, etc. from these areas. Do not store tobacco already known to be infested. Once tobacco is in storage it should be checked regularly for signs of infestation, especially before Thanksgiving, during winter warm spells and after mid-April.

There are a few chemicals available for control of the tobacco moth and cigarette beetle. For further information and instructions on how to use these contact your local extension agent located in the Lester Building on South Magnolia Street or by telephone at 875-3461.

If tobacco is damaged, particularly by the tobacco moth, sort out the damaged tobacco and wastes left behind by the pest. This will help reduce the impact on the grade of the tobacco when it goes to market.

LAW For Laypersons

What would you think if you were walking through a graveyard and saw a tombstone with an inscription like "Murdered by John Doe" or "Killed in Cold Blood by Richard Roe" under the name of the deceased person? You would certainly agree that there must be quite a story behind the inscriptions! If you happened to be the person named as the murderer, you would probably be quite unhappy, particularly if you had been tried for murder and acquitted by the jury.

Illegal gravestone inscriptions can be a problem. North Carolina's General Statutes § 14-401.3, makes it illegal for any person to erect or cause to be erected a gravestone bearing any inscription charging any person with the commission of a crime. In addition, it is illegal for any person who owns, controls or operates a cemetery to permit such a gravestone to be erected.

If such a gravestone has been erected bearing an inscription charging any person with the commission of a crime, the person in charge of the graveyard must remove and obliterate the inscription. If a person violates North Carolina law in either causing the gravestone to be erected or in allowing it to be erected, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500, imprisonment for not more than six months or both.

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Hoke Firemen To Elect Officers Dec. 3

Hoke County fire chiefs and assistant chiefs will meet at 7 p.m. December 3 at Pine Hillfire Department preceding the regular meeting of the Hoke County Firemen's Association.

Association officers for 1982 will be elected. All members of the association are urged to attend.



HOKE NOMINEE -- Terence Patrick Mulloy, a Hoke County High School senior, has been chosen as the Hoke County nominee for a John Motley Morehead Scholarship to the University of North Carolina by the Hoke County Morehead Selection Committee. He will appear before the District Committee for an interview in the competition. The district sessions are preliminaries to the state finals when the winners are chosen. The scholarships are renewable each year for the three other undergraduate years of college after the freshman year awards are made to the winning high school seniors. A Morehead Scholarship pays all the student's college expenses.



RECEPTION -- A reception was given Thursday afternoon for Hoke County's Teacher of the Year 1981-82 -- Carol Ronalter -- at the County Board of Education offices, and there are pictures of some of the many people who attended. In one photo, Miss Ronalter is shown receiving an honor plaque -- "Ambassador for Education" -- from Gloria Williams, Hoke County schools' director of instruction, who was coordinator of the election procedure for choosing the county's Teacher of the Year. With them is Miss Ronalter's mother, Mrs. Ralph Ronalter, Sr., of Southern Pines, a former Connecticut health and physical education teacher. The other photo shows [left] Scurlock School Principal George Wood, his daughter, Martha Ann, a West Hoke School Teacher, Dr. Lenwood Simpson, principal of Hoke County High School, where Miss Ronalter teaches, the County Schools Supt. Raz Autry. Wood is talking with Raeford Mayor John K. McNeill, Jr. [whose head is showing] as Raeford City Manager Ron Matthews [back to camera] listens. [Staff photos].



Fourth Traffic Death Of 1981

Hoke Accident Kills Passenger

A woman was injured fatally in Hoke County about four miles from Parkton about 11 p.m. November 18.

The victim, Betty Carol Starling, 29, of Rt. 3, Fayetteville, died shortly after midnight Thursday morning at Cape Fear Hospital during surgery.

State Trooper K.W. Weston reported the driver of the car in which the woman was riding was charged with manslaughter and with driving under the influence. He was identified as Vernon Scott Hales, 32, of Rt. 12, Fayetteville.

The officer reported the car, traveling south on SR 1441, ran off the right side of the road. Hales lost control, and the car skidded back

across the road, then struck a ditch embankment, overturning twice. The woman was pinned under the vehicle.

The Hoke County Rescue Squad and Ambulance Service sent vehicles to the scene.

The death was the fourth this year in Hoke traffic accidents.

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