

Mother-Daughter-Son Banquet Held

Monday, May 10, at 6:30 p.m. the Future Homemakers of America Club of Hoke County High School held its annual Mother-Daughter-Son Banquet. The Mother-Daughter-Son Banquet is held annually around Mother's Day.

Mistress of ceremony for the evening was Miss Rowena Leggett. Invocation was given by Miss Wanda Locklear. Introduction of special guests was given by Miss Mariah Colborn. Introduction of speaker was given by Miss Vann Dora Strickland. Closing remarks were given by Miss Elaine Allen.

The speaker was Mrs. Mina Townsend, vice chairman of the

Hoke County Board of Education. Her topic was "Youth Energy." She spoke about using physical, emotional and mental energy to the worthwhile of our abilities.

Entertainment was provided by the Hoke County High School Barber Shop Singers, under the direction of Mrs. Linda Huff. The meal was provided by the Hoke County Food Service Association.

Appearance Reported On Dogwood Leaves

Advice On Leaf Scale Given

People in Hoke County have been calling the County Agricultural Extension Service office recently reporting the appearance of small, white growths on leaves of their dogwood trees.

Extension Chairman Willie

Featherstone said the growth is cottony maple leaf scale and issued the following information, including methods of controlling it.

Cottony maple leaf scales spend the winter feeding on the twigs and branches of dogwoods. Sometimes this scale infests hollies and maples, but dogwood is the principle host in North Carolina.

Infested trees and shrubs become dark with sooty molds which grow in the sweet sticky honeydew the scales excrete. In spring, the scales mature. Male scales emerge and crawl or fly to female scales to mate. Shortly after the new leaves emerge, the females scales crawl onto the lower surface to lay their eggs. This usually happens in late April and May. One thousand or more eggs are laid by each female in a dense, cottony mass of wax called the ovisac. As each female finishes laying, she dies.

In late May or early June the eggs hatch, and the tiny new scales, called crawlers, move about on the lower leaf surface and then settle down to feed. The crawlers suck out sap and excrete honeydew, but they are so small at first that they do little noticeable damage. The young scales molt twice as they grow.

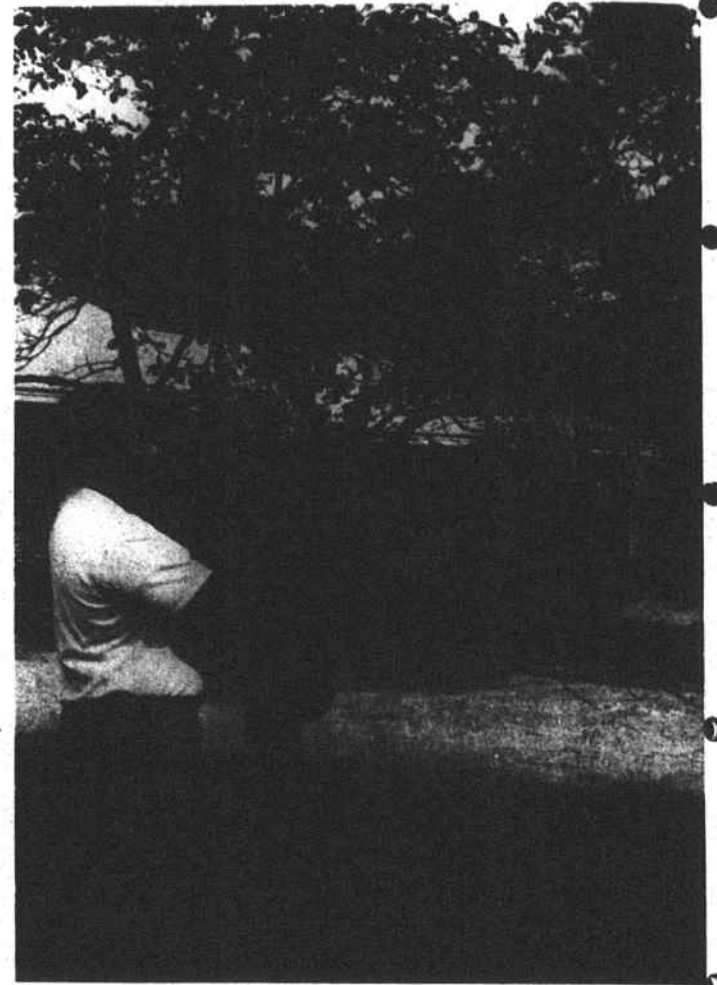
In the fall the young scales move to the twigs where they feed during the winter and early spring. There is only one generation per year.

Control of cottony maple leaf scales is not easy. The best time to apply pesticides is in mid-June when the tiny crawlers are exposed on the leaves. Apparently, dormant treatments are not effective. If pesticides are applied to the ovisacs, the waxy covering and outer layers of eggs protect the inner eggs from pesticides.

In addition there are several lady beetles which feed on the eggs in the ovisacs. One group, the *Hyperaspis* lady beetles are apparently adapted to feeding on ovisacs because these lady beetle larvae are covered with a woolly secretion which closely resembles the ovisac.

After the scale eggs hatch, the lady beetles tend to leave the trees. Consequently, waiting until June enhances control and also saves the lady beetles to feed on scale and aphid pests of other plants.

On many dogwoods, a second scale called a *Lesanlum* scale occurs with the cottony maple leaf scale. Enclosed is a note which describes this pest.



Hoke County Extension Chairman examining cottony maple leaf scales on a dogwood at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Maxwell on North Fulton Street.

Several insecticides are labeled for scale control: diazinon, malathion, Sevin, summer oil, and Trithion. If applied according to label directions and with common sense, these pesticides represent no great hazard to human health.

After these pesticides dry, there is little chance of significant contamination. One pesticide is specifically labeled for cottony maple scales: ethion oil. However, this formulation is sometimes difficult to find.

The most difficult part of controlling the cottony maple leaf scale is forcing oneself to wait until mid

June to treat. Although the ovisacs are conspicuous on the leaves now, the scale is actually doing less harm to the trees than at any other time.



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Drawing shows general appearance of cottony maple leaf scales on infested leaves.

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College News



Nettie Kershaw, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Kershaw of Rt. 1, Raeford, and a graduate of Hoke County High School, has successfully completed her course of study at Shaw University where she has attained a Bachelor of Science degree in pre-medical biology.

She is now waiting for her entrance into N.C. State University in the Spring semester where she will pursue her Master of Science degree.

After having completed her study on the Master's level, Miss Kershaw plans to continue to medical school to become a pediatrician.

Honorable Howard H. Baker
Majority Leader
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Washington, DC 20510

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Washington, DC 20515

Gentlemen:

We have been appealing to our North Carolina Congressmen and Senators to do something to restore the ability of the average American to buy a home. For most of our country's history, affordable homeownership has been seen as the American Dream. Today, that Dream is dying.

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