

Local farmers aiding wildlife

Most landowners and landusers in Hoke County are concerned about crop production and ways to maintain or increase their production.

Many fields that once had hedge rows for windbreaks and wildlife food and shelter have been cleared to increase field size. Little consideration has been given toward the needs of our small game population.

The wildlife population on some farms in Hoke County is decreasing. Most farmers and landowners in the county enjoy watching or hunting small game animals such as quail, rabbit, squirrel, deer and others.

Many of our small game populations have declined from previous years. You probably have noticed while hunting or just walking over the farm that its harder to find a covey of quail and there seems to be alot fewer rabbits than in the past.

Our small game population is being effected by:

- Chemicals used on crops effecting the animals ability to reproduce.

- Predator animals such as hawks, owls, foxes, snakes and cats effecting the animals ability to survive.

- Modern-day farming and woodland harvesting method destroying important habitats.

There are wildlife management practices that local farmers can do to maintain or increase wildlife population on their farm.

C.J. Crouch, a local farmer in the Quewhiffle Township, is concerned about wildlife on the H.J. Blue farm. He has established nearly 20 acres of wildlife food

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plots and manages existing habitats that are favorable for small game animals.

Crouch purchased wildlife seed from local supply stores and applied for wildlife seed from the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission to establish annual and perennial food plots around the farm.

These plots consist of plants such as brown top mullet, sunflowers, kobe lespedeza, bicolor lespedeza, sericea lespedeza, millo, coastal bermudagrass, partridge pea, buck wheat and native vegetation.

Existing hedge rows are being maintained for their use as windbreaks and wildlife habitat.

These hedge rows have pine trees, mixed hardwoods, honeysuckers, ragweeds, beggarweeds and other vegetations that are ideal food and cover for animals such as squirrel, quail and rabbit.

Odd areas around the farm that are too small for crop production are being established to wildlife food plots.

Crouch established these sites by broadcasting or planting seed in rows.

Annual food plots that were established a year ago are not destroyed, they are maintained to provide cover and some food while the new plot is becoming establish-

ed. Mr. Crouch said, "to maintain wildlife on an area, you must provide food, cover and water."

Odd areas that are too small for todays farm equipment are ideal areas to establish to food plots.

Many odd areas in Hoke County are suitable for wildlife production. Farmers and landusers that are concerned about maintaining or increasing wildlife population on their farm should establish food plots and manage the native vegetations that are desired for small game population.

Individuals that are interested in applying for wildlife seed from the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission should stop by or call the Hoke Soil and Water Conservation District Office. Manage your wildlife population today for generations to come.



Helping wildlife

C.J. Crouch checks condition of millo planted for wildlife food plot on the H. J. Blue farm.

Award winner

Bonnie Pate, Production Clerk for Faberge, received the October Suggestion Award and the Third Quarterly Award for her Production Improvement Suggestion. She received \$225 in cash from the company and is now eligible to receive the annual award of \$1,000 in cash.

Pete Hasty attends insurance meeting

The problems of liability insurance coverage, workers compensation issues, auto insurance, financial guaranty insurance and health care cost containment were among the issues discussed at the 17th annual meeting of the Conference of Insurance Legislators in Phoenix, Arizona, November 21-24.

Among those attending was Rep. John C. "Pete" Hasty of Maxton, N.C.

The Conference (COIL) is a national organization of state legislators who deal with insurance issues.

Restructuring causes loss for Burlington

Burlington Industries, Inc. recently reported a net loss for the fourth quarter of fiscal 1985 as a result of restructuring charges.

The consolidated net loss for the quarter ended September 28, 1985 was \$2,915,000, or 10 cents per share, on net sales of \$697,337,000.

Provisions for restructuring, principally in the polyester/cotton apparel fabrics area, were 60 cents per share in the fourth quarter.

Results for the quarter were improved by 8 cents per share due to a reduction in Retirement System expenses associated with changes

in the actuarial cost method and economic assumptions.

For the fourth fiscal quarter of 1984, Burlington reported net sales of \$746,110,000 and a net loss of \$22,609,000 or 78 cents per share. Included in the 1984 quarter was a charge of \$1.07 per share for the restructuring of various finished apparel fabric operations in the United States and the shutdown and conversion of a textured woven operation in Ireland.

For the 1985 fiscal year ended September 28, 1985, consolidated net sales were \$2,802,134,000 compared to \$3,168,760,000 reported for fiscal 1984. Net earnings for fiscal 1985 were \$12,574,000 or 44

cents per share on 28,595,000 average shares outstanding, compared to \$62,399,000 or \$2.18 per share on 28,669,000 average shares for 1984. The results for the 1985 fiscal year include the special items noted above in the fourth quarter, a 9 cents per share gain from the sale of the company's office furniture business and a 6 cents per share gain from litigation. In comparison, the fiscal 1984 results include restructuring charges of \$1.20 per share, a 15 cents per share gain from litigation and an 8 cents per share gain from an insubstance defeasance of long-term debt. Foreign currency items resulted in a loss of 2 cents per share in fiscal 1985 and a 6 cents per share gain in 1984.

William A. Klopman, chairman and chief executive officer, said, "The unabated flow of imports, combined with a weak U.S. market for textiles, seriously impacted results for Burlington in fiscal 1985. "The restructuring charge taken in the fourth quarter addresses the over-capacity in the Blended Fabrics Division, chiefly caused by huge increases in imports in recent years. "The provision principally covers the costs associated with consolidating two dyeing and finishing plants into one operation. This move should lower our manufacturing costs and strengthen the performance of this division. "The finishing plant to be vacated by Blended Fabrics will be converted to the manufacture of automotive fabrics under our new technical cooperation agreement with the Seiren Co., Ltd. "Yesterday Burlington announced its regular quarterly dividend of 41 cents per share payable December 1, 1985 to shareholders of record on November 4, 1985.

Geurts is promoted

Wouter R. Geurts, son of Wouter Geurts of Lawndale Drive, Greensboro, has been promoted in the U.S. Army to the rank of sergeant.

Geurts is an infantryman with the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit at Fort Benning, Georgia.

His wife, Reba, is the daughter of Virginia R. Sands of Rural Route 1, Aberdeen.

He is a 1980 graduate of Union Pines High School, Carthage.

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