

**ASC Measurements**

As long as allotment crops have been parceled out by allotment there have been complaints about measurements. A few farmers at one time or another have felt that their fields were not measured correctly.

Actually, farmers may have less room to complain than they have thought, according to a story appearing in the Winter issue of "Research and Farming," George Bellman, Perquimans County ASC Office Manager, says.

The farm research magazine, published by the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station, reports that Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation's measurements are as good as could be expected for the conditions under which they must be made.

Of course errors are made. But in a research project reported by the magazine under and over measurements tended to cancel out. Based on the average for all fields measured, farmers were favored slightly.

Congress has said that ASC must penalize growers who overplant by as much as one-hundredth (1/100) of an acre on tobacco, and one-tenth (1/10) of an acre on other allotment crops. Thus, the acreage of each tobacco field must be determined to within a hundredth of an acre and the other allotment crops to within a tenth of an acre.

To do this quickly, economically, and with personnel having no engineering training is a tremendous task.

Measuring from aerial photographs seems to be the best solution to this dilemma. Most acreage has been measured in this manner for several years. ASC field workers visit farms and to take the boundaries of each field on the photographs. Acreage then is determined in county ASC Offices.

In the survey, a civil engineering team measured one tobacco field on each of more than 80 farms in Lenoir, Wayne and Johnston counties. Fields were from two to three acres in size. Each angle was turned twice and recorded to one hundredth minute.

Dr. A. L. Kinkner, professor of experimental statistics at N. C. State College, then compared their measurement of each field with that of ASC.

The difference between ASC measurements and that of the civil engineers averaged about one-tenth acre per field. Measurements of only 10 out of 82 fields differed by one-hundredth acre or less.

"However," Mr. Finkner adds, "ASC's measurements for all fields totaled slightly less than that of the engineers."

"Farmers were favored by a bit more than two hundredths of an acre per field."

Two changes in 1958 measurement procedures may increase accuracy slightly. A more accurate instrument, the planimeter, will replace the rotometer for measuring maps. Also, ASC will use aerial maps scaled to one inch for 330 instead of 660 feet on the

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To increase accuracy further would be very expensive. For example, the average cost of engineers' measurements in the survey was \$17.24 per acre. ASC's average cost for measuring with present methods is about 83 cents per acre.

"If every field in the State were measured by an engineering team there still would be some errors in measurement," Finkner points out. "Even when the same field is measured by different teams, or by the same team at two different times, there will almost always be a slight difference between the two figures."

The research project was suggested by the N. C. Board of Farm Organizations and Agencies. Members of the civil engineering and experimental statistics at N. C. State College assisted in the survey and its analysis.

**Committee Seeks Favorable Tax Vote**

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supplementing the general school fund, leaving tax appropriations for schools at about the same figure as paid during the current year. The proposal does not request an increase in school tax greater than paid this year.

It was also pointed out the Board of Education would actually spend only that part of the funds derived from tax sources which would be needed each year and hence this special tax might range from one to not more than 30 cents. For instance, should Perquimans County schools become eligible for federal funds, now anticipated, it is believed very little, if any, of the proposed tax will be required for the school year 1958-1959.

During the discussion period at the meeting, school principals mentioned several ways in which the proposed tax support could be used in strengthening their educational program. Their proposals were a few among several which have often been discussed among citizens interested in better schools, such as trained secretarial help in principals' offices, better library services, public school music and better laboratory facilities and science instruction on the high school level. These items are in addition to the need for supplementing teachers' salaries, so that better qualified teachers can be secured to replace those who resign or retire.

The next meeting of the Perquimans County Citizens' Committee for Better Schools will be held at the Court House on Saturday, May 10, at 7:30 P. M.

**Woodmen To Award Medal For History**

The Albemarle Camp 463 of the Woodmen of the World met Thursday night at the Hertford Municipal Building with a number of Woodmen present. A 25-year membership pin was presented to C. C. "Tobe" Mansfield. A report was given by C. T. Jordan and W. D. Landing, Jr., that a speaker's stand had been built and presented to the Hertford Grammar School.

The Woodmen voted to secure a history medal to be presented to the outstanding student in American History at the high school commencement exercises. The awarding of this medal is one of the civic projects of the Woodmen Camps along with presentations of flags for schools.

Discussion was held concerning the members of Camp 463 visiting other Woodmen camps in the near future.

The next scheduled meeting of Camp 463 will be held on June 5, at the Town Building.

**Legion Auxiliary Plans Poppy Sales**

The American Legion Auxiliary held its regular meeting Monday night, May 5, at the home of Mrs. Roulac Webb. Mrs. Charlie Skinner presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. Thelma Hollowell. Sixteen members were present.

Report of the spaghetti supper was given. Other reports were given, including the treasurer's report, and correspondence.

Plans were made to sell poppies on Saturday, May 31. It was decided to put a wreath on the monument on Poppy Day and on Memorial Day. Plans were to display flags on veterans' graves on Memorial Day.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Earle Goodwin and Mrs. L. D. Myers.

After the meeting adjourned, delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Roulac Webb and Mrs. Elizabeth Haskett.

**4 BREAK-INS REPORTED BY SHERIFF WHITE**

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were taken into custody after an auto chase made by the Pasquotank officer. It was reported they admitted the attempted break-in at the Elizabeth City store and evidence discovered in their possession linked them to the robbery of the Bateman store.

Sheriff White said all four of the Negroes will be charged with the crime at Woodville and will be held for hearing before the Recorder Judge here next Tuesday.

**4-H Demonstration Set For Saturday**

The Perquimans County Junior 4-H Demonstration Elimination Day will be held Saturday, May 10, at 10:00 A. M., in the Agricultural Building.

Girls from Winfall and Hertford Fifth and Sixth Grades will be participating in team demonstrations of Fruit and Vegetable Use and Dairy Foods.

Mrs. Paige L. Underwood, Assistant Home Agent, states that the demonstrations will contribute to training the girls in techniques, poise, participation, and especially help to increase their knowledge of the nutritional value of dairy foods and fruits and vegetables.

Parents, other 4-Hers and all interested friends of 4-H are invited to attend the demonstration program Saturday morning.

**Conference Track Meet Here Next Wed.**

The Albemarle Conference will hold its annual track meet in Hertford Wednesday night of next week beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The events will take place on Memorial Field. Schools participating will be Perquimans, Ahoskie, Edenton, Williamston, Tarboro and Plymouth.

Ahoskie captured first place in a tri-city meet held this week with Perquimans finishing second and Edenton third.

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**SPRING FESTIVAL PLANNED**

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This program will tend to culminate the year's activities and will consist in part of skits and dramatizations, choral readings, physical education stunts, song and dance routines, and many other activities, and will be climaxed by the crowning of a Queen, who will reign over the festivities.

The festival also will climax a financial drive that has been under way for several weeks, the efforts of which will aid in obtaining needed equipment for the school.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

**ON DUKE TEAM**

John Morris, former outstanding athlete at Perquimans High School, is a member of the Duke University varsity baseball team for the third year. Morris is a second baseman and has been hampered by an injured knee all spring. He injured the knee on the team's southern trip to Florida in March. Morris played football, basketball and baseball in high school, making all conference teams.

**NEGRO 4-H SERVICES**

More than 300 persons attended the county-wide 4-H Church Sunday service conducted here by the Negro 4-H clubs last Sunday. Charlie Small, 4-H Council president, presided.

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