

—W. O. DAVIS, County Agent

We would like to suggest that farmers treat Sweet Potatoes before bedding according to the following directions: Potatoes properly treated before bedding will produce a healthier crop of potatoes that will keep much better next fall and winter than when not treated. Bichloride of Mercury, (Corrosive Sublimate), is used, which is a deadly poison if taken internally, therefore, it must be kept away from children and animals, and must be used carefully. This chemical can be bought from any drug store, and should be purchased in 4 ounce lots. Dissolve 4 ounces of Bichloride of Mercury in 30 gallons of water, using a wooden barrel. Be sure to use a wooden barrel, as this chemical will corrode a metal container. Bichloride of Mercury should be dissolved in a small quantity of warm water, and then diluted to 30 gallons with cold water. Place the Sweet Potatoes in clean bags, or baskets, and allow them to soak in the Bichloride solution for 10 minutes. Where a large quantity of potatoes are to be treated several barrels can be used in order to save time. After the potatoes have soaked for 10 minutes, spread them out on a clean floor or on the ground. Be sure that none of the solution is allowed to drain back to the well. Potatoes should be bedded immediately after treating. After treating 10 bushels of Sweet Potatoes add 1-2 ounce of Bichloride of Mercury, and add enough water to bring the solution back to 30 gallons. Potatoes should be rinsed, or washed in order to remove any dirt on them before they are treated. Treated Sweet Potatoes are fit for bedding only since the poison is absorbed in the skin. Barrels used for treating potatoes can be thoroughly washed and then used for other purposes.

1938 PROGRAM CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK

Regulations provide that any farmer who is not satisfied with his allotments for his farm may appeal to the County Committee within 15 days after receiving his allotment, and request a hearing. This appeal must be made in writing and should be addressed to the County Agent. If the person is still dissatisfied with the decision of the County Committee, he may appeal in writing to the State Committee. If dissatisfied with the decision of the State Committee, he may within 15 days appeal to the Regional Director in Washington, D. C.

A farmer who complies with the acreage allotments for his farm will receive benefit payments as follows: For cotton the payment is 2.4 cents per pound times the allotted yield per acre for his farm times the number of acres allotted to be planted to cotton. If a farmer is allotted a yield of 250 pounds per acre, and is allotted 10 acres of cotton, his cotton payment for 1938 would be \$6.00 per acre times 10 acres, or \$60.00. In order to collect this payment the farmer must not plant more than his acreage allotment. The allotted yield per acre for cotton is for the purpose of setting the rate of payment under the Soil Conserving Program only. It will not be under the Compulsory Marketing Quotas. If a farmer plants more than his allotted acres of cotton, he will lose his 1937 Price Adjustment Payment, and will also receive a penalty of 5c per pound times the allotted yield per acre for his farm times the number of acres of cotton overplanted. This penalty will be deducted from any payment earned for peanuts and tobacco and soil building potatoes.

Tobacco Benefit Payments will be 1c per pound times the allotted yield per acre times the acreage allotment. If a farmer is allotted 4 acres of tobacco to be planted, and his allotted yield per acre is 800 pounds, his payment will be \$8.00 per acre times 4 acres, or \$32.00. If a farmer overplants his tobacco allotment he will receive a penalty of 10c per pound times the allotted yield per acre times the number of acres overplanted. If a farmer plants tobacco in 1938 without any tobacco allotment, the penalty will apply on the entire acreage planted. The tobacco penalty will be deducted from the payments earned on cotton and peanuts.

The Peanut Benefit Payment is 2-10 of a cent per pound times the allotted yield per acre times the acreage allotted to be planted. If a farmer has a peanut allotment to plant 5 acres of peanuts with an allotted yield per acre of 1000 pounds, his payment would be \$2.50 per acre times 5 acres, or \$12.50 per acre. If this farmer overplants his peanut allotment, the penalty will be 1c per pound times the

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LEGION SPONSORS 1938 OPENING STRATES SHOWS

Lovers of outdoor amusements will soon be thrilled when the famous Strates Shows will officially open their 1938 season in their winter quarters, city, Weldon, for nine big days and nights beginning Thursday, April 14 under the auspices of Shaw Post No. 38 of the American Legion.

The Strates Shows have been wintering in Weldon and during that time have completely rebuilt their show, making it the third largest show of its kind in the South America this year. Thousands of dollars have been spent with Weldon merchants this winter by the Strates Shows for supplies and foodstuffs and more than 75 men have been employed at the winter quarters of the show on their huge rebuilding program.

The personnel of the shows will begin the trek into Weldon this week and before the show opens the populations of Weldon will have been increased to close to 600 people all of whom will spend quite a considerable sum in our city during their stay here for hotel, food, clothing, etc. So that old hue and cry about "the shows take all and leave nothing" is proven to be a fallacy as we certainly do know of quite a sum that the Strates Shows have spent in Weldon this winter.

The showgrounds on which this huge attraction will erect its tented city are located in South Weldon adjacent to the shows winter quarters and a large force of men have been busily engaged the past week in readying the showgrounds for occupancy — the various crews have been moving equipment to the showgrounds, getting ready for the grand opening on Thursday evening at 6 o'clock when the gates will be officially opened to the general public, with members of the American Legion in charge of each attraction.

Each afternoon during the Strates Shows engagement the shows famous band, Frank Meekers All American Concert Band will give one hours free concert on the square in Weldon and each evening in front of the shows entrance.

"The Five American Eagles" will be the free attraction each night on the midway and will present their thrilling and death defying act each evening at 10:30 P. M.

Special childrens matinees will be given on Saturday, April 16 and again on Saturday, April 23 from 1 to 6 P. M. at which time special prices and attractions will prevail for the children.

TO GIVE DANCE

There will be a dance at the New Woman's Club Building at Darlington, Friday night, April 8. The proceeds to be used for the benefit of the club.

allotted yield per acre times the number of acres overplanted. This penalty will be deducted from the payment earned on Cotton and Tobacco.

If a farmer plants sufficient conserving crops, or carries out sufficient soil building practices to meet the soil building goal established for his farm, he will receive a payment of 70c times the soil building goal. If a farmer fails to plant sufficient conserving crops to meet his soil building goal he will receive a penalty of \$1.50 for each acre by which he fails to reach this soil building goal.

Every farm will receive an allotment for general Soil Depleting Crops, such as Corn, Oats, Sorghum, Vegetables and Truck. If the total acreage of all soil depleting crops is greater than the allotment for cotton, tobacco, peanuts and general depleting crops, there will be a penalty of \$6.00 per acre for each overplanted. This means that any part of the cotton, tobacco, or peanut allotment that is not planted in that crop may be used for corn, or other general soil depleting crops. Under the 1936 and 1937 programs there was no penalty for exceeding the general depleting crops provided these crops were used for home consumption, and not marketed. This is not true in the 1938 program.

When in Weldon be sure to visit the Roanoke News office.

Services At The Baptist Church

The pastors subject for the morning hour will be: "Not Ashamed of The Gospel." His subject for the evening hour will be: "Jonah Displeased." This is the sixth sermon in a series of seven sermons at the evening hour, upon the life and the experience of the prophet Jonah.

Beginning next Sunday morning in the Sunday School and just after the classes, each Sunday morning for four or five Sunday mornings the pastor will bring brief evangelistic messages. These messages will be given with the hope and the prayer in the pastor's heart that all, in the Sunday School who are not saved will surrender their hearts to Christ. We would like to see every boy and girl, every man and woman attending Sunday School who have not taken this step do so during these four or five Sundays. We ask the Sunday School officers, teachers and the parents, and friends of the unsaved keep this important matter uppermost. We want you to pray much, and we want you to let the unsaved know of our love and concern for them.

"A country merchant visited New York. The thing that impressed him most was the magnificent and spotless show windows. On his return home he immediately cleaned up his unused show window and made it so attractive that he was soon doing nearly all the business in his town. Instead of failing in business as he one time feared, he became the richest merchant of his county. Let us not forget to show the graces God gives us at all times in an attractive manner and draw men by making our lives and faces show windows for God and His works."

By the Pastor.

Bee Authority In County April 12

There will be a bee management demonstration on the farm of Mr. R. M. Etheridge, Springhill, Tuesday morning, April 12 at 9:00 A. M. The meeting will be conducted by Mr. C. L. Sams, Extension Apiarist Specialist from State College. Actual methods of re-hiving and re-queening will be demonstrated.

F. W. Reams, Assistant County Agent states.

Persons interested in bee management are invited to attend this demonstration.

Doris Jean Elias Wins Childrens Popularity Contest

The Childrens Popularity Contest sponsored by the Weldon Elementary School closed Wednesday afternoon.

Each child in the contest was presented a lovely Easter basket by Miss Ida Mae Cheatham.

Mrs. S. W. Neal presented a silver loving cup to Little Doris Jean Elias, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Assid Elias, for receiving the highest number of votes in the contest. Littleton Carlton Nethercutt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Nethercutt was given a silver spoon for receiving highest. Miss Catherine Elias, sponsor for Doris Jean was given a lovely necklace for turning in the most votes. She also received the prize offered for turning in the most votes by Friday.

After the prizes were given the first grade gave a program. The Dutch Windmills.

The sponsors were honored at a tea given in the Elementary School library. At this time each sponsor was given a present for their work in making the contest a success.

The winning number of votes was 3650.

They're All Germans Now



Snapshot taken in a village near Linz, Austria, after the recent occupation by the German troops. A German soldier holds an Austrian lad on his knee and they chat in a friendly way.

Weldon Wins Over Roanoke Rapids By Score 6 To 4

On last Tuesday the Weldon High School baseball team went to Roanoke Rapids, the underdog, but came away the victor in every way. Both teams played hard and had the score tied when they went into the tenth inning.

The Weldon boys led by William "Buck" Stevenson held the Rapids boys to 10 hits while they themselves collected 11 hits off Clarence Byrd and Windell Pongue the Roanoke Rapids pitchers.

The Weldon boys were led at bat by big William Henry Taylor who got 4 hits out of 5 trips to the plate including a home run in the fourth and James Read whose double in the tenth brought in a couple of runs.

On the defense side Weldon was led by W. J. "Peahead" Boseman who was outstanding in his position at third base.

The Roanoke Rapids team was led at bat by Clarence Byrd and Waters.

The box score is as follows:

WELDON		AB H E R		
John Riddle, rf.	5	2	0	1
"Bug" Edwards, cf.	4	1	0	2
James Read, lf.	4	2	1	1
W. H. Taylor, 1b.	5	4	0	2
"Dooley" Taylor, ss.	5	0	0	0
"Buck" Stevenson, p.	3	1	0	0
W. J. Boseman, 3b.	5	0	0	0
Billy Rabil, 2b.	3	1	0	0
Haynes Gregory, c.	3	0	0	0
Total	37	11	1	6

Roanoke Rapids		AB H E R		
Brown, rf.	5	2	0	2
Starke, ss.	5	1	0	0
Newsome, 1b.	5	2	0	1
Wright, c.	5	0	0	0
Byrd, p.	4	2	0	0
Shell, lf.	4	0	0	0
Edmonds, 3b.	4	0	2	0
Hayes, 2b.	4	1	0	0
Waters, cf.	3	2	0	1
Total	39	10	2	4

Enfield Man To Run For The House

A. M. Atkinson, of Enfield is announcing this week in the News his candidacy for re-election to the State House of Representatives, subject to the coming June Primary.

Mr. Atkinson is well-known throughout Halifax County. His colleagues in the State Assembly last year regarded him as an able law-maker and he made a good record.

Melvin J. Maas, Congressman from Minnesota: "Ship for ship and man for man, the American Navv is the superior of any navy on earth."

Trade with the merchant in Halifax County and get good bargains.

5 Local Boys Get Long Terms For Stealing

Blindfold Drive Route Mapped By The Great Kirma

On Monday, April 11, at noon, The Great Kirma, stage star at the Weldon Theatre all of that week, will make a blindfolded drive through the streets of Weldon. His itinerary follows:

At noon, zero hour, blindfolded in front of Weldon Motors, Inc., Ford agents, where he will start his death-defying dash.

Visit to Weldon Coca Cola Bottling Works, which is supplying nourishment for his sleeping subject.

Visit to Favorite Beauty Shoppe, which will beautify the young lady he will hypnotize Tuesday night.

Visit to Acme Grocery Company, sponsors of the hypnotic sleeping demonstration.

Visit and inspection of sleeping quarters for his subject, the showroom generously donated by Tilghman Furniture Company.

Visit to Weldon Theatre, and end of the drive.

A verdict of "guilty" was returned by a Superior Court jury in Jackson Tuesday against five South Weldon boys. They were charged with stealing a large quantity of cured hog meat and lard from the smokehouse of Bud Jones, who lives about 5 miles South of Jackson.

Elmo Harrison, 28 the ring-leader was sentenced to State Prison for a term of 4 to 6 years by Judge Clawson Williams, who presided over the court. While three of the others, William Crowder 23, Richard Crowder 25 and Richard Padgett 27, were given from 2 to 3 years. Henry Crowder, the youngest of the gang, received a sentence of from 12 to 18 months.

The quintet were charged with stealing about 650 lbs. of cured hams, shoulders and sides and two stands of lard from Jones who is an uncle of the Crowders, about three weeks ago.

Advance Sidewalk Paving Proposal

Unusually interesting, in view of the fact that most of the sidewalks here are covered with mud and water which plays havoc with spring footwear, is the announcement of the Town Board of a plan to have more paved sidewalks.

LIGHTING PLAN APPROVED

During their regular meeting Monday night the Town Board of Commissioners placed its approval on the plan to modernize the lighting in the two business blocks on Washington Avenue.

This plan originated and sponsored by the Weldon Merchants Association calls for seven new type light fixtures to be erected where five old lights are now, and and both the Virginia Electric and Power Company and Carolina Telephone Company officials have agreed to completely rebuild the present wiring system in these blocks. They plan to start on the project in the near future.

N. C. Cotton Growers Overlook Big Market

Every year North Carolina mills consume twice as much cotton as is grown in the State — but thousands of bales of North Carolina cotton must be exported because local mills don't want it.

Some mills send out to Texas and California for the kind of cotton they want, cotton that could be grown in this State, said P. H. Kime, agronomist at the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station.

The mills prefer a medium staple cotton from 15-16 to 11-16 inches in length and of good quality. When they buy, they want large, even-running lots of these lengths in order to produce a uniform grade of fabric.

North Carolina could supply a good part of this demand if growers in the different communities would "standardize" a good variety Kime added.

When all growers in a community plant the same strain of seed they reduce the chances of the seed becoming mixed with other strains and they produce fairly large quantities of uniform cotton. This is just what the mills are looking for.

Kime pointed out that if all strains producing staples shorter than 15-16 inch or longer than 11-16 inch were discontinued, there would still be too many varieties grown in the State. Five or six varieties should be enough for the entire State.

Whole counties and groups of counties would find it profitable to standardize one variety. They could put on the market huge lots of uniform cotton that would command a higher price, and buyers would be glad to pay it in order to get what they want.

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To Make No Concessions In Closed Fishing Season

Raleigh, April 6 — Requests for "lay" or open days for fishing during the 40-day closed season will uniformly be refused, John D. Chalf, Game and Inland Fish Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Development, said today after he had declined to permit Wake County residents permission to fish two days in each week.

The state fishing regulations forbid all fishing from April 1 to May 10, and Chalk said these regulations will be maintained.

The Wake delegation which called on the fish commissioner was accompanied by State Senator L. Y. Bellentine and Representative "Bill" Hatch and it was indicated — though no direct threat was made — that refusal to allow the two "lay" days might result in local legislation in the 1939 General assembly, something the Department frequently finds itself forced to fight.

Chalk pointed out that fishermen all over the state have an uninterrupted period of 225 days of fishing and that they may well give up the remaining 40 to assist in propagation of fish during the spawning season.

As for "lay days" within the closed season, the fish commissioner said they have been uniformly unsuccessful wherever tried. He cited the Federal regulations on migratory birds, formerly shooting three days a week was allowed and it was found that under such a system there was invariably a wild rush to hoot on those particular days, so that in the aggregate there was about as much as though there had been no closed days at all. A straight open season of 30 days a year was therefore put into effect and it was found that this is far more successful.

P. T. A. Will Sponsor Dance April 22nd.

The Parent-Teacher Association will sponsor a "Festival of Dance" presented by the pupils of Mrs. Thomas H. Holmes at the Weldon High School auditorium, Friday evening, April 22nd, at 8:00 o'clock.

The program this year will consist of three parts. The first "Budding" — A Mother Goose festival wherein the characters of folk lore step out of the pages of the Mother Goose book.

The second part will be a series of Taps, Folk and Aesthetic dances and the finale a skit called the "Modernist". A group of artists and models who give up real art to turn busters.

The proceeds of the festival will be the gift of the P. T. A. to the Weldon Community Center.

Town Plans To Hard Surface Sts.

Bids are being called for by Town authorities this week for 18,000 square yards of surface treating of local streets. This means that when the project is completed most of the streets in town will be hard surfaced.

Policeman Ward and family were recent visitors in South Carolina, where Mr. Ward visited his mother and father.