

WAR ON COTTON BOLL WEEVIL

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Have cotton farmers in Virginia and the Carolinas prepared to fight the weevil or are they going into the fight unprepared because they failed to destroy 1941 cotton stalks early last fall and neglected to do other things this spring that might have been done to get the crop off to a good start; such as selection of fields, proper preparation of soil, soil treatment, use of early fruiting and disease resisting varieties, close spacing and proper fertilization? These are important cultural practices that help greatly in the production of profitable crops of cotton in the presence of the boll weevil.

An early report (March 9th) of weevil hibernation at the Pee Dee Experiment Station, Florence, S. C. indicated that weevil emergence this season is or will be about the same as last year.

The weevil, like the Jap, does not wait for a declaration of war. We either fight and fight intelligently and actively or we lose to superior numbers and better equipment, which is just too bad.

If you are a cotton farmer and have made up your mind to fight the boll weevil in 1942, the most practical direct method for the control of the boll weevil is to protect the cotton with calcium arsenate at the time the plant is fruiting freely.

After the cotton is squaring freely, pick at weekly intervals 100 or more green squares from the plants in several parts of the field. Examine the squares for boll weevil punctures and when an average of 10 or more squares are punctured out of each 100 examined, make three applications of calcium arsenate at four or five day intervals, using 5 pounds of dust per acre pre application.

Repeat as soon as possible any applications washed off by rain within 24 hours. Starting one week after completing these dustings, additional samples of squares should be taken weekly until the crop is set. During the period whenever more than 15 squares are punctured out of each 100 squares examined, make an additional application of calcium arsenate. Should weevils become numerous after the crop is set, one or two applications of dust should be made to protect the bolls. Day time applications are effective.

Where lice (leaf aphids) cause damage, they may be controlled by including 2 per cent nicotine in alternate applications of calcium arsenate. The applications containing nicotine should be made in the afternoon.

Dusting cotton with mixture of equal parts of lime and calcium arsenate has given slightly more profitable returns in South Carolina than the use of undiluted calcium arsenate. The use of this mixture reduces the quantity of calcium arsenate needed, lessens the danger of soil injury and reduces somewhat the danger of serious infestation of plant lice. It is recommended for use especially on light sandy soils where danger of arsenical injury to the soil is a factor. The results with the lime calcium arsenate mixtures

have not been as satisfactory as with the undiluted calcium arsenate in the central part of the cotton belt, especially on the rank-growing cotton on fertile soils.

Applications of poison by mopping or dusting during the pre-square stage are recommended as a useful supplementary control measure. Pre-square poisoning can not be depended upon to control the weevil satisfactorily when used alone, as some of the over-wintered weevils reach the fields after cotton has begun to square. Pre-square poisoning kills the weevils that have survived the winter and have reached the cotton fields before the squares are large enough to attract them. This delays the date of serious infestation and thus reduces the number of later dustings that may be needed.

Due to the present emergency and possible scarcity of arsenicals and equipment, it is recommended that special emphasis be placed on cultural control methods.

Navy Offers High School Graduates Com. As Aviators

A new plan of recruiting under which high school graduates may qualify to become aviators with the rank of Ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve or Second Lt. in the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve has been approved by the Navy Department.

It marks the first time the Navy has offered young men with only a secondary education the opportunity to apply for flight training to commissioned officer status.

Recruiting will be begun in every section of the United States on Monday, April 27 and candidates between their 18th and 27th birthdays who have graduated from high school may apply.

Recruiting officials said the new plan will not interfere in any way with the Class V-1 program under which college students may enlist now to become aviators, deck or engineering officers and continue their education at least until the end of the second calendar year.

Both the recruiting and training of the candidates will be carried out under Class V-5 heretofore limited to men with not less than two year's college credits. "The Navy needs men to fly the finest, the fastest, the most powerful warplanes in the world—the Navy planes that strike first, strike hardest wherever the foe is found," a Navy Department spokesman said. "The Navy needs them urgently—now—today. It wants men of officer calibre; men who are physically fit and mentally alert; men trained to act, to command to leaders."

"Here's a challenge to every young American of courage and daring who is burning to fight for his country! A challenge to every man who is itching to see action against the enemy in the air—in America's first line of attack! It's youth's first opportunity to be commissioned as flying officers of the Navy."

Qualified candidates are to be sent to one of the new aviation induction centers—located at the Universities of Iowa, Georgia, North Carolina and at St. Mary's College at St. Mary's College, California—for three to four months of training devoted primarily to

"toughening" them for their place in the Navy.

Following this will come three months of primary flight training at a Naval Reserve Aviation Base. Successfully completing this second phase of their Navy education the candidates will be sent on to the great Naval Air Stations at either Pensacola, Florida or Corpus Christi, Texas for approximately three months advanced flight training.

Commissions as Ensigns in the U. S. Naval Reserve or Second Lt. in the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve await the candidates who successfully complete the course and win their "Navy Wings of Gold."

Throughout the entire training period candidates will be paid in accordance with their ratings. Aviation Cadets are paid \$75 a month, plus subsistence and uniforms. Upon completion of training, and appointment as Ensign in the Naval Reserve or Second Lieutenant in the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve they will receive \$205 a month, plus allowances.

High school graduates desiring to enroll in Class V-5 may obtain additional information at any Navy Recruiting Station.

NOTICE OF RE-SALE OF LAND

Under and by virtue of an order made by Hon. A. L. Hux, Clerk Superior Court of Halifax County, N. C., in that certain proceeding entitled: Katherine Harris, Mary Brown, et al. vs. Estelle Taylor and James Taylor, her husband, et al. I will on Saturday, May 9, 1942, at 12:00, o'clock, Noon, at the Post Office Door in the Town of Weldon, N. C., offer for resale at public auction, subject to the confirmation of the Court, the following described real estate, to-wit:

THAT TRACT or parcel of land lying situate in the Town of Weldon, N. C., and more particularly described as follows: Beginning on the North side of First Street at the intersection of Kay's or Hubbard's Alley, thence along said alley in a Northerly direction 127 feet to the corner of an old plank fence thence along said old plank fence in a easterly direction 50 feet to the Pierce-Gregory line; thence along Pierce-Gregory line in a Southerly direction to First Street; thence along First Street in a Westerly direction 50 feet to the point of beginning, said lot fronting 50 feet on the North side of First Street, and running back in a Northerly direction between parallel lines 127 feet, and being the home place of the late Georgia Hubbard.

This 24th day of April, 1942.
ALBERT W. OAKES, Jr.
Commissioner.

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Oh, Sugar

BY J. E. JONES

Washington, R. C., April 30 -- Some of the greatest battles of the first World War were waged over sugar—at the breakfast, lunch and dinner tables. The Government set up State rationing, county rationing, local rationing, school rationing, registers rationing and other racy rationing programs.

The Administrator for this war puts the sad news into a booklet. He says it takes 28,800,000 pounds a day of sugar to feed Americans. In normal times 27 per cent of our sugar has come from the Philippine Island and Hawaii another 35 per cent from the West Indies; and homegrown sugar has furnished 38 per cent—which in plain figures shows that 73 per cent or nearly one third of the sugar supply, has been raised at home or at our doorstep.

The amount of beet and cane sugar normally raised in the United States is about 2,208,000 tons the most of which has been raised in Louisiana, Texas and Florida have been kept on the "idle acres list" with bounties from the Government to hold down their cane sugar production. Beet sugar has been "discouraged" so long that the industry has not flourished. U. S. sugar production has been a violation of "planned agriculture"—badly planned. Senator Andrews of Florida recently said -- "We can without delay produce in my state many times the sugar now being produced." And Senator Pepper of the same state put his finger on the fundamental vice of the sugar planning system when he said "It is a pretty severe restraint to a person that he cannot grow sugar cane on his own land, and that he cannot refine the output in his own factory."

The Agricultural Adjustment Administration has restrained farmers from raising sugar beets, or refiners from refining sugar. At the same time there has been what in peacetime would be called "propaganda," to the effect that all the sugar facilities of Cuba, Puerto Rico, Hawaii and the Phil-

ippines should have a monopoly on sugar production.

You don't have to follow the subject very far to realize that there is convincing truth in the protests made to Congress against sugar production restraints in the United States. Or, to put it more plainly, this scare about a sugar shortage does not seem to be very well supported by the facts in the case, inasmuch as all the shortage that we always have from the Caribbean growers. But trot along to the school house and get your rationing cards!

Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers To Vote In Referendum May 25th To 28th.

The Agricultural Marketing Administration has announced that a referendum will be held May 25 through May 28 for 49 flue cured tobacco markets in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, to determine whether these markets shall be designated for free and mandatory inspection of all tobacco passing over the auction sales floor.

The referendum will cover the following North Carolina Markets, Aberdeen, Ahoskie, Burlington, Carthage, Chadbourne, Clarkton, Durham, Fair Bluff, Fairmont, Henderson, Kinston, Louisburg, Lumberton, Madison, Mehane, Mt. Airy, Rocky Mount, Roxboro, Sanford, Smithfield, Stoneville, Taber City, Wallace, Warrenton, Washington, Whiteville, Wilson and Winston-Salem in North Carolina.

Twenty-six flue cured markets are already designated in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. If two thirds of the growers voting approve tobacco inspection, the markets named above will be designated for free and mandatory inspection service. The service will be inaugurated thereon as rapidly as conditions permit and tobacco will be graded at no cost to the grower.

Under the Tobacco Inspection Act, all growers who sold at auction on these markets last season insofar as their names and addresses are known. Growers who do not receive ballots by mail may get them from their county agent or from the office of the County Agricultural Conservation Association.

Growers who patronize markets on which the inspection service is conducted have access to a daily market report showing average prices by grade. With grades plainly indicated on each lot and price reports for the previous day's sale on each grade, growers have a reliable guide for use in accepting or rejecting bids offered. This inspection and market news service is free to growers.

Executive Board And Halifax County Medical Aux. Luncheon

On Friday, April 24, Mrs. F. W. M. White entertained the Executive Board and Halifax County Medical Auxiliary and special guests at her home in Halifax.

Guests were served a three course luncheon from the dining room table which had as its centerpiece an arrangement of lilac, iris and pink tulips.

Following the luncheon an executive board meeting was held at which time Mrs. Sidney Smith of Raleigh, State President of the

Classified Ads

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Medical Auxiliary explained the purpose and objective of the Auxiliary.

Those enjoying Mrs. White's hospitality were Mrs. Sidney Smith of Raleigh, Mrs. P. G. Fox, Raleigh, counselor of the 6th District and Mrs. Cecil Neville, Scotland Neck, Mrs. W. G. Suiter, Weldon, Mesdames Crocker Maddrey, Hall, R. M. Bardin of Roanoke Rapids, Mrs. P. W. Joyner, Enfield and H. A. Cole of Roanoke Rapids.

Navy Ex-Service Men Can Now Meet Requirements

Hundreds of ex service men in this state who previously could not meet Navy age requirements now can qualify for re-enlistment in the Navy under new regulations announced today.

Men with broken service records who were honorably discharged from the Navy now can be as old as 36 years plus the length

of previous Navy service in years, and, if physically and otherwise qualified, can again serve their country in an active duty capacity.

In most cases they will be re-enlisted with the same rating they held upon discharge or with a higher rating, depending on the length and character of previous service and their experience since discharge. Previous regular Navy service will be credited to ex-service men for longevity pay purposes and for computing service toward transfer to the fleet reserve and retirement.

If the age limit computed under the new regulation is 50 years or over, special approval must be obtained before re-enlistment is authorized.

The new regulation is expected to re-open the field of active Navy service to a large number of men who can be of valuable aid to their country during the war. Recruiting stations throughout the state have been informed of the regulation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Anthony and Mrs. George Joyner spent Sunday with relatives in Enfield. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Anthony and Mrs. George Joyner spent Tuesday in Suffolk where Mr. Branch Worsham is very ill.

Plans have been worked out with dentists whereby Northampton County 4-H Club members will receive dental attention at half price during April, reports Assistant Farm Agent H. G. Spang.

NITROGEN
A large number of Wilson County farmers are planning to grow more legumes this year so that they will be able to supply much of their nitrogen needs for 1943.

ROTENONE
Imports of rotenone, important garden insecticide, have been shut off from Malaya and the Netherlands East Indies, thus causing the War Production Board to curtail the use of this substance.

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