

## Veteran Class Visits Experiment Station

### 36 Young Farmers Are Benefitted By Observations

The veterans' farm training class of Chowan High School visited the Tidewater Field Station at Holland, Va., Monday. The Tidewater Field Station is a sub-station of the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station and was set up primarily to study peanuts. However, as was observed by the veterans, the scope of the station now embraces several field crops and livestock production.

Upon arriving at the station the 36 young farmers were greeted by E. T. Batten, superintendent of the station, and Mr. Batten conducted the tour of the farm. The first experiment now in progress observed by the ex-service men was the use of penta-chlorophenol and fuel oil as a substitute for creosol in coating fence posts. If the method is successful, it will provide a cheaper and more practical means of preserving farm posts.

The peanut tests observed involved fertilizer practices, variety tests, crop rotation and use of 2-4-D as a weed control, which greatly aroused the interest of the veterans. Mr. Batten stated that for six weeks after planting there was no need for plowing at all to destroy weeds in the 2-4-D test and that it is his opinion that peanuts can be grown successfully without any hoe labor through use of the weed killer.

Corn variety tests and plant thickness and the development of corn hybrids were seen on the tour. Mr. Batten was especially high in his praise of Dixie 17, Pioneer 510 and U. S. 262. To the surprise of the group, the superintendent recommended a low nitrogen fertilizer for corn, his reasons being that bothersome suckers are avoided and that nitrogen can best be used for corn as a side dressing.

In the soybean tests the S-100 and Lincoln varieties showed up good for early hogging. Wood's yellow and Ogden varieties appeared to be best for the oil market.

The veterans farm training program for Chowan High School is under the supervision of E. S. White, teacher of agriculture. Mr. White asks any veteran who is eligible for this training and who is interested in entering the training to contact him at the agriculture building at Chowan High School.

## BASEBALL

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Edenton 7, Hertford 5

In Hertford Wednesday night of last week, the Edenton Colonials won their third consecutive game from the Indians 7-5 to sport a 3-1 edge in the semi-finals play-off series. The Colonials had an up-hill fight on their hands, coming from behind when the Indians gained a 4-run lead in the first three innings. The Indians scored two runs in each of the second and third innings and added their final run in the eighth. Harmon Young hit a home run for the Indians in the second, scoring Kimbrell ahead of him.

The Colonials were unable to score until the fourth inning, when one run was tallied, but in each of the sixth, seventh and eighth two runs were registered, which lead the Indians were unable to overcome.

Garman, who trimmed the Colonials in the first semi-finals game, was again on the mound, but was less effective than in the first game. The Colonials solved his slants to the tune of 13 hits, so that he was yanked from the mound in the ninth. John George finished the game without yielding any hits.

Lester Jordan went the entire route on the mound for the Colonials and allowed seven hits.

Trot Leary led at bat for the Colonials, getting three hits. Hoch, Joe Wheeler and Bohonko made two hits each. Sires was the best Indian slugger with three hits to his credit.

Edenton 7, Hertford 1

The Colonials wound up the semi-finals series Thursday night on Hicks Field, when they completely out-classed the Hertford Indians by a score of 7 to 1.

Bill Herman, on the mound for the Colonials, pitched a spectacular game, looking at one time as though he would turn in a no-run, no-hit game. He held the Indians hitless until the eighth inning, when Nowell and Young singled and in the final frame Bella singled. The three singles were all the hits made off Herman.

The Indians' lone run was made in the eighth, when Nowell hit to left field. Joe Wheeler made a desperate attempt to make a shoe-string catch in order to prevent the first hit of the game for the Indians, but the ball got away from him and Nowell reached third base. He scored on Young's single. In the final inning Bergeron walked and Bella singled. Cayton singled out and the Colonials made a double play, ending the scoring threat.

The Colonials scored a run in each of the first and second, with the bases loaded twice in the initial frame. John George, Indian moundsman, started off very wild, walking Hoch and Joe Wheeler, the first two batters to face him. Bohonko then bunted and Hoch was safe on the play at third. Hoch

was later forced at home by Pratt's grounder. With three still on bases, Leary fanned, and Wheeler scored when a wild pitch by George passed Sires, Hertford's catcher. Bohonko flied out to end the scoring.

In the second Murphy walked and Pratt singled. Herman popped out, after which Hoch singled and Murphy raced home. Wheeler and Bohonko both hit flies for easy outs.

Two runs were marked up in the sixth. Leary and Fulghum singled in succession and were advanced on Murphy's sacrifice. Pratt then hit a neat single to right field, scoring Leary and Fulghum.

Three hits and a walk netted three runs in the seventh. Wheeler doubled and Bohonko singled, with Wheeler scoring. Parker was out on a fly, after which Leary walked. Fulghum singled, scoring Bohonko and Leary.

John George started on the mound for Hertford, but was taken out in the seventh after one out and two were on bases. Morton finished the game, allowing only one more hit. The Colonials touched George for eight hits. Pratt, Bohonko and Fulghum led the Colonial batters with two hits each.

## Loan Rates On 1948 Cotton Are Released

### Amounts Based Upon Staple Lengths and Grades

Government loan rates on the 1948 cotton crop have been announced, says C. W. Overman, county agent. A copy of these loan rates may be obtained at the county agricultural office.

Loan rates are based upon staple lengths and grades. Staple lengths in the loan table range from 15/16 inch to 1 1/4 inch. For instance, the loan rate on middling grade 15/16 inch staple is 31.37 and 1 1/4 inch, same grade, is 43.67 cents per pound. Therefore, the loan price on middling cotton will range from 31.37 to 43.61 cents per pound. The range in loan prices is as follows:

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"As soon as your cotton is ginned, have your ginner or a certified sampler draw cut samples from your bales," says Mr. Overman. "Send these samples to the Board of Cotton Examiners, Raleigh, N. C. You will receive a class card showing the grade and staple of each bale thus sampled. On your loan table, check the grade and staple for your cotton and you can determine the loan value. With this information you will be in a position to intelligently market your cotton or put it in Government Loan."

## Parcel Post Big Cog In Postal Service

### Poundage Soars From Few Million to Billions Of Pounds

The advent of speedier nationwide worldwide air parcel post service September 1 brings back to minds of old-timers the introduction of similar surface operations 35 years ago. It was in 1913, according to Postmaster Silas Whedbee of Hertford that parcel post first made its appearance in the United States.

The service at that time was established primarily to aid farmers and hamlets, located off the beaten paths, in expediting their products to market and, in turn, receiving sorely needed goods from larger cities. However, mail order houses and other establishments were quick to realize its value.

Transportation facilities in those days were still slow and tedious. Motor-driven vehicles were few and the roads which they traversed were frequently impassable. Too, trains were giving off more sparks and smoke than speed. There were no commercial planes in those days, either, and only the foolhardy visioned the rapid approach of this air age.

Then it took days to transport parcel post packages across the country. Some parcels were forced to go by virtually every movable conveyance before they reached their destination—particularly to the more remote sectors.

From that modest beginning, parcel post has grown to become an integral cog in the far-flung American postal operations. Its annual poundage, keeping step with the progress of transportation, has soared from a few million to billions of pounds of assorted commodities.

Still determined to employ the fastest means of transportation to move the mails, the Post Office Department will add the link necessary to give the United States the world's

most highly specialized doorstep delivery service with the launching of the new nationwide-worldwide air parcel post, said Postmaster Whedbee.

## SPORTS AFIELD

By Ted Kesting

"I am entirely convinced that the color of a lure does make considerable difference on the many days when they're (bass) not striking well." That Jason Lucas, well known authority on bass, talking.

He finds that a red-and-white plug brings best results if it's shallow running. Silver scale and bronze scale are very good on shallow running lures. But these are also good in deep fishing. The same might be said of orange.

However, in deeper fishing there doesn't seem to be a rule regarding size, action or color which works consistently. It's a case of trying everything until one finds what they want at the time.

In the hot weather of mid-summer when the best bet of all is to fish the very bottom in quite deep water, Lucas is satisfied with a plain white plug or one mostly white, and one of a dirty-brown color.

You'll find one retrieve is all that is necessary. Let the lure sink clear to the bottom and rest a moment, then sweep it along a little distance; not too rapidly, and let it sink and rest again. Then watch out for the outside granddaddies!

A bass seems to prefer to hide behind weeds, stone, or logs and spring out on passing prey. He usually strikes in the middle or toward the head. For that reason, in bass fishing Lucas removes a spinner placed well ahead of the lure; too many will strike the spinner and miss the hooks.

Contrary to common belief, a bass rarely strikes a plug hard, but generally takes it lightly in his lips. The usual angler works his lure far too rapidly to be aware of this. A slow lure will nearly always get more strikes than a fast one. But there can be no daydreaming. The angler must be wide-awake and ready to set the hook in a flash. This is par-

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particularly true in surface fishing. In surface lures color doesn't seem to matter much. It appears to be the action, the ripples and little splashes that count most. But here, as everywhere, the longer a plug remains within feeding range of a logy bass the more likely he is to take it. It should be moved or twitched occasionally to let him think it is alive... something that has fallen on the water and is partly stunned.

## Farmers Are Advised To Check Fire Safety

### Examination of Fire Extinguishers Important, Says County Agent

If past experience means anything, September should be designated "Check Your Fire Extinguisher" month, C. W. Overman, county agent for the State College Extension Service, suggested this week.

Fire hazards increase during the winter months, the agent said, pointing out that generally favorable weather conditions following Labor Day allow plenty of time for overhauling heating plants and for mak-

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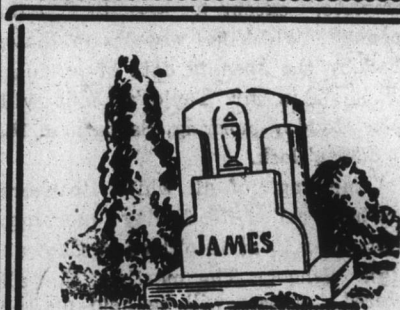
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ing sure that all fire protection equipment is in good order."

Mr. Overman said that figures released by Fire Protection Institute, national safety organization, show that October fire losses in this country last year increased 37 per cent over totals for September. The October loss totalled nearly \$55,000,000, he said.

"Many of those losses could have been prevented if property owners had taken time last September to eliminate fire hazards and to make certain that fire extinguishers and other first aid equipment were in good condition."

The county agent listed two basic rules to keep in mind in checking extinguishers. "First, be sure it is an approved extinguisher, which means a unit that comes up to standards endorsed by Underwriters' Laboratories



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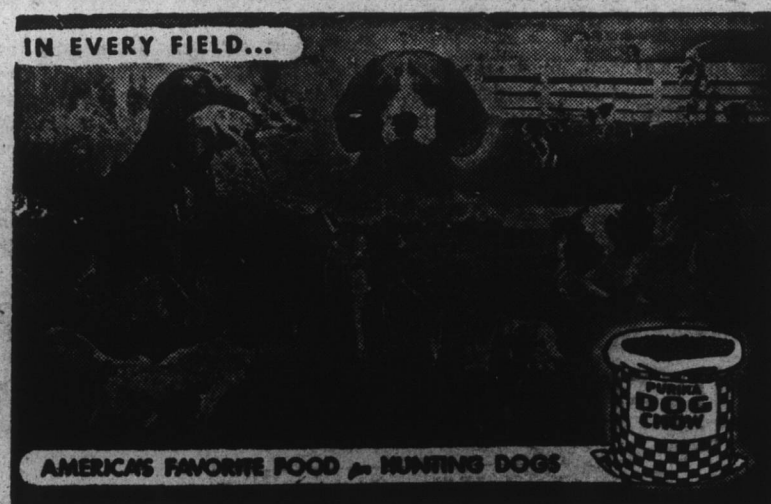
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