

Boll Weevil Making Bid For Cotton Crop

County Agent Advises Continuation of Cotton Dusting

"Share-Cropper Boll Weevil is trying his best to get a good share of the cotton crop," says County Agent C. W. Overman.

The nine dusted fields examined on last week showed from three to 25 per cent punctured squares and they averaged 12 per cent of the squares punctured. Five of these fields had less than 10 per cent punctured squares. Most of them had, in the past two weeks, not been dusted which accounts for the increase in punctured squares, most likely resulting from weevils migrating in from other fields. The three undusted fields showed 50 per cent, 46 per cent and 62 per cent punctured squares. Much of the fruit has shed from these undusted fields and the weevil appeared to be very happy with the toll he had taken.

Growers are being advised to use the boll worm dust as well as the weevil insecticide from now on. Where cotton hasn't been dusted for the past two weeks it is believed it is advisable to dust this week, particularly to control the boll worm which is gradually showing greater appearance.

The extremely dry weather has been relieved to some extent with a good rain on Monday night and Wednesday. The rain extended over the entire county, a little heavier in some spots than in others, but a welcomed rain just the same.

Take Soil Samples Now For Fall Crops

Now is a good time to have soil samples tested from fields to be planted to Ladino clover pastures, small grains and other fall crops, according to W. C. Johnson, soil testing specialist with the State Department of Agriculture.

Johnson says many of these soils may need lime and says it is best to apply the lime and work it into the soil two or three months before the crop is planted. And it is always best to apply sufficient lime to last several years. A soil test is the only sure way of knowing just how much lime is needed.

Johnson says that in order to obtain the best results from soil tests, farmers should follow sampling instructions printed on the back of the



Ready for a refreshing dip on a hot summer afternoon, this attractive vacationer wears an eye-catching swim suit in cotton printed with a snowflake pattern. The suit is styled by Catalina with a side strap and half skirt in front, National Cotton Council fashionists note.

information sheet, which can be obtained from local agricultural agencies, along with sampling boxes and mailing cartons.

Fields should be divided for sampling according to past cropping, fertilization, liming practices, and differences in soil conditions. The farmer should take at least one sample for every five-acre area. "The principle in taking a good soil sample," Johnson says, "is to obtain a slice or core of soil from the plow layer (usually six inches) from 15 to 20 spots scattered over the field." All of these cores or slices should be put into one box to represent the soil in the area on which information is desired. Send the samples to the Soil Testing Division, State Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, and in about two weeks you get a report showing the results of the tests and suggestions as to liming and fertilization practices for the crops to be grown for the next three years.

Male Dove of Peace

"Jack and I have parted forever."
"Good gracious! What does that mean?"
"A five-pound box of candy in about an hour."

Examination To Fill Edwin Gill's Place

Lack of Applications Results In Extension Of Time

A civil service examination to fill the position of District Director of Internal Revenue for North Carolina, with offices in Greensboro, is now open. This vacancy was caused by the resignation of Mr. Edwin Gill to become State Treasurer.

The examination is restricted to legal or actual residents of the State of North Carolina. Applicants for District Director must show at least six years of "successful, extensive and significant" administrative experience. Also, they must undergo personal interview and an investigation of character, suitability, and qualifications. The Commission will put emphasis on personal and official integrity, objectivity of judgment, leadership qualities, ability to interpret and apply laws and regulations, and ability to deal effectively with commercial organizations and the public.

The announcement was originally issued with a closing date of July 27, 1953. However, due to the insufficient number of applications received, the Director, Fourth U. S. Civil Service Region, Third and Jefferson Drive, S. W., Washington 25, D. C., will accept applications until the close of business August 10.

Additional information concerning the examination is available at post offices in North Carolina and at the Commission's Fourth Regional Office in Washington.

Several Flocks Sick Poultry Are Reported

According to County Agent C. W. Overman, several flocks of sick poultry have been reported in the county. In some cases the disease has been diagnosed and found to be rather serious.

When disease appears in a poultry flock a thorough clean up and disinfection of the premises should be made. The disease should be diagnosed by the owner, if possible, and recommended treatment followed. If the owner does not recognize the trouble then an agricultural worker, a hatcherman or someone else who is familiar with poultry diseases should be called in to make a diagnosis. If the disease appears at all serious from four to six live specimens of the sick birds should be sent to the Poultry Laboratory at N. C. State College, Raleigh.

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