

An Electrification Workshop Held For Albemarle District

Valuable Instruction Is Given In Sessions at Hertford

A four day Rural Electrification workshop has been completed for vocational agriculture teachers in the Albemarle District. T. B. Elliott, district supervisor of Agriculture education in 20 Northeastern counties was in charge of the classes which were held in Hertford during July. Instruction at the Hertford center was provided by rural representatives of the Virginia Electric and Power Company.

The Hertford center for Vocational Agriculture teachers in Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck, Perquimans, Chowan, Gates, Martin, Washington, and Tyrrell counties is but one of 20 centers throughout the state where similar workshops in rural electrification were held. Instruction at other centers were provided by other major power suppliers in North Carolina. The Virginia Electric and Power Company provided instructors for two other centers at Rich Square and Chocowinity.

The workshop in Hertford began on Tuesday, July 7, and was held each Tuesday until four meetings were held. The instruction covered the properties of a properly wired house and an inspection of a house wired, selection of electrical equipment for the farm, proper wiring for other farm buildings, and the inspection of a farm that has been wired.

The Virginia Electric and Power Company instructors at Hertford indicated the belief that the use of electricity on the farm was just beginning. They said that experts believe the use of electricity on the farm will better than double within the next ten years. Mr. Elliott said, "with the use of electricity on farms increasing so rapidly, the vocational agriculture teacher will no doubt be faced with many problems in extending its use to include more and more farm operations. These rural electrification workshops should enable the teacher to help the farmer in solving these problems."

Mr. Elliott also explained that this was the second such workshop which has been held in North Carolina on Rural Electrification. The workshop last year pertained largely to the use of electricity in the farm home and a certain amount of actual repair work was done by the teachers.

Junior Dairy Cattle Shows Will Be Held

A district Negro junior dairy cattle show will be held in Elizabeth City Thursday, August 13, in which Chowan boys will place some entries. The show heretofore was held at Rocky Mount, where Chowan boys have won several honors.

A show for white boys will be held at New Bern on Wednesday, September 16.

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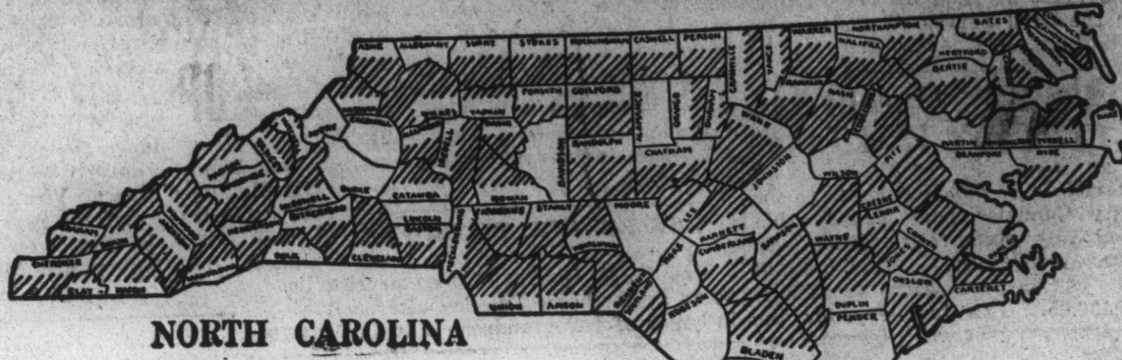
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The county making the greatest record of progress in 1953 will be acclaimed "County of the Year in Rural Progress" and receive a \$1000 cash prize while a \$500 prize will be given to the winning county in each of the state's five other extension districts. The \$3500 for these prizes has been given by the North Carolina Press Association, FCX, The Progressive Farmer, News and Observer, and Gordon Gray. A special prize of \$500 goes to the County whose Negro farmers make the finest record of progress.

It will be noted that Chowan is among the counties enrolled in this campaign.

News About Clubs In Chowan County

By MRS. IMOGENE COCHRANE
Home Demonstration Agent

A group of Home Demonstration Club members from the various clubs throughout the county and 4-H club members met Monday afternoon in the Chowan Community Building for the purpose of helping plan the program of work for the Home Demonstration Clubs for the coming year. Although it might seem rather early for such planning, it takes a great deal of time and thought in developing a program which fits the needs of the peoples in the county.

First of all the group reviewed the long-time objectives and goals set up for 1953 in order to see just what had been accomplished in their clubs and communities this year. Some of the long-time county objectives which have been set up are: (1) A good Home Demonstration Club in every community; (2) Every community organized and participating in community development; (3) Telephone service available for every farm family; (4) A community center in every community; (5) A good recreation program for all ages; (6) More convenient and attractive houses; (7) Improved roadsides and yards. We realize these things cannot be accomplished in one year, but may cover a number of years and there is still much work to be done in every community. In discussing the goals which were set up for 1953 the women discovered their clubs had fallen short in many ways, and much work is needed to reach them. Some of these goals included new club members in each club, better trained officers and leaders and better attendance at Farmand Home Week. The meeting continued with the women dividing into groups to discuss the various phases of Home Demonstration work. The groups discussed the present situation and needs of the families in their communities and made suggestions as to what could be done to help meet these problems. These suggestions will be compiled and sent to the members of the Program Planning Committee for any additional recommendations, after which the final plans will be prepared.

Club Schedule:
Chowan Club—Chicken fry at Community Building on Monday, August 10, at 6:00 P. M.
Ward Club—Picnic supper at Hertford Beach on Wednesday, August 12, at 3:00 P. M.

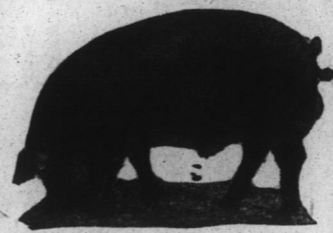
Dangerous Spot

An authentic V mail letter written by a Tennessee lad read as follows: "Dear Pa: I'm in a tight spot, cooped up here in this ship with guns and ammunition, submarines and bombers and Yankees all around me. Tell Ma not to worry."

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Question: How can I convert hard non-porous soil into good tobacco plant bed land?

Answer: Efforts to change the consistency of your soil may not be desirable if suitable land is available within five miles. However, there are several ways of improving the organic content and physical condition of soil for plant production. You can haul in dark rich loamy soil or woody dirt. You can incorporate three or four inches of well rotted sawdust with the upper four or five inches of soil in the fall so that it will be well rotted in the spring. Heavy stable manure can be mixed with the soil in the fall before treating with methyl bromide or other chemical for weed-control. You can try krlilium or other soil conditioners on a small scale at first. Grow a heavy stand of cro-talaria on the site in the summer and disk it into the soil in early September. Or you can locate the bed near a disease free water supply so the surface of the soil can be kept moist in dry weather.

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