

## Insect Damage To Cotton In Chowan Showing Increase

Survey Monday Shows More Damage Than Expected

The boll weevil must have rained on Chowan cotton fields during the last week, according to County Agent C. W. Overman. The boll weevil infestation is about four times what it was one week ago.

The cotton insect survey made on Monday of this week was considerably heavier than expected. In fields that were dusted last week, an average of 17 per cent of the squares were punctured. On fields that were not dusted last week an average of 55 per cent of the squares were punctured. For example, a field that had 7 per cent punctured squares last week had 25 per cent punctured squares this week. Another field which had 4 per cent punctured squares last week had 20 per cent punctured squares this week. So the comparisons go. The punctures are freshly made. There were more boll weevils found in the fields this week than all the rest of the season put together by many times.

"A good application of dust applied immediately should do much to kill out the present population of weevils," says Mr. Overman. "The length of its effectiveness will depend on whether or not rain follows. Cotton is attaining a rather large growth in many fields. Dusting with ground equipment will no doubt break some of the limbs and some of the tops. While this will damage the plant, it may be an advantage in opening up the plant so that sunlight can get in. Squares that are knocked off the plants by dusting equipment will practically all fall anyway because they are punctured or are loose due to normal shedding.

"This has been a most difficult

year to make conclusive recommendations on controlling the boll weevil. Up until two weeks ago all indications were that the infestation of boll weevil was very light and in no fields did it justify treating. Now during the last two weeks, rains have come handicapping the effectiveness of dusting and the boll weevil has increased by leaps and bounds."

Light red spider infestations were found in a few fields. Growers should watch their fields carefully for red spider and dust with Parathion if the cotton is infested. Boll weevil dusts used now should contain DDT to control the boll worm. The boll worm infestation in dusted fields this week appeared to be very light.

## New Army Recruiter For Albemarle Area

M/Sgt. Sherman D. Owen, Army recruiter for the Albemarle area has announced that a new Army recruiter has been assigned to this area and started in his new duties on Monday, July 30. Sergeant First Class Morris M. Williams of Senatobia, Mississippi, comes to the Albemarle area from Fort Bragg, where he has been assigned as motor sergeant for the 83d Field Artillery Battalion.

Sergeant Williams is a veteran of World War II. He took basic training with the 31st Dixie Division in 1940 at Camp Blanding, Florida, and was assigned to one of the engineer units that constructed the Alaskan highway during 1942 and 1943. He went to Europe in 1944, where he served with the 3d Army. He served in Korea and Japan in 1954 and 1955.

Sergeant Williams wears the European Campaign Medal with four battle stars, the pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon for service before December 7, 1941, American Defense Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Occupation Medal for World War II, World War II Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal and the U. S. Presidential Unit Citation.

Sergeant Williams and his wife have taken up residence at the

Rhodes Trailer Park on Hughes Boulevard in Elizabeth City. They have one daughter, age 4, who is now staying with relatives in Mississippi.

## Revival Services At Whiteville Church Begin August 5th

The Rev. J. Paul Holoman, pastor of the Whiteville Baptist Church at Belvidere, announces a revival meeting in his church which will begin Sunday morning, August 5 at the 11 o'clock service. Revival meetings will be held each night during the week, including Saturday night, at 8 o'clock. The meeting will come to a close at the 11 o'clock service Sunday, August 12.

Mr. Holoman will deliver the sermons for the series of meetings and the public is cordially invited to attend any or all of the services.

## Pulpwood Production Still Shows Increase

Pulpwood production increased again during 1955 in Western North Carolina, according to Fred E. Whitfield, State College extension forestry specialist.

Approximately 265,160 cords of pine, hardwoods, and Chestnut were sold to pulp mills last year. This represents an increase of 18,933 cords over the previous year.

The value of this wood is figured at nearly 3½ million dollars at retail pricing or an increase in value of nearly \$90,000 over 1954.

Whitfield says that a recent economic study indicates that pulpwood production will be 83 per cent higher within 20 years as new uses are found.

Based on 1955 values, this would mean pulpwood production would represent a six million dollar industry, Whitfield adds.

Not Yet

It must have been very dark in Noah's ark.

Yes, sir. Y'see, the arc light had not been installed.

## WASHINGTON REPORT

Adjournment. Senator W. Kerr Scott, like every other member of Congress, breathed a sigh of relief last week as the final curtain was pulled on the 84th Congress.

For the Senator, it was the end of a very successful legislative year in matters of particular interest to the State of North Carolina.

There were many measures, Scott said, enacted into law that were of special importance to the Tar Heel State.

As a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, Scott figured prominently in the enactment of new farm legislation. Although Scott still has misgivings about many features of the new farm program, he feels that there are several items in it of special importance to North Carolina farmers.

Among them are the provisions that give an additional 16,000 acres of cotton to North Carolina; a provision that permits farmers to maintain acreage history for crops with acreage controls without planting them each year; and liberalized regulations for farm credit.

Water. Scott feels that his most important overall accomplishments came in the field of water resources.

He engineered the appropriation of funds for a complete survey of the water resources of the Neuse River Basin and played a key role in Congress approving some \$2.5 million for flood control and navigation.

He also helped author the new hurricane and flood insurance law.

General. As a member of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee, Scott conducted a long series of hearings on legislation that gives post office and civil service employees large increases in retirement payments—about 25 per cent in all.

Toward the end of the session, Scott was spending a large percentage of his time conducting hearings on a postage rate increase bill that was passed by the House but bogged down in the Senate committee.

Next week, Scott will be going to Chicago for the Democratic Convention. Meanwhile, he hopes to get in a few days of rest and relaxation.

## Cotton Quiz

WHAT IS THE SOUTH'S LARGEST INDUSTRIAL PAYROLL?



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## \$570,000 Is Asked For Oregon Inlet

Heading the list of channel and harbor projects for 1956-57 in Eastern North Carolina is a request of some \$570,000 for a 14-foot channel through Oregon Inlet on the Outer Banks, according to a report by the Corps of Engineers' District Office at Wilmington.

The Oregon Inlet request also includes a channel 12 feet deep from the inlet to deep water in Pamlico Sound. This two-fold project was authorized by Congress seven years ago but no funds have been appropriated to do the work.

Other improvements asked for

include seven-foot channels at the east and west ends of Markers Island, a six-foot channel and basin at Marshallberg, and a 12-foot channel in Far Creek at Engelhard.

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