

## AROUND THE FARMS IN CHOWAN COUNTY

By C. W. OVERMAN, Chowan County Agent

**The Cotton Insect Situation** looks very good at the present time. On Friday and Monday, eleven fields scattered over Chowan County were surveyed. There were no punctured squares or weevils found in three fields, six of the fields contained 1% punctured squares, one field contained 2%, and one field in Yeopim community contained 15% punctured squares.

According to this survey there is no need to begin dusting this week. I would like to urge each cotton grower to examine his own field carefully. Examine 100 squares scattered over the field, only one square at each

during the hotter part of the day to keep the hogs cool. Flies are still a problem even though frequent spraying is done. Mr. Rogerson is thinking of constructing a pit to catch the waste from his platform, then the waste can be spread on the land for its fertility value.

**Mulch Planted Crops** appear to be coming up to a good stand. The growers on whose farms mulch planting demonstrations were conducted have been fortunate in that some showers fell to give more moisture for seed germination.

**Soybean and Grain Sorghum Demonstrations** were planted with Tom Asbell on the E. L. Winslow farm near Cross Roads last Friday. These were planted on land following small grain harvest.

The soybean variety test demonstration contains four varieties: Ogden, Hood, Experiment Station No. D53-526, and Lee.

The grain sorghum variety test demonstration contains eleven varieties: P-50A, E-56A, C-44A, F-63, R-10, R-12, Texas 620, D-55, X-49, F-62A, and Martin. We plan to get yield records on both of these demonstrations as well as observe them during the growing season.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

does not necessarily rest on its acknowledgement of God, nor does this indicate that a nation is specially favored by God. Nazi Germany had once great power. It led her into dangerous policies; and, in the end, did not save her from an ignominious defeat at the hands of nations who were willing to fight for what they believed was right.

Moses had some things to say to his people that relate to this question of might and size. In stressing that Israel was a holy, chosen people, he pointed out that it was not selected for its size, but because God loved Israel and chose it of his own accord. Moses emphasized that the purpose of the Law is to preserve the life brought into being by redeeming grace. The act of God's grace is kept permanent by continued obedience—not blind obedience, but a steadfast loyalty.

In the times which confront us today, as a nation, when we look at ourselves honestly and objectively, do we see a nation whose trust is in God, whose primary reliance is on integrity and spiritual power? Or do we see a nation whose primary reliance is on military might, the atom bomb, and the H-bomb, backed up by the race to arm with nuclear weapons? Wherein lies our trust? Where does God fit into our thinking in all this? Is he just a last resort to whom we turn after we have exhausted our own resources, failed in our own strength? How do we reconcile

the words "In God We Trust" with the way we are acting, and with what we are prepared to do to the peoples of other nations if war should come?

Surely our real strength is not found in material things—though it may be reflected in what we DO with material things. Although many people today speak as if the Christian way of life and the American way of life were one and the same things, we know that nearly half of our people belong to no church. Yet the sovereignty of God is fundamental in every aspect of personal and social existence. We came into being only because of God and his creative purpose. We continue to live because of the laws by which he governs his amazingly dependable universe. Let us cherish this great gift of life and seek to enrich all our relationships with an awareness of God's active concern and constant presence. Only if we do this can we, as a great nation, light the way of his troubled world which looks to us for leadership into the paths which God intended his children to follow.

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### RE-ENLISTS

Senior Master Sergeant Chas. R. Knotts, husband of the former Evelyn L. Byrum of Tyner, has re-enlisted in the U. S. Air Force for a period of four years. Sgt Knotts has already completed 20 years of military service, seven years of which were spent overseas.

Knotts is presently assigned with the MARS Station (Military Affiliate Radio System), 2750th Air Base Wing, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, near Dayton, Ohio.

He and his wife are now living at Dayton, Ohio.

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