

Chowan County Cotton Farmers Praised For "Excellent Crop"

BY MURRAY GOODWIN
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"Chowan County cotton farmers do have an excellent cotton crop," said Clucie Peedin, extension chairman for Halifax County at the end of the Chowan Swine and Cotton Tour on September 10. All fields visited by tour group members have a potential of two bales per acre.

Without exception the 80 farmers, businessmen, cotton experts, preachers and just ordinary laymen on swine-cotton tour were loud in their praise of the work of Chowan County cotton farmers. Ed Ogle, Hercules, Inc., fieldman said, "Your insect control program is outstanding. I don't see any insect damage."

This is a real compliment to Frank Llano, pilot for Chowan Cotton Insect Management Group, and cotton farmers spraying with ground equipment. We were on Lewis Bunch - Thurman Ashley farm when Ogle made his statement. Later Ogle said, "That he did find a few boll worm eggs on one farm."

Thurman Ashley displayed his new \$10,000 International sprayer and demonstrated the

piece of equipment. The sprayer has three nozzles to each row.

The first stop was at Claude Small swine operation, managed by Dr. Ross Silcock. Dr. Silcock pointed out that the Small operation was oriented to feeder pig production. The economics of set-up were explained. He explained the advantages of five weeks weaning vs. eight weeks weaning. The efficiency of five weeks weaning comes from feed saved and improved reproductive efficiency.

A brand new pig nursery was opened for the farmers to inspect.

The second stop was the Wayne Bunch farm. Bunch is a small cotton farmer having only nine acres. Wayne told the tour members that were it not for Chowan County Insect Management group he would not be growing cotton this year. Bunch's plants are hanging full of unmolested bolls as were the peanuts at all of the stops.

Wayne said that he used 500 pounds of 3-9-18 at planting time and came back with 65 units of Nitrogen at early fruiting stage. His cotton was planted behind peanuts which gives additional

Nitrogen.

The third stop was at Parker Farm of Byrum Farms, Inc. Here we saw an example of cotton topping on plants about five feet tall. The topping machine consist of four lawn mowers mounted on four row board rig.

The group was asked to observe spot side dresser application. The patterns were easily recognized in the bright sunshine.

Across the field path the tour members saw a field of cotton still vigorously fruiting. Glenn Toomey said that he thought the flowers would still make cotton. Of course it depends on the date of killing frost. This often comes about October 15 in Chowan County. We are about 60 miles from the ocean and this particular cotton field is only two miles from the Chowan River, a two-mile wide fresh water stream.

Carroll Byrum told the group that they side dressed the field twice. On August 1 the cotton field had quit growing and was blooming in the top. When Faye Byrum was told that this field would make only one bale per acre, he was quick to accept the suggestion of additional nitrogen. Now the field has two bales for sure and additional cotton is being made now.

At Frank White's farm the touring group saw a replicated side dresser demonstration being conducted by White and Glenn Toomey, cotton specialist of N. C. State University in Raleigh. (White averaged two bales on 70 acres last year - one 10 acre field had 29.7 bales).

Toomey explained that the purpose of the field test was to determine the optimum rate of side dresser following peanuts. The soil for this field is a sandy loam with right much clay in it. Both Nitrogen and potash is included in the plots.

After looking at the side dresser demonstration, the farmers moved to an adjoining cotton variety test being

conducted by White and Goodwin, agricultural extension agent.

Henry Cook of Coker Seed Company, Hartsville, S. C., discussed the Coker varieties Coker 201, Coker 310, Coker 8304 and 1104. Favorable comment was heard about all of the varieties. Coker 1104 a short growing and widely branching variety - received good comments. Hancock, a tall and early variety looked real good for yield potential.

Bill Wilson of McNair Seed Company talked about the McNair varieties. He said McNair 511 has too long a growing season for Chowan County. He thinks McNair 612 is a good variety for Chowan County.

The tour was climaxed at a barbecue luncheon held at Cneter Hill Community Building. The luncheon was sponsored by Kerr McGee, Corp., Hercules, Inc., and Production Credit.

After lunch a program was presented. Peedin discussed cotton weed control; Worley, diapause insect control, Leonard Small reviewed the cost of growing his cotton; Toomey, defoliation; Stanton Harrell, soils for good cotton production; and Jack West of Merrill Lynch, cotton outlook and marketing.

Al Phillips, chairman of Chowan County commissioners welcomed the out of county people. Zackie Harrell invited everybody to Gates County for the tour the next day.

Goodwin, presided at the luncheon.

Although the tour took place solely in Chowan County, it was actually a three county project - Gates, Perquimans and Chowan. Also one farm in the spray group is located in Washington County with 120 acres of cotton. Carl Ober operates the farm owned by Leonard and Claude Small.

For two bales plus cotton production there are three

requirements: good stand; adequate fertilization of good soil and excellent insect control. Several Chowan County farmers have all three of these things..

Social Security Administration News

BY DON MORRIS
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The Medicare program provides several types of benefits. However, many people do not understand the benefits they have in regards to skilled nursing facilities. First, a skill nursing facility is an institution that can provide for medical needs which require daily skill nursing care. Therefore, a person who does not require skill nursing care would not be entitled to benefits even when confined to a skill nursing facility. Skill nursing care requires trained personnel who provides a higher level of care than just routine care. Routine care is providing for such thing as the patients comfort and general safety. In addition, things such as meals, cleanliness, and helping the patient in or out of bed are considered routine care.

You are entitled to these benefits if you have been in a qualified hospital for three days in a row and your doctor determines you need and orders skill nursing care for you. Generally, you must be admitted to the skill nursing facility within 14 days after you leave the hospital. Also, your treatment must be for the same condition you were being treated for in the hospital. If you meet these requirements, Medicare pays for all covered services for the first 20 days of a benefit period. If a person stays over 20 days, Medicare pays for all covered services but \$10.50 a day for the next 80 days. Covered services do not include a private room, private duty nursing or such convenience items as television in the patients room.

A final but very important thing to remember is Medicare pays for these services only as long as the need for skill nursing lasts. For example, a person may be entitled to skill nursing facility benefits when admitted to a facility. However, after 10 days he has made a good recovery and no longer needs skill nursing. Medicare will not make additional payments even if the person decided to stay in the skill nursing facility.

For additional information call your nearest social security office. The telephone number of the Elizabeth City Social Security Office is 338-2161.



MISS BONNIE CASKEY

Junior Miss, 1974 Near Reign's End

Miss Bonnie Caskey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Caskey of Layton, Utah, is nearing the end of her reign as Layton's first Junior Miss, 1974. Her sponsors were the Layton Jaycees.

Miss Caskey is the granddaughter of Mrs. Myrtle Ambrose, 303 Second Street, in Edenton.

The Junior Miss pageant is a nationwide program to recognize, reward and encourage excellence in young people. The pageant is not a beauty contest with judging standards being high in all levels, local, state, and national on scholastic ability, poise, personality, appearance, youth fitness, creative and performing arts.

Miss Caskey's talent was a musical mono-act from "Annie Get Your Gun", using the old rifle of the era, shooting blanks that added to her performance.

She was honor roll student and president of the Thespian Guild in her senior year. Her interests are drama, horses and skiing. She is a member of the First Assembly of God Church and has been active in the youth work and teaches in the children's division.

She has just entered Bethany Bible College in Santa Cruz, Calif., and plans to become an elementary teacher.

Tar Heel Spotlight

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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Grace J. Rohrer, Secretary

"Sight Conservation And Work For The Blind Month"

"Whereas, North Carolina has a blind population in excess of 15,000 with some 100 new blind people each month; and

"Whereas, sight is a cherished endowment from God that makes possible for us to behold the manifest beauties of our world and to serve humanity in a stewardship of useful industry as intended by the Creator; and

"Whereas, it is proper and appropriate that we support the undertaking of public and private agencies dedicated to preservation of sight, prevention and amelioration of blindness, restoration of vision, and assist blind people generally in the development of self-sufficiency and self-support skills;..."

With these words Gov. James Holshouser proclaimed September "Sight Conservation and Work for the Blind" month.

A three-day meeting in Raleigh last week brought together volunteers and professionals involved in all phases of help for the blind.

One of the major services to the blind all over the state is that of the Division of State Library's providing reading material to more than 9,000 visually handicapped in North Carolina.

One blind patron called the service the "difference between living and merely existing."

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BIBLE VERSE

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."

- Who made the above statement?
- Whose son was he?
- What was the theme of the book from which it was taken?
- Where may this statement be found?

Answers to Bible Verse:

- Most scholars agree that it was Solomon.
- The son of David.
- How man may obtain real, substantial happiness?
- Ecclesiastes 3:1.

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