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EXTENSION SCENE

by L. Everette Davis



In his recent column Forest Kinnett, editor of one of the local newspapers, made some interesting comments concerning the ease of farming.

I found these comments amusing, as I am sure he intended them to be. Unfortunately, this is a common feeling of those who have never been involved with farming and have never experienced the many unexpected and uncontrollable occurrences that do arise.

There are few professions that require as much investment as does farming. This investment includes not only

money but also a lot of time and the use of many dollars worth of capital. This investment is made with no certainty as to the weather conditions that may come and with very little certainty of the price of the products that are being produced.

I have often heard the comparison of a farmer to a gambler. The farmer makes his bets with his investment of money, time, and capital and then gambles that the rain will come, that it will not get too hot, that the seed he planted will come up, that he will not have any unexpected disease problems,

that insects will not devour his crops, that there will be no severe storms, and that there will be no extreme repair bills to pay on any of his equipment. Then if he wins by having everything happen as he expected, he doesn't know what his winnings will be because he has not control over market prices.

There is a lot of stress brought about by the uncertainty of the possibilities mentioned above. As Forest was concerned about his three rows of garden, imagine the stress that would develop if there was the same concern about hundreds of acres of crops when each acre involved at least several hundred dollars of initial investment and the livelihood of you and your family would depend upon this outcome.

There has been a lot of concern lately about the

weather and its effect on the crops in the county. It is bad enough that the weather is having a serious effect on the yields and, therefore, the income from all crops will be reduced this year, but in addition, it is more expensive to produce a crop under stress conditions than under normal conditions because the ground is so hard, additional herbicides are required because herbicides are not as effective under dry conditions, additional cultivations are needed because the herbicides do not react properly, and additional time is needed because the farm laborers cannot work as effectively when it is extremely hot.

So, as Forest said, "There is more to this farming thing than just watching the tractor do all the work." If you have any doubts, or if you would like to see firsthand what is involved in this

profession, I venture to say that there are quite a few farmers right here in Robeson County that would be glad to share their "fun" with you.

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REVELS FAMILY REUNION PLANNED

The children and descendants of Daniel James (Tobe) Revels and Priss Anne Revels will hold a reunion on Saturday, August 2, 1986, at Luther J. Britt, Jr. Park in Lumberton, NC. For more information call Junior Jones at 739-5579 or Janie L. Oxendine at 739-6031.

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1. Complete a tribal enrollment application
2. Provide a copy of your birth certificate
3. Provide a copy of death certificates of your ancestors
4. Provide cemetery records including date and county of birth and death, county buried in, and the name of the cemetery

Your tribal enrollment application will be reviewed by the Tuscarora Tribal Enrollment Office to determine your eligibility for membership based upon your descendancy from those individuals named on Tuscarora Baselines (period: As near as possible to 1790 through 1910).

Tribal enrollment forms are located at the Tuscarora Tribal Enrollment Office, Highway 710, P.O. Box 1455, Pembroke, NC 28372. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. If these office hours are inconvenient for you, you may call Della Ray Sanderson, Tribal Enrollment Officer, at 919-521-8682 and an appointment will be made for you at the Old Lumbee Medical Clinic on Highway 711 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, starting Tuesday, July 29, 1986.