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Research Group At Pinnell Farm In Cedar Rock

Tobacco Research Group Visits County

More than two hundred people visited the Pinnell farm in Eastern Franklin County Wednesday afternoon, as the Research on Wheels group passed through this area. The group consisted of chemical company representatives, plant disease specialists, extension personnel, farmers, business leaders, and news media representatives. Included were representatives from across the United States and two foreign countries.

The guests were welcomed to Franklin County by County Extension Chairman, C. T. Dean, Jr. Dean introduced C. E. and F. W. Pinnell, operators of the Pinnell farm and explained that the research being conducted was in cooperation with the Pinnell's, Franklin County Extension Agents, Plant Disease Specialist at N. C. State University and the chemical companies.

Two demonstrations were observed on the Pinnell farm. The Area Soil Fungicide being conducted is designed to obtain information on performance of certain chemical soil treatments on control of black shank infested soil and their effect on yield and quality of tobacco. Fifteen treatments were used in the test and they were replicated four times. F. A. Todd, Extension Plant Pathology Specialist at N. C.

State University, explained the treatments and method of application to the group. Several new materials are showing promise of controlling the dreaded black shank disease.

The purpose of the variety test is to demonstrate and obtain information on the relative resistance of varieties to black shank, Granville Wilt, Fusarium Wilt, root knot or a combination of these diseases and tolerance to brown spot. The variety test includes 17 varieties replicated four times. It includes the popular released varieties, the four new ones released for 1970 planting and N. C. Breeding line 1076. As the group viewed the variety test and saw all four rows of the non-resistant Hicks Variety dead, Dr. C. J. Nussbaum, Professor of Plant Pathology at N. C. State University, pointed out that we would be unable to row tobacco in North Carolina if it were not for the disease resistant varieties developed by research.

After the two field meetings the group were treated to ice cold watermelon under the shade of a large oak tree near the Pinnell residence. The watermelon slicing was courtesy of Specialized Agricultural Publications, publishers of the Flue Cured Tobacco Grower.

Out of county news media repre-

sentatives with the tour group included Bill Johnson of the Progressive Farmer, Luther Broadus and John Beck of Specialized Agricultural Publications, Wally Ausley of WPTF, Ray Wilkerson and Verne Strickland of Channel 5 TV and Tobacco Network.

The following chemical companies were represented: American Cyanamid Company, Chemagro Corporation, Dow Chemical Company, E. I. DuPont de Nemours & Company, Geigy Agricultural Chemicals, Great Lakes Chemical Corporation, International Minerals & Chemicals Company, Mobil Chemical Company, Morton Chemical Company, Pennwalt Corporation, Niagara Chemical Company, Shell Chemical Corporation, Union Carbide Corporation and WSR, Incorporated.

The tour will conclude Thursday afternoon after stops in Nash, Wilson, Edgecombe, Martin, Greene and Wayne Counties.

Use Of Food Stamps Continues Drop In County

Participation in the federal Food Stamp Program continued its downward spiral here in Franklin County in June according to latest figures released this week by the Consumer and Marketing Service of the United States

Department of Agriculture.

The figures show that participation was 2,805 in May and fell to 2,778 families in June. There were 2,942 families participating in the program here in April.

Department of Agriculture.

The report said that 74,523 persons in 38 counties took part in its food stamp program and received \$498,733 in bonus coupons.

C&MS' family food distribution program aided 139,284 persons in 59 counties. The foods distributed had an estimated retail value of \$1.5 million and included dairy products, canned and dried fruits and vegetables, canned meat or poultry, grain and cereal products, as well as other items such as peanut butter and scrambled egg mix.

C&MS officials generally attributed the decreased participation during June to increased agricultural employment opportunities.

Alamance, Columbus and Stanly counties have been designated to begin participation in the food stamp program and plans are now being made to set an opening date. Columbus County now takes part in the family food distribution program.

Bunn Asks Bids On Water Project

Bunn Mayor Wayne W. Winstead has announced that Bunn is calling for bids on its \$270,000 water project. The announcement asks for bids on a foundation for the tank, the 250,000 gallon elevated storage tank itself, well supply and water mains.

Bids are to be opened on the project at 2:30 P.M. August 20 at Bunn.

Officials of the Town of Bunn adopted a resolution accepting a federal grant of \$135,000 and a federal loan of an equal amount in a special meeting June 23. The money is to be used to install a water system within the town limits.

Announcement of approval of the requests by the Economic Development Administration was made last June 20 by Congressman L. H. Fountain. The Congressman's office wired

and be responsible for primary, secondary, and urban roads and equipment.

The commission will continue to meet as a whole, Faircloth said, but members of the various committees within the commission will be responsible specifically for highway business assigned to their committee.

Under the previous commission there was no such division of labor.

The Scott commission has nine more members than its predecessor, as a result of legislation enacted by the 1969 General Assembly on the governor's recommendation.

Both Scott and Faircloth contend that increasing the size of the commission from 15 to 24 members will also increase its effectiveness since individual commissioners will be responsible for less territory.

The boundary lines for the existing 14 highway divisions were not altered by the Scott enlargement plan, but were maintained for administrative and engineering purposes.

Consequently, some commissioners will be responsible for counties in more than one division.

New Highway Alignment

What Does It Mean To Franklin?

By Clint Fuller
Times Managing Editor

"The roads that most need paving and improvement will be the first ones to be paved and improved—all over the state." The words are those of Highway Commission Chairman Lauch



Faircloth of Clinton, reported in an interview by WE, THE PEOPLE this month.

Based on this premise, the new alignment of counties which places Franklin in a group with Wake, Durham and Orange should mean little. If road funds are to be allotted according to need, Franklin is in excellent position to be a recipient.

However, on April 18, 1969, Mr. Faircloth said in a speech here: "Unfortunately you've been in a district with Wake and Durham. They've had the Commissioners, they've had the money and they've had the road work." This arrangement doesn't change in the new alignment. Only Orange County has been added.

He also said in that April speech, "I do think and I'm going to suggest it to him (Gov. Scott)... that counties of equal size and influence be placed in a group with a Commissioner." This suggestion apparently fell on deaf ears. Franklin has little in common with the counties of Wake, Durham and Orange.

For as long as can be remembered the power has shifted with almost each administration from Wake, back to Durham. During the Dan Moore administration, Wake received far less than in previous years as Durham collected in excess of \$20 million. During this four-year period and including the largest road bond program in North Carolina history, the five Have Not counties in the Fifth Division received a promise of "at least one significant road project" as Commissioner J. B. Brame of Durham put it. All Franklin and neighboring Vance received was a promise of improvements to NC-39. The project was never started.

In the new alignment, Franklin has the second largest number of miles. Wake has 275.68 miles of paved primary highways. Franklin has 154.70; Orange has 118.76 and Durham has 105.45. Franklin is third in total road

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Those Were The Days, My Friend

By Clint Fuller
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Fill 'er Up

They were talking in the checkout lane at the supermarket about the high cost of food and other things now-a-days. "Things sure aren't like they use to be," said one. "Those were the good old days," said the other.

As the song goes, those were the days, my friend; we thought they'd never end.

Forty years ago—1929—when Louisburg celebrated its sesqui centennial a shopper could pick up six bars of Octagon soap for a quarter and fresh ground coffee was going on weekends three pounds for a buck. You can still get about four bars of soap for slightly over a quarter but try the coffee bit.

A pair of overalls cost a dollar and the ladies could buy a new fall coat for \$6.95. "All kinds of washing powder" was selling six boxes for twenty-five cents. Mattress ticking—for those in need of such—could be had for just a dime a yard. Of course, you were expected to do your own sewing.

Gasoline for the proud car owner was pumping at 20 cents a gallon and one brand advertised "Punch, Power, Speed. Except for the sales-tax—two cents—just added and a slight increase to about forty cents a gallon, things haven't change much. Oh, yes, you could buy tires in 1929 from \$4.50 to \$8.00. The latter were the premiums of the day.

Atwater-Kent was big in radios and the new six cylinder Chevrolets had reached a quarter million in the United

States. You could buy a Chevy Roadster for \$525. If your taste ran more to the fancy, you could get a few Essex for \$695. Luxury came higher.

Man hadn't reached out for the moon but the St. Louis Robin flew for 420 hours and 20 minutes to set a new endurance flight record. And the keeping-up-with-the-Jones thing was illustrated by an ad suggesting you "Electrify your favorite old oil lamp". Electricity was here.

Straw hats were going for a dollar and you could get a rear fender put on your Model T Ford for \$1.75. This did not include, of course, the cost of the fender.

Up in New York, the Borough President had issued a call to Henry Ford to use his automotive genius to help abate the litter caused by people dumping used automobiles along the streets and vacant lots. The concerned politician said most of them were Fords.

Tobacco was having trouble. A note in the local paper told that science had brought in a report that smoking is harmful and it has brought in a report that smoking is beneficial. Take your choice depending on whether you are a smoker or nonsmoker. The more things change, the more they remain the same, they say.

Another note of information contained in the issue was that "curing tobacco is in progress in Franklin County at this time". The time was