

### How to Meet the Cotton Boll Weevil

What North Carolina Cotton Growers Must Do.

By C. B. Williams

Since the cotton boll weevil entered the southern border of the State in 1919, our cotton growers have been watching the weevil's progress and wondering when their different farms would be reached and what the results of the coming of the weevil would be. There is hardly any hope but what all the cotton-growing area of the State will eventually be more or less invaded, and unless many of our growers recast their present methods, they will suffer severely if not be put entirely out of business. Naturally, the infestation will in all probability vary in intensity and damage as one goes from the coast westward, the prospects being for far less damage in the Piedmont section than in the lower Coastal Plain region. The situation is not by any means dangerous, however, for the man who will adopt suitable methods of crop rotation; plant suitable and high producing cotton seed; fertilize and manure well and intelligently; plant early and cultivate thoroughly, rapidly and fairly late throughout the season; and practise other good farming methods that are already being practised by many of our best farmers. Such a farmer may expect far less damage from the weevil than will be inflicted upon the farms of those who plant cotton on poor land every year without any effort at systematic rotation and soil improvement; who prepare their land poorly and late in the spring; who plant their cotton late with poor yielding seed; and who cultivate the crop poorly after it is up. This latter man will without doubt be put out of business, certainly out of the profitable growing of cotton.

The man who will practise good and effective methods may expect, outside of the low-lying and heavily wooded areas of the State, to be able to continue the growth of cotton, and make it as profitable as in the past or more so, provided the crop is economically produced and reasonable prices are secured for the crop after production. In this connection it may be of interest to learn of the observations of some of those farmers who have been farming extensively for many years under boll weevil conditions. In a recent letter to the writer, Mr. George L. Yerger of Louisiana, an extensive cotton planter, said in speaking of his farms:

"The coming of the boll weevil has taught us lots of things and I am absolutely convinced that if we had always farmed as we are now compelled to do, that the cotton farmers, large and small, would be best off financially of any people in the world. Even though the weevil is with us and we have to use our brains as never before, I believe we can consider the coming of the boll weevil a blessing.—Take it as a whole, if your people will get up and hustle and use fertilizer early, coupled with fairly decent cotton weather, you will have nothing to fear."

Mr. Alex Y. Scott, proprietor of an extensive Delta Plantation, Mississippi, wrote:

"It does not pay to plant poor land in cotton under boll weevil conditions."

The first lesson we would like to impress after the above preliminary in this series of articles is that cotton under boll weevil conditions should be planted only on good open land. The land should be broken early and allowed to weather and settle before planting time. Farmers should begin now to plan systematically for the attack. They should not become panic-stricken for outside of the low-lying and woody areas of the State, they will be able to grow cotton profitably, provided they meet the attack promptly and intelligently and prices are satisfactory for the crop after produced.

#### FLORA MACDONALD COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Josephus Daniels Will Make Address. Red Springs, March 14.—Josephus Daniels, ex-Secretary of the Navy and editor of The News and Observer, will make the commencement address at Flora Macdonald college on Wednesday, May the 31st.

Rev. R. Murphy Williams, pastor of the Church of the Covenant, Greensboro, and a trustee of the college, will preach the baccalaureate sermon. The official program for the twenty-sixth annual commencement is announced as follows:

Sunday, May 28th, 11:00 a. m., baccalaureate sermon, college auditorium, Rev. R. Murphy Williams, Greensboro, 6:30 p. m., Vesper services, Woodland Theatre, college campus, Dr. C. G. Vardell; 8 p. m., sermon before the Y. W. C. A. Presbyterian church, Rev. R. M. Williams.

Monday, May 29th, 5 p. m., Senior Class Day exercises; 8 p. m., concert by the conservatory of music, college auditorium.

Tuesday, May 30th, at 9 a. m., meeting of the board of trustees and advisory board; 11 a. m., business meeting of the general alumnae association; 4 p. m., reception and exhibits of departments of fine and household arts; 8 p. m., Senior Class Play; Wednesday, May 31st, Graduation exercises, college auditorium, Address by Josephus Daniels.

Perry, Ga., March 13.—After shooting and killing his wife this afternoon, Sidney Ayler, 40, farmer, defied the county officers to touch his wife's body or to attempt to arrest him. He held the fort for eight hours, being captured at midnight in a running gun fight. Ayler was shot two times, but not seriously wounded.



### To Find Jobs for 700,000 Ex-Soldiers

To put 700,000 ex-soldiers into jobs is the American Legion's immediate objective, according to an announcement from Legion national headquarters. To accomplish this, a nationwide drive will be launched from local posts in every city and town in the country on March 20, and employers and business men will be called into conference to devise ways and means of creating jobs and putting an end to a situation which Hanford MacNider, Legion commander, has called "the greatest crisis in the Legion's history."

Civic organizations from Maine to California have been asked to swing into line to back up the Legion and make a concerted effort which will be felt in all sections of the country. By stimulating industry, by pushing engineering projects and municipal development, by speeding up public utility enterprises, roadbuilding, paving, dredging, truck gardening, reforestation and reclamation, and by encouraging the "back-to-the-farm" movement, the Legion hopes to break the labor slump which has kept worthy men out of work and caused widespread distress. Each city will be divided into regions, each under its own post and employment committee, with a general committee coordinating the efforts of all.

Adjusted Compensation Wins Victory. Adjusted compensation won a decided victory in the nationwide referendum conducted by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce—4,116 chambers voting favorable, 2,657 voting against the measure.

"From the U. S. Chamber's point of view," said John Thomas Taylor, vice-chairman of the American Legion's legislative committee, "the referendum was a flat failure, for that body represents the most highly organized opposition to the bonus. By trying to separate the cash feature from the more productive provision of the bill, and by other means, it has done everything in its power to influence its constituent members against the bill. In spite of this fact, the vote shows almost 2 to 1 favorable."

"The Legion despises unfair discrimination—cash and the other features cannot be separated as the U. S. Chamber separated them in its referendum."

New Members. On March 4, American Legion membership was 108,000 more than on March 4, 1921. New members have joined at the rate of 6,600 a day since Jan. 1. These figures have been given out from Legion headquarters to refute the statement that the organization is losing members because of its stand on adjusted compensation.

It Makes a Difference. Secretary Mellon can find \$32,000,000 for the ship-owners and \$350,000,000 for the railroads, but when it comes to \$200,000,000 for the former soldiers he pleads poverty. You see the former soldiers do not belong to the rich, whereas the ships and the railroads do.—Greensboro News.

Mrs. H. L. Pope and two children have gone to High Point to visit at the home of Mrs. Pope's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bacon.

### "GENTLEMAN JIM" HAS A RIVAL



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### Boll Weevil Remedy in Fifty Words

James A. Hollomon Tells How Farmers in Southwest Are Meeting The Emergency.

By James A. Hollomon. (Staff Correspondent Atlanta Constitution.)

Houston, Texas.—Repeated to me at the Brazos hotel, from Bryan, Texas, was the following "night letter" from a Georgia farmer, whose name I will omit in the absence of authority to publish it:

"Surprised at statement that boll weevil still exists in Texas to menacing extent. Condense in fifty-word night letter, my expense, how the planters grow cotton successfully in spite of the weevil. Will watch your articles with interest for fuller information and general analysis of situation in southwest."

To the above telegram I sent the following reply:

"Progressive cotton farmers beating weevil by intense cultivation, pushing one acre with concentrated energy cultivated two in old days, putting the other to feed and food; by co-ordinating intensive cultural methods with well-planned program of dusting when squares forming if infestation menacing, by keeping farm clean and not fooling with experiment."

Just fifty words. I wish I could put this message into the hands of every cotton farmer in the southeast.

It has been proven the solution of the problem in the southwest for those who are sufficiently keen to their own interests, and who have brain and brawn enough, to want to beat the boll weevil's game. Pushing the Cotton Ahead of the Weevil.

Intense cultivation! That means the better cultivation of less acreage.

It means proper preparation of soil, seed beds, more fertilization, cleaner and more careful working—indeed concentrating upon one acre the cultural energy heretofore placed upon two, thus maturing the crop earlier, and actually running away from the weevil whose habits keep him in hibernation until almost mid-summer, and whose menacing proclivities do not begin until the squares begin to form. If the bolls are well formed before the insect becomes alarmingly numerous, he cannot penetrate them in order to deposit the eggs in the forming staple.

Co-ordination!

That means the well planned arrangement for dusting the cotton field with calcium arsenate should infestation at the dangerous period reach more than 10 per cent, thus controlling the insect so that infestation may be held down to a point where it will not damage more than the excess plant fruitage that nature never matures.

Keeping the farm clean! By that the weevil must seek winter quarters out of the fields and surrounding fences. Also keep the cotton fields segregated from surrounding woodland, if practicable, and if climatic conditions for early maturity will permit.

Making cotton a surplus or a money crop purely!

That means putting at least 50 per cent of old time cotton acreage to food and feed crops, making the 50 per cent of old cotton acreage raise 75 per cent of as much lint cotton, under boll weevil conditions as formerly raised—before the weevil—on the 100 per cent acreage.

It is being done by good farmers all over the cotton sections of Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi and I will prove it by practical citations before this series is concluded.

Following the above Mr. Hollomon presented in his articles two columns of description of devices and nostrums that had been suggested and in some cases marketed in the Southwest as a cure for the weevil. None of these are of money value, says Mrs. Hollomon, and he concludes:

Let me impress again and again—Don't be fooled by devices or remedies. Follow the plain, proven path that makes cotton just as successfully under boll weevil conditions as before; and bring greater general success to the provident farmer through the learned lesson of intense farming, and dividing his old cotton plantation into part cotton, for the money crop, and into food and feed.

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