

Unusual Abundance of Boll Weevils This Spring Makes Modification of Methods of Poisoning Necessary

By B. R. Coad and G. A. Maloney.
Delta Laboratory, Tallulah, La., June 10.—For the past few weeks we have been accumulating records on the emergence of the boll weevil from nearly all of the cotton states and are finding universally, as we forecast some months ago, that the number of over-wintered weevils is far greater than usual; in fact, in many districts where accurate counts have been made it has been found that we have in the fields now as many weevils as are ordinarily present a month later when the first summer-bred brood has started to appear. With anything like normal weather conditions this is going to mean a tremendously rapid increase in the weevil damage, and this will have an important bearing on the program to be followed by those using calcium arsenate for the control of the weevil.

In the first place it should be remembered that we recommend starting poisoning when from ten to fifteen per cent of the cotton squares have been punctured by the weevil. As a general rule this condition does not arise until after the newly-bred weevils have started to emerge from the squares. This year, however, we have found many fields where there are already sufficient weevils present to destroy practically all squares as fast as formed. In other words, such cotton will never start blooming unless the weevils are controlled, and from the very outset 50 per cent or

more of the squares are punctured. Under such conditions it is undoubtedly going to be necessary to poison earlier than ever before. Of course, there is no advantage in poisoning the cotton before the squares form, as weevils are continuing to emerge from hibernation during this period and furthermore they are doing the crop no harm. However, where such a heavy infestation occurs it will be advisable to make the first application just as soon as the cotton starts squaring freely, or about the time the plants average from 4 to 5 squares each. The regular poisoning schedule should be started at that time and continued along the lines of the usual recommendations for controlling this early infestation of weevils.

Another very important effect of this heavy infestation will be felt later in the season. When the weevils first emerge from hibernation and reach the cotton field they move around very little as long as they can find an ample supply of unpunctured squares for their use, but just as soon as the infestation becomes sufficiently heavy to puncture practically all squares these weevils start to move in search of fresh pastures. In an ordinary season this means that you usually have only the weevils bred in your own cotton to contend with until some time from the latter part of July to the last of August, depending on the locality. This year, however, this movement of migration of weevils will probably start several weeks earlier than usual. Consequently, it will not only be necessary for you to start poisoning earlier to control your own infestation, but you should also expect that, before you have had time to mature the fruit which your plants have set during this period of protection, you will begin to experience an immigration of weevils from unpunctured cotton. Of course, this condition would not arise if every one in a district was successfully poisoning his cotton; but this will not be the case this year, and just as soon as all squares in the unpunctured crops are punctured the migration to the poisoned fields will commence. This means that every day a large crop of new weevils will move into these poisoned fields, and it is going to take continuous, thorough poisoning to protect to maturity the crop which has been allowed to set by the earlier applications.

These two facts mean just this: Successful weevil control this year is going to require more effort and more poison per acre than has ever been the case in the past. On the other hand, wherever the land is sufficiently fertile to justify such an effort, there is much more assurance of profit from the operation than is usually the case. The increase in the cost per acre brought about by the increased number of applications necessary will be far more than compensated for the fact that the weevil damage without poisoning will be far greater than normal, and thus the margin of profit on the operation is tremendously increased. In other words, a heavy weevil infestation such as we have this year means a greater expenditure per acre for poisoning to successfully control it, but it also means a greater actual net profit in dollars and cents per acre from the poisoning operations.

Samuel Gompers was elected president of the American Federation of Labor for the 41st time at a meeting in Chicago last week.

NORTH CAROLINA RURAL LETTER CARRIERS' CONVENTION It Will be Held in Shelby July 3 and 4—Many Social Features Have been Planned.

By Lee B. Weathers
Shelby, June 28.—Many social features have been planned for the convention of the North Carolina Rural Letter Carriers association which meets here July 3rd and 4th. Shelby is expected and planning for the entertainment of the largest crowd that has ever attended a convention of the carriers in North Carolina.

Monday afternoon at 6 o'clock the business men will take the visitors for a spin over our good roads and at 8 p. m. drive over to Cleveland Springs Park hotel, a \$250,000 resort, where the Board of Trade will entertain with a fine banquet. Hon. O. Max Gardner, Dr. J. M. Kester, Hon. W. D. Brown, editor of the R. F. D. News, Washington, D. C. and possibly Hon. H. H. Billany, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, who has charge of the R. F. D. service, will speak to the carriers. Three musical organizations of Shelby are on the program, the Cecelia Music club, the men's chorus and Bobby Rudasill's string and jug club.

The convention will be presided over by State President C. H. Howard who is also vice president of the National Rural Carriers association. Jas. S. Keever of Stony Point, N. C., is secretary, J. M. Ballard of Newton is vice president, D. N. Hunt of Oxford, chaplain, W. M. Pence of Charlotte, H. E. Ray of Asheville and Mrs. Annie Chapman of Morven, compose the executive committee.

The carriers of Cleveland are very happy over the fine spirit being shown by the Shelby people for assisting in entertaining the carriers. There are nearly 1,500 rural carriers in different parts of the state who cover over 35,000 miles daily and handle over four million pieces of mail every week day in the year.

Special rates have been made by the hotels.
Baptist Seaside Assembly.
By Walter M. Gilmore
Wilmington—A great intellectual and spiritual feast will be spread for the hundreds of visitors from the various sections of the state who will attend the Baptist seaside assembly, which will be held in this city July 19-27.

Provision will be made for Bible study every day and an evangelistic sermon every night. Studies will be given during the day in evangelistic methods, elementary and intermediate Sunday school work, B. Y. P. U. work, church efficiency, country church problems and W. M. U. work. These different departments will be in charge of expert teachers. The daily programs will be enlivened by inspiring music under the direction of Rev. Eugene Olive, of Mount Airy, who has directed the music for the assembly several times before. The afternoons will be given over entirely to recreation.

Boll Weevil and Weevils of Sin.
To the Editor of The Robesonian:
I wish to say that if the people will quit so much talk about the boll weevil and consider the weevil of sin that has been working the souls of men ever since the fall of Adam in garden of Eden and repent of their sins and return to the Lord and do unto all men as you would have them do unto you, all races get right with God and He will take care of and remove the boll weevil. But until decide doing right there is going to be weevils and insects to 'destroy as long as the world stands. But when men and women decide to serve God in the old fashion way boll weevil will be removed and not until then God grant that the time will come that we will live right, white and colored, rich and poor.

Your respectfully to The Robesonian and to the world at large,
REV. THOMAS FULMORE,
Lumberton, N. C. R. F. D. 1.

BIG PROGRAM OF CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND STREETS

(Special to The Robesonian)
New York, June 27.—Official figures on bond issues proposed, voted and sold for roads and streets completed by the Asphalt Association, this city, for May, 1922, show that with the summer construction season now in full swing, the states, counties, parishes, townships, road districts, cities and towns of the country are preparing a big late-summer and fall program of construction. The reports show that bond issues proposed for future road and street construction increased \$18,824,750 in May over those reported in April. Among the localities reported interested in highway development during May was the city of Lumberton with a bond issue of \$80,000 for street improvements reported as sold.

North Carolina, with \$8,400,000, reported more road bonds sold than any other state. Texas was next in line with \$6,201,500 and Ohio was third with \$1,494,450.

A LIBRARY OF SOUTHERN LITERATURE

Oglethorpe university, of Atlanta, Ga., has undertaken a great and patriotic work for the South. Mr. J. T. Lupton, of Chattanooga, has given over \$125,000, and the finest fireproof library in the South has just been completed.

The university, which is non-sectarian, aims to put in this building a complete library of Southern literature, books, manuscripts and literary remains of Southern authors, so the future historian and biographer may find there the material he wants.

Mr. H. E. Harmon, of Atlanta, himself a well known writer, has given his services free, to collect this library. The undertaking is so laudable that every one should help. Send whatever you can, in the way of books, old Southern magazines, pamphlets, manuscripts, letters and pictures. Each item you send will be labeled with your name as the giver and placed in Lupton hall, where it will be absolutely safe for the use of future generations. Send all items to H. E. Harmon, care 402 Trust Company of Georgia Building, Atlanta, Ga. This building is a gift to Southern literature, the work of collecting is a free-will offering—and certainly this is a cause which deserves the help of everyone interested in Southern writers and their books.—From Southern Architect.

Former Robesonian Writes from Birmingham, Ala.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:
You may have on file, bidding its turn, a letter sent you some weeks ago. If it was swallowed up in the maelstrom of current exigencies, that was all right. (It was published about the time this was received.—Editor).

I have recently had the pleasure of a call from Mr. Wm. King Brown, attorney-at-law, which I enjoyed greatly. He is the grandson of Sheriff Reuben King of Robeson, who was murdered by the Lowery gang. I knew Mr. King my father's friend, yes, I knew his father, Uncle Jimmie King.

Mr. Brown has sent me a number of copies of The Robesonian which I read with avidity and enjoyed immensely.

June 11th was a day to be marked with a white stone at the Eleventh Avenue 'parsonage', 1015 So. 12th St., Birmingham. The hostess, Mrs. W. G. Henry, is my daughter, and the grand daughter of Absalom Davis, well-known citizen of Robeson county, before 1860. As her guests at dinner were two grandsons of my sister Susan and Dr. Richard C. Rhodes, whose home was one mile west of Lumberton. I had never seen "the boys" now men with families, and the occasion was one to be remembered. Rev. Robert Clifton Rhodes, A. B. and A. M. from Vanderbilt, is also a Ph. D. from the university of California, and is now engaged as a tutor in the great Emory University at Atlanta, Ga. Rev. James R. Rhodes is the youngest of the three brothers, and is like the others an A. B. and A. M. from Vanderbilt. He is spending his third year as missionary and teacher at Torreon, Mexico. To have these distinguished, loving grand-nephews for the first and only time with us was a privilege of a life-time. Rev. Mr.

fit Rhodes the oldest brother, is a pastor in the Little Rock conference, M. E. church, South.

My son-in-law, who presided at dinner, has been ambitious, and he wears four honors, the last, Ph.D., from Harvard and Boston. He is a Methodist minister and pastor of a church in this city. He received quite a complimentary vote at the General conference, for book editor and editor of the Methodist Quarterly Review, for the M. E. church, South.

I am indebted to my cousin, Wm. Davis of St. Pauls, for a copy of the News and Observer, giving interesting facts in regard to the proceedings of our Scottish kinsmen in Robeson and adjacent counties. The Davis family, descended from John Stewart, a cousin of the defeated Charles Edward given to the prettiest girl. Proceeds may not be eligible, but it is for the building of a new school house. The public is cordially invited.

the chief, the president of Flora MacDonald college, and, if eligible, we want to swell the ranks.

With a heart full of love for dear old Robeson and a mind full of precious memories of the golden childhood days, and best wishes for the paper and its readers, I am, my dear Mr. Sharpe,

Yours Cordially,
A. L. DAVIS,
Formerly "ARGUS".
Birmingham, Ala., June 12, 1922.

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