

Cotton Farming Revolution Foreseen At Field Tour Of Rural Robeson

Two Bales Per Acre Possible According To Farming Experts

Two bales of cotton per acre, even with the weather and the boll weevil at their worst, is quite possible for all good land in Robeson county, Robeson farmers may show the world how it is done on a commercial basis if plans discussed Tuesday materialize.

A cotton farm with modern mechanical equipment was offered to the Extension Division of State college for its use in a practical test of mechanized farming on a commercial scale by C. T. Ashford, general manager of the Liberty Manufacturing company of Red Springs.

D. Baver, dean of the School of Agriculture of State college, stated that his school hopes to be able to man the project.

The offer was made at a meeting of farmer experts and representatives of farm organizations following a visit to the farm of H. B. Ashley, Jr., of the Philadelphia community, where many mechanized operations of planting, cultivation and insect control have been carried out this year.

Consent in

It was the consensus of the group that many improvements in staple production and harvest and insect control were now available but the farmers were not using the practices and machinery which would give them 100 lower costs and greater production.

This was summed up by Mr. Ashford in his appeal to Mr. Baver for a supervised experiment which would be operated on a commercial basis with all the latest equipment and most advanced practices. Mr. Baver stated that men could be made available.

According to the luncheon were W. D. Evans, American Cynodont Co., Greensboro; W. L. Nelson, research professor of Agronomy, State college; Dr. R. W. Cummings, head of the Dept. of Agronomy, State college; W. L. Lott, National Cotton Council, Memphis; Dr. L. D. Baver, dean of Agriculture, State college; J. A. Shanklin, cotton specialist, State college; Dr. Bondy, director, USDA, Pea Dee Experiment Station, Florence; S. C. County Agent, O. P. Owens, Robeson county; Fred P. Johnson, N. C. Dept. of Agriculture, Raleigh; W. D. Reynolds, Robeson county manager; Mr. Ashford; H. B. Ashley, Jr.; farmer; K. J. Shaw and Mr. E. Aycock, of the John F. McNair farms, Laurinburg; C. Ferguson, Extension service State college; L. M. Uphurch, of Raeford, representing the N. C. Seedsmen's association; Douglas Cox, of Robeson County's Home-town Newspapers; John P. Steinhilber of the Scottish Bank; Miss Elizabeth Best of the Agricultural Research Bureau, Raleigh; R. L. Sarbaugh and George Knudson of the Robesonian.

Field Tour

The party visited seven fields of cotton on the Ashley farm where different types of fertilizer application and insect control were used this year under tests conducted by Dr. F. P. Hood and J. A. Shanklin. Experts in the group estimated that most of the cotton would produce two bales or more per acre.

Mr. Ashford presented his plans for the experiment farm at a luncheon at the Laurinburg Hotel which followed the inspection of the Ashley farm. In the forum conducted at the luncheon Mr. Baver spoke of the general progress in recent years made in planting, cultivation and insect control, stating that greater range in implements to do the work, and that plows and harrows did not constitute sufficient number of gadgets for the tractor to displace the mule.

Regularity

Cotton breeding of special types (fibers for special uses) is now being carried out and one-way areas of the staple would become more general in the coming years.

Better fertilization methods and a new emphasis on insect control, in particular that of the boll weevil and the boll worm would be necessary for more efficient production.

"Cotton must be sold to the processors at a fixed price," Mr. Baver stated in order to compete with the synthetic. The use of the Southern farmer is an expensive production method. Light new nearly 25 percent of our farm income in the South comes from the 25 per cent of our total land that is devoted to cotton, tobacco and peanuts. We must produce a greater yield per acre of cotton, but we must not take the other part of our soil in a farm. Take care of some of our best production. Two or three cottons will not be in a hurry to create a state of the financial land."

Fertilization Methods

Mr. Bondy, director of the USDA experiment station at Florence, S. C., stated that he believed the new developments in control of the boll weevil and worm would prove very effective but that methods of applying these poisons needed much improvement. Present machines are about the same as those used 50 or more years ago, he said. Better insect control, side placement of fertilizer and lower cost planting and cultivation would pull up the production per acre and cut the per pound costs of raising cotton.

Ed Lyon Buried In RS Last Week

Red Springs—Ed Lyon of Greensboro, a former resident of Red Springs, was buried in Alloway cemetery here last Wednesday afternoon following his death in Greensboro last Monday night, September 8.

Mr. Lyon was a brother-in-law of Mrs. D. E. McDougal and J. D. Mason.

1947 FMC Graduate Wins Poetry Contest

Red Springs—Miss Melissent Huneycutt, who received her A.B. degree from Flora Macdonald college, class of 1947, has been named "The Artist Speaks" was awarded first prize in the poetry contest, sponsored by the Presbyterian Outlook, and appeared in the "Going to College Handbook," off the press late in August.

Miss Huneycutt, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Huneycutt of Laurel Hill, achieved a reputation as an amateur poet of promise while in college, and in her senior year had a poem accepted and published by "Arts Forum."

She was one of the representatives chosen from 11 colleges throughout the nation to bring poems for discussion to the forum held at Woman's college in Greensboro last March.

She is now director of religious education at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church in Knoxville, Tenn.

Young Gene Ganney Suffers Broken Leg

Red Springs—Gene Manning, small son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. Lloyd Mauney, is a patient in Scotland County Memorial hospital, Maxton, following an accident Tuesday morning at his home here.

Young Gene suffered a broken leg when his car shed door fell on him. The leg was broken in two places.

Business Courses Added To School Curriculum

Red Springs—Several pupils in the Red Springs high school have expressed a desire to enroll in the business class, now in its second year.

The enrollment in this particular class has increased from 12 last year to 20 this year. The increase has brought an acute demand for additional typewriters and other equipment.

Typing desks and chairs have already been installed with only 16 typewriters supplied. Additional typewriters have been ordered for the past 18 months, but no delivery has been received. Although Superintendent W. R. Dudley has stated that it is not possible to purchase more at present, the school trustees will not meet the demand.

Miss Leta Williams is the typing teacher. A typing fee of \$2 per month is charged each pupil to cover the cost of repairing, replacing of parts on the machines, and to help meet the expenses of having new machines. Each new typewriter ribbon alone now costs \$1.45.

Additional Business Courses

In addition to a typing class, the school is now offering several other business courses. General business and bookkeeping is being taught by Miss Blanche Fisher of the mathematics department.

Miss Frances Conington, senior English teacher, will spend two months in England, studying business. English, which will include business and forms of business correspondence as a part of the regular English courses.

Lunch servings increase in the school has increased from 400 the first week of school to 420 this week.

The enrollment in the schools has also greatly increased over last week. The elementary school has reported an enrollment of 367 over last week's 348, and the high school now has 193 pupils, again an increase of two.

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Wedding Party Of 50 Years Ago



The Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth of Lumberton, pastor of several Baptist churches in Robeson, poses above with the Rev. and Mrs. Alexander Thomas Rogers of Taber City during their Golden Wedding anniversary. Not only did he take part in their golden wedding anniversary, but also Mr. Hedgpeth officiated at their wedding ceremony 50 years ago. Another unique feature of the celebration was that the combined age of the trio totals 227 years. Mrs. Rogers being 69 years old, Mr. Rogers 78, and Mr. Hedgpeth 80 years of age.

Now pastoring five Baptist churches in Robeson, Mr. Hedgpeth completed 60 years in the ministry last July. He has been pastor of the Big Branch church in Orem, which is also his home church, for 53 years. His other churches are Long Branch, Proctorville, Tolusville, and Bales. He was born and grew up in Orem, the son of Daniel and Eliza Purvis Hedgpeth. (Photo Courtesy of Star News, Wilmington)

Yum-m, Steaks!!

Red Springs—That was an expression used by the Home Furniture softball team as they eagerly walked off the playing diamond at the high school Monday night after defeating Graham's softball team in a post-season two-out-of-three game series. The team was headed for a steak smothered with onions feast at Club 2-0 on Graham's team. The defeated team ate, too.

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New Self-Service Laundry In RS

Red Springs—A self-service laundry is being erected on North Main street adjoining the Auto Service center and directly behind the Scottish Citizen office. Co-owners and operators are to be H. E. Rogers of Philadelphia, and Eugene Graham, Jr., of Red Springs.

The laundry will house 10 machines, and the cost will be \$2 for each nine pounds of dry clothes. There will be someone in the building at all times to do the wash for you if laundry soap is furnished and at a slightly higher rate of 45 per cent per pound of dry clothes.

The opening of the laundry is planned for October 1 and soon if possible.

Freak Plant

Pembroke—A freak tobacco plant grown by Carl Manning, owner of rural Rowland is over 10 feet tall and has grown 100 large leaves. According to Mr. Manning, all of them are of a good grade. It has grown in smoke and in date has shown no signs of seeding. It is the only plant of its kind in the entire field.

RS School Students Aid In Synod Program

Red Springs—Several of the Red Springs high school boys and girls are assisting in various capacities in the Synod program at Flora Macdonald college this week.

Seven high school girls are assisting in serving three meals a day at the college. They are: Fay McPhail, Grace Graham, Eunice Duncan, Joan Stevens, Ann McArthur, Doris Young and Patsy McNeill.

The Boy Scouts, under the direction of Scoutmaster Thomas A. Fry, are acting as guides and messengers for the convenience of those attending the Synod. They are: Tommy Ashford, Gene McRecken, Alex Byrne, Elbert McPhail, Jr., Garnet Brooks, Evans Skipper, Zeb McMillan, Jr., Leon Tucker and Ferrell Gentry.

The post office in Red Springs has recently received a new coat of paint inside and out.

RS Lions Approve 3 Community Projects

Guests Present; New Members Received

Red Springs—Three community projects were approved at the meeting of the Lions club Tuesday evening. The projects, presented by the Community Betterment committee, as approved were: 1. A recreation park or center for Red Springs. This can be done by converting the airport property into cash if the site itself is not suitable. Unanimous approval.

Project No. 2. Parking meters for Main Street in the business district of Red Springs. This can be done without cost to the taxpayers of the town. This was approved 10 to 4.

Project No. 3. A Community Chest for Red Springs. This will save the time of both the solicitors and contributors for charitable causes in the community. This received unanimous approval.

Revival Begins Monday At First Baptist Church

Red Springs—The First Baptist church of Red Springs has had 22 Cottage Prayer meetings this week in preparation for their revival which begins next Monday evening at 8 o'clock. The visiting pastor for the occasion will be the Rev. R. A. Thompson, pastor of the State Street Baptist church in Columbia, S. C. The Rev. J. Lloyd Mauney is the regular pastor.

Meetings will be held each evening during the week at 10 o'clock and begin each evening at 7:45 o'clock. H. D. Baxley and C. L. Woodward will be the song leaders. Special music will also be given during the week.

The church has been undergoing a complete redecoration and repainting job during the past weeks and will be in readiness by Sunday.

Jury Receives Brooks Assault Case At Noon

Lumberton—A Superior court jury was charged shortly after noon today to find one of five verdicts in the case of Pembroke Chief of Police Percy Brooks charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill Vin Deed Maynor.

The jury late this afternoon returned a verdict of guilty of a assault causing serious injury. Judge Chester Morris sentenced Brooks to six months in jail, suspended on two years' good behavior with several conditional requirements. One was that he turn in his badge and commission to the Town Board of Commissioners of Pembroke.

Presiding Judge Chester Morris, after speaking over an hour to the court, said the defendant might be found guilty or charged; guilty of assault with a deadly weapon; guilty of assault causing serious injury; guilty of simple assault; or, no injury.

Maynor told the court he was shot by Chief Brooks after a tussle during which he was unarmed. He asserted that Brooks had not asked him for a gun he had under his shirt nor told him he was under arrest.

The same testimony was given by Charles R. Paris, manager of the store before which the struggle took place, and by Claude Lowry, Raymond and Roscoe Oxendine.

Chief Brooks testified he saw Maynor at 5 p. m. on the Saturday of the shooting, in the cafe. He said he saw the butt of a concealed weapon inside Maynor's shirt, but didn't arrest him then "to keep from starting trouble in the cafe."

Some 55 minutes later, Brooks said he saw Maynor on a street bench with the Oxendine boys, called him to the car and told him he was under arrest.

Lumberton Horse Show Program

Lumberton—Clashes for every division of show horses are included in the program of the Robeson horse show to be presented here Friday and Saturday, Oct. 10 and 11.

Featured among the 40 events will be three-gaited, five-gaited, roasters, walking horses, fine harness horses, hunters, jumpers, ponies, local horse, pleasure horses and a special class for horsemen and horsewomen more than fifty years old and a class for Negro groups.

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UNC To Offer School Workshops

Robeson teachers and school administrators will have the opportunity this year to take part in educational workshops offered by the UNC Extension division which will give credit toward both teachers' certificates and master's degrees, according to an announcement from County Superintendent Green.

The Extension division will also offer classes if they are requested by teachers, but experience has shown, said Mr. Green, that workshops are more beneficial professionally and more helpful in classroom work. In the workshops teachers and principals will work on the major problems and needs of their schools with the purpose of making definite progress and improvement in their schools.

Extension work is especially pertinent this year, the superintendent said, as many teachers will need to renew their certificates before Sept. 1, 1948. As much as eight semester hours or two full courses of credit may be earned in the school year.

Principals, teachers and substitute teachers who are interested in either of the two types of extension service should send their names to Mr. Green's office by Sept. 16. Many school systems in the state are requesting extension service, and if Robeson county is to secure the work it is necessary that application for it be made at an early date.

In Red Springs Have You Noticed?

The group of ardent young baseball fans who occupied the corner lot by the First Presbyterian church any time all day last summer.

The enthusiastic response to the softball team's competition this summer.

The traffic signs erected for the safety of school children.

The new houses being erected in various parts of town.

The change in Pender's store name to Colonial Stores.

The number of local affairs complaining out of town stars and brides during the month of August.

The unenthusiastic response of women to the longer hem-line fashion.

The sudden burst of fish pond building.

The hot weather (ally question, isn't it?)

Fun Will Be A-Poppin' In Liberty Post

3 Community Projects

Maxton—Fun, and a flock in store for folks after the hillbillly show "Cornzoppon" set for next Thursday and Friday nights by the Liberty Post 117 of the American Legion, the Maxton high school.

Rehearsals of the all-local cast started this week under the direction of Miss Carolyn Hill, professional director, and special feature acts are being planned to make the two performances a fast-moving two hours of amusing entertainment.

The cast of ten players includes: Ed McLeod, Mrs. Pulliam, Mac McConoghay, Langdon Stone, Mrs. Jap Geaney, Doris McLaughlin, Annie McEachin, Hugh Freeman, Mary Edna George and Eleanor McCaskill. There will also be a chorus of 30 girls selected from the public school music classes of the high school.

Election On Wine And Beer Sought By Commissioners

Lumberton—The Lumberton city board of commissioners favors an election to determine whether wine and beer should be sold in the city, they revealed Tuesday in a written decision refusing on grounds of lack of evidence to revoke the beer license of West End Tavern on Fourth street.

Revocation of the city licenses of the tavern and two other local beer parlors had been requested by Col. Edgar H. Bain, director of the N. C. committee of the U. S. Brewers Foundation, at a hearing before the city board last Friday.

The board took no action on two of the petitions, against the West End Tavern, owned by A. L. Wilson, and O. L. Deese's place, both on Fourth street, but denied a city license to Botha Bandy, who has both county and state licenses to sell beer at her home on the Fairmont road.

Not Interested In Beer

Signed by Mayor Malcolm Sewell and three of the commissioners, the decision referred to the statement that the beer industry was interested in having revoked only the licenses of sales outlets that circled the industry in the eyes of the public.

"We are not interested in the beer industry," the statement continued. "We are very much interested in the public welfare. We conceive no antagonism to the people of Lumberton and to the beer industry."

Pointing out the difficulty in differentiating between places which exist for the retail, on full county and state licenses to sell beer at her home on the Fairmont road.

The board asked that a county election be held in order that the city of Lumberton might have a similar election.

Commissioners signing the statement were P. Allen, W. R. Allen, and C. P. Britt. The other commissioner, L. W. Wicker, favored revoking the license of the West End Tavern.

Registration Opens / School Year At PJC

Maxton—Presbyterian Junior college opened for the 1947-48 school year with registration of high school and aircraft and engine mechanics students and flying students Sept. 4. Freshman students will register tomorrow and sophomores on Monday, September 8.

Two hundred and ninety-eight students have made room reservations and others are being accepted within a period of three weeks from the opening of college.

Dr. H. O. Somers of Raleigh made the address at the opening of college at 10 a. m. Tuesday, Sept. 9.

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