

# FARM REVIEW and FORECAST

## Hog Cholera Found

WINTON — Hog Cholera has been reported in Hertford County according to Hertford County Associate Extension Agent Jim Daughtry. A hog cholera quarantine already in effect in the northern portion of the county has been extended and the new boundaries are as follows:

From the Virginia State Line south along the west bank of Chowan river to the Meherrin River then west to US 258 then southwest along 258 to the Hertford-Northampton County line and then north along the county boundary to the state line and then east to the Chowan River.

Swine can be moved inside the quarantine area to North Carolina packers only after inspection by representatives of the state veterinarians office. Daughtry said movement of swine outside the quarantine area would not be affected and would operate as it had in the past.

Swine producers desiring additional information will be directed to the county agents office in Winton or the Cholera Control Center in Weldon,

telephone 536-4055. The case of hog Cholera was reported on a farm on State Road 1314.

## Peanut Growers To Vote Mar. 13

ROCKY MOUNT — North Carolina peanut growers will be given an opportunity March 13 to vote on whether or not they wish to continue their assessment program, according to Joe S. Sugg, executive secretary of the North Carolina Peanut Growers Association. He stated that in its November meeting, the board of directors of the North Carolina Peanut Growers Association went on record as favoring a request to the North Carolina Board of Agriculture for authority to conduct a referendum in March to give the peanut growers an opportunity to vote whether or not they would like to continue their assessment program for the years 1973 through 1978.

The assessments for this six year period, according to Sugg, if voted on favorably by the peanut growers in North Carolina, would be at the rate of \$1 per ton on farmer stock peanuts sold at the local buying stations. The funds collected in this self-help program will be used for the purpose of promoting the use of peanuts through research, education, legislation and other available means. Sugg said that this is an increase of 60 cents per ton, making the assessment rate of \$1 per ton on farmer stock peanuts, the same as that which is being assessed in the other peanut producing states, namely, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Texas and Oklahoma. The state of Virginia has a bill currently pending before the Virginia legislature to increase their assessment from 40 cents per ton to \$1 per ton.

According to R. Gilbert Whitley, president of the North Carolina Peanut Growers Association, the board of directors has found

## Farmers Feed Wildlife As Well As The People

WASHINGTON — America's farmers feed not only cattle, hogs, and poultry, but everything else that flies, swims, runs, or crawls on farm and ranchlands — an estimated 80 per cent of the nation's wildlife.

And, says Kenneth E. Grant, administrator of the Soil Conservation Service, (SCS) U.S. Department of Agriculture, his agency's end-of-year figures show that farmer encouragement of wildlife is on the increase. In fiscal year 1972, according to Mr. Grant, SCS assisted farmers, ranchers and other landowners in improving more than 7 1/2 million acres of land and water areas for the benefit of wildlife — a 28 per cent increase over last year.

Further, SCS reports, more than half a million acres of other rural land was converted from crop or rangeland into wildlife and recreation areas during 1972. SCS helps landowners improve food, water, and cover for wildlife. Improved habitat, says Mr. Grant, increases wildlife populations even faster than stocking. He points out that the 7 1/2 million acres of habitat improvements is only a small part of the American farmers

that there is a very desperate need for an increase in available funds in order that farmers can help expand their market by promoting an increase in the consumption of peanuts and peanut products which in the United States now is in about 30 per cent surplus. With the increase in funds and the increase in promotional activities, it is expected that an increase in consumption of peanuts would result, thereby reducing the cost of the peanut program to the government and thus assuring the farmers of a national peanut program to help stabilize their income, said Whitley.

aid to wildlife. "Such widespread farm and ranch conservation practices as stripcropping (alternating banks of crops and grass), building ponds, protecting woodland areas, planting windbreaks and improving rangeland also attract many wild creatures," he said. "These and many other conservation practices

indicate that American farmers and ranchers continue to be the 'host with the most' for wildlife," said the SCS administrator.

## Weekly Peanut Report

VIRGINIA-NORTH CAROLINA SECTION — The weather was mostly partly cloudy and mild, except drizzling rain was reported last Saturday. Offerings were light for most grades. Trading was about steady. Sales and quotations prompt and February-March delivery mostly prompt delivery cleaned Virginia jumbo 25-25 1/2 cents, occasional higher. Fancy 23-23 1/2 cents, occasional 23 3/4-24 cents, shelled extra large very few 31-31 1/2 cents, medium 29 cents; Number one 25 1/4-25 1/2 cents, mostly 25 1/2 cents; Number two 23-23 1/2 cents, occasional 24 cents, few lower.

## Soil Conservation Notes

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Dr. Charles Cook of Wilson, recently completed construction of a field border and grassed waterway on his farm near Rich Square. Construction included grading to provide channels for effective removal of surface water. Earth removed in preparation of the channels was used to fill low places in the adjoining fields. Fescue will be seeded to provide protective cover in the waterway and field border.

E. T. Hollowell of Rich Square, has applied to the Northampton Soil and Water Conservation District for help in working out a conservation plan. Improved drainage and removal of surface water will receive high priority in the planning. Soils information, including identification of soil types, capability classification and woodland suitability will be provided by the Soil Conservation Service.

W. G. Long, of Garysburg, says tile drainage paid off well for him last year. He installed 2,143 feet of plastic drainage tubing last spring. The improved drainage made it possible for a cotton picker to work. On other parts of the field where tubing had not been installed, the machine got stuck. He plans to add to the system this year according to a schedule set up in his conservation farm plan.

proper pesticide safety. A large number of 30 acres or less farms in the Southeast produce cotton, soybeans and peanuts. "PROJECT SAFEGUARD" targets them because they are less likely to be aware of, or to observe, proper pesticide safety procedures.

## IRS Begins Crackdown

AHOSKIE — The Internal Revenue Service has begun a crackdown of businesses who fail to comply with the Internal Revenue Code.

Walker Levon (Lee) Miles, 34, of Chocowinity, president of Tar Heel Home Supply Corporation Inc., in Greenville, and Phillip K. Flowers, 23, of Greenville, vice-president of the same corporation, were arrested recently by special agents of the Internal Revenue Service on charges of failing to comply with Section 7512 of the Internal Revenue Code.

This law required the two to deposit social security taxes and income taxes withheld from wages of employees at Tar Heel Home Supply Corporation, Inc., to a special bank account in trust for the United States, which they failed to do.

The charges were filed against them in a four-count information filed by United States Attorney Thomas P. McNamara, in Raleigh. Both Miles and Flowers were released on bonds of \$5000 each for later appearance in Federal Court to answer these charges.



The first prize fight with a million dollar gate was the Dempsey-Carpentier bout held on July 2, 1921. Dempsey won.



ANY PORT IN A STORM is obviously the creed of the birds of Northampton County. With their natural food covered up by the snow on Monday, the birds joined the hogs at their feeding station near Eagleton as uninvited but not unwelcome guests.

## First Aid Lessons Given Boy Scouts

SEVERN — A course in first aid training, given by Scoutmaster M. E. Lassiter, featured the regular meeting of Severn Boy Scout Troop No. 78, which was held in the Severn Fire House last week. In addition, there were several demonstrations of first aid.

Seven of the 12 members of the troop were present. They

were Bruce Barkley, Kevin Britl, E. J. Byrd, Harvey Byrd, Jr., William Byrd, Ronnie Summers, and Ronnie Woodard. Gene Martin, assistant scoutmaster, was also present and assisted the scoutmaster in the training.

Any boy in the Severn-Pendleton and Conway area, who is interested in joining the troop should contact M. E.

Lassiter or be present at any meeting of the troop, normally held Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. at the Severn Fire House.

Only 2.32 percent of the 1972 flue-cured tobacco crop went under government loan, indicating a stronger buyer demand. The record average price of \$85.34 per hundred pounds -- up \$8 over 1971 -- is further evidence of the strong demand for the relatively small but high quality 1972 crop.



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## 1973 PEANUT PROGRAM

Cut costs by using profit producing practices.

- (1) Plan your peanut program in units of 75 acres if possible to maximize efficiency of machinery, labor and management.
- (2) Select soil suitable for peanut production.
- (3) Test soil for lime and fertilizer needs.
- (4) Apply needed lime and fertilizer early. (Peanuts respond to residual in the soil.)
- (5) Use a chisel plow to break land. This piece of equipment will eliminate traffic pans if operated at the proper depth.
- (6) Bed land soon after chiseling. This will increase the capillary action in the soil, help to eliminate wind erosion, and cause beds to warm up sooner in the Spring of the year.
- (7) Make seed arrangements now. Plant only tested seed, properly treated with one of the recommended fungicides.
- (8) Plant at least three different varieties with different maturing dates in order to hedge against weather conditions.

## Project Safeguard Announced

ATLANTA — Cotton, soybean and peanut farmers in Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Alabama are "PROJECT SAFEGUARD" targets.

This means an educational and training program related to safe use of pesticides that replace DDT will be concentrated on them.

DDT, banned because it contaminates the environment, is being replaced by such chemicals as parathion (methyl and ethyl), Guthion and Lannate. Although having less risk of long-range harm to the environment, these replacement pesticides have greater toxicity and do represent a greater short-range, acute hazard to persons coming in direct contact with them.

Many of the techniques and procedures of DDT application are not appropriate when applying the replacement pesticides. Accidents can occur during aerial or ground application operations, in cleaning or servicing application equipment, in mixing and in handling operations and by premature re-entry into treated fields. Dermal or respiratory exposure may result causing serious injury or death if proper first aid and medical treatment is not given quickly.

Thus, "PROJECT SAFEGUARD" is the combined effort of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's Extension Service, agriculture and health agencies in the states, trade associations and manufacturers to counteract the increased hazards.

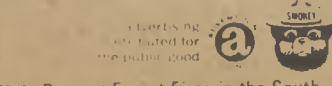
Past experience has been that even the highly toxic organophosphates can be used with complete safety if label directions and precautions are followed precisely.

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