

FARM REVIEW and FORECAST



Jackson Resident Is Named RIHA Membership Chairman

MANTEO — Mrs. John G. Burgwyn of Jackson has been named chairman for Northampton County for the 1973 Roanoke Island Historical Association (RIHA) membership campaign.

Mrs. Burgwyn's appointment was announced by Mrs. L. Richardson Preyer, general membership chairman for the annual drive.

RIHA produces "The Lost Colony," the nation's first outdoor historical drama, each summer in Waterside Theatre on the Outer Banks' Roanoke Island near here. The theatre is located in Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, the exact location of Sir Walter Raleigh's first English settlement in the New World which mysteriously disappeared.

Memberships are available in the association in several categories — regular, \$5; sustaining, \$10; sponsoring, \$25; and patron, \$50. These members are entitled to one reserved seat ticket for each \$5 value of the membership and a copy of the souvenir program.

Life memberships are available at \$100 and each member receives a lifetime pass to the production; donor members at \$250 receive two lifetime passes; benefactor members at \$500 receive two lifetime passes and their names are inscribed on the Benefactor's Panel in the Lost

Merrill Gay Top Producer

JACKSON — T. R. Kirkpatrick, Sales Manager of Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, named Merrill Gay of Seaboard as the Top Producing Agency Manager for his district for 1972. Gay was selected because of his outstanding sales and service record during 1972 for multilines of insurance.

This honor was announced at the Annual Sales Conference of the Farm Bureau Insurance Companies which was held in Fayetteville recently.

Gay is married to the former Raye Harris. They reside in Seaboard and have one daughter.

Accent on AGRICULTURE

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N. C. Farm Bureau Federation

January to June
RALEIGH — If you are anything like the average of approximately 80 million U. S. taxpayers, you'll pay 43 per cent of everything you earn this year in some form of taxes.

This percentage includes all taxes, hidden as well as direct. It includes local school taxes, township and county taxes, sales, gasoline, state and federal income taxes — all of them.

It will take you from New Year's Day until the first part of June to earn enough just to pay your taxes this year, if you are one of the average taxpayers.

For easy figuring, let's say you expect to earn \$10,000 this year. Out of that \$10,000, you will pay \$4,300 in some form of taxes. That figures out to over \$82 per week.

All of the facts and figures, it must be remembered, are based upon averages and calculated estimates, but by some of the nation's best statisticians and tax experts.

We are reaching the point in this country where almost half of our total working time must be devoted to our township, county, state and federal governments and school districts.

We are also reaching the point where almost half of our work force is employed in operations run by our tax dollars.

While averages and estimates can always be proven faulty when applied to specific and individual circumstances, there can be little argument about the total picture they portray.

What is even more disturbing is that there are strong indications that things may be worse in years to come unless we find a way to halt excessive government spending.

Colony Building at Fort Raleigh. These members receive the souvenir program for life.

All memberships in the association are tax deductible as contributions. Members are invited to attend the annual luncheon and association meeting held in November as part of North Carolina's Culture Week activities.

RIHA, a non-profit organization chartered by the state of North Carolina, is dedicated to sponsoring a continuing program of education, preservation and entertainment in commemoration of the first English settlements in America. The association also has been largely responsible for developing Fort Raleigh, the country's spiritual birthplace, as a national historic site.

The 1973 season for "The Lost Colony" opens June 22 and runs through August 25. This is the 33rd production season for Pulitzer Prize

TV Garden Program Is Returning

RALEIGH — Backyard Gardener will return to Educational Television at 7 p.m., Monday, March 5, for a 10-week spring series.

The hour-long program features four specialists of the Agricultural Extension Service of North Carolina State University who answer lawn and garden questions on the air.

Viewers can get their questions on the air by calling (919) 829-5641 during the program or by writing Backyard Gardener, Box 8546, Raleigh, N. C. 27607.

Panelists are horticulturist Henry Smith, Plant Pathologist Harry Duncan, Entomologist R. L. Robertson, and Agronomist William Lewis. The producer is Hal Reynolds.

Backyard Gardener will be carried by all eight channels of the University of North Carolina Educational Television System.

Swamp Fever Outbreaks Reported

RALEIGH — Outbreaks of Equine Infectious Anemia, generally known as Swamp Fever, are becoming more common on North Carolina horse farms according to Dr. Tom Zweigart, Head of the Veterinary Division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

Recent outbreaks have occurred in three areas of the state — Knightdale, Roseboro, and the Wilkes-Winston-Salem area. All infected horses found in these areas had been brought into the state from Florida or Canada. However, it is felt that the disease is present in some horses raised in the state.

Swamp Fever ranges in its effect on horses from causing only slight reduction in performance because of anemia to death of the animal. Once a horse is infected there is no cure. Mortality has been estimated to vary from 30 to 70 per cent of the affected animals. There is no indemnity for these horses.

The foremost means of transmission is by biting insects and the use of non-disposable needles. The virus is very resistant to heat and disinfectants. Other less common means of spread include contact and the interchange of tack.

Zweigart stated that there is a good test now available for this disease, the Coggins Test. He advised all North Carolinians to require this test be run on horses being purchased outside the state.

He further cautioned that any outbreak on a farm requires the entire farm to be quarantined. Due to the relatively low cost of the test, the stable operator would be wise to require all horses boarded there to be tested. Legal questions could possibly arise when a horse previously testing negative comes down with the disease at a stable which had not tested for EIA.

Later in the program, the entire homeroom danced two numbers, Alley Cat and

winer Paul Green's symphonic drama which has been acclaimed as "the first and still the best of the outdoor dramas."

"The Lost Colony" recreates the story of the first English settlements in America. Sir Walter Raleigh's colonies on Roanoke Island date 20 years before Jamestown in Virginia and 30 years before the Plymouth Rock landing.

A cast of 150 actors, dancers, singers and technicians are used by nationally known director and choreographer Joe Layton to stage the historical drama in the 2,000-seat Waterside Theatre, located on the site where the original events of the play took place.

Plans Announced For '73 Farm Safety Program

ATLANTA — The U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will again place heavy emphasis on farm and home safety in 1973.

In outlining this year's safety campaign, USDA officials said that by emphasizing a timely safety challenge each month, USDA can make a major contribution toward reducing the work-related farm accidents that have claimed more than 2,000 farm lives annually in recent years.

Beginning with stress placed on "safe handling of livestock" during January, and "workshop and tool safety" in February, USDA said the safety emphases for March will be "safe use of agricultural chemicals."

Other safety emphases for

the year will be: April — farm tractor safety; May — highway and transport safety; June — recreation safety; July — danger of falls; August — traffic and back to school safety; September — developing farm safety systems; October — fire prevention and harvest season safety; November — chore time safety; and December — home and holiday safety.

This year's USDA safety efforts will again be coordinated with the National Safety Council and its Farm Conference. Virtually all USDA agencies will take part in the 1973 program.

In a recent study of farm accidents, USDA said 66 per cent of the accidents were work related. The remaining 34 per cent occurred largely during leisure activities. Of

those involved in the accidents nearly 86 per cent were members of the farm families. The remaining accidents involved visitors and farm workers.

take into consideration your intentions to freeze or can, and plant accordingly.

If possible, the garden site should be rotated from year to year to help prevent buildups of insect and disease pests. If site rotation isn't possible, rotate your vegetables within the garden.

Here's another planting tip: plant perennial crops such as asparagus, rhubarb and berries along one side of the garden. They will be out of the way when you plow and prepare for spring planting.

DOING HIS BEST TO HARVEST HIS COTTON before the Monday rains again turned the field into a mass of mud too unstable to permit the operation of heavy equipment is this farmer between Rich Square and Woodland. The soggy ground has prevented many farmers from getting in their crops. Many cotton fields throughout the county have still not been picked.

Cholera Quarantine Lifted In Gates, Hertford, N'hampton

WINTON — Hog cholera quarantines have been released in Hertford, Northampton, and Gates County according to James A. Daughtry, Assoc. Agricultural Extension Agent.

"We received word Friday (February 23) afternoon from the North Carolina State Veterinarian of the releases," Daughtry said. "However they also informed us that in Hertford County near Como and in Gates County there has been one farm in each county that has just been depopulated. Producers in a three mile radius of these two

farms will remain under individual quarantine.

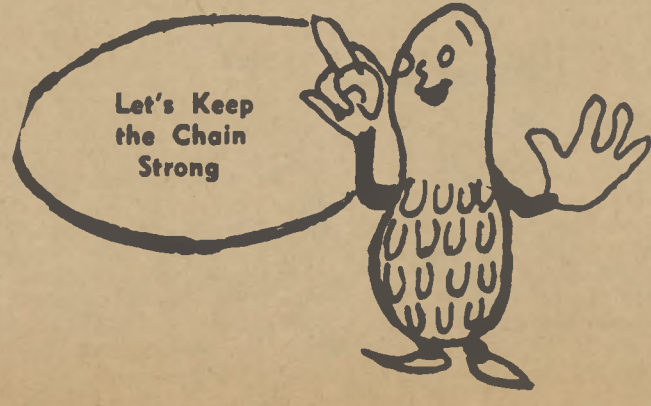
"The overall outlook for hog cholera situation is much better than it's been in a good while, and at present, there are no cases in North Carolina, and Virginia seems to be slowing down.

"N. C. veterinarians are working extra hard to try to eliminate the disease from North Carolina before the arrival of spring and summer insects. The arrival of these insects could help spread the disease."

"Area farmers are to be congratulated on their cooperation in calling sick pigs and in working with the State and Federal Veterinarians to help get rid of this disease."

Bath Baubles
Brighten the bath with plants, collectibles displayed on western wood shelves sealed with moisture-resistant polyurethane.

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1 TRAFFIC PANS

Traffic pans are hard pans that have developed in most fields throughout the county, especially on the better sandy loam soils.

(a) The chisel plow has proven to be an effective tool in eliminating traffic pans.
(b) The chisel plow should be run at a depth of 10-14 inches deep (or below pan) as soon as possible.
(c) Do not operate the chisel plow when the soil is wet.

2 ADVANTAGES OF PLANTING ON A BED

Q. Why is planting on a bed favored over flat planting?
A. More optimum moisture-temperature relationship for seedling development. It minimizes the danger of disease organism and herbicide damage.

Q. When is the best time to bed land?
A. As far ahead of planting as possible.

Q. How high should beds be planted?
A. Approximately 6-8 inches.

Q. Can you incorporate herbicide and fertilizer before planting?
A. Yes, if it is done within a month of planting.

Q. What is the best way to mix herbicides and fertilizer on the bed?
A. A rolling cultivator or power driven rotary hoe.

Q. What can I do if no equipment is available for bedding?
A. Run 6 to 8 inch water furrow in the middles immediately after planting.

Q. What are the best tools for making a bed?
A. A disk bedder, middle buster, or rolling cultivator.

Q. Should I break land before bedding?
A. No, the bedding process is a breaking process.

3 SOIL SAMPLES

(a) Even though it is late, it will pay to go ahead and take soil samples.
(b) Cartons and information sheets are available at the County Agents Office and fertilizer dealers.
(c) The County Agents Office is delivering soil samples to the Soil Testing Laboratory at least once a week.

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