

Northampton Farm News

4-H Club News

Thirty-five 4-H'ers from Northampton County attended Millstone 4-H Camp this past week. Divided into four groups, head, heart, health and hands as scheduled, these 4-H'ers and others from Bertie, Martin, and Halifax Counties attended classes in ecology, handicrafts — made bird houses to bring home with them, swimming, canoeing, and recreation, including, archery and folk dancing. A special class was held Wednesday in electricity, where they were taught how to conserve power.

Special events during the week included a picnic Wednesday and a movie show at camp "Big Red." Thursday night was talent and stunt night. Those from Northampton County participating were:

Patsy Kee — modern dance; Patsy Moseley — played piano; skit, "In the Morning" — Patsy Moseley, Surena Green, Edna Davis, Sandra Cosby, Sylvia Kidd, Joanne Vassor; comical beauty pageant — Lora Ann Canady, Kate Long.

The same evening Northampton County 4-H'ers conducted Vespers around the campfire circle. Friday afternoon a Field Day was held in which the kids participated in the three-legged race, potato and spoon race, bread jump, and tug of war.

To conclude the activities of the week, awards were presented for excellence in various classes and a number of special awards for superior campers that night.

Superior Camper Award: Ginger Sumner, Theodore

Moody, Johnnie Green, Harvey Moseley, Lorie Canady, Duna Long, Edna D. Davis, Ken Barnes, Linwood Canady, Chuck Buffalo, Layne Coleman, Johnny Brady.

Ecology: Ginger Sumner, Theodore Moody, Kevin Brady, Darryl Bryant, Duna Long, Surena Green, Johnny Brady, Daniel Best.

Handicrafts: Doug Eason, Lorie Canady, Keith Vaughan, Joann Vassor, Sylvia Kidd, Edna Davis, Kenneth Buffalo, Ken Barnes, Linwood Canady, Johnnie Brady, Daniel Best, Layne Coleman.

Recreation: Agatha Lassiter, Johnnie Green, Darryl Bryant, Deborah Ricks, Duna Long, Surena Green, Sylvia Kidd, Chuck Buffalo, Layne Coleman.

Jernigan Says Ports Are Asset To State

RALEIGH — "North Carolina's ports at Wilmington and Morehead City are great assets to our state, and we are only beginning to reap the benefits of their great potential," Rep. Roberts H. Jernigan, Jr., Democrat of Hertford County, said.

Jernigan said the ports received more than \$5.2 million in revenues from their operations in 1972, a 27 percent increase over 1971. The ports invest earnings in capital improvements.

The representative said the growth of the ports has paralleled the state's investment in them. The 1949 General Assembly authorized a \$7.5 million bond issue to put the Ports Authority, created four years earlier, into business. Traffic began flowing through Authority facilities in 1952. General Assemblies have since

appropriated \$39.7 million for improvement and operation of the ports, more than five times the original investment. "The number of incoming and outgoing ships and barges in 1972 was seven times the 1952 figure. The 1972 tonnage was about six and a half times more than the 1952 tonnage," the legislator said.

Statistics compiled by the Ports Authority for 1972 show 826 ships called at the two ports; 604 barges; 44,976 trucks; and 9,132 rail cars. More than 2 billion tons of goods were shipped during the same period.

"The 1973 General Assembly appropriated \$8.3 million for capital improvements at the ports. The 1969 and 1971 assemblies together appropriated another \$8 million.

"Our ports give added balance and flexibility to the economy of North Carolina,"

Fuel Shortages Plague State Tobacco Farmers

RALEIGH — Major fuel shortages continue to plague tobacco farmers in several areas of the state. According to N.C. Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham

these producers will lose their crops unless immediate action is taken.

"At the present time no encouragement has been given to these areas as to when fuel can be expected. For that reason I have sent telegrams to the major oil companies, the White House and the Office of Oil and Gas again outlining the problem and requesting immediate help," Graham said.

"I have exhausted every possible resource to help these producers in the past two months," he continued, "but time is about to run out. There is little doubt that serious crop losses will occur unless steps are taken now by those who control the fuel supply."

The commissioner also stated that he had personally discussed the matter with Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz and that his office had been in daily contact with the Office of Oil and Gas, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the N.C. LP Gas Association and the North Carolina Oil Jobbers Association in an attempt to locate the needed fuel supplies.

Heel flue-cured growers are to continue in business. He emphasized that a quota program is the basis for price supports.

The Farm Bureau president said strong support of the tobacco farmers' export promotion organization, Tobacco Associates, Inc., is more important than ever in view of the fact that 55 percent of the flue-cured crop was sold abroad in 1972.

"Mere approval of these programs is not enough," Mangum asserted. "We need to show overwhelming support and in large numbers."

done this job well and fulfilled its responsibility to a high degree, and the cotton producers need to continue this effort," Graham said.

"Many changes in agriculture will be offered over the next few years. Individually, the cotton producer's voice is hard to hear, but the united voice of the Cotton Promotion Association can and will continue to be listened to. Ask cotton producers to vote on July 17 in favor of continuing support for the North Carolina Cotton Promotion Association," The Commissioner urged.

Cotton Vote Set Tuesday

RALEIGH — Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham, in a statement here today, reminded cotton producers of the referendum on July 17, 1973 for the North Carolina Cotton Promotion Association. Up to 25 cents per bale will be collected by cotton ginners for the Cotton Promotion Association if the vote is favorable.

"Over the years the Cotton Promotion Association has worked on matters concerning the cotton producer. The cotton producer needs a unified voice dealing with mutual problems. The Cotton Promotion Association has

Mangum Urges Tobacco Growers To Approve July Referendum

RALEIGH — B. C. Mangum, president of the N. C. Farm Bureau Federation, recently urged flue-cured tobacco growers to give their resounding approval to the continuation of their current acreage-poundage quota system and to Tobacco Associates in the referendum set for July 17.

The state farm leader also urged cotton growers to vote in favor of continuing their support of the N. C. Cotton Promotion Association through self-assessment of not more than 25 cents per bale. He said these funds are necessary for research,

education and promotion activities of the growers' organization. A favorable vote in the cotton referendum, also set for July 17, would continue the program for six years.

Mangum pointed out that a two-thirds majority of those voting is necessary to retain the tobacco program and, failing this, there would be no acreage allotment, no poundage quota, and no price supports on the 1974 crop. If approved, the program will remain in effect for the 1974, 1975 and 1976 crops.

Mangum said support of the program is essential if Tar

them on instead of the reins. Years and hard work have stopped the shoulders, but nothing has dimmed the pleasant smile he has when he speaks.



IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR. Tobacco has been topping out and many farmers plan to begin harvesting their 1973 crop of what has been called "North Carolina's golden weed" this week.

Crop Report

Soil Moisture
Surplus moisture conditions prevailed in the Coastal Plains, while soil moisture elsewhere has generally adequate. Plains in some areas were accompanied by wind and hail—flash flooding was not uncommon. Weeds are becoming an increasing problem as wet conditions

delay cultivating and spraying.

Tobacco
Flue-cured tobacco growers are busy readying barns and equipment for harvest. Some light harvest is underway in the Coastal Plains and should gain momentum after July 4. Tobacco in low areas of many fields is showing evidence of damage from the excess rains. Budworms continue to be a problem, and some black shank has been reported. Some early set tobacco is budding out low due to the cold weather early in the season. Burley transplanting has drawn to a close and the crop is in good shape. Growers' primary concern is the control of weeds, grass and budworms.

Corn
The State's corn outlook continues favorable. About 24 percent of the crop is in excellent condition, 65 percent in good condition and 11 percent in poor to fair condition. About 28 percent of the acreage is in the silking stage of development. Silking is occurring primarily in the Coastal Plains.

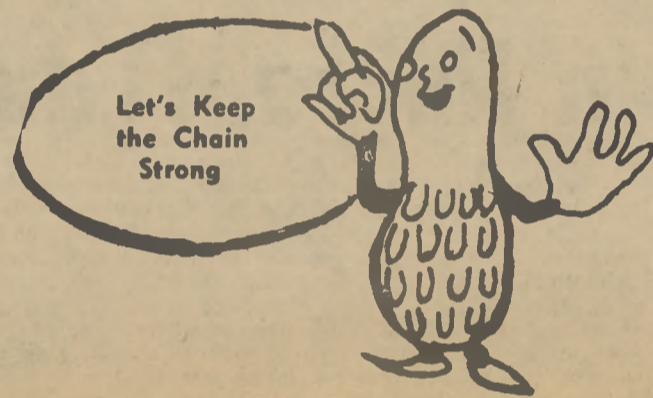
Soybeans
Tar Heel farmers continued to seed soybeans—about 12 percent of the acreage remains to be planted. Most of the acreage remaining to be seeded is that on which soybeans will follow small grains. The growing crop continues in good shape.

Small Grains
Late week rains once again

hampered combining and caused further deterioration of already damaged small grains. Combining of wheat and rye is about 60 percent complete, with oats and barley about 70 percent in. Overall, harvesting progress is ahead of last year and the 10-year average.

Peanuts
Growers continue to cultivate and apply landplaster as conditions permit. Stands are excellent, and the crop is off to a good start as 85 percent of the crop is rated in good to excellent condition and 15 percent in fair condition. The crop is one to two weeks ahead of last year.

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- 2, 4-DB (Butoxone and Butyrac) has been cleared by EPA for use on peanuts. The label states that two applications at the rate of 1 pint per acre each can be used on peanuts during a single growing season. Note: For best results the first application should be applied if needed prior to blooming—around the third week in June.

- A second application should be applied if needed after the fruit load is set—about the first week in August. Under certain conditions yields may be effected if 2, 4-DB is applied during the peak of blooming.

B. Landplaster

- Bag Gypsum (dry plaster) is slow moving to local dealers because orders were late getting to the manufacturer. The lack of storage facilities and transportation problems have complicated the situation. Suggested rate of dry gypsum is 800 lbs. per acre.
- Bulk Gypsum (wet plaster) is now being applied by many growers. Suggested rate is from 1200 to 1500 lbs. per acre.

- Liquid Calcium - A number of growers are supplementing the peanut calcium needs by applying liquid calcium on the foliage. Suggested rate for most materials is 1 gallon per acre for two to three applications during the pegging season. This treatment may be beneficial for soils low in calcium or if heavy rains occur immediately after landplaster is applied. Dr. Fred Cox, N.C. State University researcher, is doing extensive research on the calcium needs of the peanut plant.



G. C. ANTHONY, who farms "about 20 to 25 acres" near the new Murfreesboro Highway, never uses a tractor for his work, just mules. He handles the mules with a gentleness that's impossible to miss and uses a soft voice to prod

them on instead of the reins. Years and hard work have stopped the shoulders, but nothing has dimmed the pleasant smile he has when he speaks.

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