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## TOBACCO INFESTED WITH ROOT ROT, SAYS COUNTY AGENT

A survey of tobacco fields all over Columbus County for the past three weeks has shown that the majority of tobacco fields are infested with Root Knot—Known as Big Root and this is causing reduced yields and lower quality tobacco. Root Knot is caused by the microscopic eelworms or nematodes who obtain their livelihood by feeding on the roots of tobacco and a wide variety of other plants and live over in the soil from year to year. 95% of the plants inspected during the past three weeks have shown this disease and it is imperative, if Columbus County farmers continue to grow good quality tobacco, that this disease be controlled.

When Nematodes pierce the root tissues and begin feeding, the roots develop abnormal swellings, or galls; the flow of sap in the plants is retarded which weakens the plant and frequently stunts the plant and frequently stunts the plant to yellow color with excessive wilting on hot dry days and premature ripening. This disease can reduce the yield 3 to 400 percent per acre without too noticeable effect; however, when the damage is greater than 3 to 400 percent per acre the result is very noticeable.

Control: (1) As soon as the tips are harvested, cut the stalks and plow the roots so that as much of the root system as possible is exposed to sunlight and air. This practice will destroy a large number of the Nematodes. The sooner the roots are turned out the more effective the practice will be. (2) Plant small grain in the infested fields either winter cover or for hay and set up a rotation which carries root knot resistant crops and avoid continuous tobacco on fields that are heavily infested and where adequate rotation has not and cannot be practiced, such fields should be fumigated in order to control this disease.

In selecting crops for use in rotation to control Root Knot in tobacco, careful consideration should be given to the resistance or susceptibility of those plants to Root Knot or Big Root disease. The following crops may increase Root Knot and should not be considered in a tobacco rotation where this disease is a problem: should not be considered in a tobacco rotation where this disease is a problem: Austrian Winter peas, Lespedeza, Clover, Cow peas, soybeans, and most vegetable crops including Sweet Potatoes, Irish Potatoes, Peppers, Beans and Tomatoes. Crops that are resistant to Root Knot and suitable in rotation to reduce big root are: Oats, Rye, Wheat, Crutalaria, Peanuts, Red Top Grass and any native weeds. Cotton or corn can be used in a three year rotation provided these crops do not immediately precede tobacco.

When using resistant legume crops in the rotation, growers may have to reduce the amount of nitrogen in the tobacco fertilizer for best quality in the heavier soil types. (3) Three year rotations cannot be conveniently followed, use resistant crops in a two year rotation, always using a winter crop or small grain. Don't expect full benefits in highly infested fields with one completed rotation. Continue rotations indefinitely to aid in keeping down all diseases. For best performance of the rotation crops, it is believed that the resistant crops used in the rotation should be varied from time to time.

**SOIL FUMIGATION**  
Where fields are highly infested with nematodes and suitable rotations cannot be followed, growers should consider soil fumigation with one of the recommended chemicals such as ethylene dibromide or dichloropropene-dichloropropane at a cost of \$35-\$40 per acre for the material. Fumigated soils at McCullers Branch Station have produced 400 lbs. more tobacco than untreated soils. Use these materials on only part of the acreage until the effects of the treatments in the particular soils can be determined. Services of experienced custom fumigators should be employed until farmers become familiar with the treatments.

From the survey recently made I would certainly recommend to every tobacco grower in Columbus County that he cut the stalks and plow the roots in his tobacco land as soon as possible after the tips are gathered. Then within a week to ten days I would suggest that he run over the field with a section harrow or peanut weeder to turn those roots over exposed to sunlight and air. This reduces a great deal of the Root Knot that is present in the field in so that the entire roots will be the future.

## Boy Threatened With Blindness Wins New Test

He was going blind six months ago. Now he's qualified to drive an automobile.

This is the story of William Landis Bryant, 16, an orphan youth of Clarendon, who wanted to operate a car but didn't know his vision was in danger until a safety Division Ortho-Rater rejected him in February.

Nobody was happier about the change in circumstances than Mrs. Mildred Dorward, driver license examiner, who understands the anxious moments 16-year-olds have when they apply for a license.

In February Mrs. Dorward was sympathetic. She explained the result of the Ortho-Rater test, advised young Bryant to have his eyes checked for treatment and corrective glass, and then return to the examining office.

For several days the youth said nothing, not even telling his grandfather, William G. Allen of Clarendon, with whom he lives. His relatives noted his dejection and inquired the reason. Finally, he told his story, explaining that he did not want to cause his grandfather the added expense of buying glasses.

It was when the young man went to an optometrist that the critical condition of his eyes was brought to light. He was told that complete blindness would have been likely within six years.

Treatment followed and glasses were fitted. Then he was ready to renew his application for a driver license.

## Wampee Student Is Essay Winner

Out of 10,000 essays entered in these International Civitan contest last year, Miss Ann Lewis Morton of Wampee took tenth prize. Top prize went to Robert Tallant of Knoxville, Tenn., but most of the winners came from small high schools.

## Public Health Nurse Attends Institute

Miss Mary Floyd, Public Health Nurse with the Columbus County Health Department, is attending a two weeks midwife institute in Fayetteville. This Institute is sponsored by the N. C. State Board of Health and is for the purpose of teaching midwives better and newer methods. Miss Floyd has with her for these classes four midwives from Columbus County.

## Bell Sights Flying Saucer

Harry Bell and daughter Martha Brooks have turned in the first report to The Tribune of the sighting of a flying saucer in Tabor City. Bell and his daughter were in the yard about 10.00 P. M. Friday night when Martha Brooks hollered "Look Daddy" and there appeared almost directly over the home of A. C. Edwards a bright object which Bell said appeared to be about the size of a washtub.

The object had a bright orange glow with a blue haze around it and was headed in a Northernly direction. Harry said it was traveling at great speed and disappeared in just a moment after he sighted it and was about 500 to 1000 feet high.

It was understood that other persons have seen the mysterious flying saucers in this area but no other reports have been received by The Tribune.

## Stock Car Races Set Labor Day

DARLINGTON, S. C. — Tim Flock's lead in the Grand National Circuit championship may be overtaken in the third annual "Southern 500" mile stock car race Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 1, but if his two brothers, Fonty and Bob, have their way about things, this just won't happen.

Bob Flock, injured in a race at Mobile, Ala. last November, plans to return to the competitive ranks for the Darlington classic, and that means that all three of the famous racing brothers will be battling for honors.

Bob will also be driving for Ted Chester and will take over Tim's old car, a 1951 Hudson that Tim drove to seven victories so far this season. Tim will start the grind with a new 1952 Hudson Hornet.



C. C. Gore, of Goretown, standing in one field of his 9.3 acres of Dixie 18 tobacco, says he has one of the best tobacco crops in his experience.



The field of Dixie 18 corn pictured above looks as if it will measure up to the 100 bu. per acre yield which C. C. Gore of Goretown obtained from the same field last year.

## Chief L. R. Watson Has Injured Eye

Chief of Police L. R. Watson is currently off duty due to a freak accident last week. His right eye was injured when a shell apparently exploded Thursday as he fired a 16 shot pump rifle at a stray dog in the city limits. The bullet killed the dog at the same time.

Watson also sustained a slight right thumb injury. He is receiving treatment for the injured eye in Wilmington.

Ted Watts, regular night policeman, is on duty and J. B. Stephens is serving at night. Watson hopes to be back on duty within the next few days.

## Five Tractor Drivers To Represent Loris

Five Loris High School students will be entered in the tractor driving contest to be held in Conway August 15th as part of the Electric Fair. J. D. McCormick, agriculture teacher, stated.

Members of the Loris High School chapter of the Future Farmers of America, the five young men who will display their skill at tractor driving are C. C. Gore, Donald Bellamy, Elwood Gerald, Talbert Gerald, and John Dewey Elliott.

## Green Sea Beats Nichols In Game Here

The Green Sea Red Socks defeated the Nichols Hawks in a game on Civitan Field here Sunday afternoon by a score of 5-2.

Doc Fowler and Jimmy Tompkins led the winners at bat with 3 for 4 and Ralph Goodyear led Nichols with 2 for 4.

Ross was the winning pitcher and Goodyear was the loser.

Fowler and Norman Stephens were injured in the game, Fowler with a pulled ligament and Stephens with a broken finger.

## Sales Light But Prices Good On Local Tobacco Market

### GREER SPEAKS TO LEGION

Lee Greer, Clerk of Court in Columbus county was the featured speaker at last Thursday night's banquet meeting of the Tabor City American Legion Post 101.

Mr. Greer spoke first of juvenile delinquency and then gave a practical demonstration of several first aid methods which could be used in serious instances of poisoning, bleeding or drowning to save the life of a person. Billy Dorman acted the part of the victim in the demonstration.

Commander Vernon Morris was not present at the meeting because of an attack of pneumonia which has him confined to the Veterans Hospital. In his absence, District Commander W. Horace Carter acted as master of ceremonies.

Dr. J. L. James, chairman of the membership committee which now has its 1953 solicitation campaign underway, spoke briefly and urged the local post to set a high goal and work toward a record membership this year. He pointed out that to keep the gold trophy which was won by the post for its membership accomplishments this year, that an even larger increase would have to be shown in 1953.

### Prince Motor Co. Has Installed Air Conditioning

Prince Motor Company here has installed modern air conditioning facilities in their office and show room, bringing the number of businesses in Tabor City with this modern feature to six.

The Prince installation was made company.

### PROWLER STABS GAME PROTECTOR

Officers are pressing one of the greatest manhunts in recent years as State Game Protector B. L. Boswell lays in Columbus County Hospital with serious knife wounds he received about 1:45 o'clock Monday morning in an encounter with a night prowler at his home at Bolton.

Bloodhounds, led by Prison Superintendent W. A. Mahoney, and all available officers participated in the search for a Negro who is known to have been the attacker.

Boswell was wounded when he grappled with the unidentified Negro beside the game protector's automobile. He was stabbed once on the left side of the neck, on the left shoulder, in the right chest and on the right wrist. All the thrusts were stabbing blows.

Bolton citizens expressed the opinion that Boswell's attacker was the same man who has tried to enter a number of homes during the past year. The community was reported in a state of terror as a result of recent visits by the prowler.

Awakened by a dog barking, Game Protector Boswell arose about 1:40 this Monday morning and walked to the porch in his night clothes. He saw a man walking across the street from the yard of J. B. Lattay and immediately reached for the gun he wears as game protector. By the time he realized he had left his gun and automobile keys in his car, the Negro had reached his garage and was attempting to get into the car when Boswell tackled him.

From getting the gun out of the car pocket and from getting away, Boswell held on to him with his arms. The Negro, however, broke free and stabbed Boswell four times.

### Sandy Plain Club Holds Meeting

The Sandy Plain 4-H club met with Clara and Fay Lewis at their home Friday night. Vicki Sue Lewis, president, presided and the program was given by Mrs. Arthur Cartrette, leader, and several members.

During the social period games were played at which time Sylvia Adams took the award. A sweet course was served to seven members and two visitors.

The September meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Arthur Cartrette.

### Caruso Calls Grid Practice

Coach S. W. Caruso announced today that football practice at the Tabor City High School would begin Friday afternoon August 15 at 4:30 P. M.

All local high schoolers who desire to play with this year's aggregation are urged to turn out Friday afternoon to Civitan Field and start getting in condition for the coming campaign.

### Rotary Hears Miss Winstead

Rotarians were entertained at their regular Monday night meeting this week by Miss Monteen Winstead who sang several numbers. She was accompanied by Mrs. W. W. Woody on the piano. They were greeted by considerable applause and general enjoyed by the club.

A. A. White, program chairman, spoke briefly of the community service which Mrs. Woody has rendered Tabor City and a teacher and music instructor for several years.

### County Game Wardens Attend State Meeting

Horry County game wardens attending last week's meeting of the state's game wardens and game commissioners at Clemson College were H. E. Grainger, T. M. Cannon, Gary Mincey, and C. L. McNeill.

Meeting for study and fellowship, the group heard several lectures and saw motion pictures on public relations, wildlife conservation, law enforcement, court procedure, and, in general, how to sell the public on the conservation of the state's wildlife and natural resources.

An examination given Friday to all wardens on the week's work was passed by all.

### SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS DUE

In that The Tribune began its existence at this season of the year six years ago, many subscribers will find the time has come to pay up for the coming year. Take a look at the expiration date of your subscription on the little yellow sticker on this paper and if it's time to renew, The Tribune would appreciate your coming in and leaving \$2.00 for the next 52 issues.

### Loris Young Farmers Win Prizes As State's Largest Chapter

The Loris Chapter of the Young Farmers of America has received notice that it is the largest chapter in the state and thus eligible for the prize to be given the largest chapter at the annual meeting in Columbia the latter part of the year, Joe D. McCormick, Loris High School agricultural teacher, said today.

The Loris Chapter also showed the greatest percentage of increase in membership over last year's and thus would be eligible for that prize also but for the ruling that one chapter can win only one prize, he added.

Not meeting at present because of the pressure from the work on tobacco, the chapter will hold its next regular meeting in October.

### Aynor Lieutenant Gets Award

WITH THE 25TH INFANTRY DIV. IN KOREA — First Lt. Carl H. Todd, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Todd, Route 2, Aynor, S. C., has been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge while serving with the 25th Infantry Division in Korea.

The badge, a symbol of the frontline fighting man, consists of a miniature replica of a Revolutionary War flintlock mounted on a blue background and superimposed on a silver wreath.

A member of Company A, 5th Infantry Regiment, Lieutenant Todd entered the Army in July 1951.

Todd received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C. in 1951. He belongs to the Kappa Alpha Order.

Through yesterday's sales of tobacco on the Tabor City tobacco market, only 429,666 pounds of bright leaf had been auctioned off, bringing a seven day average of \$54.28 per hundred.

Biggest sale day thus far during the season was last Friday when 99,858 pounds were sold. Yesterday was the second largest day with 89,044.

Offerings continued light and most tobaccoists did not expect full sales before Friday of this week.

"Most farmers are still busy with tobacco in the field and in the pack houses and they just haven't had sufficient time to prepare their crop for marketing," Don Hughes, sales supervisor, said today.

There was also the general belief that the shortage of good tobacco labor was causing many farmers to haul their crops loose leaf to the Georgia-Florida market where it could be sold without the expensive grading and tying that must be done on the Border Belt Markets.

Hughes pointed out that good grade tobacco was bringing exceptionally high prices but that most tobacco sold thus far has been a very common grade. M. T. Suggs, of route 1, Conway, sold one lot of tobacco here Tuesday for \$81.00. Other farmers have sold good crops which hit the high 70's in average.

During the second week of sales on the South Carolina and Border North Carolina flue-cured tobacco markets average prices by grades held fairly steady with quotations of opening week on the South Carolina markets. Quality of offerings was a little lower and volume of sales was light. The North Carolina markets in this area began sales Monday, August 4.

The United States and North Carolina Departments of Agriculture report most of the changes in grade prices this week were only \$1.00 and \$2.00 per hundred. Gains and losses were about equally divided. The greatest gains were \$3.00 for fair mixed and low orange lugs and \$4.00 for low lemon leaf. On the other hand, low light green leaf and low green lugs dropped \$4.00 and low mixed lugs \$3.00.

Quality of offerings was not quite as good because of a small increase in common leaf grades. Also the percentage of leaf was considerably more this week with a corresponding decrease in lugs. Bulk of sales was chiefly low to fine lugs, low and fair primings and leaf, and low and fair cutters and nondescript.

Volume of sales was heavy on most markets Monday and Friday and light the rest of the week. Gross sales for the entire belt totaled 23,783,496 pounds averaging \$53.76 per hundred. Last week the South Carolina markets sold 10,474,100 pounds at an average of \$56.10. Season sales were raised to 34,237,576 pounds for an average of \$54.51.

Deliveries to the Flue-cured Stabilization Corporation under the Government loan program through Thursday were around 5 percent of gross sales. Season deliveries were placed at approximately 6 percent of sales.

### Sgt. Tindal Back In Korea

WITH THE 25TH INFANTRY DIV. IN KOREA — Sgt. Charlie R. Tindal, Route 2, Conway, S. C., recently returned to the 25th Division in Korea after a five-day rest and recuperation leave in Japan. He and hundreds of soldiers from other divisions in Korea, stayed in the finest hotels in Japan and enjoyed many luxuries unobtainable in Korea. The leaves are part of the Army's policy to give the fighting soldier a rest from the rigors of combat.

Sergeant Tindal is a cook in Company C, 65th Engineer Combat Battalion.

### Sikes Catches Huge Shark

Lewis Sikes, of Tabor City, fishing near Georgetown last week landed a 250 pound shark which he brought back to Tabor City to prove he wasn't telling a fish story. The big shark was landed with a 54 pound test line and required only about a half hour to subdue. However, he was shot several times when he surfaced. The big fish was on display at the New Farmers Warehouse Monday morning but was buried when his presence was no longer appreciated.