

Agriculturally Speaking

Planning Board Makes Tour Of Kerr Reservoir

By FRANK REAMS, County Agent WEATHER The weather man and his unusual tantrums has put many a producer in a bad situation this spring. He reminds me of a kid with the only piece of candy hungrily licking in the presence of a group of non-possessors. This old boy has been very consistly wetting the soil, grudgingly allowing the sun to shine a few days and then about the time one can plow he has to retreat to shelter. If some of our weather prophets will figure out a way to handle this unruly fellow, the world will be most grateful and, I expect, financially rewarding. All these rains and hot days have given tobacco plants a terrific appetite and some have grown too large to plant. The farmers that got off to an early start are in good standing.

vin Newsom, Mr. Robert Thorne, Mr. William Leach and Mr. Monroe Gardner on a recreational facility inspection tour of Satterwhite's Point and vicinity. Under the able supervision of Paul Anderson, Park Superintendent of the John H. Kerr Reservoir Commission, that area has really blossomed out. The most frequent remark was to the effect that people living nearby are not acquainted with the facilities that have already been developed on the lake. This tour was an eye-opener to me and I can truthfully say that this area is developing into a

real recreational mecca. The Board learned a great deal that will be helpful in planning the area around Gastor Lake.

PASTURES

Grass and legumes in permanent pastures are growing mighty fast these days. One way to keep a good pasture in good shape year after year is to keep the growth either eaten down or mowed. Keep well fertilized and do not overgraze. Properly fed, properly grazed and regularly mowed should prolong the life of a pasture for years.

Announcement By Negro Agent

PEGGIE P. DREW County Negro Home Ec. Agent DOROTHY RUTH EDGE Assistant County Negro Home Ec. Agent Phone 204-1

The Negro Home Agents announce the following schedule: Monday, May 29: 12:30 p. m., Epworth Home Demonstration Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Ruth Crump. 1:30 p. m., Olive Grove Home Demonstration Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Bessie Fitts with Mrs. Madgie Fitts as co-hostess. Mrs. Elizabeth Fitts will give the demonstration. 8:00 p. m., Wise Home Demonstration Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Mary White.

Mrs. Millie Jones will give the demonstration. Tuesday, May 30: 2:30 p. m., Norlina Home Demonstration Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Olivia Jerman.

Wednesday, May 31: 12:30 p. m., Bethlehem Home Demonstration Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Rethella Alston.

Thursday, June 1: 12:30 p. m., Forke Chapel Home Demonstration Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Ethel D. Williams.

7:30 p. m., Liberia Home Demonstration Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Alice Braxton.

Friday, June 2: 1:00 p. m., Jordan Hill Home Demonstration Club will meet at the clubhouse with Mrs. James Anna Johnson as hostess.

4-H Demonstration Elimination Draws 150 4-H'ers

Activities covering 13 phases of farming and homemaking, Dress Revue and Talent were included in a Warren 4-H Team Demonstration Elimination Event at the Hecks Grove School on Saturday. Some 150 4-H members participated.

First place in the Sweet Potato Division was won by Charles Russell of Hawkins Sr. Club, and second place went to Roy L. Crews and Charles E. Terry of Snow Hill Club.

Other areas and winners are as follows:

Farmer Cooperatives: 1st - Falcon Alston and Jesse Alston, Stony Lawn Club; 2nd - Stacy Rusesell and William Mayfield, Cool Spring Club

Forage Crops: Tie for first place, between Paul Kearney and Fred Alston of Greenwood Club and Bobby Alston and Kenneth Davis of Hecks Grove Club.

Tobacco: 1st - Larry Terry and Walter Somerville, Burchette Club.

Breadmaking: 1st - Linda Daniels and Mattie Tunstall, Snow Hill Club; 2nd - Barbara Campbell and Yvonne Twitty, Northside Club; 3rd - Annette Alston and Hermania Davis, Stony Lawn Club.

Dairy Foods (Individual): 1st - Glenda Wright, Snow Hill Club; 2nd - Virginia Boyd, Burchette Club; 3rd - Sandra Epps, North Warren Club.

Vegetable Preparation: 1st - Alberta Quinchette and Olivia Williams, Northside Club; 2nd - Dorothy Jones and Hermania Alston, Greenwood Club; 3rd - Iris Stevenson and Cynthia Cheek, Stony Lawn Club.

Top honors in the Dress Revue in several areas were as follows: Evening Wear: 1st - Nannie Kearney, Hawkins Sr. Club; Travel Wear: 1st - Julia Bullock, North Warren Club; Church and Sports Wear: 1st - Emily Russell, Hawkins Sr. Club; Apron: 1st - Jacqueline Epps, Burchette Club.

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Negro FARM AGENT NEWS LEONARD C. COOPER Negro County Agent I. W. MURFREE Asst. Negro County Agent

Producing High Yields And Top Quality Sweet Potatoes

Sweet potatoes is the most important commercial vegetable crop grown in North Carolina. The state's average yield is 137 bushels per acre. This yield is higher than most Southern States, but is far lower than it should and could be.

Growing sweet potatoes is a highly specialized job. Considerable know-how is required to grow, handle, and market them successfully. If the crop is properly managed, it is a dependable source of income for growers in this area too.

For growers to produce high yields that will meet consumer demands, recommended steps in production should be followed. Porto Rico and Copper Skin Goldrush are the most widely accepted varieties. Select your best tobacco type soil. Well drained sandy loam and silt loam are preferred with a pH of 5.8 to 6.2. To produce quality sweet potatoes, follow a good rotation; best to follow cotton or corn. Don't plant sweet potatoes on the same land over once out of every three years.

Wire worms can be controlled by broadcast soil treatments using Chlordane 4 to 6 pounds, or Heptachlor or Aldrin, 2 to 3 pounds; or Dieldrin 1 to 2 pounds actual insecticides per acre give good control. Broadcast treatment means putting the insecticide over the complete soil surface. Do this by using either wettable powder or emulsions in a sprayer. Apply dusts with a duster, or evenly distribute granular dust formations with a fertilizer sprayer.

Immediately after application, work the insecticide into the top six inches of soil using disc harrows or other suitable equipment. Apply the insecticide at least two weeks before the plants are set. Treated soil will control wireworms for two or more years.

Band applications of the above materials have not given satisfactory control of wireworms in sweet potatoes. Have soil tested and follow recommendations. If no soil test is made, use 350 pounds of 6-12-6 or 500 pounds of 3-9-9 in the row; and side dress with 400 pounds of 8-0-24 per acre.

Plant only strong healthy plants treated with wettable Spergon at the rate of one pound to 8 gallons of water, or Fermate at the rate of one pound to 5 gallons of water. Plant in 3 1/2 feet rows—not 4 ft. Spacing in row should be 8 to 10 inches; from May 20 to June 10, space 8 to 10 inches in row; from June 10 to July, space 10 to 12 inches in row. It has been found that precision-type transplanters are best for sweet potatoes. Hand transplanting is fine, but care should be made to space properly and evenly. Plants must be watered when set.

Cultivate early and lay by when vines are 6 to 8 inches long.

Macon News

Mrs. Eugene Overby, Mrs. M. C. Clary and Mrs. Mack Hilliard shopped in Henderson on Saturday.

Mrs. C. E. Thompson, Mrs. William Wilson and Mrs. Earl Riggan and son, Glen Ray, spent Thursday and Friday in the western part of North Carolina.

Local Students To Graduate At Chowan

Mrs. Rain Wilson and children, Debbie and Michael, of Roanoke Rapids spent Saturday with her mother, Mrs. D. M. Barrett.

Mr. W. R. Drake spent Saturday in Raleigh. Mrs. D. C. Lawrence of Sanford spent Saturday with Mrs. J. S. Nowell and Mr. Frank Thornton.

The W.S.C.S. met with Mrs. F. M. Drake on Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bullock, Miss Carrie Brame, Mrs. Anne Case and sons, Arly and John, were recent visitors in Richmond, Va.

Mr. Caswell Drake of Raleigh spent Sunday night with his mother, Mrs. F. M. Drake, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Duncan and son, Todd, of Raleigh are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Overby and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Clary.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Young of Henderson and Mr. Justis Shaw of Roanoke Rapids were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Thompson.

The WMS of the Macon Methodist Church held its regular meeting on Monday night.

Mrs. Howard Riggan attended the graduation exercises of her son, Tommy, at ECC, Greenville, on Sunday.

Six Warren County boys and girls will be among the 161 students graduating from Chowan College in Murfreesboro in exercises to be held on Sunday, May 28, at 3 p. m. They are:

Eleanor Rodgers Coley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Coley of Macon, one year secretarial science diploma; Linda Faye Hardy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Hardy of Macon, one year secretarial science diploma; Fay NaDeane Dose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Rose of Pantego, one year secretarial science diploma; Nancy Gayle White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. White of Norlina, one year secretarial science diploma; William Fred Severance, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Severance of Norlina, associate of Engineering degree; Richard Lewis Thompson, son of Mr. Edgar Thompson of Macon, associate of Arts degree.

Misses Gayle and Georgia Tarwater visited relatives in

Roanoke Rapids on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Coleman attended the funeral of her uncle, Mr. Hillary B. Clabourne near Clarksville, Va., on Tuesday.

Miss Speed Massenburg and Mrs. Ersie B. Stewart were among visitors in Raleigh on Saturday.

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