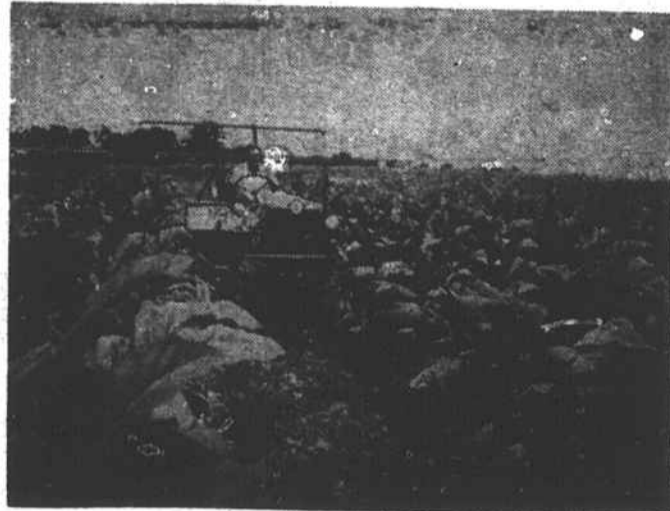


Changing Story Of Agriculture Told By County Agent



DEFOLIATION OF COTTON on Williams Farm



SKIPPED ROW makes cultivation of tobacco easier on farm of L. B. Hobgood at Churchill.

The changing story of farming in Warren County is told this week by County Agent Frank Reams with words and pictures.

Mechanization continues to grow in the county as the tractor has replaced the mule, dusters and sprayers and irrigation are becoming a regular part of farming, and scientific methods are taking the place of the old rule-of-thumb ways.

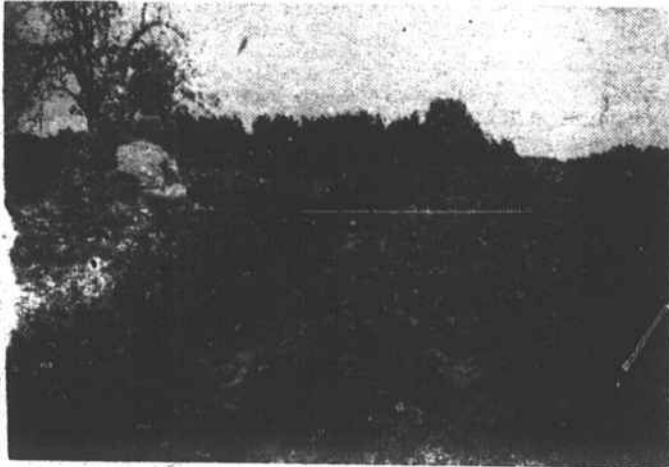
Reams touches on the practice of skipping a row in both tobacco and cotton to permit the wider use of tractors as shown in the pictures of Marvin King of Paschall and L. B. Hobgood of Churchill.

King is shown spraying his cotton for boll weevil control. Reams says that even though present regulations do not permit this tractor row as a deduction, it does afford a convenient way to spray the cotton.

Hobgood not only uses the vacant 9th row in his tobacco field for a truck row but it also serves conveniently for laying irrigation pipe. Reams points out that a lot of territory can be covered in spraying 8 rows per round and at the same time affords multiple use of farm equipment.

Another program in the changing agriculture picture is the defoliation of cotton. Reams says that this is important when the leaves remain green and hang on too late in the fall, which causes shade and the slow opening of bowls.

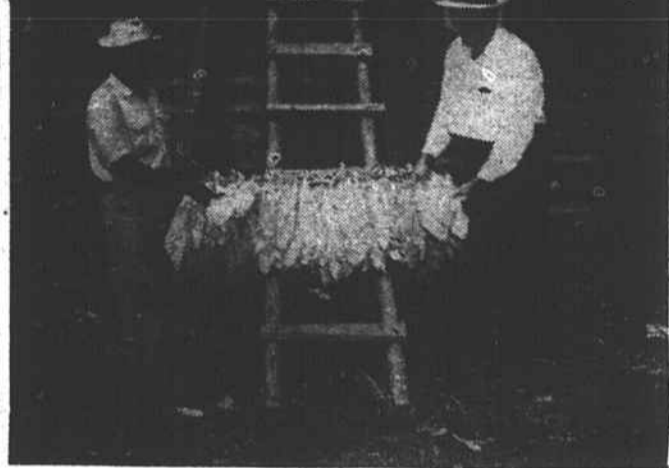
Among farmers who have defoliated cotton is Frederick Williams of Inez, large cotton farmer and ginner. Reams



SKIPPED ROW on Marvin King farm at Paschall leaves room for tractor operation.



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submitted a picture of Williams using a High Boy eight-row sprayer last fall, demonstrating how easy the defoliation chemicals are applied to cotton.

Reams says that Williams was well pleased with the result of defoliation. The machine, he said, will spray cotton of any size and even lying on the ground without any damage to the cotton whatsoever.

Not only is mechanization changing the farm picture in Warren County, but more scientific and better cultural practices by better farmers of the county are increasing yields of the principal crops. For instance W. D. Martin of Rt. 1, Norlina, had an unusually large growth of tobacco of fine quality during the recent drought.

On the field pictured, Reams said that Martin applied 900 lbs. of 3-9-9 fertilizer in the drill with 400 lbs. of 3-9-9 at second plowing and 200 lbs. of 3-9-9 in the middle of the row when laying by.

Martin reported to the agent that in his opinion his greatest success was due to a two-year rotation with tobacco one year, weeds the second year which were plowed under during the early fall.

Pritchett Attends Marine School

Cpl. E-4 Julius D. Pritchett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Pritchett of Durham, was one of 53 Marine non-commission officers, who graduated from Drill Instructors School at Parris Island, S. C., on August 18.

In addition to their diploma, each graduate was presented the coveted campaign hat which is a Drill Instructor's badge of office.

Cpl. Pritchett has been assigned to Plt. 154, B. Co., 1st Bn., Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island.

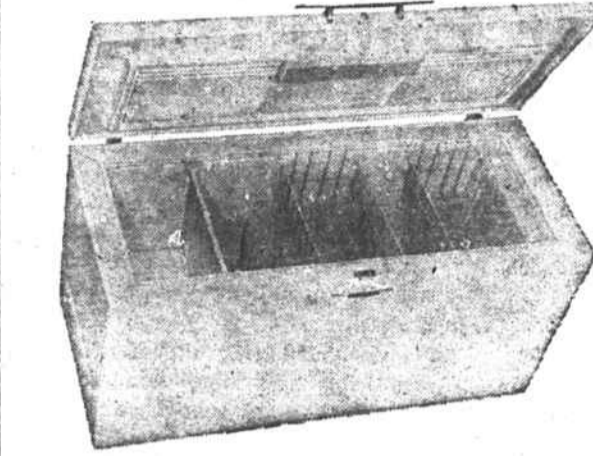
His wife is the former Miss Shirley White of Norlina. They have two children, Stephen 4, and Donna 2.

Miss Carolyn Green of Dabney visited friends here on Sunday.

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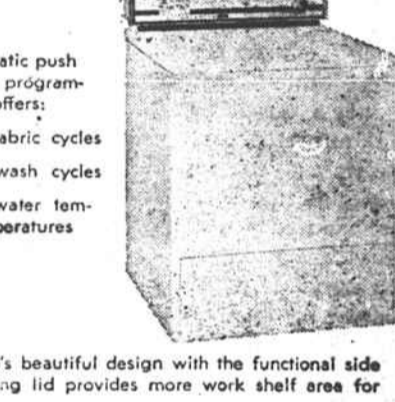
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