

Agriculturally Speaking

Ferry Is Being Replaced By Modern Pleasure Boat Fleet

COMING EVENTS
Jan. 20-21: Cotton conference, N. C. State.

Jan. 23: Warren County Planning Board, Agricultural Building, Warrenton.

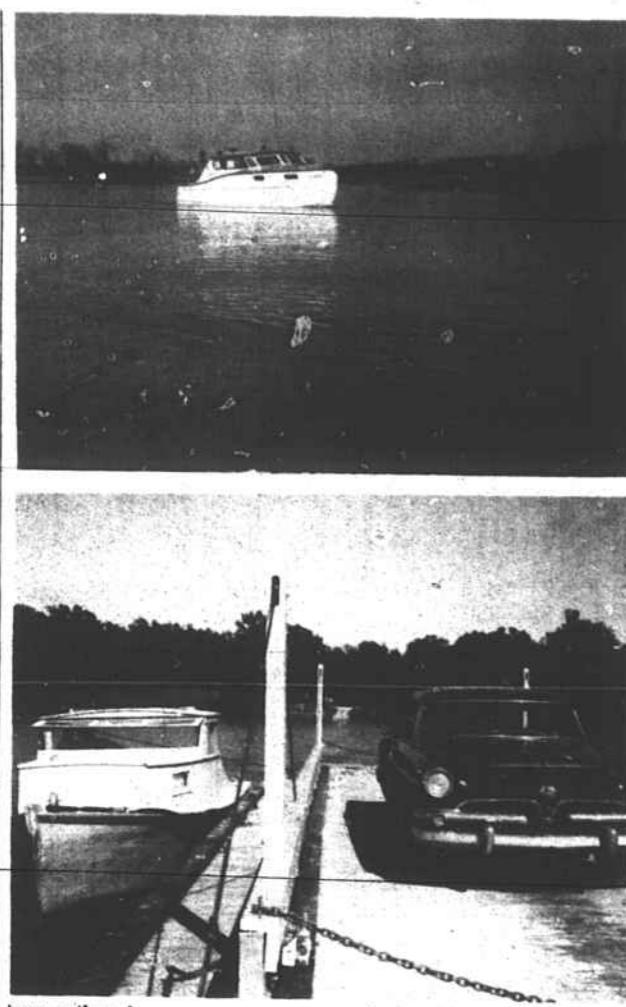
Feb. 10-March 31: Sign-up period at ASCS office on the 1964 Feed Grain Program.

CHANGE:

It was just about one year ago that the only cabin boat on the Gaston Lake area was the one pulling Eaton's Ferry. Now, the old place has been covered up forever and it's nothing unusual to see cabin boats speeding all over the place. Things might be slow right now but don't be too impatient, spring is around the corner. The pictures verify the contrast.

A recent tour around the lake indicates some unusual activity taking place to make your lake visits more pleasant. Included among the developments are Dr. C. H. Woodburn's Marina at Eaton's Ferry Bridge; R. L. Salmon's Boat Launching and Picnic Areanear Enterprise and O. S. Davis's Comprehensive Development on what was left of his grade "A" dairy farm. Even though the rising water put Mr. Davis out of the dairy business, it created a terrific waterfront development potential.

CALFHOOD VACCINATION:
Dr. B. S. Perryman, Extension Veterinarian, states that only a relatively few dairymen are vaccinating their young animals against brucellosis, and states further they could be leaving the door open to ser-



ous outbreak. Brucellosis vaccination, coupled with good sanitation, and herd management, can greatly reduce the incidence of

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Great Salt Lake Pickles Swimmers

Washington--A lead weight is the ideal life preserver in the Great Salt Lake of Utah. It is impossible to sink in the lake, but the buoyant water tends to lift a swimmer's feet higher than his head. Theoretically, a man could drown while bobbing, head down, like a cork. Solution: a weight tied to his ankles to keep him upright.

The Interior Department announced recently that it favors establishment of a national monument at the bizarre lake. The monument area would include not the entire lake but part of a large island and its adjacent waters, the National Geographic Society reports.

DIVER BROKE NECK

Eight times saltier than the ocean, Great Salt Lake's water is remarkably dense. A swimmer who ignored warning signs suffered a broken neck when he dived from a pier into the mineral-laden water.

Despite hazards, bathing in the brine is peculiarly invigorating. Fitz Hugh Ludlow, a 19th century journalist, was one of the first people to extol the Great Salt Lake:

"It...gave me a tonic sense of being in pickle, such as a self-conscious gherkin might experience in Cross & Blackwell's aristocratic bath of condiments."

The exhilaration can be dampened, however, if a swimmer opens his eyes or mouth underwater. The salts burn like acid.

Besides sodium chloride, or common salt, the water contains sodium sulfate, magnesium sulfate, and chlorides of calcium, magnesium and potassium. Almost 27 percent of the water content is minerals and several lakeshore industries depend on the disease.

Many dairymen have experienced financial disaster by losing part or all of their herd, therefore this office highly recommends that all breeding heifer calves between four and eight months of age be properly vaccinated. This vaccination can be obtained free of charge through the N. C. Dept. of Agriculture. Contact this office or your local veterinarian for information.

TCBACCO: An overflowing crowd of tobacco producers were present at the annual production tobacco meeting. Due to the unusual tobacco situation, interest in varieties and their disease resistance was a highlight of the meeting. It was further emphasized that we must put up with the same varieties as were available in 1963 but hope was bright that a few additional would be available for 1965. We have a few extra copies left of the meeting summary just for the asking.

The North Carolina Fund Headquarters is looking for ways to help people with low income to improve their status. If you have any ideas, please drop by for a discussion. These ideas may sound fantastic and unusual, but they will also be considered. No one seems to have a workable solution to such problems so who knows what some experimental idea might blossom?

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report in the Canadian Journal of Plant Science. Three species of knapweed were tested.

Worsham said the three species are not found in North Carolina. "But another species of the same weed family, bachelor's button, infests much of our small grain," he added.

"It would be interesting to know if our small grains have to struggle against a weed toxin as well as all the other natural adverse conditions," Worsham commented.

CRY A LITTLE
A young father blew up while trying to mediate the usual family hassle around the dinner table.

"Everybody, around here wants his own way," he yelled. "Me, I'm just the poor schmooch of a father. When do I get my way once?"

Four-year-old Mark tugged at his sleeve and suggested: "Cry a little."

REMNANT OF SEA

Great Salt Lake's 1,500 square miles are the remnant of Lake Bonneville, the huge inland sea which once covered most of western Utah and parts of Idaho and Nevada. Receding glaciers of the Ice Age left lake 350 miles long, 150 miles wide, and about 1,000 feet deep. A substantial portion of the lake drained through a breach in the natural basin holding it.

As the present lake has no outlet, it loses water only by evaporation. The percentage of salts has steadily increased. Today, at low water, the lake is saltier than the Dead Sea. Its average depth is only 13 feet.

Though Great Salt Lake often is called "dead" several forms of larvae and algae and a tiny shrimp thrive in its briny waters. A commercial fishery seines shrimp to grind up as food for aquarium fish.

Farmers Hit Hard Blow By Weeds

Weeds may be hitting farmers for a bigger loss than they realize.

A. D. Worsham, extension weed specialist at North Carolina State, reports scientists are finding a new side effect of weeds.

"We have long known that weeds rob us by taking water, light and mineral nutrients from our crops," Worsham explained. "This, of course, lowers crop yields and quality.

"Scientists are finding more and more evidence that many weeds also inhibit the growth of surrounding crop plants by releasing toxins or growth-inhibiting substances."

The growth-inhibiting power of weeds has been shown in experiments on quackgrass and more recently on knapweed. Growth of tomato and barley plants was inhibited in soils naturally infested with knapweed and in soils artificially infested with powdered knapweed residues, according to a

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