



Growers from Warren County, Vance County, Franklin County and Granville County are shown recently at the William Bender farm near Axtell to observe proper insect scouting techniques in soybeans. County Agricultural Extension agents and Extension entomology specialists described how to identify insects in soybeans. They also showed the

group how to determine the threshold level. The threshold is simply that point in which insect damage will be greater than the cost of spraying with an insecticide. The event was initiated by the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service to help growers produce an optimum soybean crop for 1982. (Russell King Photo)

Flames Cause Loss At Poultry House

A Perdue laying house, operated by Ernest C. and Margie Brauer, between Warrenton and Ridgeway was badly damaged by fire at 4:28 p. m. on Wednesday of last week. Fire companies from Warrenton, Norlina and Ridgeway responded to the call, and using water extinguished flames which were held in check due to the heavily insulated ceiling. Captain Walter Gardner of the Warrenton Rural Volunteer Fire Department estimated damage to the building at \$30,000 and \$5,000 to its contents. He said the fire originated from a faulty electric fan plug.

Charlie Fox, local Perdue representative, said that most of the damage was heat damage to the roof, which will have to be replaced. Outside the roof, there was little structural damage, although there was some loss of chickens and equipment below the insulated roof. He said that there were about 9,000 layers in the house, and some six or seven hundred chickens were smothered or burned, but that there would be some further loss, of course.

A chicken catching crew from Perdue caught the chickens and took them to a laying house operated just

across the Virginia line by Norman and Betsy Pinnell. Neither of the twin flocks were in production at the time. Fox said that the Pinnell flock was moved to one end of the house, and the Brauer flock placed in the other. He said that it is expected that the Brauer house will again be in operation early next week, when the Brauer flock will be returned.

Fox said that Perdue was very grateful for the fine spirit of cooperation shown and help rendered by the Pinnells.

Captain Gardner said that 10 men from the Warrenton rural

company responded to the fire call with a crash wagon, a pumper and a tanker.

Firemen from Norlina responded with a pumper and tanker, and Ridgeway firemen responded with a pumper and tanker.

Gardner also reported that 10 firemen from the Warrenton rural company responded to a 1:25 p. m. fire Friday with a pumper. They discovered a 1973 Olds station wagon on fire in the Axtell community. Owner was William Jones Rogers of Goldsboro.

Gardner said the cause of the fire was unknown. Damage was estimated at \$2,000.

Annual Meeting Set By Hawkins Alumni

John R. Hawkins Alumni and Friends, Inc. will observe its tenth annual Homecoming September 3-4.

The annual banquet and awards program is scheduled for Saturday, September 4, at 7 p.m. at Rose Land, 29 Walker Ave., Norlina.

Tickets can be purchased from any member of the local chapter.

In support of the scholarship fund, John

R. Hawkins Alumni and Friends held a drawing for \$100 on August 28 on the courthouse square in Warrenton. Mrs. Gloria J. Dunson of Route 1, Norlina was the winner.

Poultry Houses Can Produce Good Energy

By MARIE SCHNELL
Tarheel poultry farmers may soon be trans-

Physician Is Leaving

The decision by the state to locate a PCB landfill in Warren County was "the final straw" that led to Dr. James R. Grabill's decision to close his practice in Warrenton and to relocate.

Dr. Grabill, who came to Warrenton in January 1980, said the chemical landfill weighed very heavily in his decision to move, but he also cited two other factors.

"The community is overstuffed with physicians," he said. "Under present conditions, two full-time physicians can adequately take care of the medical needs of the area."

"Also, the Warren General Hospital situation has yet to be resolved," Dr. Grabill said.

In declining to comment further on what he termed the hospital "situation," Grabill said he would prefer to comment at a later date, possibly in a letter to the editor, with "constructive criticism."

Dr. Grabill will close his practice at the close of office hours on September 30.

He expressed hopes of relocating on the West Coast, but said his plans are not finalized.

forming chicken waste into methane gas worth thousands of dollars, thanks to the efforts of a North Carolina State University poultry researcher.

Dr. Jason C. H. Shih, associate professor of poultry science at NCSU, has developed an economically feasible, efficient poultry waste digester, which he estimates could produce enough methane gas to meet the energy needs of 100 families indefinitely.

This estimate is based on a hypothetical hen house with 50,000 hens, producing 300 cubic meters of methane gas per day, roughly translating into 10 million BTUs, or 3,000 kilowatt hours of total energy per day.

A typical poultry farmer could possibly generate \$20,000 per year profit in the value (Continued on page 8)

News Conference Held

Liner Is Repaired At PCB Dump Site

A plastic liner covering the bottom of a PCB landfill near Afton, which was slashed in 23 places along the sides by vandals on Saturday night, August 21, with damages estimated at \$8,000 has been repaired, and contractors on Monday and Tuesday were constructing a five-foot layer of clay over the plastic liner in efforts to have the landfill ready to receive PCBs by September 15.

While the slashing of the liner was at first believed to be the work of a single vandal, Warren County Sheriff Clarence E. Davis said this week the vandalism was probably the work of two or three persons.

State officials announced at a press briefing at the site on Wednesday morning of last week that construction workers and armed security guards will provide around-the-clock supervision of the landfill until the toxic waste dumpsite is completed and ready to receive PCB-laced soil.

The Warren County Sheriff's Department and State Bureau of Investigation are still investigating the vandalism, but no arrests have been made.

The damage to the liner pushed back the scheduled date for trucking the toxic soil from 210 miles of the state's highways to the dumpsite, previously delayed through Labor Day due to heavy rains. The date now set for dumping to begin is Sept. 15, officials said. The transportation of the soil is expected to take six weeks, bringing the entire project to a close by Thanksgiving.

"We don't anticipate any more problems, but we'll have a contingency plan ready to make sure that the trucks get in here safely," William W. Phillips, project coordinator for the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, said.

Phillips said the State Highway Patrol along with Warren County law officials, will be brought in to protect the site once the trucking begins.

"This is just to make sure security is adequate," he said, "We'll take every precaution to secure that the workers and vehicles involved are safe."

"That could include the National Guard; we'll just have to wait and see," he added.

Some 35 to 50 persons were present at the press briefing of August 25. These consisted of state and federal officials, several newspaper reporters and an unusually large number of TV station representatives. Also present

were County Commissioner Chairman Jack Harris, Commissioner Clyde Edwards and County Manager Glenwood Newsome. Some 10 to 15 interested citizens were also present. State officials pointed

out that the site was at the top of a knoll whose base was seven feet above the water table, which was protected by a heavy plastic liner, and five feet of clay. Above this compacted clay a layer of high

permeability material will be placed and graded to a sump area for collection and removal of leachate.

The soil contaminated with PCB waste will be placed on top of the leachate collection system in lifts.

After placement of all the PCB contaminated soil, a layer of bridging material will then be placed, then a two-foot compacted clay liner will be constructed. An artificial liner and protection materials will then be installed over the clay cap layer.

A foot of top soil will be placed and graded for surface drainage. The ground service of the landfill will then be prepared and seeded according to Soil Conservation Service recommendations.

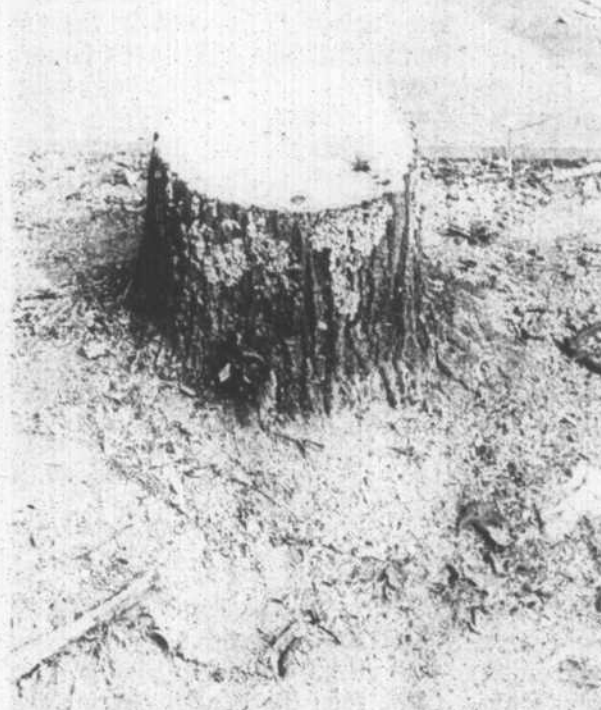
All surface drainage during construction and after completion will be diverted from the landfill surfaces.

"The waste that we are putting in there is very, very low water soluble," O. W. Strickland, head of the state's Solid and Hazardous Wastes branch. He said the four monitoring wells around the site will be checked once a month during construction and semi-annually for an indefinite time following the site's completion.

Present with state officials was Gordon Kenna, public affairs officer of the Environmental Protection Agency Atlanta bureau. He said the PCB landfill is "really over-designed for the purpose."

Kenna said the Atlanta bureau had received some phone calls from Washington EPA officials concerning the Afton landfill and other methods of treating the toxic wastes.

Warren County Health Director Joe Lennon and Ken Ferruccio, (Continued on page 14)



This stump is all that remains of a maple tree cut down last week by town workers. The tree, which was dead, was one of several along Main Street scheduled to be replaced. (Staff Photo)

Shade Is Missing Along Main Street

By KAY HORNER
Staff Writer

Participants in shade-tree meetings on Main Street in Warrenton may have noticed that sites for these summertime sessions are fewer by three than they have been in recent years.

However, efforts are under way to remedy the situation.

Pete Vaughan, Warrenton town manager, said the town's Beautification Committee has been at work and there are plans to replace the two trees removed from in front of the Warren County Courthouse and the one removed from in front of Colonial Lodge.

The trees had to be removed because they had died.

Removal of the stumps in front of the courthouse has been complicated by their size, Vaughan said. They are too large to remove the conventional way, so special equipment will have to be brought in to grind the stumps away.

Vaughan was unable to say when the new trees would be in place, but reiterated that plans had been made for replacement of the trees.

Telephone Firm Requests An Increase In Its Rates

Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company has filed a request with the North Carolina Utilities Commission for a rate increase that would bring a \$37.7 million increase in its annual revenues.

The increase, according to information released by the company, would amount to about \$3.11 a month for the average residential customer.

For residential customers in the Warrenton and Norlina exchanges, the proposed

increase would take rates for a one-party line from \$8.35 to \$11.65, an increase of \$3.30.

The one-party business rate would increase by \$7.10, from \$20.85 to \$27.95.

T. P. Williamson, Carolina Telephone's vice president in administration, said the company regretted having to file for an increase so soon after the last general rate increase. But he said the company has "no choice if it is to continue providing the quality telephone service our

customers expect and deserve."

In a written statement, he added, "Despite our most stringent efforts to control and reduce the cost of providing telephone service, the additional revenues granted to the company in April of this year simply have not materialized. This is due in part to the Utility Commission's over estimating the revenues which it anticipated that the company would receive from a statewide (Continued on page 14)

Virginia Man Is Charged In Connection With Crash

William Bryan Slade, 35, of Norfolk, Va. has been charged with manslaughter and operating a boat with improper lights after an August 1 boating accident on Lake Gaston that killed one man and injured five others.

Slade was arrested last Thursday in Norfolk and was released on bond. According to published reports, the Norfolk Police Department refused to specify the amount of the bond.

A spokesman for the Warren County Sheriff's

Department said Slade is due to go on trial in Warren County on October 27. He will not be extradited to Warren County at this time because of his physical condition. Slade suffered a broken pelvis in the accident.

Slade allegedly was operating a 16-foot boat that collided with another boat around 2 a.m. on August 1.

The other boat was operated by William E. Crawley of Littleton.

Ronald Carlisle, 18, of Gaithersburg, Md. was killed in the collision. He

was a passenger aboard Crawley's boat.

Slade, two other passengers in his boat, and one passenger in Carlisle's boat were treated and released from Halifax Memorial Hospital the day of the accident. Crawley was hospitalized and underwent surgery.

N. C. Wildlife Commission Enforcement Officer Jim Ward termed the boating accident the worst on Lake Gaston in seven years.

Both boats were totalled in the accident.