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BEST HALF ACRE OF CORN



Zebulon farmers, some of whom have entered the 200-bushel contest of the State Fair, will be interested in the facts behind this picture made for the Record by Blackburn W. Johnson.

A. B. Breece, Raleigh attorney who farms on the side, is shown (right) telling Lt. Gov. L. Y. Ballantine, Democratic nominee for commissioner of agriculture, how he got such fine results. On a half acre of hilltop ground he worked 20 tons of hog pen manure into the soil and planted NC 27 hybrid seed. In addition to the manure he used 200 pounds of acid, 200 pounds of potash, and 100 pounds

of nitrate of soda. Later he side-dressed with 100 pounds of soda each week for four weeks. The stand averages five stalks to the yard in rows three and a half feet apart.

What really made the corn grow was water, Breece says. When dry weather came, he irrigated by laying a garden hose in each row and leaving it until the row was soaked from end to end.

Breece won't predict the yield, but he is convinced that it is both possible and practical to produce 200 bushels of corn to the acre in North Carolina. We'll let you know how he comes out this fall.

Bumper Cotton Crop Seen In '48 by Zebulon Ginners

A bumper cotton crop was predicted yesterday for Zebulon by J. Raleigh Alford, proprietor of The Zebulon Gin, provided present favorable weather conditions continue. Mr. Alford stated that while statewide planting of cotton is estimated at 8 per cent above 1947, local farmers have planted about 20 per cent more cotton than last year.

F. D. Finch, operator of the Wakelon Trading Company gin, concurred in the prediction of a bumper crop locally if the weather continues good. He also agreed that there is about 20 per cent more cotton being grown here this year.

Mr. Finch and Mr. Alford were among 70 ginners attending the 21-county Central district meeting of the Carolina Ginners Associa-

tion at Dunn on August 11, and participated in the business session.

S. N. Carroll of Raleigh, assistant manager of the Robertson Chemical Corporation, spoke at the meeting.

"Processing costs of cotton are necessarily being increased by ginners who are modernizing their plants by installation of new equipment but the extra charge spent for good gin service increases rather than decreases the farmers' net profit," he declared. (Continued on Page 12)

EULA NIXON GREENWOOD:

Raleigh Roundup

NOTES—Republicans are laying plans to attack the State's rigid auto inspection . . . particularly in counties where this program is still extremely unpopular . . . It was also an issue in the Democratic Primary in May. . . .

. . . A shakeup in the Journalism Department at the Chapel Hill unit of the Greater University of North Carolina is now being seriously considered . . . and may occur this fall. Rumor on the Hill has it that some administration officials want the University to

purchase Louis Graves' weekly, make him head of the department, and use the paper for practical training for journalism students . . . Others have discussed lumping the department in with the Communications Division radio, movies, etc).

. . . A report from Washington last week indicated that Army Secretary Kenneth Royall would set up law offices in Raleigh and Goldsboro next spring . . . with his assistant, Gordon Gray of Winston (Continued on Page 3)

Tobacco Barn Fires Cost Local Farmers Less In Past Year

Tobacco barn fires in North Carolina last year destroyed 888 barns containing 535,327 sticks of tobacco at a loss to growers of more than one million dollars, according to D. D. Chamblee, local insurance agent who cited figures from the State College Extension Service.

The figures were taken from the "Tobacco Barn Fire Loss Summary," which was recently completed and printed by the Extension Service. In 1946, the summary showed that 1,412 barns were burned at a cost to the growers of slightly more than two million dollars.

The summary is now available to the public in printed form, Mr. Chamblee stated, and reports obtained directly from county agents in the counties where barns were burned. Visits to individual farms provided information as to the cause of the fires as well as the makes and types of heating units being used in the barns that were lost.

Falling sticks and leaves was listed as the main cause of the fires, with building materials too close to flues or heater running a close second. Other causes listed included: overfiring, defective flues and furnace, carelessness, defective wiring, improper installation of curing units, flooding of oil, explosions, lack of operating experience and others.

Other features of the folder include recommendations for reducing fire losses and fuel costs for various curing units being used throughout the state.

Copies of the folder may be obtained by contacting John Reitzel, Wake County farm agent or writing to the Agricultural Editor at State College.

Methodist Church Being Dismantled

Dismantling of the old Methodist Church building, bought at auction recently by M. J. Sexton, was begun this week by the new owner.

Construction work on the new Methodist structure has already been started by Home Builders Corporation, with the excavation being completed and materials being unloaded at the site on the southeast corner of the intersection of Church Street and Gannon Avenue.

The Methodists held their church services last Sunday in the Wakelon School auditorium, and will continue to meet there until their new building is completed.

American Legion Has Meeting Scheduled

The Wendell-Zebulon post of the American Legion will hold an important meeting Wednesday night, August 25, at 8 o'clock in the Legion Hut on Highway 64.

The purpose of the special meeting is to determine whether the post shall continue as a unit or be divided to form two posts, one for each community. Division of property will be discussed.

NEW COACH



Pictured is Jacob M. Smith, newly elected coach of football, basketball and baseball at Wakelon School. Mr. Smith replaces M. A. Quick, who has accepted the principalship of a Granville County school.

New Phone Exchange Used on August 18; Satisfaction Is Seen

Zebulon began using its new dial system Wednesday night at eleven o'clock. No interruption in service was noted, and service yesterday was at least as good as before the installation of equipment in the new building on Horton Street next to Tripp Brothers Repair Shop, local telephone subscribers report.

Construction workers of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company have been working in the community for the past several weeks' installing the new unit and replacing street cables and wires. The improved circuit will handle up to 300 subscribers, according to K. G. Byers, manager of the Raleigh office of the telephone company.

No immediate relief for party line users desiring a private line is seen by Mr. Byers, who stated that the company considered it a greater community service to offer party line service to as many people as possible than to put all party line users on private lines immediately.

No figures on the total new telephone investment were available yesterday, but the building and equipment have added substantially to local tax evaluation.

Wakelon School Head Lists New Teachers; Two Vacancies Left

Opening date for rural Wake County schools, although still set as September 1, will in all probability be postponed after a meeting educational leaders in Raleigh today, Randolph Benton, county superintendent of schools, told the Record yesterday.

"I have just had a conference with Dr. A. C. Bulla, Wake County Health Officer," Mr. Benton said, "and as yet we have no announcement to make concerning a postponement of school opening. However, we believe that public sentiment is against the original date."

Fred Smith, principal of Wakelon School, stated that plans were being carried out locally for the September 1 opening.

"If we get ready for school opening by the original date, we will lose nothing if the postponement is made," Mr. Smith said, "and we shall be prepared if it is not."

Four New Teachers

The local principal announced the election of four new teachers at Wakelon, including a new coach. Jacob M. Smith of Tarboro, a former coach at Tarboro, Whiteville, and Dunn, has been named as mathematics teacher and coach of football, basketball and football.

Mr. Smith, whose wife holds a responsible position in Tarboro, where she and their 12-year-old son will remain for the time being, replaces Marlin A. Quick.

Miss Alma Lewis of Greenville, who has been teaching at Four Oaks, will teach fourth grade; Miss Marie Jenkins, who comes to Zebulon from Kannapolis, will teach fifth grade; and Miss Elsie Corbett of Gatesville, a former teacher at Roanoke Rapids, will teach sixth grade.

Revival Postponed At Union Chapel

Revival services at Union Chapel Baptist Church, originally scheduled to begin the fifth Sunday in August, have been indefinitely postponed, Rev. V. S. Dowd of Knightdale, pastor of the church, told the Record yesterday.

The membership voted last Sunday to postpone the meeting because of the polio epidemic, and will make a decision on the new date at its business session the first Sunday in September.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

Hog Show Planned

North Carolina farmers seeking an additional source of income might well consider hog production, believes Pet Horton, local breeder of Poland China hogs, who says the price outlook is very favorable and prospect for increased feed supplies are very strong.

In connection with increased swine production in this community, The Zebulon Chamber of Commerce will again sponsor the annual show of the N. C. Poland China Breeders Association. Last

year the first annual show was held at C. V. Whitley's barn.

According to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, the 1948 spring pig crop totaled about 51 million head, 3 per cent less than in 1947 and the smallest since 1941. Prospects indicate a smaller 1948 fall pig crop.

Hog prices have been low as compared with cattle prices, but it appears likely that hog prices will advance relative to cattle in the next few months, a cattle (Continued on Page 12)