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MR. PYRON WRITES ABOUT  
BOLL WEEVILThe Pilot,  
Vass, N. C.

Dear Mr. Brewer:—I have read with unusual interest your recent editorials on the boll weevil. As I have been forced to follow the activities of this little pest more or less closely since the wind blew it into this country from Mexico some twelve years ago, I hope you will pardon a suggestion and take it in the spirit in which it is offered as that is certainly the best spirit I am capable of. Considering the vast importance to any community in which cotton is raised to any extent and the great influence of a county paper in agricultural matters I am afraid you are treating the matter in a way that may lead your readers to underestimate the danger.

Undoubtedly the weevil has made enough progress in this county to seriously affect the present crop, probably as much as to reduce the yield fifty per cent this year and just as surely prompt action on the part of the farmers can save over half of what will be lost if nothing is done. For a small farmer there is but one thing he can do and that takes extra work, but he will receive more returns for this extra effort than for any other one thing he can do on the farm from now until cotton begins to open and that is to pick up the squares twice a week and take them out of the field and burn them. If cultivation is continued up until the bolls begin to open and the fallen squares are picked up and burned at frequent intervals it is possible to make cotton on a small acreage under boll weevil conditions and if you can hammer this into your readers you will render a service that will be hard to estimate.

It is really very simple from a practical standpoint. The little worm in the fallen squares will be a weevil in from eight to fourteen days that will be capable of puncturing about three hundred more squares that in another two weeks will produce three hundred more weevils from each square and so on until frost. As long as there are squares to lay eggs in the weevil not bother the bolls to any great extent and that is why the late cultivation pays. As the weevil does not fly until about September it is possible to make a fair crop on a field that is kept clean altho it is next to a field that is not kept clean and this makes it possible for every farmer to help himself regardless of his neighbors. Poisons are expensive and hard to manage and in my opinion are not worth the trouble and expense on the limited acreage that is planted in this section. They can save the day if they will pick up the squares.

Don't worry about the farmers abandoning the cotton crop. They will plant some cotton and when they learn to raise it under boll weevil conditions it will be a profitable crop on a limited acreage but four or five acres to the plow is enough. Cotton farming on an extensive scale is a thing of the past and the small farmer must, and will, produce enough cotton to supply the demand and not enough to depress the market. The only great danger is in this country losing its prestige as the greatest of all cotton producers and we have that danger to face but we can not help the situation by encouraging farmers to increase their acreage. The solution is smaller acreage and more intensive cultivation and picking up the squares.

With personal regards and trusting that you will understand that I have only a desire to help if I can, I am,  
Yours very truly,  
R. PYRON.

## CAMERON NEWS

L. F. Hartsell is the newly elected mayor, and it is to be hoped that he will enforce the law from bootlegging to chickens running at large.

Postmaster N. C. McFadyen was taken suddenly ill last week, and was carried to the C. C. Hospital by Drs. O'Briant and Rosser of Vass. Mr. McFadyen was operated on immediately for appendicitis, and reports from the hospital say "Doing nicely."

Mrs. J. W. Cameron, one of our highly esteemed young Cameron matrons, sends, in this week, a year's subscription to the Pilot.

Messrs. John Gaddy and Robards, of Durham, came down for over Sunday at Cameron and Lakeview.

Mr. J. W. Norman is visiting relatives at Mt. Airy and East Bend.

T. C. Gaddy is afflicted with the lonesome fever in the absence of J. W. Norman.

Mrs. N. C. McFadyen and son, Robert, and Miss Annie McFadyen were in Sanford, Sunday, to see Mr. N. C. McFadyen, a patient at the C. C. Hospital.

Mr. Mason Borst came up from Wilmington last week and spent a couple of days with his home folks. Mr. Borst was on his way to Maine to join the party of Mr. Sprunt and family of Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Snipes and children spent Sunday with Mr. Snipes' sister, Mrs. G. R. Gaines, of Harpers Cross Roads. They were accompanied home by Miss Elsie Gaines, who will be their guest for a week.

The Blackat Battery Co. has sent J. Pierce to Wadesboro to work in the Blackat service station.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. McPherson and little grand-daughter, Jean Ferguson, Miss Manda McPherson, and Miss Lula McPherson motored over to Blues Bridge on Drowning Creek, Sunday.

Mr. John Tally, of Bonsal, and Archie McDugald, of Hamlet, were here last week to see their favorite nephew, June B. Tally, of Evansville, Ind.

Miss Annie Pierce, of Borderlee, is spending the week with Misses Carrie and Lora Norman. The Rose of Borderlee, and the Cameron Blossoms.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Ferguson and little daughter, Nancy, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Cook near Southern Pines.

Misses Chrissie McLean and Cattie McDonald are sojourning for a while at Jackson Springs.

Mrs. J. J. Irvin and children, Joe and Mary Bess, expect to leave for Smoaks, S. C., this week to visit Mr. Irvin, who is employed by McNeill Brothers as bookkeeper with the Cameron Lumber Co. at Smoaks, S. C.

There will be a mass meeting at the graded school building Friday, August 28th, 7:30 p. m., to revive the Community Club, and discuss Cameron Community Fair. An urgent request to all in town and community to be present.

Mr. Rom Chandler and aunt, Mrs. Rosa Wilkerson, of New York City, were guests, this week, of Mrs. Jewel Hemphill and her mother, Mrs. Lula Muse.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Gaddy called, Sunday, at the home of Mr. E. B. Gaddy on route 1, and report a remarkably fine crop of corn, cotton and tobacco. T. C. Gaddy says he has been living in Moore county for the past ten years and never before saw such a bumper crop of everything that is grown and cultivated.

L. F. Hartsell made a business trip to Wilmington recently in the interest of the Blackat Battery Co.

Miss Annie Hartsell entertained her Sunday School class at an afternoon

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FREE INOCULATION FOR  
TYPHOID FEVER

Carthage, N. C., July 17, 1922.

The County Physician and County Red Cross Nurse will be at the following school house at places and times specified below, to give free inoculation for prevention of typhoid fever:—

Eagle Springs, August 15-22-29-Sept. 5, 9-11 a. m.

Hemp, August 15-22-29-Sept. 5, 2-4 p. m.

High Falls, August 16-23-30-Sept. 6 9-11 a. m.

Glendon, August 16-23-30-Sept. 6, 2-4 p. m.

Pinehurst, August 17-24-31-Sept. 7, 9-11 a. m.

Aberdeen, 17-24-31-Sept. 7, 2-4 p. m.

Vass, Aug. 18-25-Sept. 1-8, 9-11 a. m.

Cameron, Aug. 18-25-Sept. 1-8, 2-4 p. m.

Carthage, Aug. 19-26-Sept. 2-9, 9-12 a. m. and 1-5 p. m.

For white and colored.

Dr. A. McN. BLUE, Co. Physician.

MABEL CRAFT, County Nurse.

PROSPERITY FINDS BURLEY  
GROWERS

Chicago—The American farm bureau federation asserts the Burley Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association has obtained prices more than double those of 1921, bringing prosperity to 5,500 growers mostly in Kentucky, who were "worse than bankrupt just a year ago," and has placed itself in the front rank among American co-operative marketing organizations. President Howard, of the federation, last week, shipped from his farm in Clemons, Iowa, five carloads of live-stock to the Union Stockyards, consigned to the Chicago Producers' Commission Association to be sold co-operatively.

Sam Scott, chief brand inspector for Montana, says: "The cattle came through a comparatively hard winter and have been late starting to accumulate flesh. A few dribbles may get in by August 1, but there will be no heavy movement for at least another month. The outlook is for a pretty good supply here from Montana this year, probably more than last year, though there is likely to be another demand from the coast country for Montana stock this year." Other parts of the Western range country report a comparatively light crop.

The big packer hide market is moderately active, with trading in a small line of July heavy native cows at 17 1-2 cents a pound, a cent advance over the June stock.

## NIAGARA NEWS

Miss Alice Lee Smith is spending some time on a visit to her brother, Mr. R. B. Smith, of Raleigh.

Mr. George McDermott and wife attended preaching at Cameron last Sunday.

Mrs. A. E. Kelly and children, of Jonesboro, were week-end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Parker.

Mr. John Thompson, of Chapel Hill, spent a day in our village the past week.

Mr. Roy Harris and wife, of Durham, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Snipes, one day last week.

Mr. B. C. Morgan went on a business trip to Goldsboro and Kinston the past week.

Mr. E. W. Barton spent a couple of days in Greensboro the past week, going in his trusty Briscoe, and reporting fine roads all the way.

Mrs. E. W. Barton has gone to Mt. Airy for a months vacation among the mountains.

Peach shipping is on again in good shape now at Niagara station.

## DR. FOSTER COMES TO VASS

Dr. H. B. Foster, from Siler City, will open a dental office in Beasley's building, inconection with Dr. Rosser's. Dr. Foster is a graduate of Atlanta Dental College, and comes well prepared to do all work pertaining to his profession, having taken a post-graduate course in oral surgery. Vass has long needed a dentist, and there is no doubt but Dr. Foster will find much encouragement and plenty to do.

## OLD MAIDS' CONVENTION

Friday evening, July 28th, the students of the summer school at the Farm Life School will present "An Old Maids' Convention." There will be no admission charges; the public is cordially invited to come and spend the evening in wholesome fun. The old maids will be transformed by Professor Makem over into as pretty lassies as the most critical could wish. Come and see this done.

10,866,960 HOUSES OCCUPANT-  
OWNED

Washington, D. C.—Families owning the homes which they occupy total 10,866,960 in the United States, according to the official count of the Census Bureau. The United States is probably the world's biggest home-owning nation, the census data indicates. Home-owning families constitute 45.6 per cent of all the family groups in the country. The number of home owners is now increasing in some sections of the country. To stimulate ownership, building contractors and real estate operators are carrying on campaigns in many localities. Business men generally are supporting these campaigns, because property ownership involves, they say, good citizenship and helps to reduce hazards in all lines of commercial and industrial endeavors. This is because property ownership is linked with family thrift and economy. The term home ownership as commonly used includes home held under a mortgage as well as those unencumbered. Homes owned unencumbered total 6,522,119, according to the official count, while the total of mortgaged homes is 4,059,593.

## CYPRESS CREEK ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Cameron and two sons, John and Murdock, were visiting in Raeford, Sunday.

Mr. A. B. Parker has returned to Sanford for another operation.

Miss Blanch Coore, of Raleigh, has been spending her vacation at her home on this route.

Mr. D. K. Blue, of Raeford, spent the week-end with his brother, Mr. J. P. Blue.

Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Johnson, of Cameron route 1, visited at the home of Mr. Neill Stewart last Sunday.

Mr. John Lindsay, of Raeford, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McFadyen on Sunday.

Mr. Andrew Stewart, who has been very ill is improving.

There will be a new school building constructed at Bunker Hill this year.

Misses Emily and Bertie Cameron and Mr. J. S. Cameron were in Vass and Cameron Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. L. C. Johnson is in Raeford this week with her daughter, Mrs. William Guin.

Mrs. R. B. Stewart is very ill. We hope she will soon recover.

Master Firley Guin is spending the week with his aunt, Miss Lula Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stewart spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Stewart.

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