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WEEVIL NUMBERS HELD ALARMING

Infestation Heavier Than in Any Previous Similar Season in State

Weevils are appearing in rather alarming numbers in the cotton fields of Scotland and Robeson counties, says Entomologist R. W. Leiby of the State Experiment Station Laboratory at Aberdeen. A search for weevils was made two days ago on fifteen farms in these counties. The entomologists examined 10,000 cotton stalks and found weevils in every field they examined. The average number of weevils found per acre was 155, the most heavily infested field yielding at the rate of 325 weevils per acre, and the lightest infested field yielding 25 weevils per acre.

According to Dr. Leiby this infestation is heavier for this season of the year than in any previous similar season since the weevil invaded the State. He thinks that probably not more than 60 per cent of the weevils have as yet left their winter quarters and found cotton. The percentage of weevils that survived the comparatively mild winter appears to be unusually high, and the entomologists of the boll weevil laboratory here believe that the weevils are sufficiently numerous to be a real menace to the cotton crop. They point out, however, that a very hot and dry July would check the development of the first brood of weevils and thereby lessen the potential danger to the crop even though the fields are abnormally heavily infested now.

Poisoning Begun

Where the cotton was beginning to show small forms or squares poison was being applied to the bud end of the stalks. A mixture of one pound of calcium arsenate, one gallon of molasses and one gallon of water was made and mopped on the plants. This method of poisoning is approved by the entomologists when the cotton is small and before the squares are large enough to breed a weevil grub. They also approve the applying of pure calcium arsenate with a dusting machine. Only one treatment is regarded as worth while at this season of the year. Later applications of the poison by dusting are recommended when about ten per cent of the squares are punctured which the entomologists here have found out is around July 25.

Dr. Leiby reports that the larger cotton growers in Scotland and Robeson counties are much concerned at the number of weevils found on their cotton at this season of the year. Most of them are preparing to fight the weevil intelligently. They have fertilized heavily, applied their soda early, are planning to cultivate intensely, and have bought dusting machines and poison to use when the weevils begin to affect the crop seriously. One farmer stated that the weevils would have to cross his dead body before he would consider himself whipped by the weevil. Another cotton grower, J. T. John, of John's Station, who grows a thousand acres of cotton, has employed James Tar-

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SANDHILLS IN THE MOVING PICTURES

Dr. Mudgett Tells the Kiwanis Club of a Prospective Scheme

At the Kiwanis club dinner at the school house at Aberdeen Wednesday Dr. Mudgett presented a scheme for putting the Sandhills on the Moving Picture screen. Last week a delegation of men from Sanford to Rockingham met at Southern Pines to consider a proposition made by the Seaboard railroad to take up with a picture concern a film that would make a reel of about a thousand feet showing the resources and industries and farm possibilities of

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A Cameron, the man who towers head and shoulders above every other man when we stop to measure up what he has done for the upbuilding of the Vass community. He arrived upon the scene in the seventies, coming from his home in Harnett county, and has been Johnny-on-the-spot ever since to do his part and then some for anything tending toward the making of a better community.

Three things in which he has taken especial interest are roads, schools and churches. He was on the first road commission, way back when there were

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THE TOWN OF VASS AND ITS COMMUNITY

A Story of Its Early Life and De- velopment—Yesterday and Today

(Bessie Smith)

When E. D. Byrd built a house in this section some forty-eight years ago and brought his young wife and babies to it, little did he know that a thriving town would some day look back to that event as its beginning. At that time the surrounding country was a vast forest of round pine timber, unbroken save for little clearings here and there where the owners farmed to supply the needs of their families.

And now for a glimpse of Mr. Byrd's neighbors. Down the Fayetteville road about a mile and a quarter lived J. H. M. Bynum, his wife, Mary Ann Bynum, and their family of nine girls and a boy. No dull days came in that household! One mile further on was the home of John Collins and his wife, Nancy. They were a hospitable couple, always had plenty to eat and enjoyed having their neighbors drop in for a meal. Three miles below their place was the home of Dougald Mc-Lauchlin, a staunch Scotchman and Presbyterian, and his wife, Mary Mc-Lauchlin. Just below them lived Daniel B. McKeithan and family, and Alex Smith and wife, Harriet Ann Smith, who was known throughout the settlement for her good works and helpfulness in time of sickness. Out the Cranes Creek way was the home of Peter Ferguson and his maiden sisters, Sallie and Kate, and further on lived Dave Byrd and wife, Betty, and Daniel Byrd. These early settlers and their children have played a most important part in the development of this section.

Up to this time farming was about the only occupation of the people, but it became noised abroad that there was money in the turpentine business, and here the scene changes. The old-timers began to sit up and take notice of other things beside their little home world. Things were happening in their midst. New-comers began moving in and turpentine shanties sprang up here and there. The woods where the birds had sung their songs and built their nests unmolested began to ring with the sound of woodsmen's axes, and the now almost forgotten but then familiar strain of the "nigger holler" could be heard sounding and resounding through the forest. And by the way, that negro holler was a fascinating thing, which it was the ambition of many a child to master. One lady, a product of those early days, tells of how she delighted in trying to master it until one day when her mother, who had altogether different ideas as to the proper conduct for a little girl, made her stand on a chair and give a performance, which cured her.

Among the new settlers who came in were George Hall, Josh Robinson, Daniel McNeil, Dr. J. A. Leslie, A. Cameron and W. J. Cameron.

The Seaboard Air Line Railway Company had its crew at work on this end of the line, and was fast getting things in readiness for putting on trains. The first name given

GOLF TOURNAMENT EVERY WEDNESDAY

All Local Golf Enthusiasts Should Take Advantage of This Opportunity

Beginning Wednesday, June 17th, 1925, there will be held every Wednesday a golf tournament, consisting of 18 holes medal play, using the regular handicap of the players if they have a handicap and making the handicap for those who do not have one.

Every body has an equal chance in this competition and every body who has ever played golf is cordially invited to be present and compete. There will be at least three valuable

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A. Cameron as he looked at the age of 21 years, when he first became a citizen of this community.

to the settlement was Bynum, in honor of J. H. M. Bynum, but after the completion of the railroad and the establishment of a postoffice, the name was changed to Winder, in honor of Major Winder, a railroad official.

Then came development along the commercial side. E. D. Byrd and George Hall each set up a commissary where the workers could get their foodstuffs. Later, A. Cameron and Dr. J. A. Leslie opened up a store that carried general merchandise. Trips to "Town," the common name for Fayetteville, were made occasionally

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FROM FAR ARIZONA TO BUILD HOUSE

Otto Lagerberg Gets Contract For Building at Pinehurst

One of the novelties of building is found at the new house Mrs. S. G. Wilcox is about to build at Pinehurst on the Midland road near No. 2 golf course. One day in Tucson, Arizona Mr. Wilcox was talking to Mr. Lagerberg, and he remarked that Mrs. Wilcox intended to build a house in Pinehurst, North Carolina which interested the Arizona man, who by the way is a Swede. Mr. Lagerberg said he would like to have the job. Mr. Wilcox said Pinehurst is a long walk from Arizona, but the builder said he could overcome it with his gas buggy, so a dicker was struck, and Mr. Lagerberg put some gas in the tank, stepped on the self-commencer and pointed the radiator toward the Sandhills of Moore county. He arrived in time to have his foundations under way and will build for the Wilcox's a fine home of nine rooms costing about \$18,000 in that new section of Pinehurst out along the Midland road in the No. 2 neighborhood which is growing popular the last year or so.

It took the contractor a couple of weeks to come from the West to Pinehurst, which is not so bad when you figure that he travelled nearly across the continent. He will have the house ready for use by fall.

Charlie Picquet has bought from O'Brien and Ross their cottage in the same neighborhood, although closer in to the village at Pinehurst, and will occupy the house in the fall.

Charlie Mason is getting ready for a new brick house right away in the No. 2 golf region, which will stand him about \$12,000. A. B. Sally has the contract. It will be a brick house on the Midland road facing the golf course. This building will be ready for use by fall. The vicinity of No. 2 is active with new buildings, and promises to have more houses under way as the summer progresses.

Further out the Midland road from Pinehurst Right Reverend Joseph G. Anderson, of Dorchester, Mass., is building a house on lot 307 at Knollwood village a short distance above Judge Way's home.

Eggs are bringing 40 cents per dozen on the Vass market this week.

REPORT OF COURT FOR FIRST MONTH

Big Bunch of Cases Disposed of—Been on Docket Several Years

At the first session of the Recorders' Court of Moore County, held in Carthage, on the First Monday in May, there were approximately 135 cases which had been transferred from the Superior Court docket to the Recorder for trial. Many of which had been there for as long as two years or more. In many cases all witnesses has left the state and can not be located. In others interest has been completely lost. In some of these cases there is absolutely no chance of convicting the accused and never has been, but continuances have been granted from time to time. All witnesses and defendants have had to appear at each term of court that has been held in the county, probably spending the week in the court room, and on the last day of the week, being excused to return at the next term of the court, until cost bills in some of these cases have become enormous. In one trifling matter that came before the Recorder during the first few days of its existence, the defendant was charged and found guilty of an offense, the punishment for which did not exceed a fine of \$50.00 or thirty days in prison. The defendant made a very favorable impression on the court, and after hearing of his good character from several creditable witnesses the judge decided to be lenient and give the defendant another chance, and let him off on payment of the cost. The cost bill amounted to \$74.45, more than the punishment prescribed by statute for such an offense. This is just an illustration of the rapid accumulation of cost, and if the defendant is found not guilty, it falls upon the State. In either event, it is most excessive and unnecessary, and should be done away with.

The Recorders' Court has thus far disposed of about 75 cases. It is endeavoring to bring the Superior Court docket up to date and keep it there—give those who are accused of crime their Constitutional right to a speedy trial, and discontinue so much delay in justice and excessive cost bills.

Those who have witnessed the Recorders' Court in action, seem to be favorably impressed with it, and feel that it is going to meet the ends of justice more speedily, and at much less expense than has been known in this county heretofore.

Men accused of crime and who are unable to give bond for their appearance at court, are no longer lodged in the County jail, to be fed, clothed and cared for at the expense of the County, but are almost immediately tried and sent to pay the penalty of the law if found guilty; if they are found not guilty, they are given their freedom as they are justly entitled to.

Following is a complete report of matters disposed of in the Recorders' Court to date:

Leslie Brown, col., larceny of goods
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PROSPECTS OF THE NEW HOTEL GOOD

Indications That it Will be Bigger Than First Contemplated

(Bion H. Butler)

I have always been an optimist. I go to bed believing that the sun may be shining when I get up in the morning. But I keep a few pine knots handy on the back porch in case morning might bring a frost instead. So Clarence Poe says I am an optimistic pessimist. People call me a good many names. So much as an explanation for printing a story that has mighty few names and mighty few
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