

## High Infestation Of Boll Weevils In County Cotton

### Infestation As High As 90 Percent Recently Reported

Boll weevil infestation in Martin County cotton is running mightily high in some instances, according to Assistant County Larry Hodges, who reports on the trend and lists some timely questions and answers, as follows:

The boll weevil infestation is running high this year. Treated fields are running as high as 36 percent infestation. One field checked that was not treated was 90 percent infested.

High temperature with high rainfall is the main cause for such large numbers of boll weevils.

Any farmer can check his boll weevil count by picking 100 bolls scattered over the field. Count the number punctured. If you like, bring them to the County Agent's office and we will be glad to count them for you. If 10 percent or more is punctured, the cotton should be dusted or sprayed with 20 percent toxaphene at the rate of 10 to 15 pounds per acre. The cotton should be treated every five or six days until it is under control then once a week will be enough as long as the infestation stays below 10 percent.

### Questions and Answers

1. How long does a square remain on the plant after being punctured? Average 7 days.
2. What age square is preferred by weevils? 7 days old to 3 days before blooming.
3. How old must a boll be before it is safe from weevil attack? Approximately 20 days.
4. How long will an overwintered boll weevil live if he emerges before the cotton is up? Minimum 1 day, maximum 52 days, average 5.65 days.
5. How long will an overwintered boll weevil live in young cotton before it begins to square? Maximum 40 days (90 percent die within 10 days), average 8 days.
6. How long will a boll weevil live in cotton that is fruiting? Males about 20 days, females about 16 days.
7. How many eggs does a weevil lay? From 1 to 440, average 61.2.
8. How many eggs per day does a boll weevil lay? A maximum of 33, average of 6.4.
9. How long does it take a boll weevil to develop in a cotton square? From an average of 17.6 days for first generation to an average of 33.5 days for fourth generation, with an average for all generations of 22.3 days.
10. How old must a square be before it is attacked by boll weevils? About 5 days.
11. When does the first brood of boll weevils appear? At appearance of first blooms.
12. What influences boll weevil emergence in the spring? Moisture is the main factor. High temperature without moisture won't bring many weevils out of hibernation.
13. What percent of hibernating boll weevils emerge into cotton fields after June 15? Approximately 40 percent, ranging from 23.7 percent to 53.2 percent.
14. How old must a female weevil be before she can lay eggs? Approximately 5 days.
15. What is the proportion of male to female boll weevils? There appears to be slightly less females.
16. Will a feeding puncture made by a male boll weevil cause a square to shed? Yes.

## Miss Janie Perry Contest Winner

Miss Janie Perry, former Williamston girl who is now making her home with her sister, Mrs. Alonza Bland, in Ahoskie was second place winner in the Chocoma Beach Beauty contest held at Colerain last Sunday evening.

She is receiving a free trip to New York City in about two weeks as special guest of the beaches, and while in the city will appear on television.

Miss Perry is the daughter of Mr. Simon Perry and the late Mrs. Perry.

## Georgia Leaf Prices Drop To Slightly Lower Figures

Contrary to individual reports, tobacco prices on the Georgia-Florida markets are not as high as they were last year, grade for grade, according to official figures released by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

An increased percentage of fair and good quality tobacco resulted in a 13 cents higher general average than the first two days of sales for the 1952 crop reports to the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Most markets had blacked sales opening day but many cleared floors on Friday. Deliveries will be slow for a few days as farmers are trying to complete harvesting their crops.

A gross volume of 17,414,351 pounds were sold on July 16 and 17 for an average of \$51.15 per hundred. Last year sales for the first two days amounted to 17,564,403 pounds averaging \$51.02.

Most grades showed losses of \$1.00 to \$3.00 per hundred. The largest declines were for lower quality lugs, primings and non-descript. There were a few scattered increases but mostly in small volume grades.

Quality improved as the proportion of fair and good offerings was larger. Less leaf was on sale. Nearly 85 percent was graded in lemon and orange color. Most sales consisted of lugs and primings with fair and good lugs and low and fair primings predominating.

Heavy volume grades moved at average prices generally \$1.00 to \$1.40 over their respective Commodity Credit Corporation loan levels. Growers delivered 927,328 pounds to the Stabilization Corporation under Government loan on opening day. This represented 9.6 percent of gross sales. Receipts last year for the first two days were 12 percent of gross.

## Fair-Sized Rain Fell Yesterday

A fair-sized rain, the first of any consequence reported in this immediate area this month, fell early yesterday morning. Forty hundredths of an inch was reported by Weatherman Hugh Spruill on Roanoke River, but to the southeast the fall was believed to have been much greater.

Heavy rains fell on the lower edge of Griffins Township in the Dymond City section Sunday afternoon, and a light sprinkle fell here and in other parts of the county a short time later. The main rain fell between 1:30 and 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning, incomplete reports stating that it was fairly general in the county but heavier in some communities than in others.

While it was no trashover, the rain was timely and did much good. Some crops were showing signs of drought and the tobacco crop was deteriorating rapidly. The rain is believed to have checked, partly at least, the spread of leaf spot that swept over a large part of the county last week.

While there are ten more days in this month in which most anything could happen as far as the weather goes, the rainfall so far this month is more than two inches below the normal of 5.70 inches. In July of last year, 7.35 inches of rain fell at this point.

## Few Barns Burn In This County

able, but as far as it could be learned only two tobacco barns have been destroyed by fire in this county so far this season. However, the curing season is hardly a third complete in the county and every caution is needed if the fire loss is to be held to a minimum.

A third barn fire was reported about 4:00 o'clock last Saturday morning on the Bill Abbott farm on the Hamilton road, but it was checked without much damage resulting to the barn itself. The tobacco was badly smoked and damaged, it was learned. A stick fell from the racks and burned, firing the door. A traveler happened along and saw the fire from the road and the keeper was called in time to put the fire out.

## Child Injured In Farm Accident

Earl Bryant, 6-year-old colored child, was painfully and possibly dangerously hurt, in a farm accident near Oak City last Wednesday. Removed to a Tarboro hospital, the child, while suffering no broken bones, was said to be paralyzed from the waist down. However, it is believed the victim will improve after the soreness subsides.

The child was standing on a tobacco truck and jumped off just as his grandfather, Joe Purvise, started to back a pick-up around in the yard of Murray Bryant, the child's father. The rear wheel ran over the boy about the waistline, it was reported.

## Anniversary For Local Rotarians

Williamston Rotarians will observe ladies' night and their second anniversary at a meeting this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Switch. Robert H. Cowen will preside over the meeting which will feature J. B. Kittrell, Sr., of Greenville as the main speaker.

Scarborough Mizelle of the Windsor club is coming over to lead the singing as a special guest, and Miss Jean Ward Mobley will be at the piano.

The club now has twenty-five members.

The victim of a virus infection, Mayor Cowen entered a local hospital for treatment late yesterday afternoon and sliced him about the face and arm with a pocket knife. Twenty-three stitches were needed to close the wounds. It could not be learned what prompted the attack, but the case will be aired in the county court next Monday.

The attack took place on South Elm Street, near Railroad.

Sewed up and treated in a local hospital, the victim was able to report at a hearing for Roberson before Justice Chas. R. Mobley later that day. Roberson is at liberty \$100 bond.

## Attacks and Badly Cuts Man Saturday

Said to have been drinking, Octavious Roberson turned on Frank Cross here last Saturday afternoon and sliced him about the face and arm with a pocket knife. Twenty-three stitches were needed to close the wounds. It could not be learned what prompted the attack, but the case will be aired in the county court next Monday.

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## Continues Gravely Ill In Richmond Hospital

A patient in a Richmond hospital since June 20, Mr. Henry D. Harrison, local man, continues gravely ill, according to last reports reaching here. It was stated that his fever had gone to a dangerous point, and that his general condition was rapidly worsening.

## Call Fifteen To Report For Duty In Armed Forces

### Name Of Delinquent Registrant Turned Over To Federal Bureau

Fifteen Martin County men—seven white and eight colored—were called to report today for final induction into the armed forces. Traveling by regular bus, the group left this morning for Raleigh where they will draw assignments. Most of the men leaving this county for duty in the services have been assigned to Fort Jackson at Columbia, South Carolina in recent months.

In addition to the fifteen men called today, another young man, Hubert Lester Daniels, Jr., enlisted for duty and reported to his station week before last.

A seventeenth man, Edmond Horace Whitley, colored, RFD 1, Williamston, has been listed delinquent and his name is now in the hands of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It was reported that the young man told friends that the "spit told him not to report."

The names of those called to report include:

**White**  
Billie Baxter Harrison, RFD 2, Williamston  
Thade Eugene Hardison, RFD 1, Williamston  
Dallas Marvin Matthews, RFD 2, Robersonville  
David Hoggard, RFD 2, Williamston  
Foy Wilford Ange, RFD 1, Jamesville  
Paul Pollard, Jr., Williamston  
Kenneth Lee, RFD 2, Williamston

**Colored**  
Marvin Purnell Little, Parmele  
Julius Waddell Evans, RFD 2, Williamston  
Wilbert Hassell, Robersonville  
Sherman Harold Beach, RFD 2, Williamston  
Benjamin Coffield, Williamston  
Burdess Leathers, RFD 1, Hobgood  
Robert Jones, Jr., RFD 2, Williamston  
James Carlton Huff, Williamston.

## Notorious 'Legger Again In Courts

Simon Jenkins, notorious Robersonville bootlegger who claims a select clientele, is again in the hands of the law with a dark future ahead of him.

Raiding his combination home-store last Friday night, ABC Officers Cecil Bullock and Wiley Craft and Deputies Dennis A. Roberson and Roy Peel found seven pints of white liquor and seven pints of legal whiskey in the man's home. The seven pints of illicit liquor were found under his bed pillow where it was readily accessible for a quick sale. The other liquor was stacked beside the bed, officers said.

Jenkins was sentenced to the roads by Judge Jos. W. Parker in the Superior Court last March, but the road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$1,000 fine.

Raiding the other side of the Jenkins duplex, the officers found six pints of illicit liquor under the floor.

Given a preliminary hearing before Justice W. M. Tetterton in Williamston last week-end, each defendant was placed under bond in the sum of \$300. They are to face trial in the recorder's court next Monday.

## Positions Filled In Faculty Here

Unless there are other resignations, the local schools are ready to start the new term this fall, Principal B. G. Stewart announced last week-end.

All faculty positions have been filled, including those made vacant a short time ago by unexpected resignations, the principal explained.

Mrs. Robt. Everett, Jr., former member of the Plymouth faculty, has been employed to succeed Mrs. Ann Carson Cargile, eight grade teacher here for several years, who recently resigned the position. Mrs. Everett is now making her home in Williamston.

Miss Mary Ann Bass of Whitakers is filling the fifth grade position. She taught in the Nashville schools the past four years.

Miss Carolyn Hines of Greenville is succeeding Mrs. Sally Walters as high school English teacher.

## Removed To Hospital Here Monday Afternoon

Badly injured when run down by an automobile on Highway 64 near the Highway Patrol radio station on Sunday, June 12, Mrs. Lucy Whitehurst was removed to a Durham hospital last Thursday in a Biggs ambulance for treatment.

## One Person Badly Hurt In Accidents In Martin County

### Property Loss In Series Of Three Wrecks Estimated In Excess of \$1,500

At least one person was badly injured and a property loss estimated conservatively at \$1,575 resulted in a series of three motor vehicle accidents on the highways in the county last week-end. Several of those in the wrecks miraculously escaped unhurt, members of the highway patrol said following their investigations. One victim had his left arm crushed from the elbow to the hand, and another victim was removed to a hospital for treatment of possible internal injuries.

The first in the series was reported within the town limits of Jamesville on the highway about 11:30 o'clock last Saturday morning when Mack Cotton, 60-year-old colored minister of Bethel, blacked out or fainted, and lost control of his 1950 Hudson. The car swerved to the left and ran about 85 feet down a machine ditch before striking an abutment. The machine leaped into the air, and cleared fourteen ft. of ground before landing and turning over. Damage to the machine was estimated at \$500. He was picked up in a Biggs ambulance and removed to a Williamston hospital for treatment. Efforts are being made to save the limb, but reports declared it was badly mangled.

The second in the series of week-end wrecks was reported Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock on a dirt road at Barrett's Fork near Oak City. William B. Malloy was rounding a curve in his 1952 Pontiac and crashed into a 1941 Plymouth driven by Leamon Lanier. No one was hurt, the investigator officer from the highway patrol reported. Damage to the Pontiac was estimated at \$400 and that to the Plymouth at \$75.

Darting toward and from pedestrians, Stuart Wiggins lost control of his 1941 Ford truck and ran it into a large pine tree on the River Road, about eight miles north of Hamilton last Sunday evening about 7:15 o'clock. No pedestrian was hit, but Wiggins' wife suffered possible internal injuries and was removed to a hospital in Scotland Neck for treatment, the investigating patrolman said.

One of its sides ripped away beyond repair, the truck was damaged to the extent of about \$600, the patrolman said following his investigation.

## Health Center Makes Report

Martin County Health Department officials pointed out yesterday that there had been only one case of polio reported in the county this year, and that was a mild one. The prevalence of polio is lower in the county so far than year than usual, and unless it flares up there's no immediate cause for alarm, it was pointed out.

There's little than can be done to meet a current season attack of polio, but health officials explained that the people can work now for the future. More blood donations will make available more gamma globulin. The supply is so scarce now that it is made available only to household contacts, and it cannot be had by just calling the family doctor or the health department for general use.

It was explained that to make two cc's of the serum, two pints of blood are needed. In order to immunize the average adult it takes twenty to thirty cc's of serum meaning that twenty to thirty pints of blood were necessary. "The Red Cross has made urgent appeals for blood repeatedly, but the response has not been weak meaning that the supply of gamma globulin is limited," a representative of the department said.

No report on the progress of the anti-typhoid drive has been released, but it was announced that the health department will give the vaccine each Thursday afternoon between 1:00 and 4:00 o'clock to those who have not been immunized.

All children who have not had their whooping cough, diphtheria and smallpox vaccinations are to report to the health center on the corner of Ray and Harrell Streets in Williamston either on Thursday afternoon or Saturday morning. Those children entering school this fall are especially urged to report to the center without further delay.

## William Whitley Dies In Hospital

William Whitley, 77, prominent local colored citizen, died in a Tarboro hospital last Thursday following a stroke of paralysis suffered while attending church here last July 4.

He was employed by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company here for many years, retiring about ten years ago. He was a leader in the church and various civic organizations and societies.

The funeral service was conducted in the Corner Stone Baptist Church just off Jamesville Road here yesterday afternoon with his fraternal organization participating in the rites. Burial was in Old Fellows Cemetery.

## ROUND-UP

There was a marked decrease in activities on the crime front in this county last weekend, according to a report coming from the sheriff's office.

Only six persons were arrested and detained in the county jail during the period, four for public drunkenness, and one for drunken driving and the other for carrying a concealed weapon. All those arrested were colored, their ages ranging from 20 to 57 years.

## Facts Misunderstood About Radio Station

### POLICE SCHOOL

Starting next Monday afternoon, Special Agent R. W. Turkelson of the State Bureau conduct a four-day police school in the county courthouse, it was announced last week-end, by Director James W. Powell.

It is expected that law enforcement officers from other towns in this and surrounding counties will attend the school.

## Effectiveness of System Is Risked In Proposed Move

Contrary to promises from high places in our State government, plans are being pushed to move the North Carolina State Highway Patrol radio station from Williamston to Greenville. The action has been described by those in a position to know that it is nothing less than robbery, and that the move will cost taxpayers thousands of dollars with no guarantee that the system will be as effective as it is under the present setup.

Appeals have been made to Motor Vehicles Commissioner Edward Scheidt, but only polite answers have been received. Further appeals are being formulated, and it is proposed to air the entire history of the station and the political maneuvers surrounding the proposed move.

"We, an apparently forgotten people whose voices carry little or no weight in high political circles, possibly cannot stop the move, but we can air out the true facts and point out to the people of North Carolina that the action is based on a mere political whim rather than with a direct view of improving the patrol's communications system and saving the taxpayers of this State money," a citizen acquainted with the facts, declared soon after learning that Haleigh was planning to move the station.

Mr. Edward Scheidt, newly appointed commissioner of motor vehicles, apparently has been misled in joining up with the plan to move the station. In a letter to the Williamston Boosters under recent date, Commissioner Scheidt said, in part:

"Greenville has been the site of Troop 'A' Headquarters since 1951 and in 1935 when the Patrol Radio System was inaugurated, property near Greenville was not available for the erection of the transmitting tower and other required facilities and for that reason the radio system was located at Williamston."

The Motor Vehicles department apparently has forgotten the facts. Captain Farmer, the father of the radio system, located the stations, not after a political whim or fashion, but after making repeated tests. Using mobile equipment he went all over North Carolina, including a site near Greenville (not a favorable eastern location), and after making tests, he announced his findings, declaring that the Williamston site was one of the best, if not the best, in the entire system. Patrolman George Stewart accompanied the mobile equipment here.

It is recalled that when Captain Farmer was approached with an offer to aid him, the old gentleman expressed his appreciation, but explained that he would be obliged to locate the station where it would be most effective.

In due time, a 99-year lease was given the State for \$1, the county expressing the wish at that time that it would cooperate in every way possible. The lease was recorded on January 9, 1937.

Mr. Scheidt also stated in his letter, "The 1951 General Assembly appropriated funds for the construction of four Troop Headquarters buildings to be located at Greenville, Greensboro, Salisbury and Asheville. Radio facilities are being installed at the Troop Headquarters under the immediate supervision of the Troop Commander. We propose to centralize the control of all Troop 'A' communication facilities at the Greenville Headquarters, thereby IMPROVING the Communication System in Troop 'A'."

Learning that the appropriation (Continued on Page Six)

## Removed To Hospital Here Monday Afternoon

Mr. O. S. Anderson was removed from his home in the Tarheel Apartments yesterday afternoon to a local hospital for treatment. His condition continues critical, it was reported this morning.

## Democrats Declare the Plan Is Grossly Defective And Sale Forced

Washington.—A blistering report signed by five Democrats on the Senate banking committee has threatened a major fight on a Republican-sponsored plan to dispose of 29 government-owned rubber plants.

The report to be made public soon, called the plan "grossly defective" and a "more or less forced sale" of synthetic rubber plants which cost the government more than half a billion dollars.

Signed by all but one of the committee's Democrats, the report was believed to have been written under the direction of Senator Douglas (D) of Illinois. Democratic Senators Sparkman (Ala.), Maybank (S. C.), Fulbright (Ark.) and Lehman (N. Y.) signed it with Senator Douglas.

The report said that under the terms of a disposal bill approved on straight party lines by the committee last week "a cartel may well be re-established" in the rubber industry.

It recalled an antitrust suit brought against the major rubber companies in 1947, and declared:

"The major rubber fabricators... pleaded no defense in federal court to charges by the Department of Justice in 1947 that they fixed prices collectively on major items of goods they sold."

The disposal plan, the report said, would "consolidate the hold over the rubber industry... now exercised by the big four"—U. S. Rubber, Goodyear, Goodrich and Firestone.

The Senate bill, somewhat similar to a pending House measure, would compel the sale of the plants by next July 1, subject to a congressional veto of actual terms of sale.

The bill would set up a three-man commission appointed by President Eisenhower to negotiate sale of the plants to private industry. The commission would have from 45 to 90 days to accept bids. At the close of the bidding period, it would negotiate with bidders on contracts of sale.

A full report on the disposal contracts would come to Congress by June 1, to take effect a month later unless Congress vetoed the plan.

The minority report, made available to a reporter, said the plan "plays into the hands of the big companies which now operate these plants and will work adversely against the small firms."

It said the plan does not allow nearly enough time for smaller companies to investigate the plants and make bids on them.

More than 70 per cent of the nation's total synthetic rubber capacity, the report continued, is being operated by the big four and one other rubber company, General Tire and Rubber.

These firms now lease most of the 29 plants owned by the government.

The report said war made it essential to get synthetic production going at a fast pace, and added there was "nothing sinister" in the lease of the plants to major producers.

But it does not follow that what was good in dire emergency should be frozen into the long-time structure of the industry the report said.

## Dress Revue Won By Joan Coltrain

Winning the Martin County dress revue in this county earlier in the month, Miss Joan Coltrain is competing in the State dress revue this week during 4-H Club Week in Raleigh.

Miss Coltrain's attire consisted of a navy two-piece faille suit which has a new back interest. The front of the skirt gives a straight, tight look with soft pleats which may be pressed or unpressed. The short jacket is fashioned with a shawl collar. The jacket has long sleeves with contrasting fabric trims collar and cuffs of blue velvet. Joan wears a white nylon tucked blouse she made a small hat of matching velvet with blue daisies and navy ribbon which is also an original of Joan's. She wears white gloves with navy shoes and bag.