

Boll Weevil Prospects For The Ensuing Season Taken Lightly By Farmers

First Official Statement Made of Boll Weevil Indications for 1925. Farmers' Indifference May Cause Heavy Loss.

Raleigh, Feb. 26.—The boll weevil prospects for the ensuing crop season have been the subject of much study and discussion among the workers of the North Carolina experiment station and State College extension service.

There appears to be a feeling of indifference on the part of farmers, as if assuming that the weevil damage will be as light as in the past two years.

The statements which follow are not a declaration of what the weevil injury will be in 1925—but are a reasonable statement of what may be in the light of certain facts.

The largest single factor in governing weevil damage is the weather of July and August, and that no one can safely predict.

Although weevils averaged fewer than usual during the growing season of 1924, yet they increased rapidly during the warm rainy weather of the picking season.

The winter has been rather mild; only two cold spells, neither of which was very severe nor long continued.

It has happened in the states east of the Mississippi river, that heavy weevil damage has occurred within three years after the entire state was occupied by the weevil.

In the lower Piedmont and main valleys of the coastal plain the injury has been heavier and is of greater importance because it is our main cotton producing area.

New Secretary Of Agriculture



William M. Jardine, President of Kansas Agricultural College, will become a member of President Coolidge's cabinet March 4 as Secretary of Agriculture.

vit infestation, hence the risks of the crop are greater, yet the effect upon the state as a whole is less because less cotton is grown.

COM. KILLS BILL INCREASE PITT COURTS

Delegation Appear For and Against Increasing Jurisdiction Mayors Courts

Raleigh, Feb. 25.—Opponents of the bill to give the mayor's courts of Greenville and Farmville the same jurisdiction as the Pitt county court won by a vote of 8 to 7 in the senate committee on courts and judicial districts yesterday afternoon.

Two opposing groups of Pitt citizens appeared for and against the measure. Senator Everett took an impartial ground and asked the committee to vote on the bill on its merits alone.

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The value of a dollar, the ways of getting it and the story of what it can do and how it should function in society ought to be a good course in the schools and colleges.

BRASWELL BILL TO DRAW A BIG HEARING

Large Numbers of Farmers to Be Present at Committee Hearing on "Coop" Relief Measure

Raleigh, Feb. 25.—Much interest is being manifested locally and in this section in the hearing to be held today in Raleigh at 3 o'clock before the committee considering the Braswell act to provide a method of withdrawal from the Co-operative Association by any one who might wish to do so May 1st of next year.

The tobacco farmers from several sections of the state have, for the past few weeks, been considering some legal method of getting relief from what they consider the destructive results of the Co-operative contract which they signed.

Several prominent lawyers have considered the matter and have come to the conclusion that the proposed act—the Braswell act now before the General Assembly—would be valid in law and would give to the growers the relief which some of them seek.

It is reported that in all other co-operative associations in America, so far as they have been able to ascertain, in all which they have been able to examine carefully, there is a method of withdrawal provided, and this is expressly provided in the California plan.

This is all that the Braswell act now before the legislature attempts to do, it is said. Merely to provide a method of withdrawal, as is provided in the California plan and in all other plans which have been examined.

Wyoming Wins National Trophy by Voting



The state of Wyoming scored the greatest percentage of gain in votes at the national election last fall and was the trophy offered by Collier's, The National Weekly.

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STANDARD TRUCKS AGREE POSTAL PAY INCREASE

Report of Auditor Shows Cars Operated by 53 Departments, Numerous Salary Increases Given

Raleigh, Feb. 25.—The state of North Carolina contains 1,089 automobiles and trucks in 38 departments and institutions, according to the report submitted to the general assembly yesterday by State Auditor Baxter Durham.

Of the total number of automobiles and trucks in the state 496 are touring cars and 593 are trucks. Of the total number of pleasure cars and 504 trucks the remaining 58 pleasure cars and trucks are scattered among 38 departments and institutions.

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Washington, Feb. 24.—A postal pay and increase bill, in substantially the form as that passed by the house, was agreed on today by conferees on the senate and house measures.

The most important modification of the house measure was made in second class rate. The conferees accepted the form of the lower rate in this class.

The regular Parent-Teacher meeting held on Friday afternoon last, was both interesting and inspiring.

The report of Miss DeVane, chairman of the grounds committee, who is visiting Raleigh, just now, was read, and Mrs. J. G. Taylor, chairman of library extension committee, reminded the association of the Vesper-Song Players who will appear in the auditorium on Tuesday night.

The purpose of this rally is purely informational and inspirational. Addresses on missions and different phases of the denominational program will be made.

Rev. S. A. Cotton will be in Farmville Sunday to preach at 11 a. m. and to hold the second quarterly conference at 2:30 p. m.

Those who are officially members of this conference are as follows: Rev. J. L. Rumbley, Rev. B. B. Slaughter, Jno. T. Thomas, A. L. Shank, T. E. Joyce, T. M. Dull, J. W. Lovelace, R. A. Fields, Haywood Smith, E. L. Donnell, A. Joyner, J. W. Parker, J. E. Karpis, Judge J. L. Lusk, Horton, Mrs. M. E. Harris, Mrs. R. A. Fields, Miss Nancy Bryant, S. W. Irwin, J. L. Whitson, and Mrs. W. A. White, Mrs. M. and Mrs. C. C. White, and A. A. Joyner.

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The executive committee of the organization announced it terminated the agreement with Mr. Borghum because the work of the sculptor was not proceeding satisfactorily.

This action was taken in the form of a resolution cancelling the contract and instructing Mr. Randolph to select another sculptor to carry on the work. The resolution charged Mr. Borghum with "neglect and virtual abandonment of the contract, inordinate demands for money not due him, and delusions of grandeur."

BAPTIST TO RALLY AT ROCKY MOUNT

Leaders of The Roanoke Association Are Called to Meet on Wednesday March 4th.

Rocky Mount, Feb. 25.—The Baptist leaders of the Roanoke association, including all the pastors, active laymen, women, and young people, are called to meet in the Rocky Mount First Baptist church on Wednesday, March 4, for an all day mission rally, beginning at 10 o'clock.

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FARMVILLE MINISTERS ASSOCIATION MONDAY

The Farmville Ministers Association will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday at 8:00 p. m. with Rev. N. N. Fleming, Jr.

LOCAL BOY CLAIMS THE SMALLEST EGG

Dean Otto claims for his white bantam hen the smallest egg yet laid by any of the "feathered tribe."