

WATERMELON TO BE BIG SUMMER CROP

Large Acreage Planted In Hoke County; Must Watch Mid Season Disease; Use Remedy Given Herein.

Watermelons promise to be a prominent crop in Hoke county this year according to estimates made unofficially in the county this week. An increase in watermelon acreage is indicated in the estimates which place watermelon acreage at between fifteen hundred and two thousand acres, far above that of last year.

Hoke county melons are in good shape at this time. Some anxiety was occasioned several weeks ago by the activities of the striped cucumber beetle which made inroads upon the crop when it first came up. This danger, however, has been reduced by dusting with arsenate of lead.

Two main diseases threaten the melons in the period between now and shipping time, blight and anthracnose. For both of these diseases a spray of 4-4-50 solution of Bordeaux mixture is the accepted remedy. Four pounds of copper sulphate, four pounds of lime and fifty gallons of water sprayed upon the vines will lessen the danger from these diseases.

Of the melons planted in Hoke county the majority are Tom Watsons, the best melon to ship to Northern markets. However there are a good many acres of Stone Mountains, Irish Greys and Thurman Greys, planted mostly for the trucking trade. A busy summer season on the farms is predicted in view of the large acreage.

SISTER OF SMITH McKEITHAN DIES

Mrs. T. J. Smith Was Known And Loved Throughout The Sandhill Section.

Vass, June 16.—Mrs. T. J. Smith, well known and highly esteemed woman of Vass, passed away at her home at 11 o'clock Monday morning after an illness of about 14 months.

Funeral services were conducted from Cypress Church, of which the deceased had been a member since early girlhood, at 4 o'clock this afternoon by the pastor, Rev. Charles A. Lawrence, assisted by a former pastor, Rev. M. D. McNeill of Cameron, and the body was interred in Cypress cemetery.

Mrs. Smith, before her marriage, was Miss Lovedy Ann McKeithan. She was born in the Lobelia section of Hoke county, which was at that time a part of Cumberland county, on May 27, 1864, the daughter of Daniel B. and Celia McKeithan, her father being a prominent planter and large landowner of his day. She attended the famous Union Home School and later studied at Mt. Vernon School, where she displayed noticeable talent in art.

In 1895, she was married to T. J. Smith of her home community, and after spending a year or two on a farm on Little River, they came to Vass, where they have resided ever since the family having an immortal part in the life of the town. Mrs. Smith was industrious and generous, a good neighbor who will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her husband and the following sons and daughters: D. A. Smith, Mrs. N. N. McLean and Miss Agnes Smith, all of Vass, and N. M. Smith of Jacksonville. One daughter, Harriet, died in infancy. Two sisters, Mrs. J. A. Keith and Mrs. Sarah Margaret McNeill of Vass, and a brother, Smith McKeithan of Raeford, survive in addition to many other relatives.

NOTICE TO TOMATO GROWERS

Some damage is being done in the tomatoes being grown in the county by the corn ear worm. It is advisable to prune the vines closely, taking off those tomatoes which are cracked at the bottom. These tomatoes will never market, and pruning them will allow the other tomatoes to develop. Spray the vines with a 2-2-50 Bordeaux mixed with one pound of arsenate of lead. The Bordeaux will combat anthracnose and blight and the lead will take care of the corn ear worm.

HOKE FARMERS WILL FIGHT BOLL WEEVIL

Poisoning Going Forward This Week; Will Save Later Expense And Insure Much Larger Yield Per Acre.

With most of the farmers either preparing to fight the weevil this week or actually carrying on the poisoning campaign in the field, there is a great deal of activity among Hoke County farmers. The necessity of saving the cotton crop, now that it has been planted and well started is obvious. To those not exactly sure of the methods and formulas in molasses poisoning we present the following concise advice from the County Agent:

"I have spent considerable time in the first two weeks of June inspecting cotton farms of Hoke County for boll weevil infestation. With out a single exception I have been able to locate weevils in every cotton field that I have examined. In some fields it is a rather slight infestation and in other fields it is quite heavy. I think that we may be assured that a large number of weevils have survived the winter and will be ready to puncture the first squares that appear on the cotton. In fact I have already examined squares that had as many as two punctures.

"The lateness of the season gives us a very unusual opportunity to kill practically all of the old weevils before they have been able to do any serious damage. The cotton crop in Hoke County is about 2 weeks later than is usually for this section, the cotton is small and a large portion of the weevils in all probability will be out of winter quarters before many squares are formed. The calcium arsenate-molasses mixture (1 pound of calcium arsenate, 1 gallon molasses and 1 gallon water) when applied at the rate of about four quarts per acre when the first few squares are beginning to form, will kill all the weevils on the cotton, provided the weather stays clear for about three days. Three applications of this mixture at seven day intervals will get most of the weevils that come out later and secure protection until late in the season. In some cases it may not be necessary to dust the cotton until it has become too large to mop provided the mopping has been properly carried out.

"The farmers of the County will be able to secure calcium arsenate and molasses much cheaper this year than last and while cotton is also cheap, I am sure that the molasses poison will be profitable.

YOUNG PEOPLE RETURN FROM CONFERENCE

The Young People's Conference conducted at Flora Macdonald College under the auspices of Fayetteville Presbytery closed Tuesday, June 16th. In addition to the five local boys and girls who were in attendance, twenty-five or more went over Tuesday for the final day and the picnic. Dr. Watson Fairley taught Home Missions during the conference and Miss Josephine Hall was a counselor.

TWO MORE SQUARE DANCES.

According to an announcement made last Tuesday night at the Square Dance by Dan Campbell, master of ceremonies, there will be only two more dances in the present series given in Armory Hall. The dances were inaugurated last winter under the auspices of the Combat Train and have proven a most popular diversion for the people of the town and county. The dance last Tuesday, in spite of the fact that the rain came down in torrents at the hour of starting, was lively and well attended. Large crowds are expected on the next two Tuesdays at the final dances.

NOTICE TO JUNIORS

All the members of the Junior Order are requested to meet every Wednesday night instead of Friday night. Come one and come all.

In the Limelight Today



TODAY is the big day for Hoke County's youngest citizens. Dr. Alexander Shaw, of Fayetteville, and Dr. K. B. Geddie, of High Point, will have charge of the Woman's Club Baby Clinic which will be held at the School Lunch Room, today from 9 o'clock until 3. All white babies from the age of three months to two years are eligible for the clinic. Blue ribbons will be given for every perfect baby.

Hoke County Praised For Its Part In Fight Against Pellagra

Best Story Of Fight Against This Disease Comes From Hoke County, Says The News & Observer.

Recognition which amounts to a state-wide compliment has come to Hoke County in the recent article which was featured in the Raleigh News and Observer in regard to the excellent work which has been done in this county in the fight against pellagra. One of the greatest problems which has faced any community in North Carolina in these times of stress has been the problem of pellagra, a disease rooted in the lack of ability on the part of the people to procure for themselves the necessary nourishment. It has grown in these times to an extent almost unknown previously, to an extent which demanded concerted effort on the part of county government and civic organizations to combat the plague. How Hoke County met this problem and the effective manner in which its progress has been checked among our citizenship is a story of energy and courage and which every citizen of the county should read with pride the story follows:

One of the best stories of pellagra relief work done in North Carolina in recent years, a story which also carries a tale of what is now being done to prevent a recurrence of the disease, comes out of Hoke County and carries as its high light work of the women of that county and the name of one woman, Mrs. H. A. Cameron, chairman of the county board of welfare, who lives at Raeford.

Back in the spring of 1930, Hoke county was faced with a serious epidemic of pellagra. It was a problem which was not at all easy of solution, for the pellagra patients were largely members of tenant families on the farm. Mrs. Cameron was the first to take steps to fight the disease and also to prevent any other patients from becoming inoculated with pellagra.

PROGRESSIVE FARMER HARVESTS GRAIN WITH USEFUL NEW MACHINE

Mr. J. D. Mason Is Using Combine Reaper And Thrasher; First Machine Of Its Type In This Section; Will Harvest Twenty Acres Per Day.

Mr. J. D. Mason, progressive farmer of Hoke county, has introduced into the farming operations of the county another innovation in the form of a combine harvester, such as is used on a larger scale in the grain fields of the west. This machine cuts, threshes and sacks 20 acres of grain per day and can be run by two men. Mr. Mason, using tractor power, has harvested oats and barley and is now harvesting wheat.

The machine consists of a reaper and thrasher combine. The grain is cut by an eight foot blade, drawn up into the thrasher, threshed and

then the grain is deposited in sacks on a platform on the side and the straw is distributed on the field. If the operator does not wish to leave the straw on the field there is a rake attachment which can be used. Cutting, thrashing and sacking grain at one time increases the necessity of having dead ripe grain before using the combine. In the west where the weather is dry more consistently it is not an uncommon sight to see from twenty to thirty combines in one field. The introduction of a combine in Hoke county is an interesting and promising forward step.

Each patient was put under strict supervision and the monthly clinics showed that improvement was being made, shortly after the campaign got underway. Of the 100 pellagra patients at the end of the first year, 39 have been dismissed as cured, 26 cases have been reported as arrested and the others are showing improvement under continued care. Each of these patients has a winter garden as a necessary means of fighting the disease.

But to go back to the beginning of this work. In the outset, Mrs. Cameron organized the club women into groups of volunteers in each community. These women went to work on a canning program, which brought results. The county of Hoke furnished the cans, 1,500 of them the first year, at a cost of only \$20.50. The women did the work of canning and put up a mixture of vegetables for use as soup. Hot lunches in schools were made available through this canning program, with the soup used as the "piece de resistance" for the meal. (Continued on back page)

HOKE BOARDS STUDY LOCAL RIFLE TEAM NEW SCHOOL LAWS TO MEET CONCORD

Picnic And Study Class Includes County Educational Heads; Apply New Law To Local Schools.

The County Board of Commissioners, the Board of Education, the County School boards and friends met at the Club House on Tuesday afternoon, June sixteenth, for a combination social and business occasion. The particular purpose of the meeting was to get the members of the boards which have particular jurisdiction over Hoke county educational affairs together and study the new school law with reference to what it will mean to the local educational system. An ample supper was served, fried chicken, barbecue, slaw, coffee and cornbread strengthening those present for the deliberations of the evening.

County Superintendent W. P. Hawfield, took the lead in presenting the problems of the new school law, making an effort to present it clearly to the board members, emphasizing some points which are of particular interest to Hoke county. Mention was made of the new provisions for transportation of pupils to school. Under the new law, the State Board of Equalization will submit as a basis in the transportation budget eight dollars for each pupil regularly hauled to school. Investigation will be made in each county to see whether particular circumstances will bring the necessary expenditure per pupil above or below eight dollars. This calculation is for the six months term.

Mr. Hawfield then went over the provisions made for the regulation of the number of teachers in the schools. The regulations submitted give careful direction as to the number of teachers which may be hired on the basis of pupils in attendance. The Board of Equalization has the authority to require an additional number of ten pupils in each case where it is desired to hire an additional teacher. In high schools the number of teachers is rated as one teacher where the number of high school pupils in average daily attendance was twenty-five, two where it was thirty-eight, and so up to four teachers for eighty pupils in a graduated scale. The May budget is made out on a basis of one additional teacher for each additional thirty one pupils.

It was shown that the Board of Equalization will consider it unsatisfactory for any county board to provide for a grammar school in a section where the number of pupils in average daily attendance for the next preceding year was fewer than twenty-one or for a high school where the number of pupils was less than fifty, unless every plan for taking care of those pupils shall have been proven unsatisfactory. It is further stipulated that the reasons for maintaining (Continued on back page)

POULTRY EXPERT HERE

Mr. P. A. Seese, poultryman of State Extension service, spent last Thursday in Raeford inspecting poultry flocks which had previously been given blood tests. Complete records are being kept of these flocks and Mr. Seese's visit was a regular feature of the check-up which is maintained.

DEATH OF INFANT

On Monday, June 8th, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. David Smith died here after an attack of colitis. It was eight months old and a fine child. The funeral was conducted on Tuesday with Rev. A. D. Carswell officiating and interment was made in Raeford cemetery. Friends sympathize deeply with the bereaved parents in the loss of their only son.

TYPHOID VACCINATION

The question has been asked me a number of times as to whether free vaccination can be secured from any doctor except the County Physician. The County's agreement with the State Board of Health calls for free vaccination by any physician in the County, and they will be paid for same by making the proper report of their work. So call on any physician in the County for free vaccination. J. A. McGoogan, County Accountant.

Match At Rifle Range Will Bring Expert Shooters Together; Spectators Are Invited.

A rifle team composed of picked men from Battery F and Battalion Headquarters and Combat Train, two local military units, will meet a rifle team representing a Concord battery in a rifle match to be held at the local rifle range on Friday, June 19th. The match will begin about 7 a. m., and will probably continue through the day. It will be held at the rifle range maintained by the local units at the edge of the Fort Bragg reservation at the old Neil Black place, approximately four miles north of Raeford.

Raeford will present a team of twelve men, four of whom have participated in the National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio. Members of the team are as follows: Capt. W. L. Poole, Capt. J. W. Walker, Capt. J. H. Blue, Lieut. H. A. Currie, Lieut. Herbert McKeithan, Sgt. Alfred Cole, Sgt. Benjamin Braden, Sgt. H. R. McLean, Sgt. Hector McBryde, Corporal Alphas Pittman, Private Elwood Cox and Private Robert Currie. Six men will occupy the firing line at the same time, three members of the two teams alternating in position. Each team member will fire ten rounds prone, five kneeling, five sitting, ten standing, ten rapid fire prone and ten rapid fire sitting, making the possible score for each man two hundred and fifty. A score of two hundred and twenty-four gives a rating of Expert, two hundred and (Continued on back page)

THELMA LINDSAY DIES AT McCOLL

Former Resident Of Raeford Mourned By Many Friends; Invalid Five Years.

Raeford friends were shocked last week to learn of the death of Miss Thelma Lindsay, a resident of McColl, South Carolina, who, up until a few years ago lived in Raeford. She died at McColl on Friday June the fifth and was mourned by a great number of friends to whom she had endeared herself through her wonderful characteristics of patience and cheerfulness in suffering. For the last five years she had been in bed, suffering from tuberculosis. Little hope was entertained for her recovery and yet in the face of her trouble she exhibited the greatest courage and optimism.

Miss Lindsay was a member of the Raeford Presbyterian church which she joined during her years in Raeford. One of the last acts of her life was to write to the Raeford church, asking that her membership be transferred to the church at McColl. Her life was a testimony to her Christian faith and her fortitude in the face of over-powering troubles was an example for all who knew her. She was just twenty-one years old when she died. Many Raeford people join with those who mourn her passing.

BRYANT WEBB DIES OF INJURIES

Bryant Webb, young Kings Mountain man who was seriously injured when the car in which he was riding turned over at View Point Service Station two miles east of Raeford last week died in Pittman's hospital at Fayetteville last Friday. Injuries to Webb's spine proved fatal. His mother, brother and sister were with him when he died. The body was taken to Kings Mountain for burial.

MR. McLAUGHLIN'S ILLNESS SERIOUS

As the News-Journal goes to press Thursday afternoon, the condition of Mr. J. W. McLaughlin is reported as worse and grave concern is felt. He has been ill with typhoid fever for over four weeks and had about recovered the first of this week, his fever leaving him, but had bad nights on Tuesday and Wednesday and has grown very much weaker. Many of his relatives are here and others expected, though it is greatly hoped he will grow stronger.