

Blue Mold Scarce In Tobacco Plants

Lumberton, April 18. — Tobacco transplanting will get underway in earnest in the Lumberton area during the next week, with indications that farmers will have plenty of plants in good condition for setting out when the time arrives.

This forecast is the feature of the third bi-monthly tobacco crop condition report just issued by Jasper C. Hutto, supervisor of the Lumberton tobacco market. The Lumberton reports are based on field observation and investigation by approximately 150 tobacco farmers.

"Considerable transplanting has already been done to the south and east of Lumberton," the report said, "but the territory as a whole will do the biggest job from April 20 to May 10."

BEEF CATTLE

At the recent Alabama Hereford bull sale, North Carolina farmers sold 73 bulls at an average price of \$294.52 each. G. M. Pate and Sons of Rowand consigned the top bull, which sold for \$1,110.00.

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The supervisor said blue mold was not done any great harm, and that insects have damaged tobacco plants this year less than in any year in recent time. The report said also that rains have been abundant in all directions and that there are no dry spots. Tobacco plants on the whole are small, but healthy.

"Scarcity of labor is the biggest handicap, of course," the report said, "but the older men will call for more help than ever from the women and children. Some way the job will be done."

Large Losses From Pullorum Disease

The pullorum disease, commonly called white diarrhea, causes larger losses than any other poultry disease and is especially bad during the first four weeks in the life of the chick, reports H. C. Gauger, poultry pathologist at State College.

He points out that chicks infected with the disease generally have drooping wings and ruffled feathers. They huddle together, chirp a good deal, and act as if they were cold. Internally, the chicks will show one or more of the following abnormalities, small gray spots on the lungs, heart and gizzard; unabsorbed yolk and swollen kidneys.

Spread of the disease may take place in the incubator. Again, it may spread during the brooding period from infected droppings. Range stock and adult birds may also become infected by coming into contact with dropping from infected birds, and hence the need for clean range, Gauger explains.

He suggests that poultry growers kill and either burn or bury all sick and undersized chicks. Allow at least one square foot of floor space for every two chicks started. Thoroughly clean and disinfect the brooder house and its equipment as frequently as possible. If chicks have been on the ground around the brooder house, it is well to confine them until the disease is under control.

"This frequent cleaning and disinfecting program will tend to check the further spread of the disease in the brooder house, but it will not prevent the loss of chicks which became infected in the incubator," Gauger says.

In making purchases, ask for pullorum-free chicks.

Zip the lip on Military Secrets!

Employers Must Report Name And S.S. No. In Making Tax Returns

During the month of April, employers who are subject to the Social Security Act, will make their payroll tax returns for the first quarter of 1944. Each employer, concerned, is required by law to report the name and account number of every employee, and the wages paid him during the previous calendar quarter. This tax return is sent to the Bureau of Internal Revenue; and then, the wage data shown thereon is transmitted by that agency to the Social Security Board. Here it is recorded in an account, maintained by that board for each individual worker. Benefits which will be paid in later years to the insured worker or to his survivors will be based upon his wage record. An employer who fails to include in his tax return, the name and account number as well as the wages of each employee may unwittingly cause the loss of benefits, later on, to an employee or to his family.

In this connection, Mr. Allen T. Boger, Jr., manager of the Fayetteville office of the Social Security Board said, also, that both the name and the account number of every wage earner covered by the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance system is necessary for identification purposes.

"On the books of the Social Security Board there are thousands of Smiths; there are hundreds of John Smiths; and scores of John Arthur Smiths," he explained, "so in order to keep the wage record straight for each of these Smiths, the Board must have the account number as well as the right name of each. The same is true of other names, such as Jones, Johnson, Brown, and Jackson. Many persons have the same family name; and a surprising number have the same first, middle, and last name. That is why the Board must have both the name and the account number of the worker in order to identify his wage record."

Martial Law Ruled Invalid

HONOLULU, Apr. 13. — Martial law in Hawaii, starting point of the Pacific war, was ruled invalid by a federal judge but military leaders proclaimed it still in force today and said violations of general orders would be subject to provost court trials.

The War Department prepared to appeal a decision by Federal Judge Delbert E. Metzger that a provost court was without authority to try a navy yard worker and sentence him to prison on conviction of assaulting two marine sentries.

The judge's ruling yesterday came at the conclusion of a trial at which Hawaii's military governor, Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson testified martial law was vital to protect the islands from existing perils. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, another witness, had said Pearl Harbor was in danger of such attacks as the one which started the war Dec. 7, 1941, so long as a single Japanese aircraft carrier remains afloat.

Judge Metzger, in upholding the release on a habeas corpus writ of the navy yard worker, Lloyd C. Dun-

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Hunting Veins Of Coal Field Near Sanford

Drilling Has Started In Chatham County By U. S. Bureau Of Mines

GULF, N. C., April 13.—Drills bit into the soil and rocks of Chatham county today probing for veins of an old coal field which mining engineers say might produce as many as 48,000,000 tons to help fill the nation's fast depleting fuel bins.

The drilling, financed by the U. S. Bureau of Mines, is the first exploration for coal in several generations in North Carolina, the State Department of Conservation and Development says. The Bureau of Mines long since has become convinced that the Deep River coal was irretrievable.

First tests are being made about two miles south of here, but others will be made over wide area of Lee and Chatham counties in the central section of the state. The deposits in this area have been worked intermittently and unsuccessfully since Revolutionary days, but a series of disastrous explosions in 1925 and 1930 halted operations.

Recently old shafts were cleared and around 25 tons of "token" coal are being mined daily.

can, formerly of Sheridan, Wyo., pointed out that both General Richardson and Admiral Nimitz agreed there was no danger of actual invasion.

Col. W. R. C. Morrison, executive officer to General Richardson, said the War Department would appeal the decision immediately.

The Department of Conservation and Development says the coal exploratory project is part of a wide-spread search by the Bureau of Mines to uncover strategic minerals in North Carolina, which long has been regarded as a geological curiosity because of the presence in the state of 300 minerals, most of them in non-commercial quantities.

The program resulted from a preliminary survey ordered by Governor Broughton last year. Drillings uncovered one of the largest deposits of Tungsten known in America, in Vance county, which already is in production. After the coal project, drillings will be made for iron ore in the western part of the state.

Refrigeration School Began Yesterday At Lumberton

Beginning at 7:30 on Wednesday, April 19, the War Manpower Commission began conducting in the Lumberton High School a Refrigeration Service School for persons in this area interested in that type of work.

The school, under the direction of T. L. Hedgepeth, will be held three for a period of from three to six nights per week and will continue months, depending upon the experience and capabilities of those who enroll for the course of training. Previous training or experience, however, are not a requirement. The course is open to any person, man or woman, who is mechanically inclined and who is interested in adopting electric refrigeration service as an occupation. No tuition or fees of any kind will be exacted.

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We have so much more to do right here in North Carolina—jobs that are up to all of us, jobs that must be well done. In the 4th War Bond Drive, for instance, North Carolinians bought \$172,000,000 worth — 37% above our quota—but we're keeping right on buying more and more! We've gladly given our money to the Red Cross—and hundreds of thousands of hours of our time to making surgical dressings and kits for our men overseas.

We've supported and worked for the U.S.O. and various war relief groups. We've built and maintained an efficient Civilian Defense organization. We've

collected scrap and rubber, tin and fats. Whatever has been asked, North Carolina has done — and then some!

The men and women of the Greyhound Lines, like their fellow-citizens of North Carolina, have shared in all of these activities. They've also shared in the vital job of moving wartime manpower—in uniform or in work clothes. On special occasions, they've transported U.S.O. Camp Shows and brought partners to camp dances. Greyhound buses — by making near neighbors and good neighbors of all the communities they serve in this State — by linking cities, war plants, farm centers, and military camps and bases — are helping to keep North Carolina's war efforts rolling toward Victory!



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