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FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

The tour to Beltsville, Md., where the U. S. Department of Agriculture conducts research work, will be of particular interest to farmers as it gives them an opportunity to see first hand the progress being made in breeding and developing new breeds of livestock and new varieties of plants. They are continually finding new ways of increasing efficiency on the farm.

This vast Experiment Station is operated to make it possible for Agriculture to stay abreast with the times. It belongs to the taxpayers of America. Farmers have more stock in it than other groups. By making this tour on September 22, farmers will increase their knowledge of farming and enjoy fellowship with his neighbor. Registration should be made at the County Agent's office by September 1 if possible. The number will probably be limited to thirty farmers. The five day trip will cost about \$25.00. It will require two days to go to Beltsville and return. Two days will be spent at the station and one day to see points of interest in Washington, D. C. The nights will be spent in Washington.

4-H Club boys attending the 4-H Short Course at State College in Raleigh next week are Arnold Monroe, Davis Parker, John Balfour, and J. W. Caddell, Jr.

Farmers are being urged to take advantage of the opportunity to attend the Farm and Home Week at State College in Raleigh on August 25-29. An outstanding program has been arranged for the three day conference. All rural men and women should attend. For those planning to stay through the entire conference, a \$2.00 fee will be charged to cover cost of rooms, etc. For those desiring to spend one night or more, a charge of 50 cents per night will be made. For those attending the programs, but not spending the night, no charge will be made. Meals can be obtained on the campus at the College Cafeteria at a nominal cost. Every day's program is good, but the one on Thursday, August 28, may be of unusual interest. Mr. J. E. Thigpen, of Washington, will talk on the tobacco situation, including quotas, and Mr. J. B. Hutson will take on the export situation of tobacco. Both talks will be in the morning starting at 8:00 A. M. The afternoon will be devoted to outstanding demonstrations on things of interest to farmers. The main evening address will be made by General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Army Chief of Staff. Farmers should set aside at least one day to attend this conference which is planned by farmers for farmers.

The Commodity Credit Corporation announced last week that the average loan rate or 15-16 inch middling cotton gross weight, will be 27.94 cents per pound.

Most of the cotton crop has come through in very good shape in spite of the late season. Cotton has set a good crop of fruit, but this must be protected from boll weevil if it is expected to yield cotton. A report by J. T. Conner, Jr., Extension Entomologist, indicated that boll weevil infestation increased during the past week from 69 percent to 79 percent in Hoke County. The danger of losing most of the young bolls comes from high boll weevil infestation. Control methods should be used where it is warranted.

Don Cameron returned from a Fayetteville hospital yesterday much improved. He had been there two weeks and underwent an abdominal operation.

Attend Convention In Asheville First Of Week

The State Association of County Commissioners and County Accountants met in Asheville Monday and Tuesday of this week. F. Knox Watson and J. A. McGoogan attended, and were accompanied by Miss Geraldine Maxwell, who was an honor guest of the Association at the banquet on Monday night. Miss Maxwell was presented by State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson, and her beauty and charming personality, in the words of John Swain, State President "Stole the Show and she deserved it."

Jean Graham of Raeford, who is a nurse at the Asheville Orthopedic Home, attended the banquet, helped entertain Miss Maxwell and took her on an inspection trip of the Asheville Hospitals.

An unusual occurrence was that Knox Watson was named chairman of the nomination Committee for the Commissioners and J. A. McGoogan was named chairman of the nomination Committee for the Accountants. The following officers were nominated and elected: For the Commissioners: Caldwell McDonald of Charlotte, President; R. P. Holding of Smithfield, Vice President; and John L. Skinner of Littleton, was re-elected, for the 23rd time as Secretary-Treasurer.

Not Accepting Support Prices

Raleigh, Aug. 12—W. P. Hedrick, tobacco marketing specialist with the State Board of Agriculture, announced Tuesday that farmers of the Border Belt are losing thousands of dollars because they are not taking full advantage of government support prices offered on warehouse floors by the Flue-Cured Tobacco Stabilization Corporation.

A survey just completed in the Border markets indicates that farmers are accepting prices \$1 to \$5 per hundred pounds below the support price and in some instances leaf was going from \$10 to \$15 per hundred below.

Hedrick further stated that most warehouses are co-operating with the growers, having the personnel assist in making support prices available. He added however, that securing government support for his leaf was the individual farmer's responsibility.

July Successful Recruiting Month

Enjoying one of its best months of the year, the Army Recruiting Service enlisted a total of 934 men in the states of North and South Carolina during the month of July, according to figures made public today by Sgt. L. A. Morrison of the local Sub-Station of the Army Recruiting Service located at Court House in Raeford, ever Tuesday afternoon.

Of this number the two Recruiting Areas of North Carolina, with main stations at Durham and Charlotte, enlisted 261 and 354 men respectively. South Carolina supplied 241 men, with the remaining 78 men enlisting through the various military posts, camps, and stations in the two states.

The local sub-station, which is under jurisdiction of the Charlotte Main Station, enlisted a total of 39 men in July.

Sgt. Morrison said that special emphasis had been placed during July on reaching the recent high school graduates with information on the many opportunities open to them in the Army.

During the month of August the Recruiting Service plans to put the emphasis on the opportunities open to former servicemen of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, and has designated August as "VJ" or "Veterans Joining" month throughout North and South Carolina.

Maultsby Pays Costs In Each Of Four Cases

NEGRO PAYS FINE AND COSTS FOR PARKING ON HIGHWAY

John Leonard Maultsby, white man of the county, entered pleas of guilty to charges of assault, violating the prohibition laws, being drunk and disorderly and resisting arrest, before Judge Henry McDiarmid in recorder's court Tuesday morning. Sentence of the court in each case was 30 days on the roads to be suspended on payment of the court costs and on condition of good behavior for two years.

Pete and John Carroll and Alease Parker, colored of Fayetteville, each got 30 days suspended on payment of the costs for being drunk and disorderly. John Carroll also got 30 days suspended on payment of a fine of \$10 and the costs for parking on a highway.

Steve Adkins, white, pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly and got 30 days suspended on payment of the costs.

Glenn Fulk, white, pleaded guilty of assaulting his wife and sentence was 30 days suspended on payment of the costs.

W. F. Thompson, white, forfeited a bond of \$25 posted when he failed to appear or trial on a charge of speeding. Jesse James McNeill, colored, was ordered held for trial in Superior court next week on a charge of breaking and entering.

CHARTER

Crawford Thomas, president of the recently organized Chamber of Commerce in Raeford, announced this week that the organization had received its charter of incorporation from the Secretary of State in Raleigh.

He said that the directors of the organization were now considering the selection of a secretary, and that an announcement would be forthcoming in a few days. He also said that the group would meet this week and formulate plans for accepting members.

Full facts on these items are expected to appear in next week's paper.

LEGION MEETS FRIDAY NIGHT AT KIWANIS HALL

Clyde Upchurch, Jr., commander of the Ellis Williamson post of the American Legion here, announced this week that the post would have its regular monthly supper and meeting at the Kiwanis hall here tomorrow night, August 15. He issued an invitation to all legionnaires and those veterans interested in the American Legion to attend. Supper will be turkey, etc., prepared by Israel Mann and served at 7:30 p. m.

A film will be shown and a talk on "Universal Military Training" will be made by Captain Paul Miller, of the Army, instructor for the Army Reserves in North Carolina.

Poole's Medley

BY D. SCOTT POOLE

During Reconstruction Days, too extravagantly, that is, spending too much for food, and are thereby suffering from indigestion.

The Sandhill Citizen last week pictured Halbert Blue standing in the edge of his tobacco field, the tobacco being as high as his shoulders.

Back in 1879 a man named Hunsucker made boots and shoes to order at his shop in Carthage. One Monday M. Gas McKenzie, a member of the board of Moore County Commissioners brought Mr. Hunsucker an order, McKenzie thought, for a pair of boots from John C. Currie, a neighbor. and that note read, "Please let the boy, Gas, pass and re-pass until tonight."

Uncle Jug John McKinnon received an order one April 1st for one hundred thousand 4-foot boards and 100 thousand 3-foot boards to cover the State Prison, then new. His friends could not convince him it was not a genuine order from the Governor. He made and penned boards until he and his family really suffered for food and clothing. It was an April Fool.

I think I knew a man and his son who ate the kernels of peach seeds because they did not have enough food. The ground was covered around a singletree with peach seed cracked and emptied peach kernels.

An ex-slave woman, who did not want to work, roasted alive a terrapin and after it was cooked, she ate it all.

We rarely see a poor horse now, but I remember when there were nothing but skeletons of horses the country over. Folks were fed before the horses—they ate plenty of grass, but that will not do to keep up work horses.

Joe Daniels, a boy-editor in Raleigh, with his grand children visited the Sandhill peach section last week. went back to Raleigh

Obediah kept 100 prophets of the Lord alive, hid in a cave for a long time. He fed them on bread and water; these were common articles of food.

People of our day are living

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Tobacco Markets Open Lower With Lighter Offerings

DIVISION OF MARKETS RELEASES OFFICIAL CROP FIGURES

Flue-cured tobacco sales got underway on North and South Carolina Border markets Thursday with average prices ranging from 75 cents to 10.00 per hundred under last year's opening day prices. Better quality tobaccos showed the greatest declines. Choice orange lugs were off 9.00 and good orange primings, off 10.00. Most of the lug grades sold Thursday were off from 2.00 to 9.00; primings, from 2.00 to 10.00; cutters, from 4.00 to 8.00; and leaf, around 5.00.

The general quality of this year's opening day offerings was not as good as last year's opening. Fair to fine lugs and low to fair cutters made up the bulk of the tobacco sold. Warehouses with first sales reported a fairly heavy volume of tobacco; however, the overall volume was much lighter. Many growers in the area still have tobacco to farm.

Thursday's opening day average of 48.88 per hundred was 3.60 under last year's first-day average. Prices for lugs and primings dropped an additional 1.00 to 6.00 per hundred Friday, while most of the leaf and cutter grades were steady to 1.00 lower. Lower quantities in these groups showed the greatest declines. The volume of sales was very light on most markets, with quality slightly below opening day.

Cotton prices closed weaker with spot markets less active than during the previous week. Futures broke around 6.00 per bale early Friday under heavy liquidation due to larger than expected Government Cotton Crop Forecast. However, part of the losses were recovered in late trading. The 1947 crop was estimated at 11,884,000 bales, an increase of 3,200,000 over the 1946 crop and more than 300,000 bales above the average trade estimate.

Sharp breaks in spring wheat prices and continued advances in corn were the outstanding features in the grain situation during the week. Oats and grain sorghums advanced with corn, while rye prices dropped sharply due to increased offerings from the new crop. Flax seed soybeans held about unchanged. Corn prices were the highest on record at some markets. Hot, dry weather in the Mississippi Valley and Great Plains threatened damage to the new crop, which is now in a critical stage.

Strictly good and choice steers, along with choice heavy weight cattle, advanced again around 50 cents per hundred at leading middle western markets during the week, while other grades were unevenly 50 cents to 1.00 lower. On Rocky Mount, North Carolina's, auction livestock markets, cattle prices were about steady with receipts heavy.

The movement of peaches, from the Sandhills of North Carolina continued heavy until late in the week. Large size Elberta peaches opened the week in good demand; however, prices dropped some during the middle of the week and closed about steady at the decline. Small size peaches were dull throughout. Reports from Marketing Specialists with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture indicated that practically all of the peaches in the area would be moved out around the middle of next week.

The movement of new stock sweet potatoes from the Carolina's and Virginia increased

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MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF NEGRO ON HIGHWAY STILL UNSOLVED

Rephew Shaw Found Dead On U. S. 15-A Last Saturday Night; Little Indication Of Cause

Sheriff D. H. Hodgkin stated yesterday that his investigation had not disclosed any facts to enable him to state definitely what caused the death of Rephew Shaw, colored man whose body was found on the Fayetteville road near the

Judge Morris To Preside At August Superior Court

ABOUT FORTY CRIMINAL AND CIVIL CASES ARE DOCKETED

Superior court will convene here next week to try the summer's accumulation of criminal and civil cases. Presiding over the term will be Judge Chester Morris of Currituck, N. C., former solicitor of the First judicial district who was appointed to succeed the late Judge C. Everett Thompson, who was murdered in his home at Elizabeth City early in the year.

This will be the first time women have been called for jury duty in this county. Ten were drawn for service at this term of court along with 30 men.

The criminal docket has 14 defendants on it. Some for several offenses, making a total of about 30 criminal cases to be tried. Offenses charged run from misdemeanors, in which the recorder's court decisions are being appealed, to a charge of murder in one case.

The murder case is that of the State against Robert Hamilton, who is charged with killing his wife, Nubertha Hamilton, with a shotgun at their home about six miles south of here on the night of Friday, June 13.

The civil session which will follow the criminal term immediately, includes a total of 11 cases for trial. On the civil calendar are 6 divorce cases.

Candidate Johnson To Address Sheriffs

Carolina Beach, Aug. 12—Charles M. Johnson, State treasurer and candidate for Governor in the 1948 primary, will be the high light speaker at a three-day convention of the North Carolina Sheriffs Association which opens here August 20.

For the most part, law enforcement instruction classes and entertainment will head the program, Johnson will speak at a banquet on the second night of the convention to an expected crowd of several hundred sheriffs' officers and their families.

Harry Greene attended a two day meeting of the State Wildlife commission in Raleigh Monday and Tuesday.

Neill A. McDonald attended a meeting of the LaFayette Highway Association in Hartsville yesterday.

M. G. MANN ADDRESSES COTTON GROWERS TODAY

M. G. Mann, manager of the North Carolina Cotton Growers association, will speak to Hoke County members of the association at their annual meeting at the courthouse at ten-thirty this morning.

Mr. Mann is expected to speak to the farmers and others interested on the subjects of price and production outlook for cotton, its loan value, the warehouse situation and other problems relating to cotton production.

home of Lacy McNeill about 4 miles from Raeford at about 11 o'clock last Saturday night, August 9.

Archie Clark, white man who lives over near the Cumberland county line, saw the body, determined it was lifeless and reported the matter to local peace officers.

Shaw's remains were lying on the pavement near the north side of the road. Off the road on that side was found a bottle of wine with the seal still unbroken. When found there were some bruises on the head and a cut on the chin. There was very little blood to be seen. Officers state that there was no dirt on the road that would probably have fallen from a fender if a car had hit Shaw and that there were no skid or other marks on the surface of the road.

On Sunday the remains were viewed by a coroner's jury and when examined by them with the assistance of an undertaker it was found that many of Shaw's ribs were broken and that the pressure of being run over or of a tremendous blow had caused his heart to actually burst. It was also found that all his loss of blood had been internal. The coroner's jury continued their hearing in the case for one week, on the possibility of more evidence appearing.

Shaw's wife said that he had left about three p. m. Saturday for Fayetteville to get a suit. Sheriff Hodgkin checked and found that he had stopped at the home of Maitland Bridges, about 1-2 mile beyond where he was found, at about 10 o'clock Saturday night. Bridges was not at home and his wife says that Shaw wanted him to take him to Raeford. When he found Bridges was not at home he said he would walk on and left. She said he acted "peculiarly" and carried a package. Officers found that his feet were wet, due, they assume, to walking in the dew-covered grass on the shoulder.

Shaw lived on the farm of C. L. Thomas west of Raeford, was married and had no children.

COLLISION SATURDAY

There was a slow-speed head-on collision at about 12:45 p. m. last Saturday in Raeford at the corner of the old Dundarrach road and Oil Mill road between a 1946 Chevrolet owned and operated by the Rev. B. P. Robinson and a 1936 Chevrolet owned and operated by Clifton Black, colored man of the community. No personal injuries resulted, but property damage was considerable. Neither was charged with careless and reckless driving, but investigating officers discovered that Black was driving without a driver's license and arrested him for that.

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PLACES IN DERBY

Charles Thomas, son of Dr. and Mrs. C. D. Thomas of Black Mountain, recently won second place in the Soap Box Derby recently held in Asheville. Dr. Thomas and family will be remembered as recent residents of Sanatorium, where he was assistant superintendent. He is now superintendent of the Black Mountain sanatorium.