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FARM NOTES

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Cotton

The Boll Weevil infestation has increased tremendously during the past few days. Weather conditions have been almost ideal for the reproduction of this pest. The office of J. T. Conner, Extension Entomologist, found an average of 49 per cent Boll Weevil infestation during the past week. Infestation found in Scotland and Robeson Counties was more than 80 per cent. This would suggest that the infestation for Hoke County will be between 60 and 80 per cent when the figures are released on this week's count. The County Agent has checked a large number of fields during the past few days and has found that the infestation runs all the way from two per cent to 90 per cent. In general the early planted cotton has more grown bolls than the later planted cotton, but Boll Weevil is puncturing more squares on the older cotton than on the younger cotton. In checking several fields of cotton on Mrs. W. J. McDiarmid's farm, it was observed that Charlie Hendrix, tenant, has an excellent crop of early planted cotton. Where Boll Weevil infestation is over 10 per cent it is suggested that treatment with Benzene Hexachloride or other recommended dust be made to keep the weevil in check until a larger number of small bolls have matured to insure a larger cotton crop.

Farmers are advised to be on look out for Boll Worms on late cotton or on large growths of cotton, as these conditions usually are ideal for the rapid production of these insects. DDT will control this pest.

Tobacco

Farmers are generally pleased with reports coming out of Georgia during the past week with reference to the price of tobacco. It now looks like the crop should sell for a fair price in this area. The thing farmers should pay particular attention to is harvesting tobacco when ripe. Be careful to avoid bruising or mis-handling the crop. It would also pay farmers to do a better job of sorting and grading their tobacco for the market as it is expected that a wide difference in price will be made for the lower and better grades of tobacco.

Farmers are urged to be on the look-out for unusual tobacco insects. J. F. McDowell reported finding some unusual insects on his tobacco, and upon investigation it was found that he had a bad infestation of tobacco suckly. Tobacco damaged from these insects seldom cures out to be a bright color; therefore, it is important that control measures be employed as soon as the damage is detected. Chlorinated Camphene should control this insect very effectively.

Hay Crop

Some farmers have already begun to cut lespedeza for hay. Weather conditions have been extremely favorable for growing lespedeza, and it is suggested that the crop be cut for hay when about 10 to 12 inches tall or when the first blossom begin to show, as it makes a better quality of hay at that stage. In some cases a second cutting of lespedeza can be made when cut early enough. Be on the look-out for army worms in hay crops, as some reports are beginning to come in. W. M. Brock reports that army worms have shown up in his soybean field. Last year the alfalfa crop was seriously damaged by army worms. Careful inspection of hay crop every few days may be a means of saving the entire crop. Where army worms are found the treatment with DDT or Benzene

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Polio Executive Committee Meets, Elects Officers

The Executive Committee of the Hoke County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis met in the Commissioners Room in the Court House Thursday, July 22, at 8 p. m. with ten of the 19 members present.

The following officers were elected for the year 1948-49: chairman, D. H. Hodgin; vice chairman, L. M. Upchurch; treasurer, K. A. MacDonald; secretary, Mrs. E. B. Campbell.

The following committees were appointed by the chairman: Medical Advisory, Dr. J. W. Wilcox, chairman; Dr. A. L. O'Brian, Dr. R. A. Matheson, Dr. R. L. Murray, Dr. G. W. Brown; Woman's Activities, Mrs. H. L. Gatlin, Jr., chairman; Mrs. Younger Snead, Mrs. Willie Everleigh; Public Information, Paul Dickson, chairman; L. M. Upchurch.

The Executive Committee wants the people of Hoke County to know that every person who contributes to the March of Dimes is a member of the Polio Chapter and when a meeting of the Hoke County Chapter is called, all are urged to attend and participate in the activities of the Chapter.

L. M. Upchurch states that he will be glad to obtain DDT (either powder or liquid) at a small cost for anyone desiring it for spraying homes and out-buildings of all kinds. Spraying of all schools and premises before the beginning of the school year was discussed and Mr. MacDonald plans to have this done.

It was decided to set Thursday, August 19, 8 p. m. as the meeting date for a review and discussion of the Polio situation at that time.

CLINIC POSTPONED DUE TO POLIO

The monthly orthopaedic clinic will not be held on Friday August 6, 1948, in the Agricultural Building in Lumberton as planned. According to statements by Mrs. Kate S. MacLeod, Superintendent of Public Welfare, and by Dr. E. R. Hardin, County Health Doctor, it will not be wise to have the clinic due to the polio condition prevailing at the present time.

MR. ALEXANDER RETURNS TO HOSPITAL

W. L. Alexander came home from Moore County Hospital Sunday, where he had been for several weeks. He returned to the hospital next day. Though his condition is no worse the family felt that he was more comfortable at the hospital.

EASTERN STAR WILL NOT MEET

The local chapter of the Order of Eastern Star has decided to hold no meetings in August or September. This on account of the Polio situation.

Lumberton Tobacco Market To Open Big Season Aug. 3

The Lumberton Tobacco Market, which has grown from 3 to 39 million pounds in only 25 years, is all set to open what is expected to be one of the finest seasons in its history on Tuesday, August 3.

In fact, many of the local warehousemen, who rank with the best and most experienced judges of tobacco in the business, predicted today that the 1948 sales will push the all-time record in pounds, even with the cut in acreage, and maybe exceed the record in dollars.

Their predictions, of course, were based on high price being paid on the early sales in Georgia, plus the fact that the Border Belt

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\$56 Weed Price Seen On Border Belt Markets

Indicate 34 Per Cent Boost Over 1947 Figures Georgia-Florida Prices

If the calculations of the State Department of Agriculture's top tobacco experts are correct, leaf prices might hit a high of \$56.50 per hundred pounds when the seven North Carolina Border Belt markets open sales Tuesday.

Marketing Specialist W. P. Hedrick bases his estimates on the opening prices at the Georgia-Florida Belt markets, where sales began last Thursday. Sales for the first two days showed an average of \$52.53 at those centers, said Hedrick, and the government sets a price differential of 4 cents a pound between the Georgia-Florida and Border Belt tobacco. The reason for the difference is that tobacco offered for sale on the Border Belt is tied, whereas that sold in Georgia and Florida is not.

Thus, Hedrick figures, the averages on opening sales on the Border Belt probably will reach a figure around \$56.50.

34 Per Cent Up

Calculating further, Hedrick figures that the entire season's average on the Border Belt might run around 34 per cent over the seasonal average of \$42.59 per hundred recorded last year. He bases his estimate on a computation of last year's opening price and the season average and the expected opening price this year.

Hedrick declares, however, that there is always considerable danger in basing predictions on opening day averages. Initial sales seldom give a true picture of the situation, he says, and when the level-off comes after several days of sales the price picture might be changed considerably.

Hedrick figures that the State's flue-cured growers will produce about 24 per cent less tobacco this year than in 1947. Last year's production amounted to 892,205,000 pounds, while the best estimates place this year's crop at around 681,050,000 pounds. If predictions of a 4 per cent increase in prices hold true, growers actually will see an increase in their cash income from tobacco despite the 27.52 per cent cut in leaf acreage which went into effect this year.

The Border Belt will consist this year of seven markets, all in (Continued on back page)

National Guard Gets Home Sunday From Camp Stewart

Hoke County's National Guard unit, Antiaircraft Battery A, returned in two groups Sunday from what was considered by all concerned to have been a highly successful two-weeks encampment at Camp Stewart Georgia.

The motor group, under the command of Lt. Edwin D. Newton and accompanied by Lt. Col. Younger Sneade, left Camp Stewart Saturday afternoon with the intention of camping overnight on the route. Due to exceedingly inclement weather, however, the group came on to Raeford, arriving at about one a. m. Sunday.

The main body of the battery, commanded by Captain Paul Dickson and accompanied by Major Thomas B. Lester, left Camp Stewart by Pullman at 10 p. m. Saturday and arrived in Raeford by bus at about 1:00 p. m. Sunday.

During the last week of the encampment the unit was inspected by Lt. General Alvan C. Gillem, commanding general, Third Army, and commended for its excellence. Major General Leland S. Hobbs, deputy commander of Third Army, observed artillery fire by the unit on Thursday of last week and was also complimentary. The sleeve fired at by the unit that day was brought home as a trophy to be placed in the armory where members may show their friends the many holes in it. This sleeve was towed by a Navy A-26 at speeds in excess of 200 miles per hour.

New Schedule For Softball League

The twilight softball league announced this week that only three teams would participate in the games to be played at pasture park on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons in the future. The games begin at six o'clock and the three teams represent Belk's, Mack's and Amos and Co.

Schedule for the next two weeks is as follows: Today, Amos vs Belk; Tuesday Aug. 3, Belk vs Mack, Aug. 4 Amos vs Mack, Aug. 5 Amos vs Belk, Aug. 10 Amos vs Mack, Aug. 11 Belk vs Mack and Thursday Aug. 12 Belk vs Amos. Results will be announced.

The United States is by far the largest cotton-growing nation in the world.

A JOB FOR PARENTS

With infantile paralysis spreading at a rate already in excess of the State's previous worst year in 1944, parents should ponder the words of Dr. Robert B. Lawson, of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Winston-Salem.

He declared that 90 per cent of the children infected with poliomyelitis virus never know they have the disease. Dr. Lawson's explanation is simple. He said that many of those infected show no symptoms and added: "If the children do develop symptoms such as sore throat, they can be put to bed, treated and usually be prevented from developing serious cases. But Dr. Lawson's most important words were these:

"I believe that the ones who develop paralytic polio are the ones who keep going despite their having sore throats or fevers."

If Dr. Lawson is correct, and he is a specialist on the subject, North Carolina parents now have a tremendous responsibility which only begins with efforts to keep their children from being exposed to the disease. The biggest job for parents is to see to it that their children do not "keep going" after they have displayed the first symptoms of the disease.

Ordinarily the worst two months for polio are August and September. The total number of cases in North Carolina now stands at 885—7 more than was reported during the previous peak of 1944. There is no occasion for hysteria, but there is occasion for every parent in North Carolina to see to it that children who have sore throats or fever go to bed and stay there, under the care of a physician, until the symptoms disappear.

(Note: It is also believed that adults are the carriers and should stay out of infected areas.)

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Recorder's Court Session Takes All Day Tuesday

Family Troubles, Liquor, Cars, Get Eighteen In Trouble; All Pay Out

In a session of recorder's court that took all day to dispose of Judge Henry McDiarmid spent the afternoon Tuesday hearing a case involving a man and his wife and stepson who had disagreed, apparently with some violence. In this case Herman Harrell had indicted his wife and stepson with assaulting him and they in turn had sworn out warrants against him for assault. Harrell was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and sentenced to six months on the roads, suspended on payment of the costs and two years good behavior. Jennie Mae Harrell, his wife, was found not guilty and Archie Fields, her son, was found guilty of simple assault. He paid the costs.

In another family case, Archie McGougan, white, was found guilty of assaulting his wife. Sentence was suspended on payment of \$2 and the costs and good behavior for two years.

Doss Greene, colored, entered a plea of guilty of non support of his wife and six children. Sentence was two years to be suspended on payment of the court cost and \$15 weekly toward the support of his family.

Frank Locklear and Norman Henderson, Indians, were found guilty of operating a liquor still. Each got six months to be suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs.

Albert Collins, Indian, got 30 days suspended on payment of the costs for being drunk and disorderly as did Paul Bowen and Melvin Cooper, white soldiers.

Donald E. Kershaw, white soldier, got 90 days suspended on payment of the costs for driving drunk.

Ben McCrimmon, Jr., and Queen Ester McCrimmon, colored, each paid the costs for engaging in an affray. Ben McCrimmon, Jr., also got 60 days suspended on payment of \$50 and the costs for carrying a concealed weapon.

For speeding, T. C. Jordan, Jr., white of Charlotte, paid the costs; Daniel Hayes, white of Winston-Salem, paid \$10 and the costs; Elbert Sykes, white, paid \$10 and the costs; Otis Mills, white of South Carolina, forfeited a \$25 bond.

Roscoe McMillan, colored, got 90 days suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs for careless and reckless driving.

Hoke Women See "The Lost Colony" On Manteo Trip

Thirty-five women composed the group making the tour to Manteo to see "The Lost Colony" last Wednesday and Thursday. The tour was sponsored by the Hoke County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs. The group spent the night at the Roanoke Island Camp which was a Navy air base during the war. Sight-seeing stops were made at Kill Devil Hill and Edenton. Those going on the trip were Mesdames J. M. Andrews, N. H. G. Balfour, G. W. Brown, W. E. Blue, C. W. Seate, Lacy McFadyen of Raeford, Mitchel Mae Bullard, R. L. Carter, N. A. Maxwell, G. C. Lytle, D. R. Huff, Lacy McFadyen of Montrose, J. A. Jones, W. L. Smith, Luey Smith, W. I. Strider, D. J. Dalton, John Baker, Bob McBryde, Will McBryde, Delia Raynor, Percy English, A. A. McInnis, J. A. Patterson, W. M. Strickland, J. H. Plummer, Misses Ruth Gillis, Ollie Stephens, Myrtle Oakley, Ila Mae Parrish, Betty McFadyen, Lillie Wood, Lelia Teal, Eva Leach and Josephine Hall, Home Demonstration Agent.

POLIO HITS

F. C. McPhaul, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Cecil McPhaul of Antioch, is in Duke hospital in a critical condition with infantile paralysis. Reports yesterday from the hospital described his condition as still critical but gave slightly more hope for his recovery.

The child, whose sixth birthday will be September 26, became ill with a sore throat, some temperature and nausea on last Thursday but apparently recovered. On Sunday night he became paralyzed and was taken during the night by his parents to Duke hospital.

CHILDREN RESTRICTED

At a meeting of the county board of health at the courthouse Tuesday morning regulations were passed prohibiting the children of the county from many activities in the interest of protecting them from infantile paralysis (poliomyelitis).

The regulation made it unlawful for any child in the county under 16 years of age to attend any congregation or gathering whatsoever or to attend theatres, churches, recreation centers or swimming places of all types in the county. These regulations are to be effective until notice of their repeal is given by the Board of Health.

Parents and children are urged by the Board of Health to follow strictly all safety measures that have been recommended during this epidemic. There have been two cases in the county in 1948. The first was in Little river township in January and the second last Sunday at Antioch.

St. Louis Cards Offer Boys Chance To Play Baseball

WHITEVILLE, N. C.—The opportunity to play professional baseball, a secret ambition of many young ball players, will be offered to qualified boys who attend the St. Louis Cardinal try-out camp August 6 and 7 at Whiteville's Legion Memorial Field.

George Ferrell and A. B. "Vedie" Himsel, former minor league players and veteran Red Bird scouts, will supervise the activities at the two-day camp, with daily workouts being held at 11 o'clock each morning.

As evidenced by the experiences of several scores of boys who were signed to contracts after they attended trial camps last year, attending such a camp is an excellent way to get a start in professional baseball.

The Cardinals are not necessarily looking for polished players, ready to step into Class A ball or better. They are on the lookout for young players who show promise and who can be developed by the Cardinals' famous minor league system, which has placed more players in the major leagues than any other baseball organization.

Each year, promising young ball players are signed by the Cardinals and started out in their professional careers. If past records are to be considered, many of these players come directly from trial camps.

Players are reminded to bring their own gloves and baseball shoes. Those who have uniforms are asked to bring them along. Any expenses incurred in attending the camp will be refunded to all players signed to contracts.

MRS. GIBSON HURT

Mrs. Jesse Gibson had the misfortune to hurt her leg quite painfully last Thursday. She was walking in the yard when she ran against a lawn chair and cut her leg. Seven stitches had to be taken, and she has orders to stay off her feet.

Men 25 To 22 To Be First Ones Drafted

Local Board Being Set Up Again; To Contain World War II Members

As Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey was announcing that men would be drafted by age group with men 25 down through 22 being taken first, the committee in Hoke county appointed by the Governor was taking steps to get the Hoke county selective service board organized and ready for the first call of men, tentatively expected for early October.

The Governor, through Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts, has appointed the clerk of the court, the county school superintendent and the chairman of the county board of elections as a committee to set up the local board. The board will consist of three male members, over 30 years of age and not members of the armed services or their reserve components. Also appointed in connection with the board will be a medical advisor and a Government appeal agent.

Members of the wartime draft boards were placed on reserve status and those who accepted have been asked to serve again. In this county two members of the board have accepted the request to serve again. They are A. A. McEachern and F. L. Eubanks. A. D. Gore has accepted the position of Government appeal agent, not a member of the board but one whose duty it will be to represent both the government and the registrant in cases where the decisions of the board are appealed. To be secured are another member of the board and a medical advisor.

It was indicated by General Hershey that although men between 22 and 25 would be drafted first, the bulk of draftees would eventually come from the 19 through 22 age groups. He said that about five million would be processed during the first six months but that only 70,000 of these would serve the 21 months in the Army. He also said he expected no more than 8000 to come from the 25-year group, first to be called. The Army expects to take about 225,000 men the first year and later about 900,000.

It is up to the Army to say when it needs men, and how many. The draft service will then provide them. Hershey said that if the Army asks for as many as 30,000 in its first call, the draft may have to dip down into the 23-year-olds right at the start.

Registration of all men 18 through 25 begins August 30 and continues through September 18. This will be done by age groups, too, with men 25 signing up first, men 24 next and so on. He stressed that all men must register, including veterans, unless they are on active duty in the armed services.

Jessie Brock, 71 Buried Monday

Jesse Brock, aged 71, passed away Sunday morning at the home of his son near Arabia. Mr. Brock had been in declining health for a year. He is survived by two sons, Harvey with whom he resided at the time of his death, and Luther of Fayetteville, and six grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at three o'clock at Ephesus Baptist Church by his pastor, Rev. E. B. Booker, assisted by the Rev. J. M. Bibbs. Interment was in the Raeford cemetery.

John Murdoch McDuffie says he is taking his vacation out under the hickory tree in his back yard, completely out of circulation.