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## FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

### Cotton Contest

Seventeen farmers entered the Hoke County Five-Acre Contest this year. These fields are now being checked for production. Samples are being submitted to State College for grading and final tabulation of yields. Results of the contest will be announced after all farms have been checked and data summarized. Indications are that a number of contestants will make considerable more than a bale per acre.

### Plant Pines

Farmers that own idle land, sub-marginal land, or cut-over wood land should consider the possibility of planting pine trees as the best source of income from such land. Planting and managing young pines is a long time program but one that pays off as well as most anything for the amount of investment. The State Forestry Department has available loblolly pines, long leaf pines and black locust at \$2.50 per thousand. One thousand seedlings is sufficient to plant an acre. It will probably cost 8 to 12 dollars per acre to get pines seeded, including the initial purchase price. Red Cedar is available at \$3.00 per thousand. Farmers wishing to get seedlings of the above trees should make application for them at once. They can be delivered between November 1, 1948 and March 15, 1948.

4-H Club members and F. F. A. boys are being offered loblolly pine seedlings for planting by the N. C. Pup Company. Those wishing to obtain pine seedlings through this program should make application at the County Agent's office or the Vocational Agricultural teacher. Requests for these seedlings should be made at once.

### Sweet Potatoes

The U. S. Department of Agricultural has announced the sweet potato price support program that went into effect September 1. For the Porto Rico variety the support price is as follows:

U. S. Extra No. 1—Sept 1—Nov. 15—\$1.90 per bushel. Nov. 16—April 30—\$2.40 per bushel.

U. S. Grade No. 1—The Support price is \$1.65 from Sept. 1 to Nov. 15 and \$2.15 per bushel from Nov. 1 to April 30, 1949.

These prices are for potatoes that are washed and packed in new containers. For unwashed sweet potatoes a penalty of 5c per bushel will be made.

### Managing Pullets

A number of farmers have reported that their pullets are beginning to lay. This is an indication that they should be put into the laying house soon. At the time pullets are transferred to the laying house they should be examined for external parasites such as mites and lice. If found treatment should be made with sodium chloride or DDT dust. Pullets should be given grain late in the afternoon in order to add more body weight. Supply them with clean water at all times and make the change from growing mash to laying mash a gradual one so as not to interfere with the development of the birds.

### ATTEND SYNOD

The Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina is meeting at Montreat this week, with the meeting scheduled to run from Tuesday through Thursday. Attending from the Raeford Presbyterian church are the Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor, and Clarence Lytch, elder. They also attended the pre-synod home mission conference on Monday.

## Wardens Catch Game Violators; Fines Heavy

### Hunting Laws, Dates Bag Limits For Coming Season Explained

Game protectors from several counties in this section, with three rangers of Fort Bragg, made a drive on game violators on James Creek in Little River township Saturday morning. Four men were apprehended with one making escape. His identity has been learned and he will be given a hearing later. Howard Patterson of Broadway, Rt. 1; Hinson Cummings, Lillington, Rt. 3; and George Dickson of Broadway, Rt. 1, were charged with hunting in closed season and without licenses. They paid fines and cost in the amount of \$39.00 each to Mrs. Barrington, Justice of the Peace. Curtis Hallman of Lillington, Rt. 3 was taxed \$32.00 for aiding and abetting in the violation of the game laws. He had conveyed the men, knowing they were to hunt, into Hoke County and put them out near James Creek on the Bragg Reservation line.

District game protector H. R. McLean stated other violators may expect heavy fines for violations. He requests farmers to advise their tenants as to the laws on hunting. Farmers can in this way give valuable aid in protecting game during the closed season and give each hunter an equal chance.

### Game Laws Explained

District Game Protector H. R. McLean this week explained the game laws for the hunting season which will soon begin and urged that those reading it please explain to others who may not see it, in order that these may be spared the possibility of getting into trouble for not knowing the law.

The fox season is now open in Hoke county but guns may not be used until seasons open for other game. The dove season opens Sept. 16 and closed Oct. 5 and re-opens for the month of January.

Deer and squirrel seasons open October 15 with the deer season closing January 1 and the squirrel season closing Jan. 10. Bag limit for deer remains one per day and two for the season. Only male deer may be killed.

Rabbit, quail and turkey seasons all open November 25 and close January 10. Bag limit for rabbit is 14 daily and no limit for the season. For quail the limit is 8 daily and 100 for the season. For turkeys, gobblers only may be hunted and the limit is one per day and six per season.

## LIBRARY NEWS

There will be a party for the members of the Vacation Reading Club who made the "Trip to Bookland Castle" during the summer, on Tuesday afternoon at 3:30, at the library. At this time the boy and girl from the 5th grade up reading the greatest number of books will be crowned king and queen of Bookland Castle, and the boy and girl from the fourth grade and under, reading the most books, will be crowned prince and princess of Bookland Castle.

New books are still coming in, among them the following titles: Tomorrow will be better by Van Smith, Important People by Van Gelder, Fire by Stewart, River of Rogues by Beverly-Giddings, A Stylish Marriage by Rackowe, My Uncle Jan by Wurdermann, Ranenswood by Doner, Cotton on my ears by Warfield, Throw me a Bone by Lothrop, We called it Culture by Case, Treasury of Science Fiction by Conklin, and The Incredible Crosby by Ulanov.

## Shotgun Battle Last Sunday; Both Hit, One Hurt

Willie Ray and Dave Miller, both residents of the Cockman hill section north of Raeford, are reported to have engaged in a shotgun battle in the vicinity of their homes between one and two o'clock last Sunday afternoon. Both are said to have been hit, Ray only slightly and Miller seriously enough to still be in the hospital where it is said he will lose an eye.

Investigating officers say the two had argued, unarmed, for quite a while before the argument got warm enough to send each to his home for his weapon. Miller returned somewhat at a disadvantage, so the story goes, as he had a 410 gauge shotgun while Ray came back armed with a 12 gauge.

Ray was arrested on charges of assault and is being held pending some outcome of Miller's condition. No charges have as yet been preferred against Miller.

## Scalded Welders Are Recovering

One of the welders who was scalded by steam in an accident at the Hoke Oil and Fertilizer company here on Tuesday, August 17, has been discharged from Highsmith hospital and the other is expected to be discharged this week.

Lacy David Pearce has been discharged from the hospital and has returned to his home in Wilmington where he is recuperating.

The other, Lory Long, is still in the hospital but is expected to be discharged this week. Both are said to be recovering very well and to be remarkably free from scars.

They were scalded when live steam under high pressure was accidentally admitted into the boiler where they had been working for several days, through a valve which had normally been kept closed.

## Legion Meeting Next Wednesday

The regular monthly meeting of the local Ellis Williamson American Legion post will be held at the High School cafeteria next Wednesday night, September 15, at seven o'clock, Alfred Cole, post commander, announced this week.

Cole stated that a highly recommended speaker had been obtained for the occasion. He is Graham Morrison, county agent from Lincoln, who made a great hit with a speech to the Kiwanis club early in the summer. This talk was highly entertaining and entertainment is the expressed purpose of his appearance.

Supper will be served and Cole urged members to remember the date and be present for a good meal and a highly entertaining program.

## ACCIDENT THURSDAY

At about one-thirty p. m. last Thursday a 1941 Oldsmobile coach operated by George N. Ivey of Raeford was parked partly on U. S. 15-A near the crossroad at the Marshall Thomas residence, according to investigating officers, when his car was hit by a 1947 Ford. The Ford was driven by Frank W. Gilchrist of the 82nd Division at Fort Bragg. Both cars were badly damaged and Gilchrist suffered minor cuts.

Gilchrist was charged with careless and reckless driving, no driver's license and carrying a concealed weapon. Ivey was charged with improperly parking on the highway. The wreck was investigated by the State Highway Patrol and the sheriff's office.

## North Carolina Polio Incidence At All-Time High

### Attack Stands At 50.8 Per 100,000 People

Raleigh, Sept. 6—The attack rate in North Carolina polio epidemic stands at 50.8 per 100,000 population—highest in the state's history—the State Board of Health has reported.

In a statement reviewing the epidemic, the board said the highest previous attack rates were 20 in 1935 and 23 in 1944. There were 675 cases recorded in 1935, and 878 in 1944.

Cases reported to the board so far this year total 1,892. There have been ninety-six deaths reported.

The age of cases in the current epidemic, the board's review said, is about the same as in previous years. Approximate percentage of cases for age groups in 1935 were listed as 1-4 years, 50 per cent; 5-9, 28 per cent; 10-14, 9 per cent; and 15 and over 13 per cent.

"In 1948, on the basis of the first 1,810 cases reported," the statement said, the comparable percentages were: 1-4 years, 46 per cent; 5-9, 27 per cent; 10-14, 13 per cent and 15 and over, 13 per cent.

The board reported "there has been a consistently higher poliomyelitis rate in whites than in negroes." In 1935, the white rate was 23.2 cases per 100,000 population and the negro rate 14.7. In 1948, among the first 1,200 cases, the rates were 40 for whites and 12 for negroes.

The case fatality rate this year has remained about five per cent, the statement continued. In 1935, deaths totaled 42—a 6.2 per cent rate—and 1944, deaths totaled 36—a 4.4 per cent rate.

The state "has had a much lower poliomyelitis rate over a period of years than the nation as a whole," the board declared. "For the period 1916-25 this state ranked 41st among of the states with an average of 1.4 cases per 100,000 population as compared to 7.5 for the nation as a whole. For the period 1926-1935 North Carolina was 31st, the average rate being 4.2 for the state and 6.4 for the nation," the statement went on.

"Between 1936 and 1945 we were 338th with an average rate of 4.8 as compared to 6.9 for the nation. In 1946 there occurred the nation's second highest total number of cases ever recorded. The average rate for the nation was 19.1 cases per 100,000 or only slightly below North Carolina's two previous epidemic years. This state ranked 46th in 1946 with a rate of only 4.6.

"In 1947 we had our third highest year up to that time, with 8.1 cases per 100,000 population as compared to the nation's 7.4 during that year twelve other states ranked higher."

## Three Are Tried In Recorder's Court

In Recorder's court Tuesday morning before Judge Henry McDiarmid, John Henry Johnson, colored, came up for the second successive Tuesday for being drunk and disorderly. He got a suspended sentence the week before and this time he got 30 days in jail.

Only two other cases were tried. Tom Branson, colored, got 30 days on the roads suspended on payment of the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Luther Henderson, Indian, got one year on the roads for no-support, sentence suspended on payment of the costs and \$5.00 weekly toward the support of his family.

Eight cases were postponed.

## Sanford Trial Before Hoke Jury Nears Completion

The trial of James Palmer, 55, well known and prosperous Negro of Route 3, Sanford, for the death of Otis McNeill, also colored, was expected to reach the jury late yesterday. The case is being tried before a 13-man jury from this county and the trial began on Tuesday morning of last week.

Members of the jury were chosen from a special venire of 120, several of whom were colored, from this county. The 13 who are serving are William E. Blue, R. L. Carter, Walter Parks, H. H. Walters, W. W. Cameron, Hilton Clark, Archie McDiarmid, M. Dougald Shaw, John Townsend, R. W. Posey, Alfred Long, Jr., W. J. McBryde and C. C. McMillan.

The jurors are being kept under constant guard at all times and are quartered at the Wilrik Hotel in Sanford where a special dining hall has been arranged for them.

State prosecutor during the trial is Solicitor Jack Hooks, who is being assisted by Glenn Edwards. Defense attorneys for Palmer are E. L. Gavin, Robert Gavin, Harold Gavin, H. L. Jackson, D. E. McIver and W. W. Seymour, all of Sanford, plus Neill M. Salmon of Lillington, J. Lee Moody of Siler City and N. McNair Smith of Raeford.

The case is being tried before Judge Clawson L. Williams and the State is trying to prove that Palmer killed McNeill by shooting him and then threw his body with weights attached into Deep River where it was found by officers. State's evidence in the case is largely circumstantial.

## Beer Election In Fayetteville Jan. 4

Board of Aldermen of the City of Fayetteville in a special session last week set January 4 as the date for a special election to determine whether beer and wine shall be legally sold in the city.

This action was taken after members of the board had examined a petition calling for the special election and had ruled that it contained the names of more than 15 per cent of the registered voters who participated in the last municipal election.

The petition, was presented to the board by J. Warren Pate, contained 1,283 names.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Wilbur Clark that the election be called on January 4.

Action of the board followed by two days a special election in which voters of Cumberland county outlawed the legal sale of beer and wine in the county after the first of November.

State statutes provide that any municipality with a population of over 1,000 may conduct a special election on beer and wine, although the county in which the municipality is located may be dry. Such an election, however, cannot be held in Fayetteville sooner than January 4, since statutes provide that no special election may be held within 60 days of a general election.

Fayetteville will therefore be legally dry, as far beer and wine sales are concerned, during the (Continued on Page 4)

## Raeford Hunt Club Has Annual Meeting

The Raeford Hunt club held its annual meeting at the courthouse Tuesday night and elected officers for the next year. Retiring President Neill McFadyen, was in charge.

New officers elected were Harry Greene, president, W. J. Coates, vice-president, and K. A. MacDonald, secretary and treasurer. Robert Gatlin and Benton Thomas were chosen members of the club's executive committee along with the three officers.

## MAKE FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR SCHOOL OPENING WEDNESDAY

### VACCINATIONS

The attention of the Public is called to the fact that there were 3 cases of diphtheria reported in Hoke County during the past month. Diphtheria is a preventable disease, vaccination for which is required by law. Your family physician is always ready to give the vaccination or your Health Department will furnish it for you. We have no vaccination for polio and must do the best we can in preventing it but typhoid, smallpox and diphtheria are inexcusable.

### Farm Bureau Meeting Friday

Richard Neeley, president of the Hoke county Farm Bureau, has announced that there will be an important meeting tomorrow night of the Farm Bureau directors and membership chairman of the county at the Farmer's restaurant at 7:00 o'clock. Neeley said that John Eagles of the State Farm Bureau would be present to discuss Farm Bureau problems and give the necessary information for obtaining membership during the campaign to be conducted. He urged all directors and township chairmen to attend the meeting.

Appearing in the Raleigh "News and Observer" on Monday was the following item, headed "Warns Farmers".

Senator Arthur Capper, R-Kan., warned farmers tonight that a move is afoot to make them the goats for inflation. He predicted that there will be a drive in the next Congress to lower government support level for farm prices.

Support prices are now scheduled to remain at the high wartime level of 90 per cent of parity until 1950. Capper said in a radio broadcast that "some very strong arguments are being made for reducing the support price levels for 1949 instead of waiting until 1950."

The 86-year-old Kansan, who is chairman of the Senate agriculture committee, pointed out that most farm prices, aside from meat and dairy products, already are down to or below parity levels. (Continued on back page)

## Mrs. Katie Butler Is Buried Sunday

Funeral services were conducted at Ephesus Baptist church last Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Katie Butler, who died Saturday morning. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. B. Booker and the Rev. J. M. Gibbs and burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Butler was 83 years of age and was the widow of the late William Butler.

She is survived by two sons, Zeb Butler and Austin Butler, both of Raeford, Route 3; three daughters, Mrs. W. J. Hobson of Fayetteville, Mrs. Maggie West of Fayetteville, Route 3, and Mrs. Jasper Coulk of Dundarrach.

### 4-H GIRLS TO BROADCAST

Four Hoke High School 4-H girls, Ellen Kate Koonce of Rt. No. 2, Raeford, Katherine McDonald of Raeford, Mary McLean of Rt. No. 1, Raeford and Eloise Davis of Rt. No. 2, Raeford, will give a fifteen minute radio program over station WPTF in Raleigh on Saturday, September 11th. The group will be on the air from 12:45 to 1:00 p. m. The broadcast is given in the form of a discussion on program planning for joint 4-H Club meetings for the next year. After the broadcast the girls will visit places of interest in Raleigh. Josephine Hall, Home Demonstration Agent, will carry the group of girls to Raleigh. (Continued on page 4)

### Schedule Of Activities Next Week Announced By County Superintendent

By K. A. MacDonald

The white schools of Hoke County will open next Wednesday, September 15, at 9:00 a. m. Buses will run early enough to put them in Raeford about 10 minutes to nine. The opening and closing hours after Wednesday will be set at a principals meeting on Monday and will be announced by the principals on Wednesday. Bus drivers will give the pupils on their buses their schedules on Wednesday. Parents and friends are invited to the opening exercises at the various schools.

In addition to the list of teachers given last week the following are a part of the school administrative staff: Mrs. Jason Barnes, county lunchroom supervisor; J. W. Turlington, bookroom manager; L. E. Luck, head mechanic; Mrs. Lucy Smith, Hoke High lunchroom manager; Mrs. M. L. Wood, Rockfish lunchroom manager; Mrs. W. S. Crawley, lunchroom manager at Mildouson; Mrs. Aganora Andrews, lunchroom at Raeford Graded school. The manager for Ashmont will be announced later.

There will be a county-wide meeting of principals and lunchroom managers at the courthouse tomorrow, Friday, September 10, at 2:00 p. m. Mrs. Mary L. Smith, assistant state supervisor of the school lunch program, will attend the meeting and explain the new report forms and new state rules and regulations.

The school schedule for next week is as follows: Monday, September 13 at 9:30 a. m. bus drivers meeting, (at this meeting drivers will receive their buses); at 2:00 p. m. principals meeting; at 8:00 p. m. teachers meeting. Tuesday, September 14, local school faculty meeting (hour and place to be announced by principals). Wednesday, September 15, 9:00 a. m. schools opens for 1948-49 term.

Parents are urged to see that their children observe all precautions that were observed during the polio quarantine. Principals and teachers will make an extra effort to see that all safety measures are carried out at school. Let us hope and pray that Hoke County does not have another case.

R. L. Marsh, new principal at Mildouson, was in town this week making preparation for the opening of school.

All parents are urged to enter their children on the opening day of school. Should farm work necessitate their being out after that they will be excused until such work is completed.

All parents who have children who start to school for the first time this year, and who have not had all vaccinations and immunizations that are required by law are urged to take these children to the County Health Department at once and have them ready for the opening day of school. If children are not properly vaccinated it will necessitate the principals having to make arrangements to have it done. All children are required by law to be properly vaccinated before entering school.

North Carolina law requires that a child be 6 years of age on or before October 1, of the year he starts school, and that this child must enter during the first month of school. Please do not send a child unless he meets the age requirement as principals and (Continued on page 4)