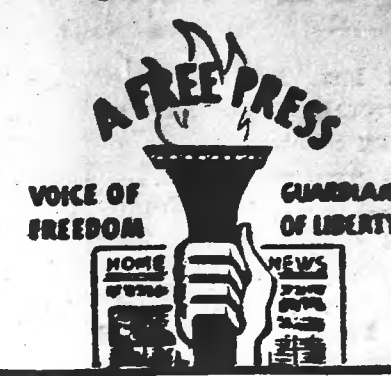




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Heavy Infestation Of Boll Weevils Found In County

Field Check Show Almost 12 Times As Many As One Year Ago

A report on boll weevil infestation in eastern North Carolina by George D. Jones, extension entomologist at State College, for the week of June 5-10, shows that the infestation of boll weevil is serious in all areas.

Thirty-six fields were examined in 13 counties and weevils were found in large numbers in all fields except three. Scotland county had the heaviest infestation with 17.5 weevils per 100 plants, while Wake county had the lightest infestation with only four weevils per 100 plants. A check of eight fields in Hoke county showed an average of 13.6 weevils per 100 plants. E. M. Stallings, Hoke county farm agent, says that this figure may be the average for the county, but that he has checked many fields and found a much higher count in most.

Mr. Jones calls attention to the fact that last season was one of the worst for cotton production in recent years in this area due to the high weevil infestation. At this time last year out of 74 fields examined in eastern North Carolina only 36 were infested with an average of one weevil per 100 plants. This year for the same period, out of 65 fields examined all but three are infested and the average number of weevils per 100 plants is 12, almost 12 times as many as one year ago. An enormous number of weevils went into hibernation and the survival rate was high. According to present indications all are not yet out of hibernation.

Because of the large number of weevils now in fields Mr. Jones strongly advises farmers to carry out a thorough program of poisoning. He recommends three applications of dust at seven-day intervals using eight to 10 pounds per acre of either BHC 3%-DDT 5% or toxaphene 20%.

Since these checks were made several farmers in the county have had opportunity to actually observe results of the first dusting in several fields and those reporting say that the count has definitely been reduced from none to one or two boll weevils per 100 plants from the county average of 13.6 of a week or more ago.

Hoke Boys Win Degrees At State

Among the record graduating class of 1,222 which received their diplomas from Governor W. Kerr Scott at commencement exercises in Raleigh Sunday afternoon were five men from Hoke county. The exercises were held in William Neal Reynolds coliseum and in addition to the governor featured the first official appearance of President Gordon Gray, new head of the Consolidated University.

Thomas Joseph Upchurch and Kenneth Watson McNeill of Raeford each received the degree of bachelor of science in agronomy (field crops); Joseph Richard McAnulty of Raeford received the degree of Bachelor of civil engineering. Deven Ralph Huff, Jr., of Ashley Heights, received the degree of Bachelor of science in Poultry science. Richard Jones of McCair received the degree of Bachelor of science in engineering.

Lt. and Mrs. Bill Partridge returned from Washington Sunday night. Mrs. Partridge has been in Washington for a visit with her aunt, Mrs. Schlosser. Helen and Charlotte Schlosser came home with the Partridges for a visit.

Recreation Program Will Begin Tuesday; Funds Are Needed

The summer recreation program for the school-age children of the community which has hitherto been sponsored by the Parent-Teacher association will begin its usual next Tuesday at the high school gymnasium. The sponsor-ship for this year is by the Kiwanis club through its public affairs committee which will endeavor to raise the necessary funds for the project.

An attempt was made to get seven or eight civic organizations in the community to contribute equally to the project to raise a total of about \$400 needed for two months but this was unsuccessful as those which approved their contributions contingent on the approval of the others and the churches did not agree to contribute. Some money may still be available from the other sources, the committee hopes, and the balance will have to come from interested individuals and firms.

The program will be directed by Coach Haywood Faircloth and will consist of games around the gym from nine to 11 each morning. There will be softball, croquet, tennis, horseshoes, badminton and volley ball. In the afternoons transportation will be provided to the creek where swimming will be supervised from two to four.

Evening recreation for the larger group will be conducted at the gym on Monday Tuesday and Thursday evenings from seven to ten. Tennis courts will be reserved for adults on Wednesday and Friday nights.

Contributions to the project may be sent to Robert Gatlin, chairman of the committee. Contacts will be made and letters written very soon and a list of donors and amounts contributed will be published from time to time in The News-Journal.

FCX Accused Of Outlay For Graham

Charlotte, June 12.—Ten Mecklenburg county men today accused the Farmers Co-operative Exchange of Raleigh of violating a federal law by using money in support of Senator Frank P. Graham's political campaign.

The group wrote a letter to U. S. Attorney General Howard McGrath demanding an official investigation.

They contended that the FCX, a corporation, violated provisions of the federal corrupt practices act "by utilizing corporate funds to promote the political candidacy of Senator Graham."

The letter was signed by R. S. Dickson, investment broker; W. S. Tate, merchant; J. Bryan Wentz, merchant; W. A. Richard, accountant; R. M. Webb, real estate operator; Earle Whitton, construction company executive; Dr. Glenn W. Pennington, medical physician; Lee A. Folger, automobile dealer; W. A. Montgomery, auto supply dealer, and J. L. Crouch, hardware dealer.

The group told McGrath that M. G. Mann, the co-operative's general manager, sent out a letter on the corporation's stationery. In it, they said, Mann "lauded Senator Graham." They said it was sent just prior to the May 27 Democratic primary in which Senator Graham led Willis Smith, Raleigh lawyer, and two other opponents. The Mecklenburg group said the letters were financed with FCX money.

The ten men asked McGrath to investigate and "advise the complainants and all citizens of North Carolina as to the illegality of the co-op corporation's political activities and take steps to commence prosecution."

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Macko and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Marlair attended the dance sponsored by the Southern Pines National Guard Unit at the Country Club in Southern Pines last Wednesday night.

BASEBALL TOWN?

The merchants and firms of this town have kicked in on the uniforms and expenses of at least three baseball teams that we know of this summer. Each team has turned in their list and asked that it be published, but they are largely the same group because there are not but so many to get it from our street and we don't see any use in repeating their names.

First there was the Rebels who got up money to get going, and are now going at a good rate. Then there was the American Legion junior team. Most recently there are the Raeford Boll Weevils, aged 11 to 15, for whose uniforms and equipment the firms contributed. The Boll Weevils say they have been working out every morning and are now ready for all comers.

The business houses are supporting these teams with a little cash to get going on, but it takes a few cash customers in the stands when they play to keep them going. Everybody likes to baseball around here and to have good baseball teams you have to have fans that want good teams and show it by attendance. The Rebels in particular are going pretty good now and with a break from the fans they may have a fair season from now on.

Mrs. Esther Edwards Dies Near Hope Mills

Mrs. Esther Edwards, 61, died Sunday morning at her home on route three near Hope Mills.

She was a daughter of the late J. B. Barefoot and Madaline Barefoot.

Mrs. Edwards is survived by her husband, H. L. Edwards; by two daughters, Mrs. Carl Bohann of Raeford route two and Mrs. Henry Fields of Rockfish; by four sons, Edward Edwards of Fayetteville and Frank, Theodore and Walter Edwards, all of route 3; by six sisters and by four brothers.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at three o'clock at the graveside at the Barefoot cemetery.

Road Money For Towns, Counties

The State Highway Commission last week showed the counties and towns how they will fare under its \$49,400,000 maintenance budget for the next 12 months.

The size and the distribution predetermined by the 1949 General Assembly and an iron-clad formula, were nearly identical in each case to the allocation for the current fiscal year.

The \$49,400,000 does not include any part of the \$200-million rural road bond issue or any of the \$22,000,000 in State and federal-aid funds available for the new fiscal year.

The totals: State highways maintenance, \$7,000,000; county highways maintenance, \$13,800,000; county betterment, \$8,500,444; general betterment, \$5,400,000; retirement, \$2,500,000; municipal maintenance, \$2,400,000.

This road maintenance money is to be divided among the ten highway districts and the several towns in these districts. Hoke county is in the 6th district and other counties of the district are Scotland, Robeson, Chatham, Lee, Moore, Davidson and Randolph. George Coble of Lexington is the highway commissioner for the 6th district. The funds for the 6th district under the foregoing allocation are as follows: \$619,551 for state maintenance; \$1,131,581 for county maintenance; \$791,240 for county betterment; \$509,305 for general betterment; \$291,250 for retirement; \$222,553 for municipal maintenance.

4-H Boys And Girls To Go To Camp Next Wednesday

The members of the Hoke County 4-H Clubs are holding their annual encampment this year at the Millstone 4-H Camp near Rockingham. The boys and girls together with the Farm and Home Agent, E. M. Stallings and Josephine Hall, and Mrs. R. W. Posey, a leader for the girls, will leave from the Raeford Grammar school on next Wednesday p. m., June 21, at 1:30. They will return on Monday, June 26. Classes in Handicrafts, Forestry, Swimming and recreation will be taught.

Those who had signed up for camp at noon yesterday were: Shelma M. Balfour, Frances Calhoun, Nancy Faye Calhoun, Margaret Tew, Mickey Brock, Alice Marie Long, Flora Ann Hall, Jean Haitheox, Janet Guin, Geraldine Vanhoy, Carole Marshall, Shirley Mae McBryde, Barbara Turner, Jane Cameron, Jo Anne King, Betty Jo Chavis, Alice Mae Siple, Nancy Lee Cloer, Virginia Mae Batten, John Davis, Johnny Carter, Leroy Freeman, Hugh Wright, Robert Neill Currie, James Potter, Bobby Brown, Gerald Thomas Pittman, Robert Easterling, Gerald Sappenfield, H. P. Odum, Jr., Bobby Vanhoy, John G. Almond, Sidney Turner, Jimmy Shankle, James Carter, Bobby Parker, Jimmy Matlock, Thomas Seaford, Bobby Conoly, Lewis Brock, Billy Black, Benny McLeod and Carol Scarboro.

State Scholarships For Children Of Veterans Of Wars

The State of North Carolina in 1943 passed a statute which has never been too well known to the general public. This law grants educational benefits to certain eligible children of World Wars I and II veterans. Full four-year scholarships at any state-supported school or college, including the State educational institution at which such student has matriculated, are made available by the State to children who satisfy the following eligibility requirements. Broadly speaking, these fall into three classifications: (1) For children of war veterans killed in war-time service or who died as a direct result of service-connected wounds or disabilities, there exist an unlimited number of scholarships. (2) For children of veterans having service-connected war-time disability of 30% or more as rated by the Veterans Administration, there exist ten scholarships a year. In these cases, the veteran must have been a legal resident of North Carolina when he entered service. (3) For children of veterans rated by the Veterans Administration as 100% disabled and drawing compensation therefor, whether service-connected or otherwise, there exist fifteen scholarships a year. In these cases, the father must have been a resident of North Carolina upon entry into service.

Two years residence in the State of North Carolina is required of all applicants before being eligible. It is emphasized that these scholarships are good only at State educational institutions. This means those which are operated and supported by State appropriations, and not those institutions merely located within the State.

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LEGION SPONSORING DANCE TOMORROW PM

The Ellis Williamson American Legion Post is holding a dance at the armory tomorrow night for the benefit of its junior baseball team. Music will be furnished by "The Lamplighters," popular young orchestra from Fayetteville which features as pianist L. E. Reaves, Jr., formerly of Raeford. Dancing will begin at 9:00 o'clock and the public is cordially invited.

Recorder Holds Newbern Trio On Kidnapping Count

After hearing evidence for the State and the defense in recorder's court Tuesday morning Judge Henry McDiarmid found probable cause in the case in which Willie Parks had indicted his wife, her brother and another for kidnapping him. Bonds of \$500 were continuing for the three to appear in Superior court for trial. Parks testified to the effect that his wife had enticed him into the car in which the two men were hidden and then driven it off to where the men had showed themselves and threatened him and pointed a pistol at him and then taken him to Raeford and thrown him out. Defense contended that the whole trouble "was about the Parks child" and introduced an agreement signed by Parks giving his wife custody of the child, who was in his custody on June 6 when the kidnapping is alleged to have taken place. Defense also contended that Parks had been neither threatened or hurt and that he was brought to Raeford at his own request. Highway Patrolman Pridden testified that no weapon was in possession of any of the defendants when they were taken into custody. Defendants were Rachel Parks, her brother, Wayne Hawks and Charles Berry, all of Newbern.

Luther Rogers, Indian, had to pay the costs and make good a bad check. Sentence of 30 days was suspended.

Giff McDougald, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs for being drunk and disorderly and carrying a concealed weapon in one case and 30 days suspended on payment of the costs for being drunk and disorderly in another.

Johnnie Benjamin Hollingsworth, colored, paid \$10 and the costs for driving with improper equipment and Neill Allen McNeill, colored, got 60 days suspended on payments of \$25 and the costs for no operator's license.

John McPhatter and Thomas Dixon, colored, were charged each with assaulting their wives and each got 30 days suspended on payment of the costs and two years good behavior.

Ralph Ellerbe, colored, got 60 days suspended on payment of \$50 and the costs for being drunk and disorderly and carrying a concealed weapon.

Henry Edwards, colored, paid \$10 and the costs for speeding 50 miles an hour in a 35-mile zone.

Buddy Clippard, white, pled guilty of having a part of a jar of non-tax-paid liquor. Sentence of 30 days was suspended on payment of \$10 and the costs.

MISS WALKER LEAVING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

At the last meeting of the Presbyterian church officers the resignation of Miss Alice Walker from her position of Music Director, and Director of Young People's Work, was accepted with regret.

The officers voted unanimously to extend to Miss Walker their thanks for her untiring service to the church, through the choir and the young people, and to express their genuine regret at her leaving. They also wished her much success in any new work she may accept, and Gods continued blessing as she leaves.

RECEIVES DEGREE AT UNC

William Adcox received the Bachelor of Arts Degree at the Commencement exercises at the University of North Carolina, last week. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Adcox of Route 2. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bennett, Miss Frances Jo Adcox and W. R. Adcox attended the Commencement exercises.

Rebels Get Better, Win A Couple; Here Vs Bladenboro Tonite

The Raeford Rebels, through picking up a player here and there and some from colleges now out for the summer, have managed to pick up a couple of games after a somewhat mediocre start.

Last Thursday the local aggregation walloped the Robeson county all-stars 17-11 in a frazzling affair and on Saturday they handed a strong Wade team a 13 to 2 shellacking.

Tonight they will take the field against the strong Bladenboro Spinners, winners of the semi-pro tournament here. Game time is eight o'clock. Saturday night they will play St. Pauls. Both games will be in Armory park. The team needs the support of local fans to stay in business, as they are about \$50 behind on a home game to start with, what with \$35 for lights, \$5 for umpiring and \$6 or \$8 for balls.

Those that want to see the boys keep baseball here are going to have to get out there and back them up, it looks like.

Phony Race Issue Spurred By Voters

Raleigh, June 13.—Appeals to prejudice and ignorance on the race issue are falling flat in the senatorial campaign, Jeff D. Johnson, Jr., campaign manager of Senator Frank Graham, reported today.

"The people of North Carolina once again have demonstrated that they cannot be swayed by trumped-up efforts to array race against race," he said. "Once again they have shown the calm judgment and good sense which have made North Carolina the most outstanding and progressive State in the South."

Johnson pointed to the tremendous total of over 303,000 votes which Graham received in the May 27 primary and his lead of over 53,000 votes above his nearest opponent.

"The people have spoken clearly," Johnson declared. "They like Frank Graham and the constructive program he stands for. They resent appeals to ignorance and prejudice because they consider such appeals an insult to their intelligence."

Meanwhile, Senator Graham expressed appreciation for the fact that the attorneys general of all the Southern states used his argument against compulsory abolition of segregation in presenting their case to the Supreme Court in the Texas and Oklahoma segregation issues.

"I still oppose, as I always have opposed, the Federal government forcing non-segregation on states or regions," Graham declared. "I reaffirm my oft-expressed faith in the North Carolina program of mutual understanding, respect and cooperation between the races, under which both races have made the greatest progress in the last several decades of any dissimilar groups in any one area in a like period of human history."

Johnson said the race issue was raised by Graham's opponents simply as a ruse to get votes, and not because this State is facing any crisis in its race relations.

"This is doing a great disservice to our State," he commented, "and I am sure all thinking people join me in resenting it."

Johnson said it was significant that the decisions in the Texas and Oklahoma cases, which in effect upheld a segregation law that had been on the books for 55 years, were unanimous. Justice Clark of Texas and Justice Black of Alabama concurred in the decisions which were written by another Southerner, Chief Justice Vinson of Kentucky.

Miss Margie Campbell is attending summer school at ECTC.

L. & S. Quits Carrying Mail After 40 Years

C. E. Auntry Starts Star Route Monday; Makes One Trip Daily; Arrives 4:45

After 40 years of continuous service the Laurinburg and Southern railroad gave up the mail contract on the service between Raeford, Wagram and Laurinburg last Sunday and service was started by Star route on Monday. C. E. Auntry of Raeford was low bidder and will make one round trip a day for six days a week. His bid was \$2500 yearly.

The Laurinburg and Southern began carrying the mail in 1910 between Laurinburg and Wagram, and later when it purchased the railroad tracks between Raeford and Wagram it began mail service to the Raeford postoffice. For a number of years it carried the mail on its trains, but dwindling passenger and express service resulted in the discontinuance of the trains, except freight trains, and the railroad has for the last several years moved the mail by truck.

Recently the Aberdeen and Rockfish railroad discontinued its mail and passenger bus between Aberdeen, Raeford and Fayetteville, so that railroads now handle no mail to the local post office.

The star route contract provides that the mail truck must leave Raeford at 8 o'clock each morning and reach Laurinburg in one hour. It leaves Laurinburg after the Seaboard mail train runs from Hamlet, but not after 12:30 p. m. The mail is scheduled to reach Wagram 20 minute later, but the trip from Wagram to Raeford must not start until 4:15 p. m., reaching the local postoffice at 4:45.

FARM ITEMS

By E. M. STALLINGS
Hoke County Farm Agent

Tobacco Insect Control

Many different insects attack the growing tobacco plant and most of them can be controlled by proper use of insecticides. The use of poisons is the only way to control them for this year, but certain farming practices, if put into effect this year, will help in preventing them in 1951.

Many of these tobacco pests breed in large numbers in abandoned plant beds and on suckers from stalks left in tobacco fields after harvest. Since this is true, as soon as the plant beds are no longer needed all plants remaining should be killed. Immediately after completion of harvest all tobacco stalks should be cut down.

Some of the recommended insecticides can be applied either as dusts or as sprays. Usually best results will be obtained with the method that gets best coverage. Sprays are usually cheaper, can be used under windier conditions, and stick better than dusts, but require more labor and are harder to get under the leaves, where many insects stay.

A list of tobacco insects and recommended treatments may be obtained at the county agent's office.

Boll Weevil Control

Cotton Boll Weevils are increasing in numbers every day. The size of squares and the number of squares for these weevils to puncture and lay eggs in are also increasing each day. If we do not kill these weevils now and save these early squares the chances of successfully doing the job and producing a crop of cotton this year are slim. To wait longer to start dusting or spraying is to give the weevils a chance to lay eggs in and destroy the squares in the field, and produce a new

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