

# ROCKFISH NEWS

By Mrs. A. A. McInnis.

The WMU of Tabernacle church will meet tonight in the home of Mrs. E. T. Brock.

Mrs. A. W. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Wood, Mrs. Douglas Monroe and sons spent last Monday with relatives in Dillon, S. C.

SSgt. Elbert Dees is at home on a 20 day furlough. He is being transferred from Newfoundland to San Bernardino, Calif.

Miss Lillie Wood, T. G. Wood and M. L. Wood, Sr. attended the annual Barefoot family reunion near Dunn Sunday.

Sgt. and Mrs. Robert Ray and son are at home again after spending some time at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland.

Mrs. Bernice Bostic and daughter.

Ann, spent the first part of last week at Carolina Beach.

Mrs. Thomas Wood of Raeford visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Monroe over the past week end. Mrs. Monroe who is recuperating from an injury received by a fall is getting on just fine.

Helen, the baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Stephens, came home from Reaves Clinic last Friday much improved after several days treatment there for a severe case of whooping cough.

Mrs. G. A. Monroe of the Rockfish school faculty is taking a six weeks special training course in school work in Fayetteville beginning last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Brock visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Yeagan in

Raeford Sunday P. M.

Mrs. W. T. Roseman, Mrs. F. P. Bethes, O. L. Townsend, Mrs. L. H. Koonce and Miss Ellen Kate Koonce visited Mrs. Janie McGowan and family at Lumber Bridge Sunday P. M.

The Daily Vacation Bible school at Tabernacle Baptist Church here closed Sunday night with a program of appropriate exercises. The attendance for the week was very good averaging 59 daily.

Harvey Grimes of Fayetteville, Route 3 became suddenly very ill Sunday night and was taken to Highsmith Hospital.

Bible school began at Galatia Presbyterian Church last Thursday and is being continued this week.

Mrs. M. R. Knight spent the past week end in Fayetteville with her daughter, Mrs. C. S. Pickett and family.

Circle No. 2 Galatia Women of the Church met Tuesday night in the home of Mrs. T. G. Wood, with Mrs. Mary McInnis co-hostess.

Mrs. E. J. Hare and baby daughter Anita of Aberdeen were Rockfish visitors last Thursday.

Those from Rockfish who attended the Grange fishry at Wayside last Wednesday night reported it a wonderful success.

Mrs. Ed Brisson and sons of Columbia, S. C. are spending sometime with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Newton.

Rockfish turned in \$38.00 to the

Cancer Fund which was only \$2.00 less than last year.

Mrs. D. E. Miller and Mrs. P. C. English went to Morganton Wednesday, to bring Fred and Neill English, who have been in school there, home for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dees went to Raleigh Sunday P. M. for the graduation exercises at State College, at which time their son, Bruce Dees, received his diploma. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Grady English and Miss Etta Mae Dees.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright Parker of Laurinburg and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Allen of St. Pauls were visitors in the home of A. L. Long and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Dees of Darlington, S. C. were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Dees Sunday.

## North Carolina Cotton Letter

Crop Conditions: Early planted cotton in most southern and central counties is up to a good stand and many fields are showing young squares. Later planted cotton in the central and more northern areas has suffered from the drought and has made little growth in the past week. The stand is not good in many fields. Rains fell in many parts of the state over the week end, and the crop has responded in the particular areas but in most counties many sections did not receive any moisture. All crops in these areas are in serious need of rain.

Insect Activity: The dry and hot weather continues to have a marked influence on various insect pests.

Aphids and Thrips: Aphids were very abundant in southern and eastern counties last week but natural enemies and the dry weather have teamed up against them and the infestations are much reduced. Fields in the more northern areas showed a number of pests but little severe damage was noted this week.

Thrips are still delaying plant development in many fields, especially in the south-central area, though some fields with earlier infestations seem to be recovering satisfactorily. Early applications directed primarily against weevils may in addition reduce thrips and hence result in more rapid plant development. Development of this pest, especially on cotton, should be watched carefully.

Boll Weevils: Development at Florence, S. C. as compared with previous years is at a low ebb. Mr. Fife reported no activity in the trap plot as late as June 6. There is some field activity, however, in the Florence area. Mr. Rabb and county agents from the Charlotte - Shelby, Laurinburg - Lumberton, Fayetteville - Clinton and Smithfield - Raleigh areas indicate a fairly uniform light infestation in the earlier fields, averaging about 1 weevil to each 100 plants. Fields, however, in the Wilson - Greenville and the Halifax - Warrenton areas showed only a very few weevils. In Northampton and Edgecombe Counties only 6 weevils were found in 18 fields.

Treatment: Several growers in the southern areas began treatments about June 5. Growers as far north as Clinton and Raleigh made their first application by June 8 to 12. Growers in the more northern areas should check their fields closely as weevils may be in numbers to justify treatments by the 15th to 18th. County Agents in many counties are locating fields which will be ex-

amined each week throughout the season. Applications are advisable even before squaring when weevils are present at the approximate rate of - to 100 plants and if some weevil injury is noted on young terminals. Both criteria should be used in evaluation of extent of infestation. Several factors must be considered in determining the time for the first treatment; therefore, hard-fast rules are difficult if not unwise to make; however, the above recommendations seem to be reasonable under this year's conditions. Check your fields for weevils. They will be found in the young leaves and terminal buds.

The scattered rains and the dry weather make local conditions vary a great deal. Contact your

county agent or watch local papers and news releases for information as to your locality.

The number of cattle on U. S. farms, which began an upward cycle in 1948 after a three-year decline, has continued to increase.

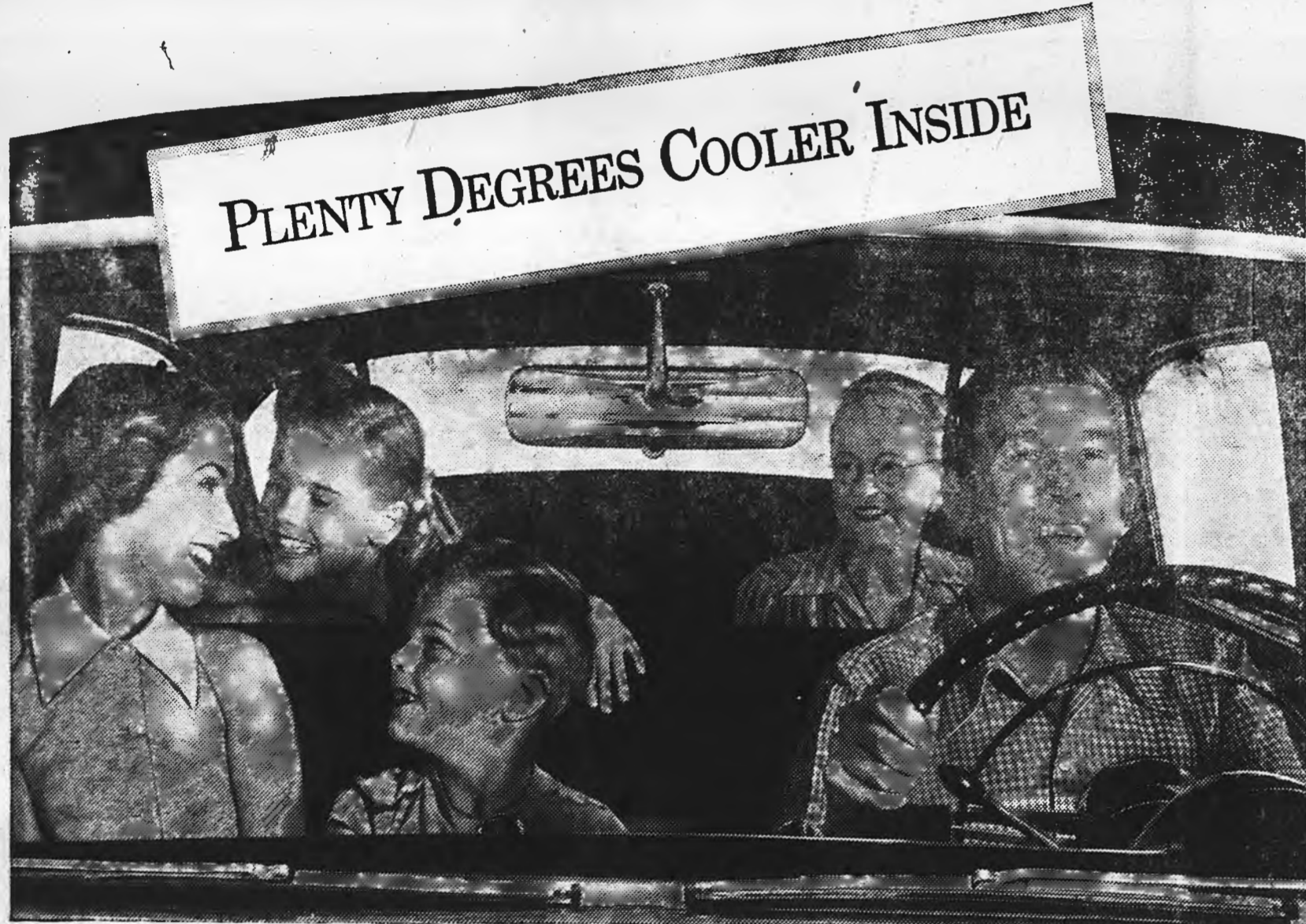
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