

FARM ITEMS

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County Farm Agent

D. H. Stencil, Extension Cotton Marketing Specialist, has just informed me that all the cotton gins in Hoke County have had bonds posted for bonded sampling under the Smith-Doxey Classing Service. These gins are the Duffie Gin Company, Dundarrach Trading Company, Hoke Oil and Fertilizer Company, Oakdale Gin Company, Raeford Gin Company, and Rockfish Gin Company.

According to the records last year, the Hoke County gins did a very good job of turning out good bales of cotton. Their gin equipment, however good it might be, cannot turn out samples better than the samples of cotton that you bring to them.

Nematodes, dry weather, and other factors are causing for most of Hoke County's cotton to open prematurely. This will make it more convenient for some people to get it picked in good condition and less convenient for others. Regardless of your situation, if the gins are going to turn out the good samples they did last year, you will have to take it to them in good condition.

A great deal has been said and written about drying equipment in gins. The drying equipment is no doubt being continually improved. When you stop to think that a gin runs a bale through in 6 to 10 minutes, it is easy to see that they cannot remove much moisture. The drying equipment is just a huge pipe that forces heated air through the cotton. Some ginners, in an effort to get your cotton as dry as possible, may get the temperature too high and actually damage the fibers. The mill men are using fiber quality as a factor in buying to a greater extent now than they have in previous years. If you take your cotton to the ginner dry and clean, he can give you a much better sample than he can otherwise.

The general feeling among the farmers I have talked to is that one of the best ways to supplement their feed situation is the early planting of winter cover crops. Probably the best grazing

will come from a mixture of rye, oats and barley.

Generally speaking, rye grows very well on Hoke County soils, but sometimes cattle—especially dairy cows—do not graze it too well. Often cows will eat rye better if oats or barley are both grown with it. The best mixture that I have had experience with is one bushel of oats, one bushel of barley, and one bushel of rye mixed together to the acre.

Since all of these crops respond favorably to fertilizer, you can get a large part of your winter feeding from grazing land. For the average soil, 200-400 pounds of 5-10-5, or it's equivalent, will usually produce very heavy winter grazing. If you can't get your grazing crops in until later on toward cold weather, wheat can be mixed in and makes good winter grazing.

If you've noticed on your evergreen trees, such as Arborvitae and other conifers trees, you probably found bagworms. They seem to be worse this year than I have ever noticed and will do your trees a great deal of damage.

These are brown scaly looking cocoons that hang down from the twigs and limbs of your narrow leaf evergreens. If you will tear one of these open, you will find a large brown worm about an inch long that crawls out and does the damage and crawls back in it's nest.

The best way to eradicate this pest, if you can get to them, is to pull them off and burn them. A good insecticide to use is 2-3 ounces of Arsenate of Lead to 3 gallons of water and wet them thoroughly. Toxaphene has also been reported as effective, but I have never seen it used on bagworms. Whichever treatment you use should be repeated about every ten days until you see that the bagworms are under control.

Plans are being made for all 4-H Club members, who complete their projects and turn in their record books by the 4-H Club meeting, to get a free trip to a neighboring county. Details of the trip are not complete as yet, but it will be on Saturday so it will not conflict with school. The first 4-H Club meeting will come during the third week in September.

Generally speaking, Hoke County 4-H Clubs have had a very active summer. Thirty-two members enjoyed camping at the Roanoke Island 4-H Camp. Six members attended 4-H Club Week at State College. James Potter and Clyde Leach won the district Dairy demonstration contest. Harold Chassey attended the Forestry Camp at Lake Singletary. Nancy Faye Calhoun was in the Blue Ribbon group at the State Health Pageant, and Ina Seull took part in the State Dress Review.

If your son or daughter is a 4-H Club member, you can do your part by helping them complete their project and turn in their record book on time. All projects, with the exception of field crops such as corn, cotton, and tobacco, should be turned in to the County or Home Agent at the first club meeting. The field crops project should be completed, and the records turned in by October 15th.

On Wednesday, September 29, beginning at 9:00 A. M. in the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh, the Seventh Annual Health Conference will be conducted. The Medical Society of North Carolina promises an interesting and educational meeting.

Topics such as "How We Have Gained Better Health in North Carolina," An interpretation of the health conditions in North Carolina, "How community leaders can work together for better health", and "Health needs" will be discussed.

This is a very important conference and will be of exceptional educational value to community leaders. Community Farm Bureaus, Home Demonstration clubs, Civic and Service clubs, Granges, and other groups should make a special effort to have their group represented at the Health Conference.

Some of the leading authorities in this section of the country will be on hand to discuss the health problems. It will be a credit to Hoke County to be well represented.

Since you are interested in increasing your feed potentialities, the bulletin featured in the County Agent's office this week

is a brand new Extension Circular 367 entitled "Alfalfa Production in North Carolina."

Arabia News

By Mrs. D. B. Travvick

Revival services are in progress this week in Ephesus church. The Rev. B. M. Glisson of the East Lumberton Baptist church is doing the preaching. He is bringing great messages and much interest and good attendance are shown.

Mrs. Janie Shaw was carried to Highsmith hospital Monday for treatment.

Mrs. G. B. Strouth and daughter, Barbara, of Greensboro spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jordan and family, Mrs. Strouth is the former Miss Alene Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Southern spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Chappell in Raeford. Lester Baker of Arlington, Virginia, a brother of Mrs. Southern, was a visitor at home too.

Robert Maxwell son of Clayton Maxwell and recently discharged from the Navy, went to Asheville this week to accept a job with Standard Oil Company. Mr. and Mrs. Mack Palmer and Miss Blanch McFadyen of Ft. Bragg were visitors Monday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell.

The recent painting and repairs done at Mildouson are very nice indeed. We are proud to have these improvements and the familiar sights of the school buses morning and evening are added reminders how easy the modern child has educational opportunities made for him.

Mrs. J. L. McFadyen, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Maxwell and Pat and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bostic spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Latta Cook and family in Raleigh.

We miss Mrs. Johnnie Shaw and children very much at church now. They left for New York last week to live with Mr. Shaw who is in the armed services.

The Ephesus-BTU group attended the associated Training Union mass meeting at the Park-ton Baptist church Monday night,

September 6. Officers for the Northern division were nominated. Mrs. W. S. Crawley, pianist at Ephesus church was nominated pianist for the Northern division of the BTU. Ephesus brought home the attendance banner, having 30 of their enrolled 51 members present.

Mrs. Mae Maxwell of Raeford spent the week end with Mrs. D. B. Travvick.

Mrs. Lida Jackson of Washington, N. C. was a guest during the week end in the homes of

her brothers, Brown and David Hendrix.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Jackson, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Currie Jackson attended the stock car races in Darlington, S. C. on Monday.

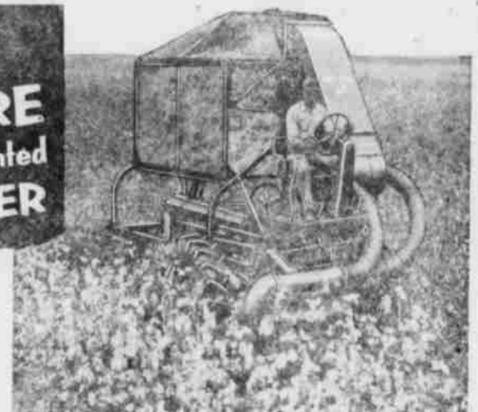
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Davis and Lamont spent the week end at Carolina Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Humphrey visited Mr. and Mrs. James Holcomb of Lumberton Sunday.

Mrs. Holcomb is a sister of Duncan's.

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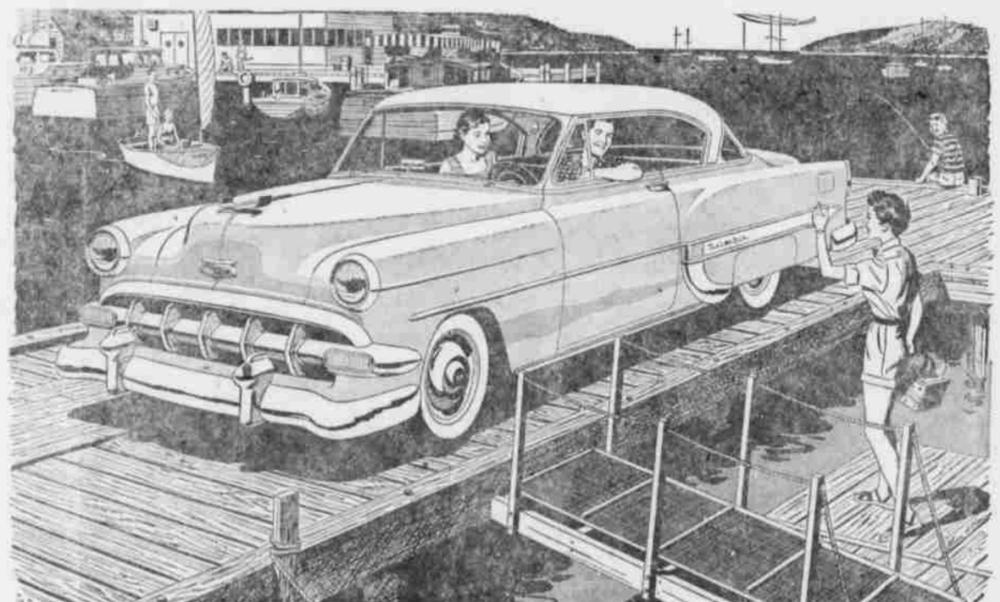
IT TAKES about 2 acres of farm crops to supply the 1375 pounds of food which the average American eats a year. To grow and get this food to your table requires money all along the line, and bank credit provides a substantial share of the funds.

Perhaps you haven't thought of it this way, but the money you deposit in the bank helps to build a credit pool which, directly or indirectly, supplies loans to farmers, farm machinery manufacturers, seed and fertilizer dealers, distributors and food markets, as well as others.

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