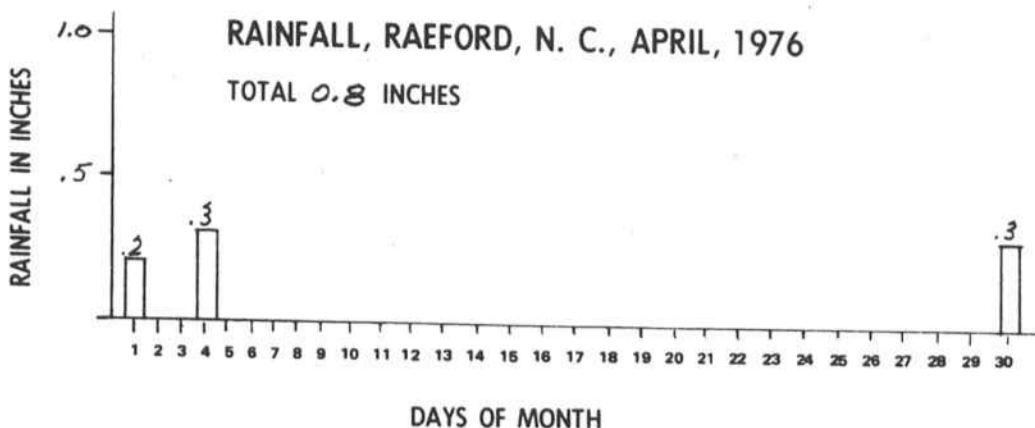


RAINFALL, RAEFORD, N. C., APRIL, 1976

TOTAL 0.8 INCHES



DRY—A scant .8 inches of precipitation was recorded for the month of April, with a 25 day stretch of no rain as evident in the chart here. A check of past years for April shows 3.6 inches in 1975, 1.9 in 1974, and 4.3 in 1973.

Accreditation Board Evaluates Hoke High

Hoke County High School is undergoing re-accreditation this week by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, according to Hoke High Principal C. Allen Edwards.

Edwards said the Southern Association is "the" accrediting agency of the southeastern United States.

He said the purpose of the accreditation is for the faculty, students, and the Hoke County community to evaluate itself.

Edwards said the re-accreditation was a self-evaluation that went over such requirements as: teacher/pupil ratio; number of librarians; physical facilities; materials and supplies; and teaching performance.

"Every teacher will be reviewed," said Edwards.

He said the first time the school was accredited was in 1963, and has not been re-accredited since 1969.

"Thirty-two educators from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, various colleges and universities, and other school systems will be here for evaluating purposes," said Edwards.

"The Southern Association re-accreditation will assure the community that the faculty of Hoke High School is constantly re-evaluating themselves so that they are heading in a good academic direction," he added.

A banquet was held Tuesday night for the Southern Association members and administration.

Hoke ASCS

By Thomas R. Burgess

DISASTER PROGRAM - The Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act provides for disaster payments for crop failure and low yields as well as target price payments. Due to the present drought conditions, producers of wheat, corn, grain sorghum, barley, and cotton should become familiar with the disaster payment provisions.

Producers should contact the county ASCS office before destroying any of the above crops in order to be eligible for payment. A crop appraisal is required if the crop will not be harvested. The appraisal will be required for any portion of a crop that will not be harvested.

If a crop fails or is destroyed by a disaster during its normal planting period, it must be replanted in order to be eligible for payment. The normal planting periods established for Hoke County are as follows: Corn - March 10 through May 15; Grain Sorghum - May 1 through June 30; Cotton - April 10 through May 20; Soybeans - May through July 5. Farms on which grain sorghum is usually grown will be required to replant failed corn acreage to grain sorghum through June 30 in order to be eligible for payment. Applications for prevented planting must be filed while the evidence remains, but not later than 5 days after the normal planting period for the crop for which prevented planting is claimed.

Under the low yield disaster provision, applications for disaster payments must be filed at the county office within 15 days after harvest of the crop has been completed or abandoned. If production from each farm that the county committee will accept. Further information may be obtained from the county ASCS Office.

Increased Demand, Tight Supplies Mark Cotton Situation

Continued large imports of cotton textiles can be expected during 1976, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Keen consumer interest in natural fibers and a recovery in the general economy are creating a strong domestic demand for cotton that U.S. supplies may not be able to meet.

On the domestic market, nearly a fifth of all cotton products sold over American retail counters this spring is expected to have been imported—an increase of about 7 percent from 1975. Most of the increased shipments during recent months are print cloth and sheeting fabric from the People's Republic of China. The increase in imports translates into apparent reduction in U.S. mill use of about 400,000 bales.

Increased demand, coupled with tightening supplies, have caused cotton prices to rise substantially over the past year. Responding to higher prices, farmers have indicated that they will increase planted cotton acreage to about 11.3 million acres -- 16 percent above 1975 but 1 million acres below the average for the past five years. Strengthening cotton prices since April 1 could result in more acreage being planted to cotton -- particularly in Texas where recent rains have brightened planting prospects.

With strong demand foreseen for 1976-77, combined mill use and exports could total as much as 12 million bales if supplies are adequate. However, it now appears that the availability of supplies will be a limiting factor and could hold disappearance as low as 10 million bales. Export alone may range between 3 1/2 and 4 1/2 million bales.

CB Club Sets 'Break'

The Hoke County Communications Center, a citizens band radio club is hosting a "coffee break" this weekend on U.S. 401 at Morrison's Texaco station.

The "coffee break" will be Friday night, all day Saturday and into Saturday night.

Proceeds will benefit the West Hoke Volunteer Fire Department.

Beautification Group Plans May 8 Clean-up

An all-day county-wide clean-up drive is planned for Saturday, May 8, Mickey Christopher, the county chairman of Keep North Carolina Beautiful, announced.

Adults and youngsters, individuals and groups, anyone who wants to help in the beautification drive can pick up trash bags provided by Knit-Away, Inc. between now and Saturday at the public library on W. Elwood Ave.

Bags will also be furnished on Saturday beginning about 9:30 A.M. at the Armory. Maps showing special areas that need cleaning will also be at the Armory.

Free refreshments to workers will be available from 10 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

The Saturday clean-up day is part of a two month campaign to beautify with city and county organized by the local Keep North Carolina Beautiful group.

Weekly judging of best looking yards both in the city and county is already underway. The city has been divided into eight sections to cover the two month period of judging and a map showing the sections and the dates for judging will appear in next week's News-Journal.

City judging is being done by the Garden Department of The Raeford Womens Club. County judging is being done by the extension service homemakers.

Report To The People

by Senator Robert Morgan



A year after the fall of South Vietnam, America's Asian friends are still waiting for the other shoe to drop, as far as U.S. defense commitments are concerned.

That is the gist of discussions I had with our military and diplomatic experts in South Korea, Taiwan, and Japan, during a recent working trip to the area.

During the campaign for the Senate, I promised the people I would try to visit the hot spots around the world, so that I could see first-hand our installations, and inform my voting as a senator. I went to the Far East to fulfill that promise.

Taiwan, South Korea, and Japan are all heavily dependent on U.S. military protection. Since the collapse of South Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia, America's intentions in Asia have been very much in doubt.

Let's look at this from the point of view of Japan, using the map below.



Across narrow bodies of water, Japan faces two traditional enemies, the People's Republic of China, and U.S.S.R., both nuclear powers.

As a result of our policy toward Japan after World War II, and because of feeling in the country

itself, Japan has not rearmed to a great extent. Her few troops are for the most part stationed to the north, on the island of Hokkaido, appearing to leave Japan relatively undefended.

South Korea, where we have a strong military commitment, is seen as a buffer, just across the Korea Strait, between China and North Korea.

The Japanese want to know: does the United States intend to pull out of South Korea, as has been suggested recently by those who consider the government of park Chung Hee to be repressive?

If that happens, Japan will be forced to come to a new political and economic accommodation with the U.S.S.R. and with China, just as Thailand has to do after the fall of Saigon, threatening to kick the U.S. out of the country.

Japan is militarily weak, but an economic giant. The economic impact of Japan's forced realignment would be very much greater than was the case with Thailand.

Should Japan have to defend herself, the question of nuclear weapons would have to be faced. Because of Japan's experience with this kind of weaponry, feeling against it is high.

But with two nuclear powers across the Sea of Japan, the question of a rearmed, nuclear Japan would have to be faced. We have seen the cost and risk of the middle East arms race, which thankfully is not yet a nuclear one. The danger of nuclear competition in East Asia would be even greater.

It is most assuredly to be hoped the Congress will think through the possible results before attempting to force a change in American defense policy in Asia.

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