



Farm Focus

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IT'S STALK AND ROOT DESTRUCTION TIME

It's time to remind all flue-cured tobacco growers that destroying stalks and roots from this year's crop is one of the most important things that they can do now to help control disease losses in tobacco in the future. Some growers in Hoke County are completing the harvest, and the destruction of this year's crop residue should be a top priority task. Furney Todd, in his Operation R-9-P campaign, recommends cutting or shredding tobacco stalks the day that harvest is complete. Farmers must realize that organisms which will cause disease in their 1983 crop are now looking for a place to spend the winter. By quickly destroying the stalk and root tissue of this year's tobacco crop, you will be destroying the shelter or host which the disease organism needs during the cold months.

I'd like to encourage all Hoke County tobacco growers to see that this job of stalk and root destruction is accomplished completely and quickly as possible after harvest. I would also suggest the following steps be emphasized during this operation.

- 1) Cut stalks in small pieces with a bushhog or some other similar equipment the day harvest is complete.
- 2) Plow outroot stubbles the day stalks are cut. Be sure to remove the root system **entirely** from the soil to permit it to dry out. This will speed up the death and breakdown of these roots.
- 3) Return to the field about 2 weeks after the first two steps are completed and re-disc or harrow the field. This provides additional root kill and exposes different areas of the root to the drying action of the

wind and the sun.

4) And finally, seed a cover crop if desirable and where needed to prevent water and wind erosion. This should be done after the old tobacco root systems are completely dead.

ON-FARM TOBACCO TESTS FOR 1983

Now is the time, when the plants are still in the field, to see if you would like a tobacco test on your farm next year. If you have a high and uniform level of a disease in one of your fields you should be interested in diagnosing and curing the problem. As in the past, we will be emphasizing Granville wilt, root-knot nematodes, mosaic, black shank, and black root rot as the primary diseases to be tested next year.

Please contact the Extension office at 875-3461 if you are interested.



NO TIME WASTED HERE -- Farmer Jeff Hendrix (left) and Field Crops Extension Agent Banks Wannamaker discuss and admire how quickly Jeff and his father, Jim Hendrix, are able to disc under old tobacco stalks and roots to prevent diseases in next year's crop.



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Group Gets Donations

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"We would like to thank Faberge for their kind contribution," the society says. "Perhaps they can serve as an inspiration to other businesses to help.

"Some very kind individuals have donated generously also, so we

are now in a position to subsidize pet owners who otherwise could not afford this service.

"The rates, as set forth by the Friends of Animals, has increased slightly. It now costs \$18 for a female cat; \$34, female dog; \$12, male cat; and \$18, male dog (no increase for the male dog).

"This is still a tremendous bargain, but if you can't afford even this, please, for the sake of your pet

and our community, contact Sheryl McGinnis so that we may help. We have some funds and are waiting to help.

"Just call us at either of the numbers listed below.

"Our organization will be participating in the Cross Creek Mall Charity Bazaar to be held in October.

"We desperately need home-made crafts to be donated for us to sell.

"If you can't afford a cash donation to us, this is a wonderful way to help.

"Hoke County is full of talented people - ladies and men.

"Please call us if you can help. We need the items by October 1.

"The mall will not permit us to sell any baked goods, but any other handmade items are fine.

"This is a great opportunity to display your talents and at the same time to help a good cause.

"We will keep you posted on this forthcoming bazaar. So hurry, we only have about six or seven weeks to go.

"We would love our display to be the best one there.

"In the meantime, tell your friends about our program, please. Don't wait to have your pet spayed or neutered. Contact us now. We're waiting for your call.

"And thanks again to all of you who have supported us."

Sincerely,
Sheryl McGinnis, director
H/R Humane Society
875-3283 or 875-8861



Lumber Bridge News

by Lib Sumner

The Baptist Church was filled Sunday evening at 7:30 as the Adult Choir presented a special summer program of Christian hymns. Following the service everyone enjoyed a fellowship hour.

Refreshments of homemade ice cream and cake was served in the Education Center.

Director of the program, Mrs. Mavis Foster.

Baptist Young Women met in the home of Mrs. Henry Thompson Monday night at 7:30.

The Youth In Action met at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday. Topic of the program, Observe "Christmas in August.

A nice group attended, Mrs. Henry Foster was in charge of the program.

Spending last week at Emerald Isle were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bullard, Mrs. F.C. Tyner and daughter, Leslie of Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meaney, John Paul and Thomas of Mahwah, N.J. and Mr. and Mrs. M.N. Jennings, Sinclair and Cooper of Wilmington.

Visiting Mrs. Gilmer Forbis on Sunday were Patrick Forbis, Evie Blanchard and Mrs. Blanchard, Henry Camper and Simon

Campen, all from Fayetteville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Davis, Ronnie Jr., Mark and Peggy Davis spent last Thursday at White Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Worth Williford of Fayetteville and Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Tolar of Red Springs visited Mrs. A.F. Tolar and Tommy Tolar Sunday.

Misses Lib and Lois Sumner spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J.F. McMillan of Rt. 1, Raeford. Others visiting were Mr. and Mrs. J.F. McMillan, Jr., Mary Elizabeth and J.F. III of Wallace, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith, Katherine, Lucy and Wayne of Wagram.

Jack Tolar of Fayetteville spent Sunday evening with his mother, Mrs. Ruth Tolar.

Mark Davis and Ronnie Davis, Jr., along with a group from Pittman Grove Church, attended summer camp at Campbell College on August 2nd-6th.

Mrs. Betty Thompson, Mrs. Mollie Dunn and Mrs. Laurin Keeter were hostess for a "house warming" Thursday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Terry Canady and son, Scot.

Our known sick and shut-ins: Miss Lena Marley, at home Mrs. N.H.G. Balfour, home from Moore Memorial.

Verna McGougan, at home. M.J. McGougan, Southeastern Memorial Hospital. Frederick Cobb, Southeastern Memorial Hospital.

Deaths And Funerals

Mrs. Annie McNeill
Mrs. Annie Elizabeth McNeill, 95, of Rt. 1, Shannon, died Sunday.

The funeral was conducted Tuesday morning in Antioch Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Charles Ansley. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are her sons, Everette W. McNeill of Shannon, and Percy H. McNeill of Columbia, S.C.; her daughters, Mrs. Pauline Bruner of Shannon, and Mrs. Bertha Webster of Red Springs; her sister, Mrs. Katie Livingston of Red Springs; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. McNeill was a native of Hoke County, a daughter of Joseph A. McBryde and Sarah McNeill McBryde.

David H. Livingston
David Hugh Livingston, 54, died Friday.

He was a native of Hoke County, a son of Mrs. Katie McBryde Livingston of Red Springs and the late Hector Livingston.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon in Westside Baptist Church at Red Springs. Burial was in Alloway Cemetery.

Surviving in addition to his mother are his wife, Mrs. Mary Clark Livingston; his daughter, Mrs. Wanda Hardin of Great Falls, S.C.; his brothers, Paul Livingston of Raeford, and John Livingston of Virginia Beach, Va.; his sisters, Mrs. Margaret Lindsey of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. Mildred Brigman and Miss Catherine Livingston of Red Springs; and two grandchildren.

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COMPLETES 30 YEARS -- Virginia W. Williford recently completed 30 years continuous unbroken service with the Raeford Plant of Burlington Industries. Williford has worked in the Spinning Department as a Spinner the entire span of her commendable service record. She is pictured displaying her service certificate. She also received a Cross Pen and Pencil set and a gold/diamond 30-year pin.

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