

NEW 'LEAF HOPPER' DAMAGES FAR SOUTH

Latest Cotton Pest Is Being Felt More In Cotton Sections Farther South

Tallahassee, Fla.—A totally unexpected and unprecedented spread of damage to the cotton crop caused by what is known as the "cotton hopper" or "cotton flea" has appeared during the past few weeks, the Delta laboratory of entomology of the United States department of agriculture announced today.

Emergency research observations have been carried on owing to the lack of information on many points of importance in meeting the problem.

The cotton hopper was first noted a number of years ago in a few Gulf coast counties of Texas. Last year there were a few outbreaks of the insect in Georgia and South Carolina and evidence of occasional injured plants at various points through the cotton belt. This spring it was noted that an unusual number of hoppers were transferring their attention to the cotton in South Texas, but damage to the remainder of the cotton belt became evident less than three weeks ago.

Information Not Complete

Complete information is not yet available as to distribution through the cotton belt. Positive records of damage have been compiled for several southern states.

In Texas, apparently the whole state is involved with the exception of the extreme western margin of the cotton area and a very small district in the southeastern corner of the state. Most of the reports of hoppers from Arkansas come from the southern and eastern portions as far as Foulmer county.

In Louisiana the entire northern half of the state is apparently heavily infested.

Infestation is apparently present in all river counties of Mississippi from

Natchez north and extending north-eastward to include all of the Yazoo-Mississippi delta and entirely across the northern half of the state.

Scattering Reports

Only scattering reports have been received from Alabama, but these are distributed over the northern half of the state. In Tennessee a few counties along the southern edge have reported damage.

All of the Piedmont section of Georgia and a few counties centering around Sumter county, report heavy infestation.

Reports from South Carolina indicate the general infestation of the Piedmont section. There have been no reports from North Carolina.

Control has been the subject of numerous experiments in the Texas investigations. It was found that the best results were obtained by dusting the plants with sulphur.

Weevil Active

A very important joint for consideration in these districts where the boll weevil is active is the effect of the outbreak on the weevil problem. Over much of the cotton belt there is an average infestation of weevils present. Under ordinary conditions this would not be a grave menace but the problem is completely changed by the activity of the hopper. The few squares which are now escaping the hoppers cannot be spared and every one of them punctured by the weevil represents that much less, whereas, under ordinary conditions a certain amount of weevil puncturing merely replaces natural shedding and does not cause loss. In addition, the best that can be expected is the setting of a very late crop of cotton. The first bred generation of the weevils are just now maturing in a considerable portion of the belt and thus the weevils are that much ahead of the cotton fruiting and damage will be accentuated. Where weevils are at all prevalent in the field it is pointed out by the delta laboratory, it will be necessary to make combined applications of sulphur and calcium arsenate to control both the hopper and the weevil.

The advice to use sulphur is accompanied by warning that care be exercised to avoid contact of flame with the dust cloud produced, sulphur dust being highly inflammable.

British Argue On Habit Morning Bath

London, July 12.—A newspaper controversy has arisen here on the subject of when the people of England first got the habit of taking a morning bath.

Jerome K. Jerome, the novelist, started the controversy by stating in an article that there were no bath rooms in English houses before 1886. Elderly folk indignantly deny this and give dates to prove that when they were young, English people took baths occasionally at least.

One writer declared that in 1872, his family owned a tub that had a lig and a strap on it and was used as a trunk when the family traveled. Another writes—apparently from first hand knowledge—that there were no bath rooms in Windsor castle in the time of Queen Victoria and that King Edward had several installed upon his accession in 1901. It is also recalled that when the late Earl of Dunraven, returned from America in 1886, he brought with him an American tub and Punch published a cartoon on Lord Dunraven's statement that "in American houses, an entire room is given over to the bath."

One writer claims that Englishmen make a good deal of noise about their morning "tub" but that American and continental hotel men says it little more than noise. He quotes the hotel record of Zurich, Switzerland, to the effect that "almost every American asks for a room with a bath, 75 per cent of the French and 40 per cent of the Germans do so; but English even of the highest station seldom ask for a room with bath. They make use of the general bath room for shaving."

DECLARES YOUTH THE HOLIDAY OF MAN'S EXISTENCE

Lake Junaluska, July 9.—It is a part of God's plan that certain things can be done better in youth than in any other time. Dr. Edwin D. Soper, dean of the school of religion of Duke university, told 29 boys from six southern states who are attending the Lake Junaluska summer camp

under the direction of the Methodist Episcopal church.

"Youth is the heyday," Dr. Soper said, "because youth is pre-eminently a time to play and through play one learns to obey the rules of the game; how to take defeat; the value of team work; fair play and self-control."

"Important decisions which fall to youth include decisions of life work; lasting friendship which are decisions that determine the inner bent of life; the choice of life companions, a matter which makes or breaks every other decision of life."

Six states are represented in the 29 boys at the camp, Kentucky leads with twelve boys from Louisville. Seven live in Georgia, Florida is represented by five, Mississippi, two, South Carolina two, and North Carolina one.

Mason Crum, professor of religious education at Columbia college, Columbia, S. C., is in charge of the camp.

RABBIT TERRIER PUPPY ATTACKS AND BITES 35

Kinston, July 7.—A terrier puppy today was reported by police to have bitten at least 35 persons in the outskirts of Kinston. The animal was rabid, officials believe, but an analysis of its brain was impossible because a negro who killed the puppy literally shot its head away.

Many of the victims were too poor to pay for vaccination against hydrophobia, they said when taken to task for not reporting to health authorities. The latter located 17 who had been bitten and administered the serum treatment. The police endeavored to locate others.

Drastic steps were taken by authorities to enforce an ordinance requiring the muzzling of dogs at large, and the mayor called upon all owners of dogs to have them immunized against rabies immediately.

A genuine dry is one who can talk eloquently against liquor without a drink or two.

With no immigrant cooks coming in and daughter out in the flivver, perhaps stomachs will go out of fashion too.

Working At Death Grips With Plenty And Modern Luxury

Chapel Hill.—"We are facing a life-death struggle with Baal, the god of plenty, luxury, big business and materialism," said Dr. Solomon Goldman, of Cleveland, Ohio, addressing a university summer school audience on "The Notion of Progress in the Old Testament." "Our chief concern seems to be to conquer nature and make it do our bidding. Our great mental powers, our native inventiveness are utilized to squeeze the juice of 'high living' out of our environment."

This was the second of a series of four lectures to be delivered by Dr. Goldman at the university under the auspices of the Jewish Chautauqua society of America.

"Who will deny," asked Rabbi Goldman, "that our society—at least in the large cities, is ultra-pagan. Neither Athens nor Rome ever witnessed the bacchanalian revelries, the jazz abandonment, the social oppression, the extreme poverty and extreme wealth, the atrocious crimes that one sees in New York and Chicago. Would that Fundamentalists and Modernists cease to wage controversy over the letter of the Bible and seek not only to understand its spirit, but to make it a vital factor in the building of our communities' composite characters. We should be less concerned with the date and authorship of the Biblical books and more concerned with their eternal truths and growing sense of righteousness and redemption."

"Man's happiness will not result from the acquisition of things and the attainment of comforts," said Rabbi Goldman. "His destiny is spiritual and only in Godliness will he find the harmony of soul and the peace of mind for which he has ever been yearning."

Rabbi Goldman described the Bible as a "record of the unfolding growth and expansion of a soul. It is the story of man's triumphs and failures in his climb on the ladder of spiritual living. And the God of the Prophets and Psalmists may be found by the humble and lowly. God expresses himself in love and justice and is experienced in fine human relations, in righteous living, in social justice. Corruption, sin, social debauchery and injustice are the thick walls that separate us from God."

"The underlying motif of the Bible," concluded Rabbi Goldman, "is the quest of God. God implies life, evil forbodes death. This is the keynote of the Bible. Our civilization boasts of material progress, of aeroplane and radio, but the keener spiritual insight of the author of the Book of Genesis makes Cain, the murderer, the builder of a city and the ancestor of the first inventors."

North Carolina Newspaper Folks
Will Gather In Annual Session At Hotel Hickory
Hickory, N. C., July 21, 22, 23

Matters vital to the welfare of the newspaper folks of the state are to be discussed, such as the fight being made on the newspapers before the Federal trade Commission regarding agency commissions; the proposition of putting on a full-time paid field secretary; the Separk editorial prize, etc. No long set speeches. Practical topics to be discussed. Opening address Wednesday night by Forest J. Prettyman, former chaplain U. S. Senate, on "The Newspaper and Its Relation to World Peace." Banquet address Thursday night by Thomas Dixon, noted playwright and author. A trip to the famous Blowing Rock section Friday. Every newspaper man and woman in the state, whether a member or not, is invited to attend the convention. We want you to join forces with the organization to help make newspapering in North Carolina more profitable and more worthwhile. Dues are nominal. Make your reservations at Hotel Hickory early. For any further information desired, write or will.

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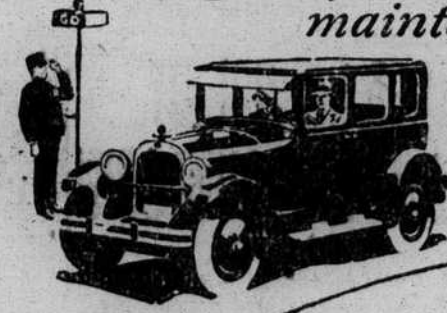
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