

Appeal By Hardin To Farmers To Sow Cover Crops This Fall

(By Alvin Hardin.)
There are very few people in Cleveland county who are not familiar with the history of the devastation, in some sections, caused by the boll weevil.

In the different states, where the losses were heaviest, the country presents today a far different aspect to what it did previously.

A traveler passing through these sections before the day of the boll weevil, saw acres upon acres of cotton, flourishing from homes, many well filled tenant houses, and contented laborers piling up the snowy harvest—the farmer himself riding proudly over his heavy yielding fruitful acres believing he sees a wonderful future ahead.

Now the picture has changed. The tenant houses stand with doors swinging idly ajar, long deserted the once flourishing farmer bends a weary back in his fields eking out a meager living on a few acres most of his land lying idle, because he is now not financially able to keep the tenants he once had.

If the traveler had spoken to any of these once progressive farmers about their loss, almost every one would have told him, "I wanted to

make one more cotton crop," and then I'd have prepared so that the inroads of the boll weevil would not have affected me so heavily."

Not only was ruin brought upon the farmers, but a passing glance into the town of these sections, reveals a marked evidence of financial loss, where once were many stores, all doing a flourishing business, only one or two remain with a very small trade. No new buildings or improvements are in progress and, once fine homes, are now dilapidated and a general sense of last opulence prevails.

How different might have been this picture today, if the traveler could have found about these homes, flocks of pure-bred poultry, a few hogs and cows, to produce meat and milk for the family, gardens filled with fresh vegetables and well-kept home orchards to provide fruit; barns well filled with home grown hay and bins of home grown grains. In addition to this, a few acres devoted to pastures and grains, some in cover crops, leaving still sufficient acreage for the growing of cotton.

The boll weevil can now be found in all parts of Cleveland

county, having migrated here from other infested areas, since the first of August. Just what damage the weevil will do to the 1928 cotton crop will depend almost entirely on weather conditions.

If we have dry weather the damage will be small—but if we have a lot of wet weather the damage will be very heavy.

At the present price of cotton it is a great temptation to forget the home-grown feeds and increase the cotton acreage, but the wise farmer will not do this. He will sow grain to feed his family and feed his livestock.

Knowing how the boll weevil works, we may better combat him by preparing the soil early, planting early, fertilizing well, cultivating thoroughly and—by poisoning if infestation makes it necessary.

Let us not get too busy while harvesting the cotton crop to feed the hen, the hog and the cow. And now while we have a good season harness the old mule up again and sow a few acres in oats, wheat and barley for your next spring hay crop.

A new York minister asserts that stopping crime is the work of the church. Judging by results, they must have been waiting to find out which church.—Dallas News.

Fred Greene Talks On Sunday School

Personal Items And Church News Of The Double Springs Community.

(Special to The Star.)
A large crowd was present for the Sunday morning preaching service. We had in installation service, installing the new officers and teachers for the new Sunday school year.

After a few words from the pastor the superintendent, Mr. Fred E. Greene, gave a most interesting talk on "Some Essentials of a Sunday School Teacher." Mr. W. A. Crowder talked on the adult department of the Sunday school, Mrs. Fred Washburn very forcibly gave some of the needs of the junior department, Mr. J. S. Gillette had as his subject "The Privileges of a Sunday School Teacher." After this, Mr. W. W. Washburn told us of the church as he had observed it all these years. It was a very interesting as well as helpful service.

Miss Evelyn Daves spent the week-end with Miss Ray Greene. Mr. and Mrs. Odus Greene and children spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Greene. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Washburn and daughter, Annie Lee, visited Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Harrill, Sunday.

Miss Orelle Gardner of the Thomasville orphanage spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gardner.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gardner had as their guests Sunday, Rev. J. W. Sibley, Prof. and Mrs. V. C. Taylor and children, Miss Anne Hamrick and Miss Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hawkins of Shelby visited Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cabanis Sunday.

Miss Vela Covington of Lipscomb college spent the week-end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Covington.

Mr. and Mrs. Wins Bridges and family from Newberry, S. C., visited Mr. and Mrs. Cline Bridges Sunday. Mrs. Bridges and daughter will spend a few days this week here.

Misses Bloom and Madge Wright visited Misses Mildred and Lillian Cabanis Sunday.

Mr. Clarence McIntire and Miss

Selma Melton were married Sunday at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Harlie Wright and daughter were visitors in our community Sunday.

Mr. Faye Daves was a B. Y. P. U. visitor Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Hamrick of Fallston were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hamrick Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chilton of Liberty are spending a few days this week here with their daughter, Miss V. C. Taylor.

Many wells of the community have almost gone dry. Several have been dug deeper. But we hope with the recent fine rains the water supply will soon be better.

Fallston Batch Of Personal Mention

(Special to The Star.)
Fallston, Oct. 12.—Mr. M. W. Wright made a business trip to Lenoir last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Hoyle and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Hoyle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Biggerstaff of near Hickory. Messrs. T. A. Stamey and W. F. Hamrick of the Stamey company made a business trip to Rutherfordton last Tuesday.

Mr. W. D. Lackey of Shelby was a Fallston visitor last week. Mr. and Mrs. DeCamp and daughter, Miss Ruth, of Gaffney, S. C., visited Mrs. DeCamp's sister, Mrs. D. C. Beam here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hoyle visited relatives near Forest City last Sunday.

Prof. C. M. King has returned from a week's visit with relatives in the Western part of the state.

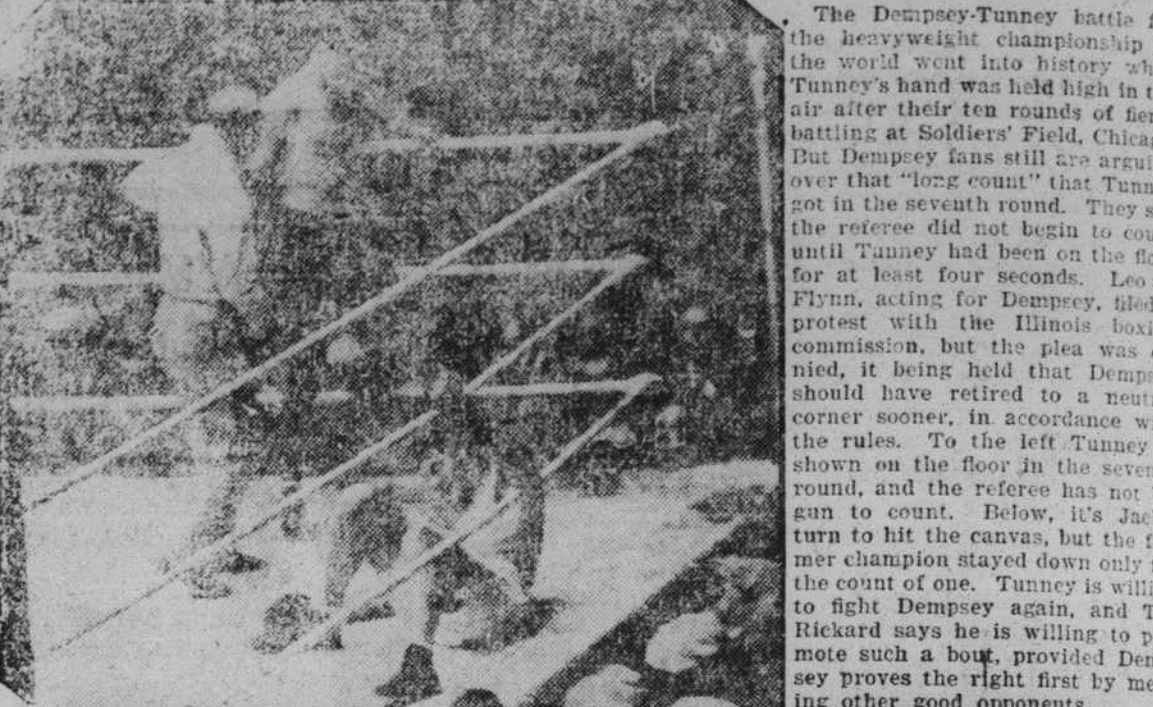
Mrs. A. L. Hoyle is spending this week in Rutherfordton with her daughter, Mrs. R. C. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Stamey and children Miss Janie and T. C. attended the Rutherford county fair last week.

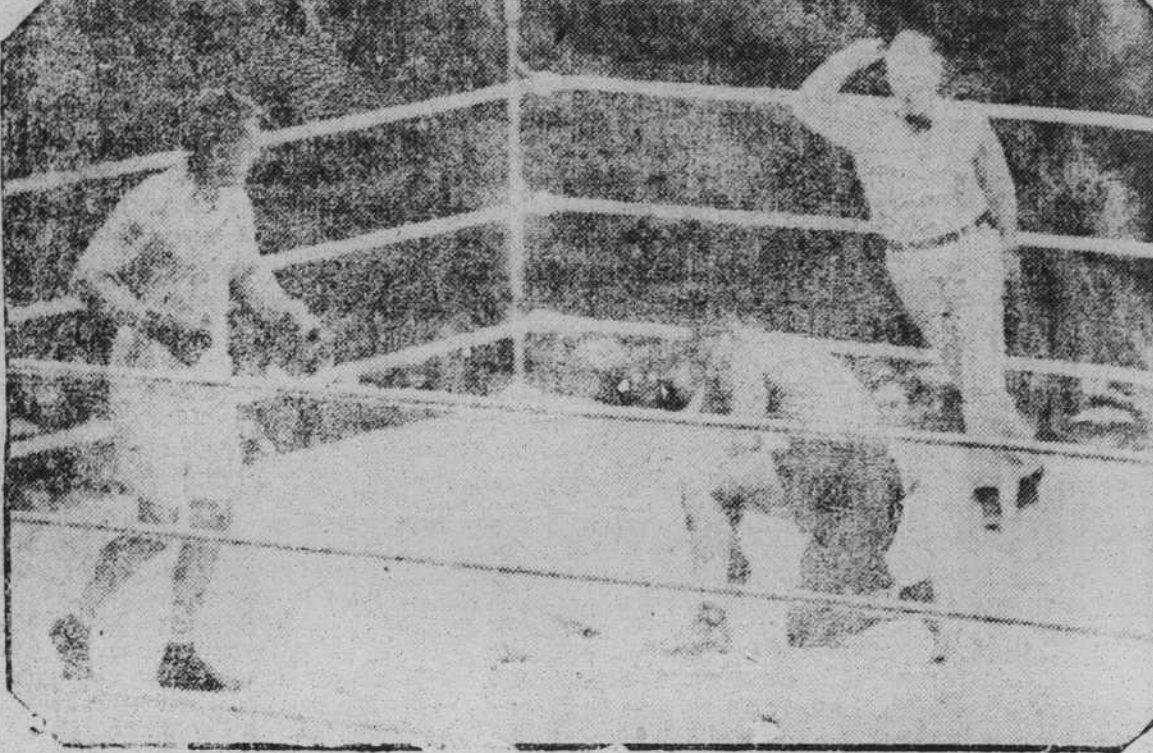
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wise of Lincolnton visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Stamey were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Martha Elliott of the Sharon community, Sunday.

The Fight's Over but They're Still Counting



The Dempsey-Tunney battle for the heavyweight championship of the world went into history when Tunney's hand was held high in the air after their ten rounds of fierce battling at Soldiers' Field, Chicago. But Dempsey fans still are arguing over that "long count" that Tunney got in the seventh round. They say the referee did not begin to count until Tunney had been on the floor for at least four seconds. Leo P. Flynn, acting for Dempsey, filed a protest with the Illinois boxing commission, but the plea was denied. It being held that Dempsey should have retired to a neutral corner sooner, in accordance with the rules. To the left Tunney is shown on the floor in the seventh round, and the referee has not begun to count. Below, it's Jack's turn to hit the canvas, but the former champion stayed down only for the count of one. Tunney is willing to fight Dempsey again, and Tex Rickard says he is willing to promote such a bout, provided Dempsey proves the right first by meeting other good opponents.



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