

## NEW METHOD OF WEEVIL CONTROL

SAYS NEW METHOD ASSURES 90 PER CENT. OF NORMAL COTTON CROP.

Bulletins were being sent out last week by the state plant board of Florida detailing at length the "improved method of controlling the boll weevil" as evolved by Dr. George D. Smith, assistant entomologist of the board, and made public by Dr. Newell, director.

While expressing confidence that Florida growers of upland cotton by following the new method are assured of at least 90 per cent. of a normal crop, Dr. Newell points out at the outset that Dr. Smith's experiments were made under Florida conditions, and the method evolved is adapted to this state, but there seems to be no reason "on theoretical grounds at least" why the method cannot successfully be adapted to all sections of the cotton belt.

The substance of Dr. Smith's plan is to clear the field of weevil infestation early in June and then give the staple free growth until August when the annual migration of the weevil sets in. The staple has grown, however, to such an extent by this time, that harm from the weevil then is inconsequential.

In this state, the bulletin points out, the crop is usually "made" by August 15.

Dr. Smith recognized in the beginning of his experiments that the boll weevil could be effectively poisoned before it reached the "squares" or lower bracts of the plant. His investigation therefore had to do with ridding the plant of the last over-wintering weevils which appear later and deposit their eggs on the squares.

The plan evolved meets this obstacle by the simple process of removing the early squares and then thoroughly disinfecting the boll itself with poison. His experiments disproved the belief that removal of the early squares would lower the cotton yield.

"In this state, the bulletin continues, by removing the squares early in June and clearing the boll, the plant then has almost as long a period in which to set fruit as it enjoyed in a normal season prior to the coming of the weevil."

"At first thought," the bulletin continues, "it may appear that a considerable amount of cotton would be destroyed or lost by removal of the first squares, say, an average of about two large squares to the plant throughout the field. It has been demonstrated that the cotton plants normally sheds about 60 per cent. of its fruit during the growing season. Therefore a loss of two squares to the plant, on the average, should not affect the yield."

Nothing that the planter has attached great importance to these first squares, considering them the substance of his early cotton crop, the bulletin says:

"Removal of the early squares in our experiments was followed by a remarkable reaction on the part of the plant itself. In all cases, removal of the squares was followed by a rapid increase in the height of the plants and this was closely followed by a profuse development of new squares. So pronounced has been this acceleration, or stimulation, or fruiting, that it seems highly probable that, even with no weevils early in June would actually result in increasing the yield of cotton."

### BAPTISTS HOLD LEAD.

Two Hundred and Eighty-Seven of This Faith Enrolled at Clemson.

According to figures recently compiled from the registrar's office and made public through the daily press, 98 per cent. of the members of the Clemson College student body are church members. Out of 817 cadets whose records were examined, only twenty are not church members.

The Baptist are in the lead in the matter of church membership with 287, the Methodists second with 275, the Presbyterian third with 154, then come in order—Episcopalians 42, Lutherans 21, Associate Reformed Presbyterians 12, Catholics 7, all others 5.

In the senior class, which totals 134, there are 43 Baptists, 41 Methodists, 39 Presbyterians, and 8 others, with only 4 non-members.

Out of 235 members of the sophomore class 85 are Baptists, 86 are Methodists, 33 are Presbyterians, 13 are Episcopalians, 14 are members of other churches, and 4 are non-members.

Out of 292 freshmen, 105 are Baptist, 98 are Methodists, 53 are Presbyterians, 16 are Episcopalians, 15 are members of other churches and 5 are non-members.

## PRESIDENT BACKS EDUCATION WEEK

ISSUES PROCLAMATION IN INTEREST OF MOVEMENT DECEMBER 3 TO 9.

President Harding in a proclamation made public Saturday at the White House sets aside the week of December 3 to 9 as American Educational Week. He recommends to the appropriate state and local authorities that they give cordial support and cooperation and also calls upon parents to enlist themselves in behalf of closer understanding between the school and the home.

The text of the proclamation follows:

"The ideals of democratic government and democratic education are planted simultaneously in our country. The fathers rightly believe that only a people trained to vision of public needs and duties could develop and maintain the institutions of popular government. The system of universal education, established in the beginning, has developed with the country and become one of the characteristic features of our life. In it we have laid the foundation of that system of American culture which has enabled us to absorb and assimilate millions who have come to us from many countries, bringing the traditions of widely varying institutions.

"In order that we may keep in mind the need constantly to improve our educational system, it is proposed that the week of December 3 to 9, inclusive, be set aside for special observance as American Educational Week. It is recommended to the governors of the states that they cooperate with the educational civic authorities of their commonwealths to make the week a period for revival of interest in the broad work of national education.

"It is gratifying to know that in a time when public burdens have lain very heavy upon the people there has been everywhere a determined purpose to maintain education unimpaired, in order that the coming generation may be equipped regardless of sacrifices in the present, for the increasing responsibilities which it must bear.

"Without vision the people perish. Without education, there can be little vision. Of education it may be said that 'it is twice blest; it blesseth him that gives and him that takes.' It will be greatly worth the effort if, as incident to the observance of educational week, we can impress this thought upon the young manhood and womanhood of the nation and redict their interest and their zeal to the idea of making a proper contribution to educational work. It is regrettable that so few young men and women, equipped for such service, are nowadays not disposed to give their time to teaching. There is no school of discipline more effective than that in which the teacher goes to school. We could do no greater service than by convincing those young men and women who have enjoyed educational opportunities that they owe a reasonable share of their time and energies to teaching.

"The strength and security of the nation will always rest in the intelligent body of its people. Our education should implant conceptions of public duty and private obligation broad enough to envisage the problems of a greatly distraught world. More than anything else, men and women need the capacity to see with clear eyes and to contemplate with open, unprejudiced mind, the issues of these times. Only through a properly motivated and generously inspired process of education can this be accomplished.

"In view, then, of these and many other considerations, I hereby proclaim the week of December 3 to 9, as American Educational Week, recommending to the appropriate national, state and local authorities that they give their cordial support and cooperation to making its observance inspirational and beneficial. Civic organizations and religious bodies may render special service by their cooperation, and particularly it is recommended that parents enlist themselves in behalf of closer understanding between the school and the home, with the purpose of mutual helpfulness."

Morrisville Citizens Refuse to Claim Him.

Editor County Record.

John Sports of Greelyville is mistaken in saying that the John Sports who was convicted of forgery, was of the Morrisville section. He did the forging at Hemingway but is formerly from Marlboro, where he "skipped" to and hid from officers, and where he was found and arrested a few weeks prior to his trial.

We, of the Morrisville section merely want to state that we do not claim the character under any circumstances.

Citizens of Morrisville.

November 20, 1922.

## SECOND PAYMENT FOR EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA.

Planned to Get Money to Tobacco Growers Before Christmas.

With a second payment to members completed in the South Carolina belt and arrangements being made for a second payment in Eastern North Carolina early in December on all tobacco delivered before December first, the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative association is expecting to largely increase its membership in these belts before the season is over. Without any special effort on the part of the association new contracts are reaching Raleigh daily from men "who waited to see" and are again thoroughly disgusted with the auction system.

Insistent demands for legal action against contract violators continue to reach Raleigh headquarters, especially from local units of the association. In response to this demand the legal department last week filed 54 more suits against members in 21 counties of North Carolina involving damages of more than \$50,000. Some of the first suits filed have been settled out of court while other men are making settlements without waiting to be haled into court.

Arrangements have been made to have warehousemen receive money for damages and forward it to Raleigh where the legal department will decide whether to accept or reject such settlements. Each case is being considered on its merits and, while the attorneys are accepting a number of such proffered settlements, they state that in other cases they are rejecting offers to settle where the interests of the association show that a law suit would be better policy.

### Suggestions for Judging Butter.

The butter exhibited at many of the fairs is really a work of art and should be included in such collections rather than in the butter exhibit. The pineapple shaped entries and that moulded in the form of ducks, etc., deserve to be classed in the decorative art department, for too often the quality of the butter is sacrificed to the design. Butter made for eating purposes does not gain in quality by the additional handling necessary for forming it into fantastic shapes. The package should be neat, clean and attractive and the butter well protected by being securely wrapped in good grade of parchment paper. The shape should be such as to allow it to be well wrapped. The quality of the paper is very important because a poor grade is sure to be torn and worn off by much handling. Good butter should be especially well packed. Butter of such quality as to be fit for soap grease only may be packed anyway—it doesn't matter if it is exposed to dust and flies.

The main points to take into account in judging are flavor and body. These are by far the most important. The flavor should be rich, sweet, clean, fine, mildly acid and the aroma should be pleasing. It should have no foreign odors or flavors. It should not taste covey, cheesy, milky, curdy, rancid, unclean nor highly acid.

Body or texture should be good. If the grain is good the butter will break like a piece of metal—not smooth. It should not contain too much moisture, nor should the brine be milky, and it should be free from curd. It should be waxy and not greasy in appearance.

Color and salt should also be taken into account. The color most desirable is that of June butter. It may vary from a very light to a medium straw color or that produced by natural grass. It should not be streaked or mottled. The salt should be well dissolved and just enough to bring out the highest flavor.

The following score card will be helpful in arriving at definite scores:

Flavor	.....45
Body	.....25
Color	.....15
Salt	.....10
Package	.....5

100

Butter scoring 95 and above should be perfect in all but flavor and that should be most desirable. For that scoring 93 and 94 the total defects other than flavor—and this must have no off or foreign flavors, not over 1/2 point. Ninety-two butter can have but 1 point cut other than flavor—this must still be good.

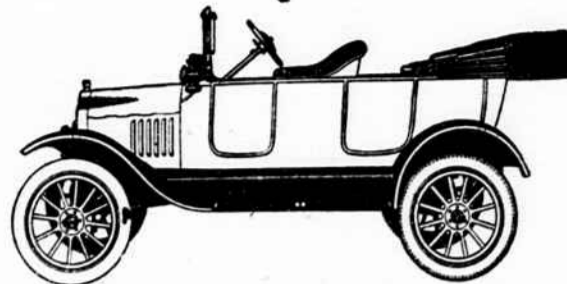
### To The Children.

Send your letter to Santa Claus early. The County Record will not attempt to crowd all of these letters into one special issue this year, but will publish them from time to time as they reach the office. There will be three issues of the paper in December before Christmas day and we hope that every child in the county who wishes to communicate with Santa through its columns will get their letters in before the 20th of the month.

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