

**Destroy the Cotton Stalks and Starve the Boll Weevil.**

With the present price of cotton less than 25 cents per pound, the bears talking 20 cent cotton and the boll weevil said to do its worst damage the third year many farmers now think they will not plant much cotton if any next year. But as sure as next year comes we will see a large crop of cotton planted and perhaps too much for weevil conditions.

As stated above, the third year is supposed to receive more damage from the boll weevil than other years. This of course is due to the fact that it takes time for the weevil to get thoroughly established in a section or county and for farmers to learn he cannot grow as many acres per plow as he did before the weevil came. We had mighty favorable weather this year for the weevil and unfavorable for cotton. The late cold spring delayed planting from two to four weeks (and two weeks under weevil conditions is likely to mark success from failure) and the three weeks of rain in Augusta caused the weevil to do severe damage in parts of the county. Some farmers who had prospects for a bale or more per acre failed to get one-half bale. The best prospects were the ones in most cases to fall short, due to the heavy foliage and large stalks which were more favorable for the weevil. The small or medium size stalks are making the largest yield in most cases this year.

The weevil has worked in some sections of the county to cause almost failure and some parts the crop will be as high as 70 per cent. Taking it as a whole, it now looks like around 58 per cent of a normal crop for the past three weeks have been favorable to the cotton and most of the weevils gone north in search of food. However, many weevils are being fed and hatched from the squares coming from the second-growth and this is the main purpose of our writing.

Most of us know that the only plants found in this section of the state upon which the boll weevil lives and thrives are cotton, okra and Hibiscus. We are not familiar with the species of Hibiscus here, except as a flower pot plant, but under stand it grows wild in the southern part of the state and in Florida. Dr. D. W. Pierce, of the U. S. Bureau of Entomology has found the boll weevil at work in Arizona on the Thurberia, the most closely related of all plants to cotton plant. Recently they have been found living on the purple malow (Callirhoe involucrata), but this plant is not common to us. So we very seldom find the weevil feeding on any plant except cotton and the important thing to be done now or as soon as possible, it to destroy the cotton stalks.

**Why and How to Destroy the Cotton Stalks.**

The second growth on cotton furnishes tender buds and squares for the weevil to feed upon and multiply. When frost comes (which is uncertain but shows an average for November the 9th, in the county), the weevils find the best available for protection through the winter. They live on food stored in the tissues of the bodies. According to government data the average life of the weevil is around sixty days (except those which nature provides to carry through the winter to start the race again) and this means that most of the weevils alive today will have died before cold weather drives them to winter quarters. This means that if we turn under stalks within the next thirty days we will starve, cause to fly away or force into winter quarters in such a weak condition they will have a poor chance of surviving the winter. By destroying the stalks early we not only cut off the food supply of the weevils but destroy millions of eggs and worms that would otherwise develop into weevils before frost. The earlier the stalks are destroyed the better it is. The following data is given out by the Bureau of Entomology and shows that the per cent of weevils surviving the winter at different periods of stalk destruction:

Stalks destroyed	No. surviving
Sept. 16-30	2
Oct. 1-15	21
Oct. 16-31	68
Nov. 1-16	121

We can see from the above that this is very important and the farmers should do this and have their renters to do likewise. If a community would do this, great results would be seen next spring. However, the individual will get good results because we know the weevil is not going in search of food until the food supply is exhausted on that

particular field and this will be the latter part of July or the first of August. The farmer who does not destroy the stalks will certainly have to feed the weevils until cold weather and then have them spend the winter on his farm. The business men and farmers should get behind the "Starve the Boll Weevil" movement in order that we may get better results next year.

The best method of destroying the stalks is to plow them under at least four inches deep. This can be done by attaching a heavy chain to the end of the double-tree on the side next to the mouldboard and the other end to the beam about half way back or near the bend. Let the chain have enough slack to pull the stalks forward so that the furrow slice will cover them. If the stalks are too large, over four or five feet tall, use the cutaway harrow ahead of the plow. If labor is short or the land is too hard for plowing bar off and rip up the stalks so they will die thereby cutting off the food supply.

**Do Not Burn the Stalks Under Any Consideration.**

The stalks should not be burned because first, nitrogen, our most costly fertilizing material is lost; second, the humus which is so badly needed is also lost. Then too, by the time the stalks are cut, dried and piled in rows to burn, the weevils will have flown. If it comes a warm rain the old stub left in the ground will sucker out and thereby furnish food for any weevils that might be left.

If your neighbor does not see fit to destroy the stalks on his farm do not let this prevent you from plowing them under because as brought out above, it will run the weevils from your field and by early planting (which we hope to accomplish next year) we will have a pretty fair crop of bolls "set" before the weevil comes from adjoining fields where they would not destroy the stalks.—Augusta Chronicle.

**Do You Buy All of Your Nitrogen?**

"Crimson Clover King" Hodges, of Hodges, S. C., says that he would not haul Nitrate of Soda home for its use. Why? Because he gets all his nitrogen from the air through crimson clover. You can do the same, either by the use of the clovers or the vetches. Yes, peas and velvet beans are good, but let's grow something in the winter or early spring when peas and beans will not grow. Let your County Agent aid you in ordering your seed or get them from your local dealer. By all means get into the game of leguminous nitrogen.

Cleveland, Sept. 27.—The greatest single service American Legion members have rendered their country is their virile stand for the maintenance of law and order," Franklin d'Olier, national commander of the American Legion, told the second annual convention of the legion at its opening session here today.

"We quickly served notice in no uncertain terms upon those wild radicals who would, by force, attempt to injure those very institutions we had risked our lives to protect," Commander d'Olier said. "We stated plainly we were ready for them and could meet their force with far greater force sufficient to stop them instantly.

"During these present days of unrest and readjustment, the American Legion and the stand of the ex-service men for law and order is the greatest possible insurance policy our country could possibly have, and the only insurance premium the ex-service man expects in return is simply fair play from the government with which he has played so fair." Commander d'Olier said in part:

"The rapid growth of the legion has been phenomenal. Such a thing has never happened before in either this or any other country. This great growth has been due, first to the fact that our ideals as laid down last year are now proven to be not only right, but also practical and, second, to the spontaneous desire of nearly every veteran of the world war to keep alive his wonderful spirit of service to his country and service to his comrades, and third, to the sound of unselfish leadership of the little groups of willing workers in every community who appreciate the amount of work necessary to make a success of this great movement.

"To the American Legion there is no East or West, no North or South, no Jew or Gentile, no Protestant or Catholic, no capital or labor, no employer or employee, no Republican or Democrat. The American Legion is the only organization in which is represented every good element in the entire country. It is the nearest attempt at organizing public opin-

ion and we all know that when public opinion speaks, it speaks with authority. And so, during this past year, you have played fair with every element in the legion and have thus gained the support of public opinion, and so the closer we stick to sound public opinion, the greater will be our service to our country and the better able we will be to look after our comrades needing our help."

**Grip.**

Grip usually starts just the same as a cold with a watery discharge from the nose. You are much more likely to contract the grip when you have a cold. For that reason when grip is prevalent you should go to bed as soon as you feel that you are taking a cold and stay in bed until fully recovered which should not be long if you take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Three days in bed now is better than three weeks later on.

**Notice of Dissolution of Corporation.**

The State of South Carolina  
Edgefield County.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of Edgefield Chero-Cola bottling Company at the office of J. Wm. Thurmond, Edgefield, S. C. at 1 P. M. on the 9th day of November, 1920, for the purpose of passing a Resolution by the stockholders of said corporation, to have said corporation go into liquidation and wind up its affairs and dissolve, the said corporation having paid all of its obligations and sold its property and capital stock to W. F. McMurray and M. T. Saunders, and the undersigned is owner of more than 20 per cent of the capital stock of said corporation.

W. F. McMURRAIN,  
Pres. and Man.

October 7, 1920.

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Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Carolina Asparagus farm at the store of Whitlock & Mathis, Trenton, S. C., at 11 A. M. on the 9th day of November, 1920, for the purpose of passing a Resolution by the stockholders of said corporation, to have said corporation go into liquidation and wind up its affairs and dissolve, the said corporation having paid all of its obligations and sold its property and capital stock to J. D. Mathis, Sr., and J. D. Mathis, Jr., and the undersigned is owner of more than 20 per cent of the capital stock of said corporation.

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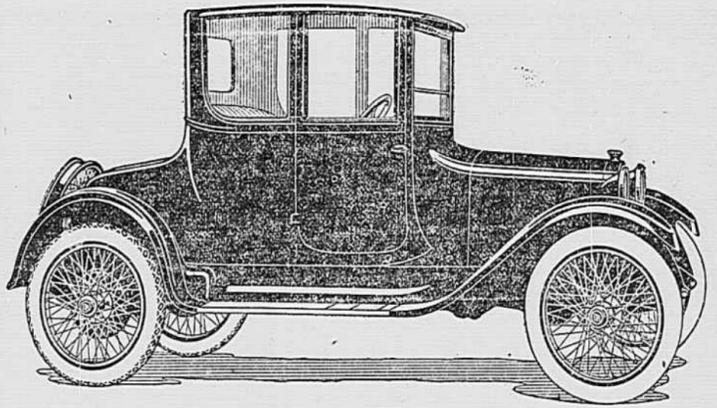
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