

## AIRPLANE DUSTERS TO LAY TRAIL OF PEACH PETALS AT FESTIVAL

### FIRST DUSTER PLANE ARRIVES

Macon, Mar. 17.—The first of the fleet of eighteen cotton dusting airplanes built by Huff Daland Dusters of this city arrived here today, and was immediately tuned up in preparation for the Fort Valley Peach Festival. This is the plane which was tested last week at its factory in Ogdensburg, New York, before representatives of three governments and members of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. In the test flight, calcium arsenate was distributed over the ice of the St. Lawrence river, but its second flight will be to lay the trail of peach petals in Georgia's great annual fête.

Seventeen more planes are on the way South. These are the ships which have been built on the specifications of Dr. B. R. Coad, chief of the Delta Laboratory of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture at Tallulah, La. This fleet will dust over 60,000 acres of cotton and many acres of peaches this summer.

### 60,000 Acres of Cotton Protected

Macon, Mar. 20.—Sixty-five thousand acres of cotton will be protected from the ravages of boll weevil and kindred pests during the approaching summer, according to the plans of Huff Daland Dusters, Inc. Eighteen specially built planes, backed by all the resources of modern science, will wage war upon enemies of cotton and other crops.

### PICKING BASES FOR AIR DUSTING

The bases in Georgia for the airplane dusting of Huff Daland Dusters, Inc., are now being selected. Representatives of the company are canvassing the State and interviewing the authorities in every section, with a view toward arranging demonstrations by airplane in the course of the next few weeks. Bases will be finally chosen on the basis of the interest shown by planters in each section after such demonstrations.

The towns which have been visited up to date include Perry, Vienna, Cordele, Ashburn, Tifton, Sylvester, Moultrie, Americus, Albany, Arlington, Edison, Abbeville, Fitzgerald, Dublin, Millen, Waynesboro, Cochran, and Hawkinsville.

A unit will consist of two planes, one on actual dusting duty and the other in reserve, which will insure complete and instantaneous service at all times.

### Official Film On Air Poisoning

Macon, Mar. 20.—The use of the U. S. Department of Agriculture moving picture film on airplane cotton dusting was offered today to any interested people by Huff Daland Dusters, Inc., Bibb Building, Macon. This is an excellent film, according to capable motion picture judges who have seen it, having been made under the direction of Dr. B. R. Coad at Tallulah, La. In many cases when it was shown it drew spontaneous applause from the audience.

### DUSTERS GREET NEWSPAPERMEN

That Huff Daland dusting airplanes will lay the trail of peach petals for the pageant and simultaneously drop greetings and best wishes to the newspaper men assembled at Fort Valley for the Fourth Annual Peach Festival was made public today in a statement by George B. Post, general manager of the new dusting concern, from the southeastern headquarters in the Bibb Building, Macon, Ga.

The planes, the only ones ever built for the express purpose of waging war on insect pests, will fill their hoppers with peach petals instead of the customary calcium arsenate and will fly over the route the pageant will travel, laying the most beautiful and most thorough trail of petals ever seen at a Fort Valley festival. Huff Daland Dusters have put the planes at the disposal of the Committee for the two days of the carnival, and it is possible that one may be seen as a float in the pageant.

Simultaneously, this special edition of the Duster Dispatch will be brought into Fort Valley by the planes.

"The Dispatch has been published especially for the newspaper men who will be at the Festival," said Mr. Post today. "Its chief purpose is to carry to the newspaper men of the South the greetings of our company, and our most cordial thanks for the intelligent and friendly interest displayed by the newspaper men in our project. The present prosperous state of our work is due in large measure to them."

## ALABAMA ANXIOUS FOR PLANE UNIT

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Selma, Ala., Mar. 19.—Following a recent meeting here of Farm Bureau representatives, State Agricultural College men, county agents, farmers, and representatives of the Huff Daland Dusters, Inc., the possibility of having Alabama cotton protected by one of the Huff Daland airplane units was discussed. It is believed that a unit will be established somewhere in the Black Belt, which has virtually been driven out of cotton-growing by the ravages of the boll weevil.

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## MISSISSIPPI WANTS AIRPLANE DUSTING

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Greenville, Miss., Mar. 19.—In consideration of the marked success of the dusting done near here last year by Huff Haland Dusters, Inc., leading growers of this vicinity are looking forward to having one or two airplane units of this company located here for the coming season. Mr. F. N. Robertshaw, president of the Citizens Bank, says that eleven hundred acres of this cotton last year were saved from destruction by army worm solely by the action of one dusting airplane, which did one hundred per cent effective work.

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## NORTH CAROLINA ENVIES GEORGIA'S AIRPLANES

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Raleigh, N. C., Mar. 19.—Attempts to secure one unit of Huff Daland Dusters, the concern which will operate a crop dusting fleet of airplanes in the South this season, are being made by the leading growers and agricultural authorities of North Carolina. W. Bruce Mabee, extension entomologist of the State Dept. of Agriculture, has expressed himself as firmly in favor of the airplane method of protecting crops, and has arranged a series of meetings at which the method will be explained.

Officials of the dusting company are known to be anxious to repay this interest by making every effort to establish a North Carolina unit.

## LEADING ACE TO DIRECT DUSTING

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Washington, D. C., Mar. 19.—The importance which the U. S. Government attaches to the destruction of the boll weevil and kindred pests is seen in the unprecedented action of the War Department in releasing, for one year, Lieut. H. R. Harris and assigning him to be operations manager for Huff Daland Dusters, Inc., of Macon, Ga.

Lieut. Harris has been chief army test pilot and holds 15 world's records—more than any other flier. He is the only man who has flown the Barling Bomber, the biggest airplane ever built.

The only other instance of such action by the War Department was the release of General Butler, who was assigned to police the city of Philadelphia.

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## UNUSUAL PAMPHLET PUBLISHED BY DUSTERS

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A complete pamphlet of questions and answers on every phase of cotton dusting by airplane is now being issued by Huff Daland Dusters, Inc. This is the first exhaustive collection of facts on this subject ever published, and as such it is creating great interest among cotton men. It includes details on operation, costs, facts about insurance and all other information. Copies may be had by writing to Huff Daland Dusters, Inc., Bibb Building, Macon, Ga.

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## GEORGIA ASSOCIATION PROGRAM BY AIRPLANE

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Atlanta, Mar. 19.—Literature of the Georgia Association in behalf of their diversified crop program will be broadcast over the State of Georgia by airplanes of the Huff Daland Dusters, Inc., according to a speech made by the dusting company's manager at a meeting of the Atlanta Secretaries' Club. The airplane concern, it is well known, is heartily in favor of the diversification of crops, since that will improve the financial condition of the farmer and render the entire state more prosperous.

# COTTON INSURANCE FOR FIELDS THAT ARE PROTECTED BY AIRPLANE FLEET

An announcement of the highest importance to Georgia farmers has been made by George B. Post, general manager of Huff Daland Dusters, Inc., to the effect that one of the oldest and biggest insurance companies in the world has arranged to write cotton crop insurance for those farmers who hold Huff Daland dusting contracts. The effect of this development upon the cotton situation, according to the best authorities, is difficult to overestimate, one leading grower going so far as to state that it will put cotton back on the pre-weevil basis.

Full details of the insurance, with coverage, premiums and so forth, will be announced in a day or two. In its preliminary investigation, the insurance company consulted the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the Georgia State College of Agriculture, and bankers and growers, and the announcement of the insurance policy is a distinct and marked expression of confidence not only in the airplane method but in the personnel of Huff Daland Dusters.

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## PEACH INDUSTRY OK'S PLANE DUSTING

Ft. Valley, Mar. 18.—Endorsement of the airplane method of distributing poison dust over peach trees has been made by the leading American peach authority, Dr. Oliver I. Snapp, of Fort Valley, in a telegram to Huff Daland Dusters of Macon, Ga. The telegram follows:

"Recent Tallulah work demonstrated practicability of dusting peach trees by airplane. Distribution of peach dust as uniform and satisfactory as that from ground machines. Expecting considerable acreage of peaches to be treated in Middle Georgia by airplane this season. Our station expects to promote this method which offers great possibilities."

Arrangements have been completed to dust the peaches of some of the leading growers of Georgia.

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The Progressive Farmer for the current week carries a thorough article on the Huff Daland dusting project.

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## CLASSIFIED ADS.

WANTED—A boll weevil that can withstand a calcium arsenate barrage when laid down by Huff Daland Dusters.

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WANTED—By A. B. Weevil, urgently and instantly, a device or method of surviving the coming summer in fields to be dusted by Huff Daland Dusters. I am truly desperate and must have immediate assistance. Address, Georgia Cotton Fields.

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WANTED—By veteran Army Worm, protection against sure death. I am being attacked from the air and am utterly unable to cope with the situation. Please advise at once.

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WANTED—By Insect Pest Association, some good old-fashioned farmers who will not hold Huff Daland dusting contracts this summer. We must find a comfortable crop where we will not be disturbed by demons of the air.

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## ARMY AND NAVY ENDORSE GA. PLANES

That the planes built by Huff Daland Dusters are "truly remarkable" and "my ideal of commercial airplane" are the opinions of leading flying officers of the U. S. Army and Navy.

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## MACON'S FLYING FIELD SUPERB

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The flying field which the Chamber of Commerce of Macon has prepared and leased for the use of Huff Daland Dusters has been pronounced to be superior to any municipal field in or near New York City. The dusting aviators who say this are among the most experienced fliers in the country and know every field from Hudson Bay to Nicaragua.

## PLANE WINS VICTORY OVER DARKNESS

Camp Wheeler, Ga.—(By Special Correspondence.)—With but a minute or two left before black darkness should cover the earth, a great airplane circled out of the northwest and dropped lightly on the field here this evening—the first ship of the Huff Daland Dusters to alight on the company's field. Lieut. H. R. Harris, chief of operations of the company, had flown it from Birmingham, Ala., a distance of two hundred miles in exactly two hours, in order to be in plenty of time to photograph, from the air, the Fort Valley Peach Festival.

Because of the morning's rain, Lieut. Harris believed it wise to wait in Birmingham until the weather cleared. He left at 4:45 in the afternoon, timing his flight so exactly that he arrived above Camp Wheeler at the last possible moment of daylight. The western sky was still glowing ruddily, but the watchers on the field were about to light fires at the four corners of the field as guiding signals.

When the Lieutenant stepped from his airplane, he stated that he was charged with the friendliest greetings from the people of Alabama to the people of Georgia upon the occasion of the great Peach Blossom Festival. The crowd that met him cheered loudly at the words. The Lieutenant then stepped into a motor car and sped away to Macon, where he was the guest at a large dinner of his friends and admirers.

This plane is especially equipped for air photographic work and will do much in that line during the season. It is believed that it may often prove of value to the newspapers.

This being just the same as our April 1st issue, we give below a statement of our ownership and control, as is required of all regular sheets. The party owning more than 1 per cent of our stock is Huff Daland Dusters, which also owns the other 99 per cent. Our editors are G. B. Post and R. W. Riis; our managing editor is Lieut. Harris, who is also our air correspondent. Our chief enemy is time, which is guilty of the faults in our make-up. Our circulation, like our blood pressure, is mounting daily. We have co-correspondents in almost every city, but no law-suits as yet.

## COMPANY'S NAME OFTEN MISPELLED

Few names seem susceptible of more varied spellings than that of Huff Daland Dusters, Inc. Among those that the company has collected from the press of the last month are Huff Deland; Huff De Land; Hull Doland; and Huff Dolan. The concern has also been designated as Company, Corp., Aero Corp., Aero Co., Airplane Co., Aircraft Corp., and has been variously attributed to Delaware, New York, New Jersey, and Georgia.

The correct name, according to the latest dispatches from Mr. Huff and Mr. Daland, is Huff Daland Dusters, Inc., and the way to pronounce it is "Huff Dayland," with the accent on the "day."

## COMPLETE DATA ON AIR DUSTING

Those interested in getting complete information, all data and authoritative opinion of airplane dusting will find the following list of publications of great value:

Georgia State College of Agriculture, extension bulletin 301.

Louisiana State University, extension circular 71.

The How and Why of Dusting Your Crops by Airplane, published by Huff Daland Dusters, Inc., Bibb Building, Macon, Ga.

U. S. Department of Agriculture, Bulletin 1204.

U. S. Department of Agriculture, Bulletin 1262.

State Colleges of Agriculture in all Southern states have published bulletins on the boll weevil and on calcium-arsenate dusting in general.

## AUDITOR ARRIVES; PAYROLLS ASSURED

Important among the recent arrivals at the offices of Huff Daland Dusters, Inc., is Mr. Louis H. Kohler, the company's auditor and office manager. He has taken a house in Macon, where he and Mrs. Kohler will live.