

### Events of the Week in the National Capital

**By RADFORD MOBLEY**  
Washington, D. C.—A 4-H Club's use is to help the young farm club to sport. It should never try to help the older folks through its young members. They have their own agencies which have their own part in the far-flung scheme of State and Federal extension systems.

This was the policy laid down a year ago by Federal officials deeply interested in the proper development of the 4-H club. It isn't fair to the youngster and it isn't fair to his elders, to use him to reach them, it was said. How has this advice worked out when applied to the practical realities of advising farmers in crop combating the drought, increasing his poultry revenue, weeding out his livestock?

The best answer, says George L. Conway, the department of agriculture expert who keeps his finger on the pulse of extension work in every State, lies in the demand for home economics and county agricultural agents.

In nearly every state in the Union, the director of extension work is going to add from one to six home economics experts; provide additional funds to enable State directors of 4-H Club work to keep in constant contact with the work, and to put on new subject specialists.

A feature is the interest this year in marketing specialists. Two-thirds of the states are adding these men to give local advice as to how to take full advantage of the vast Federal farm board program. The contact of these specialists with the boys and girls of the 4-H clubs is expected to furnish one of the best avenues to success in the farm board's plans.

Not only is the budget for this year in extension work more extensive as regards allotment of Federal funds, but every State is expected to increase its expenditure. So insistent has the demand become that a special \$1,000,000 appropriation was asked of Congress and was granted just before the session ended. This brings the Federal expenditure for the work to more than \$4,000,000 for the fiscal year just beginning. With the State funds added, the total for the country will not be far from \$10,000,000.

Washington offers few contrasts for visitors which equal that between the dry-as-dust figures being ground out by the census bureau as a result of the enumeration just ended and the army of workers who do the grinding. There is nothing dry, as dust about one of the long card-punching rooms in the bureau, for nearly every one of the 5,000 or so temporary employees who do the routine work of compiling the figures is a flapper apparently a year or so short of college.

Because Director W. M. Stewart felt youth was a requisite for the alertness and speed needed, an age limit of 35 was set for these employees. As a result the age limit appears to have been 20. Half after half in the early temporary shacks of the bureau blossoms with rows of sprightly youngsters, most of them feminine. But for all their youth Director Stewart is highly pleased with the speed and accuracy thus far displayed.

Just as the government reached the end of the \$10,000,000 pocket-book out of which has come money to battle the corn-borer, nature stepped in to help out. The drought, which has meant destruction to many grain farmers, will be a boon to many others if, as is expected, it nips the advance of the borer. Only \$125,000 remained of the corn-borer fund for use this year and it will be exhausted by the end of the year. Many moths of the borers died before coming out during the drought and others did not lay the usual number of eggs.

The army and the navy have been so bitterly engaged in a controversy over which branch of the service shall control coastal air defense that the President has been asked to intervene to settle the matter and Charles Lindbergh has been called in as a youthful arbiter. The fight is of long standing, but was renewed recently when the army discovered that the navy has equipped planes for fighting as well as for scouting in Hawaii and Panama. The army has contended that its air forces shall do the fighting from land, and the navy has been permitted to have only scouting planes on a land base. The navy has replied that such a distinction is impossible, asking whether a navy plane must seek an army flier when an enemy is found over land.

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### JULY WARMEST IN 23 YEARS IN STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Raleigh.—July was the warmest July in 23 years with the exception of 1923 which was exactly the same as 1930 in both mean and highest temperature for the month.

The monthly summary of North Carolina weather conditions, prepared by Lee A. Hanson, meteorologist in charge of the Raleigh United States Weather Bureau, showed a July mean temperature for the 67 stations of 78.2 degrees, 2.2 degrees above normal.

During July readings of 100 degrees or higher were recorded at 35 stations. Carolina reported the highest official mark of the month, 106 degrees, on the 12th. Banners Elk had the lowest of July with a 38 at Banners Elk on the 3rd. Goldsboro had the highest monthly mean, 82.5 degrees, and Mount Mitchell the lowest, 58.2 degrees.

Rainfall was 2.24 inches below the normal for the State with an average precipitation of 3.70 inches. Southport had the most rain, 9.50 inches, and Moxley, Wilkes County, the least, 0.50 of an inch.

"Ordinarily," the summary said, "this is the month of the heaviest rainfall and the amounts reported were short of normal by one and one-half inches in the eastern and central districts and nearly four inches in the western district. Amounts were very light in parts of the mountain region, some stations, mainly in the northern portion, reporting one inch or less. A few of the southeastern stations reported more than the normal amount."

Heavy hail occurred mainly in streaks on July 9 in Cumberland, Johnston, Sampson and Wayne Counties. The damage was estimated at \$150,000.

In the Coastal plain, the summary said, the periods of rainfall and sunshine were about as needed and not clear days in the latter part of the month. Field soil weevils in check so that cotton in addition to corn, tobacco and other crops made good to excellent progress.

Favorable conditions also resulted in good progress in most of the Piedmont, though in parts of the upper section advance of corn and tobacco was only fair owing to insufficient rainfall.

Timely rains brought about a very good peach crop, better than anticipated early in the season.

In the mountain section a marked deficiency in rainfall resulted in poor to only fair advance of crops of most of that section, especially in the northern and parts of the eastern portion of the section. Drouth in Serrv, Wilkes and other northwestern counties caused considerable shortage of pasturage, meadows, upland corn, tobacco and other crops. The water supply was also short in some localities.

Dairy men in the Zebulon community of Wake County are buying cows from the drouth-stricken area of Virginia.

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