

SURVEY PLANNED THROUGHOUT N. C. ON FARM LABOR

Only 2 States Selected For Federal Census Starting March 1

A cooperative farm labor survey "to be used in vital national defense planning" will be conducted throughout the State beginning March 1 under supervision of the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service. The Department of Agriculture has allocated \$20,000 to meet the cost.

North Carolina is one of two States in the Nation selected to conduct the farm labor census. Indiana has been designated as the other State.

"The present emergency and drain on farm labor by defense forces makes it imperative that agricultural agencies and leaders be informed as to the availability of farm workers," said Frank Parke, Federal statistician of the State Department of Agriculture. "Information gathered will be used also in acquainting defense agencies with the labor needs of farmers.

North Carolina, is the only Southern State making an annual farm census survey and the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service of the Department ranks No. 3 in the Nation.

More than 30,000 farmers will be contacted through the mails and by workers in connection with the survey.

Frank Crawford Ruins G-Man Stamey's Plan To Corral Desperado

Petrolman Frank Crawford, of Murphy is sad and disconsolate these days. He is all but heart-broken over the loss of a prized aide and friend.

The ex-friend and aide is Mr. Wiff (G-Man) Stamey, who has announced that so far as he is concerned Policeman Crawford is all washed up. Super-sleuth Stamey explains that Crawford was all wrong in looking him up on a charge of being lashed with liquor.

"Aint drunk," the "Ge-man" protested to the town policeman. "Just acting that way 'cause I'm on a case. There's a crook, with a big reward on him, hiding out around these parts. I been getting a line on him and been acting drunk so his pals wouldn't get wise."

It would have been a good story, except that Stamey didn't seem able to stop "acting drunk". So he was hauled to the calaboose.

As Jailer Patton Coleman led him away, Wiff shot Crawford a dirty look.

"I'm through with you" he announced. "And I aint ever gonna work with you no more."

Mrs. Emma Rush Tate Dead; Services Held At Liberty, Jan. 13

Funeral services were held Jan. 13, for Mrs. Emma Rush Tate at the Liberty Baptist Church 4 miles west of Murphy. Interment was in the Church Cemetery. Townson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Tate was born in Fain County, Georgia, July 27, 1872. She married the late J. F. Tate in October 1888, to this union 19 children were born. She is survived by 9 sons, Frank and Paul of Ducktown, Tenn.; Noel of Gastonia, N. C.; Wm. and Neal of Lynch, Ky.; Homer and Ocasan of Georgia; Ed of Etowah, Tenn.; and Fred of Murphy. 4 daughters, Mrs. J. L. Hall of Murphy; Mrs. George Arnold, of Dalton, Ga.; Mrs. Emma Mills, of Ringold, Ga.; and Mrs. Mae Taylor, of Chattanooga.

Palbearers were grandsons and flower girls were the granddaughters of the deceased.

"Star Router" Escapes As Car Skids in Snow, Turning Over 5 Times

Frank Pruett, who lives in the Warne section, and who is well known throughout Cherokee County as a "Star Route" mail carrier had an almost miraculous escape from death during the recent snow storm. One of the tires on his car had a blow-out shortly after he left Bryson City with the mail for Murphy, and his car skidded off the road.

Pruett was on a curve, with a mountain on one side, and a ravine on the other. His car skidded into the ravine. Before it came to rest it had turned over five times.

Both sides of the car, and the top were crushed, and windows were broken, but non-shatter glass saved the driver from flying particles. Pruett climbed out of the car considerably bruised and shaken up, but otherwise unharmed.

Post Office Seeks Home for 10 Years; Bids Being Sought

The Murphy Post Office is looking for a home. Not that it has no place to go. It is just that the lease on the quarters they have occupied for so many years, just below the Dickey hotel is about to expire.

Therefore, bids are being sought for a new lease. The Government will rent quarters for a period of from five to ten years. Bids should be submitted for both periods.

The quarters sought must be centrally located, must be on the ground floor, and must have at least two entrances. There also should be several windows. Those submitting bids are asked to submit diagrams showing the ground plan of the quarters. Photographs of both interior and exterior also are desirable, but not required.

All bids must be in by February 15, and the quarters offered must be ready for occupancy by the Postal authorities by August 10, 1942.

Bids should be submitted both on basis of heat and light furnished, and without either being supplied.

Further details may be gotten from Howard Moody, Murphy Postmaster.

All bids should be mailed to W. R. Morgan, Post Office Inspector, Box 4998, Jacksonville, Fla.

Crop—Feed Loans Awaiting Farmers At Court House

Emergency Crop and Feed loans for 1942 are now available to farmers in Cherokee County, and applications are being received in the office of the clerk of the court, in Murphy.

Loans will be made, as in the past to farmers whose cash requirements are relatively small, and who are unable to obtain loans sufficient to meet their needs from other sources.

Money will be advanced to meet the applicant's cash needs in preparing for and producing food for paring for and producing his crops, or in purchasing or producing food for his livestock. Mr. Ghormley pointed out that eligible farmers, if they so desire, may apply now for loans to take care of their production needs for the entire 1942 season.

Interest will be charged at the rate of four per cent per year, but will be charged only for the period that the borrowers actually use of the funds. Thus, if he uses the money only six months, he will pay only two per cent.

Farmers who obtain loans for the production of cash crops are required to give a first lien on the crops financed as security. Farmers securing loans for purchase or production of food for livestock must give a first lien on the animals to be fed.

LIBRARY SEEKING YOUR OLD BOOKS FOR ARMY BOYS

All Kinds; From Fiction To Mathematics Will Be Sent to Camps

Citizens of Cherokee, Clay, and Graham counties are asked to study their book shelves for books which may be useful in military posts throughout continental United States and islands. The Murphy Library, headquarters for the Nantahala Regional Library Service, will be the collection center for books donated in the three counties.

Every local community is asked to participate in a nationwide drive known as the Victory Book Campaign and sponsored by the American Library Association, the American Red Cross, and United Service Organizations.

Types of books needed: Applied psychology, Current Affairs, Military Publications, Crime and the F. B. I., Police systems and fingerprinting, English Grammars, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Calculus and tables of Logarithms (Mathematics books are needed in the study of ballistics and for many promotional examinations), Up-to-date technical books, Accounting, Shorthand, Business and Salesmanship, Lettering and Mechanical drawing, Photography, Cartoons, Well-illustrated books of all types, Books about Music, Sports, Novel and Playwriting, Poetry and individual Plays, Geography, Travel (of the last ten years) Biography (especially the shorter, more popular type), History (particularly Europe and North and South America since 1900). Technical and scientific books earlier than 1935 are generally not useful. Texts in present use in law and medical schools are wanted by men who have had to stop professional courses to go to military training. Fiction books needed are: Adventure, Aviation Stories, Historical Novels, Humor, Mystery, Sports, Western Magazines are not accepted. Other agencies are collecting these for scrap paper.

This paper will announce the date for collection of books.

Post Office in Flames; Saved Because Moody Has to "Work Extra"

Postmaster Howard Moody had to make out a special report last Sunday, so he went down to his office to spend the afternoon working. Otherwise there might not be any post office building today.

Shortly before two o'clock Moody smelled smoke. The furnace often smokes, and so Moody thought nothing of it until he says, "it began to smell different".

Investigating, he found a thin tongue of flame spearing its way through floor-vent around the steam pipes in the rear.

Meanwhile, Mr. H. T. Utt, of the Dickey Hotel, and Tax Agent Tom Mauney had come into get their mail. Mr. Utt went to the residence of Mrs. Maude Dickey, next door, and turned in an alarm. Messrs. Mauney and Moody went to the Dickey Hotel and did the same thing.

Then all three went back and began pouring water on the floor, hoping it would seep through the boards, and keep the flames down.

When the firemen came a hole was cut in the floor, and the blaze was soon extinguished.

The fire is believed to have been caused by an overheated furnace. No postal property was lost and the damage was negligible.

Save All Waste Paper Scouts Will Collect It

People having old newspapers, magazines or box cartons are urged to notify Miss Mary Jo Davis at the Chamber of Commerce booth.

Patriots Give \$1,500 To Red Cross War Fund; Drive to End This Week

With more than \$1,500 pledged, much of it already "cash in hand", the Red Cross drive has been extended until the end of the week, to complete collections, and solicit a number of persons the workers have been unable to contact.

Drive Chairman Joe Ray says he expects the total to be at least \$2,000—which will be double the quota set for the Murphy Chapter.

The territory was divided into districts, with more than fifty workers, each of whom was assigned to his immediate territory. Thus far, Ray said, every person seen has donated.

Scores of persons have donated one day's pay. There were many donations of \$5 and a number of children, to whom a penny means a great deal, gave nickels and dimes.

Georgians Unhappy As TVA Men Leave Trail of Desolation

In spite of its huge payroll, the TVA has not brought 100 per cent joy to the residents of nearby Towns County, Ga. Towns County Herald, of Hiawasse, Ga. says, in part:

The Tennessee Valley Authority has purchased 7,050 acres of Towns County Land. Not quite as much was taken in Clay County, N. C. of the 7,250 acres, 1,900 acres was crop land; 500 acres pasture land.

The reservoir clearance crew went to work January 1 to clear the land of everything—haystacks, buildings, fences. They must be through by Feb. 1.

Our County agents were informed that work would start in Clay County, and they would work this way. Therefore, they were amazed to learn the crew had started in the Woods-grove vicinity, destroying barns, feed-stuff and everything they came to.

A few farmers have not been able to get their corn and feedstuff all in, fences saved, and buildings moved. Monday the County agents found Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Tatham trying desperately to get moved, and the house completely torn down before the workmen reached them. They hadn't been able to get help, and the weather had been too rainy for moving.

must be obeyed. Don't blame the workmen for setting fire to and destroying everything in their wake.

The clearing crew has orders that

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N. C. Still Lagging In Listing Number Of Trucks, Busses

The Federal Government has called for the "utmost speed" in completing the national truck and bus inventory and asks that North Carolina attempt to have its part of the job done before the official deadline of January 31st.

Approximately 55 percent of the questionnaires mailed November 17th have been returned. These include complete inventories on trucks and buses owned and operated by the State Highway and Public Works Commission and the State School Commission.

Local civilian defense councils throughout the State have been requested to cooperate in this work.

The State's present record of 55% returns compares to less than 35% last month, but is still below the average, which is 60%. More than 20 states have returns of better than 80% and ten states have returns above 90%.

RATIONING RULES GIVEN IN DETAIL REGARDING TIRES

County Starts Listing Numbers on Casings To Thwart Thieves

The County began registering all tires this week, to make identification easier in case of theft. Headquarters will be in the Town Clerk's office, in Murphy, with Miss Mattie Graves as clerk.

Registrations may also be made in Andrews, or with any member of the County Tire Rationing Board. There are three Board members: Chief of Police Frank Mehaffey, of Andrews, Chief Fred Johnson, of Murphy, and Murphy Town Clerk Eph Christopher.

The Murphy office will be open daily from 9 until 12 noon and from 1 to 2:30 p. m.

Every car owner is requested to bring or send in the numbers on his or her tires.

During the past week the board issued two permits to buy new tires. One of these went to Chief Mehaffey, for the Andrews police car. The other went to W. D. Townson, of Murphy for use on one of his ambulances.

This week the Board will be able to issue permits for three tires for light trucks or passenger cars, and 14 tires for heavy trucks. No permits will be issued, however, unless the owners of the vehicles can qualify under the regulations.

The Board requests that all car and truck owners read the following list carefully. If you cannot qualify, the Board asks that you save their time, and your own, by not asking for tire permits. There will be no exceptions.

Tires will be sold for the following uses, only:

No certificate shall be issued unless the applicant for the certificate certifies that the tire or tube for which application is made is to be mounted:

(a) On a vehicle which is operated by a physician, surgeon, visiting nurse, or a veterinary, and which is used principally for professional services.

(b) On an ambulance.

(c) On a vehicle used exclusively for one or more of the following purposes:

1. To maintain fire fighting services;
2. To maintain necessary public police services;
3. To enforce such laws as relate specifically to the protection of public health and safety;
4. To maintain garbage disposal and other sanitation services;
5. To maintain mail services;

(d) On a vehicle, with a capacity of ten or more passengers, operated exclusively for one or more of the following purposes:

1. Transportation of passengers as part of the services rendered to the public by a regular transportation system;
2. Transportation of students and teachers to and from school;
3. Transportation of employees to or from any industrial or mining establishment or construction project, except when public transportation facilities are readily available.

(e) On a truck operated exclusively for one or more of the following purposes:

1. Transportation of ice and of fuel;
2. Transportation of material and equipment for the building and maintenance of public roads;
3. Transportation of material and equipment for the construction and maintenance of public utilities;
4. Transportation of material and equipment for the construction and maintenance of production facilities;
5. Transportation of material and equipment for the construction of defense housing facilities and military and naval establishments;

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