

Birthday, Fish Can Hold Out

OUR DEFENSE

Engineer Corps and the Army have special duties in our Army going places with headquarters. They are combat arms. If they have to throw down their slide rule and their telephone instrument out to show the way to throw lead at an

of Engineers is the technical end of the Army. It is in peacetime by building dams, and other structures. If a dirt road needs doing an Army engineer can't do it. If you have a dirt road then reach in and pull out a slide rule. If you have a dirt road done, he has done it.

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There is the story about Bunk the Red coming south across the Baltic Sea back in the ninth century, with a fleet of 10,000 ships to whale the tar out of the tribes on the southern shore. Well, it appears that Bunk didn't have telephones, telegraph, radio, motorcycles, airplanes, and hearing aids such as our Signal Corps has today. One unit didn't know what the next was up to. The tribes on shore just slaughtered the men as they came ashore boat by boat. That was a lesson in communications.

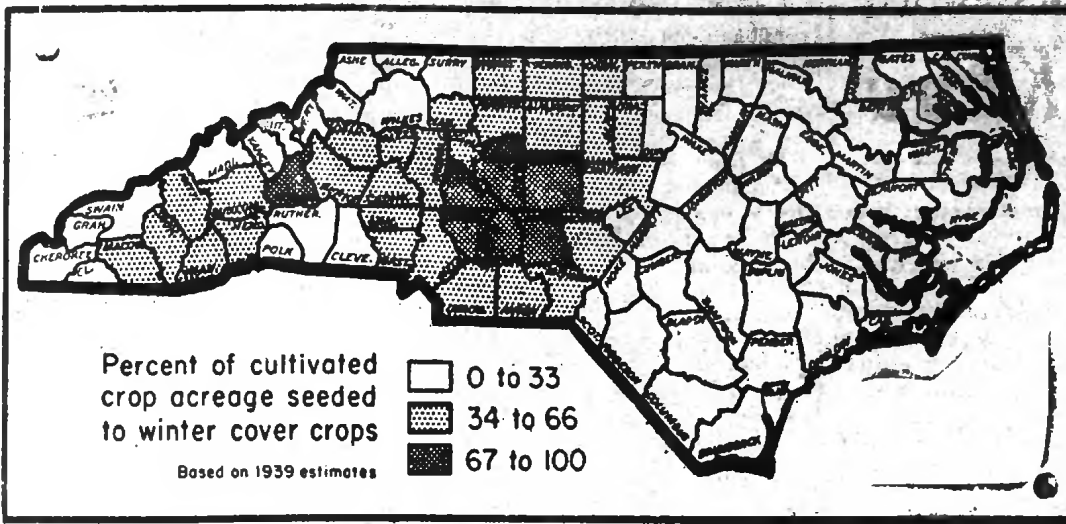
Our Signal Corps has all those methods of communication, including a few more that they have up their sleeves but don't say much about. On the side, it takes care of the weather, photographs, and moving pictures for training purposes. It also eavesdrops on the enemy communications and picks up some mighty interesting information in the process.

Like the Engineers, when its duties of keeping communications open carry it close to the front lines, the Signal Corps takes time off from its other activities to do a little straight shooting.

Before new commercial products and inventions can be adapted to military communications, a considerable modification or a complete redesign is usually necessary. Then, means of getting the redesigned equipment manufactured must be set up by the Assistant Secretary of War. The factories capable of producing this equipment are selected, and the National Defense Advisory Commission sees to it that the equipment is produced. This is being done.

The Signal Corps also operates its own fixed radio network throughout the United States, and keeps in touch with the whole Army—both here and overseas. In addition, the Army has organized some 1,200 of the 50,000

North Carolina Needs More Cover Crops



As shown by the map above, a considerable portion of North Carolina's cultivated farm land is left bare during the winter, subject to destructive erosion and leaching. It is estimated that North Carolina farmers participating in the AAA farm program seeded 620,000 acres of cover crops in the fall of 1939. The state AAA committee points out that farmers can prevent a large part of the annual loss of soil fertility by further increasing their acreage of protective winter cover crops.

State's Youth In Declining Prison Role Says Ezell

The high percentage of minors among recent arrests by Raleigh police is almost twice as high as it is for the county jail commitments for the state as a whole, according to W. C. Ezell, director of the institutions division of the state welfare department.

"State department records show the criminal of today is older than he was a few years ago. Of the 28,000 persons incarcerated in county jails in the four months from November, 1939 through February, 1940, two-thirds were aged 25 years or older.

"These figures are confirmed by the U. S. Census Bureau which reports that 17.9 percent of the

arrests in 1936 were under 21 years old in contrast with 23.4 per cent in 1927.

"State prison admissions also support the contention that it is not the younger people who are the heaviest contributors to crime. One-half the admissions for the fiscal year ended in June 1933 were 25 years of age or over. From then on the percentage of older persons gradually climbed up to 60.5 per cent in 1938 with figures for later years not yet made available.

"The total prison population has increased steadily over a long period. Prisoners under 25 years old in 1933 numbered 7,269 as against 7,452 in 1938. In 1932 there were 7,289 over 25 years in comparison with 11,421 in 1938.

"These figures can be seen in defense of youth today and other statistics are available to indicate that the young people present not a greater, but a less serious problem.

"The number of persons under 16 confined in county jails declined from 1,221 in 1933 to 784 in 1939. Children in detention quarters dropped from 1,221 in 1937 to 1,040 in 1939, and the state training school population has been lowered from 1,051 in July, 1933 to 894 in the same month of 1940."

New Beauty Salon Will Open In City

Newest addition to the business life of North Wilkesboro will be the Vogue Beauty Salon, which will open on Wednesday in quarters formerly occupied by Eckenrod's Studio on Main street.

Owners and operators of the new beauty culture establishment are Miss Era Templeton and Mrs. Gladys Absber Kilby, both of whom have many years experience in beauty culture work here and elsewhere and need no introduction.

New and modern equipment is being installed and the salon will be modern in every respect. A cordial invitation is extended to all to visit the new salon or to use the telephone, number 605, for an appointment.

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Hoey Commends American Legion

Raleigh, Sept. 13.—Governor Clyde R. Hoey today expressed his appreciation "of the work and activity of the American Legion in North Carolina in this period of crisis."

"I wish to urge every World War veteran in the State to join the American Legion, and to become a part of your great organization," the chief executive wrote in a letter to Department Commander R. Dave Hall of Belmont, and department membership Chairman Henry L. Ingram of Asheboro.

"I call special attention of all State employees who are World War veterans to the fine opportunity to join some post of the American Legion in this State and thus identify themselves with this strong and virile body of Americans.

"I congratulate both of you upon the progress which you are making in increasing your membership and solidifying your organization, and preparing it for continued patriotic and unselfish service in the promotion of the ideals of our republic and the perpetuation of the principles of genuine Americanism."

Governor Hoey has been a strong friend of the American Legion during his term of office. Department officials are confident his public endorsement of their program and his plea for World War veterans to affiliate with the American Legion will help the North Carolina department to reach its goal of 20,000 members.

Headed by Commander Hall, the North Carolina delegation will attend the annual national convention of the American Legion in Boston September 23-26. The delegation will include department Adjutant James Caldwell, immediate past Commander June Rose,

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