

# Planting Of Crops In N. C. Now Over One Week Late

## Many Farmers Will Not Get Corn And Cotton Planted Until After Tobacco Is Set

RALEIGH, May 24.—As a result of frequent spring rains, planting of crops is a week or more late in most sections of North Carolina, according to the North Carolina Service of the Department of Agriculture.

In the Coastal Plain area, farmers will not get corn and cotton planted until after tobacco is set, a reversal of the normal planting schedule, said Frank Parker, head of the service.

He declared that wheat production is expected to exceed last year's record crop. Parker predicted that although the peach crop will be short throughout the state and lower Piedmont and some commercial orchards in the Sandhills, a crop about equal to the 10-year average is now indicated in the State as a whole.

The complete report is as follows:

Wheat — Farmers anticipate harvesting a record wheat crop of 8,475,000 bushels in 1944. This is about 50 per cent more than last year's crop and 42 per cent more than the 10-year average. According to reports, farmers contemplating harvesting 10,000 acres, 22 per cent more than the 1943 acreage. May prospects point to a yield of 15 bushels per acre, only one-half bushel per acre less than the record yields of 1941 and 1942. Excessive rainfall at harvest last year severely damaged the crop in Piedmont counties.

Rice production — A seasonal return was seen in April when both Carolina hens laid 133 million eggs, which was two million more than were produced in April of 1943. The number of

eggs laid per hen was lower than last April, but there were more layers on farms. There were 9,085,000 layers in April, 1944, compared with 8,620,000 for April, 1943. The average output per hen was 14.94 eggs in April this year as against 15.57 last April.

Peaches—The 1944 peach crop is now expected to be about average. The bloom this year was exceedingly heavy, but April freezes thinned the crop to some extent. Production is now forecast at 2,052,000 bushels compared with 252,000 bushels harvested last year, when April freezes blasted the crop to the lowest production figure felt since 1909. The 10-year (1933-42) average is 2,074,000 bushels.

Prospects show little variation from one commercial area to another but there is considerably difference among the orchards. The crop is a failure in central and lower Piedmont, except in a few favorable locations.

Peach production in prospect May 1 in 10 Southern peach states was more than two and one-half times as great as the 1943 crop, 71 per cent as much as the large crop of 1942 and 84 per cent of the average.

Milk production—The cows of this State are producing more milk than last year and are above the average. On May 1, the average daily production per cow in herds of the various farm reporters was 12.2 pounds compared with 12 pounds on May 1, 1943, and 11.5 pounds for the 10-year average. Favorable weather and abundance of pasture were factors contributing to the high rate of production.

**WAS AT HOME**

Palmer Bellamy, S 2-c, recently spent four days with his parents near Supply. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bellamy and is a graduate of the Shallotte High School, class of 1943. The latest reports from him is that he is now on a ship stationed in Italian waters.

**RETURNS HOME**

After serving in the army for four years and seeing much active service, Curtis Varnum of the Boone's Neck community was recently discharged on account of disability and has returned home. He was wounded in the leg while serving against the Japs, several months ago. Outside of a limp, he has about recovered.

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# They Were in the Attack—Are You Backing Them Up With War Bonds?



John B. Ohe, 26, of Cincinnati, Ohio, a Motor Machinist 2nd Cl., was wounded during the invasion of Sicily. Doctors found 115 pieces of shrapnel when they operated. A brother is a prisoner in Germany. Both are buying War Bonds.



Walter Feitag, 20, of New York, was also wounded during the invasion of Sicily. He was in seven hospitals in Africa before being returned to the hospital at St. Albans. A brother, his mother and himself buy War Bonds regularly. Do you?



A straining German pilot wounded Lt. (jg) Hinton E. Kinney, 31, of Carrollton, Ga., during the Sicilian invasion, one bullet going through his right knee. He has just bought a \$1,000 War Bond. Are you buying your share of War Bonds?



Voight W. Baker, 30, of Detroit, Mich., is a Seabee. The ship he was on was torpedoed. His wife, brother and dad all work in the same defense plant in Detroit and buy War Bonds regularly. Baker owns \$1,500 worth. Are you buying your share of War Bonds?



Fire Controlman 3rd Class William C. Wenzel, 18, of Massillon, Ohio, a member of a destroyer's crew was wounded at Bierre in the Tunisian campaign. He received shrapnel wounds in both legs. The War Bonds you buy assure him the best hospital care.

Following the Long murder trial Elder Pea, Wilmington negro, will be placed on trial and it is understood that Solicitor Moore will ask for a manslaughter verdict. The negro allegedly drove his car into an army convoy one night, several months ago. Three negro women passengers with him in his car, were killed, several army men in the convoy were seriously injured, one of them dying after falling to rally to treatment for a broken back and other injuries. It is understood that the present charges against Pea cover only the matter of the death of his three companions and that action in the case of the dead soldier may come up later if the solicitor is not satisfied with the verdict in the present case.

## GEORGE T. ROURK DIES ON TUESDAY

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Active pallbearers will include members of the Masonic order. Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. J. W. Hayes, Prince O'Brien, Floyd Kirby, Dr. E. D. Bishop, R. D. White, Captain J. D. Church, Henry C. Stone, R. R. Stone, Dr. J. A. Stone and W. H. Stone.

Mr. Rourk was long identified with the progressive movements of his community where he succeeded his father in business. He was secretary-treasurer and trustee of the Shallotte Methodist church for more than forty years. He was also a long time member of the Masonic order.

# Two-Thirds State Teachers Could Relieve Help Shortage

## Dorton Says Summer Vacations of Teachers Furnish Great Opportunity To Help Labor Situation

RALEIGH, May 24.—If only two-thirds of the 25,000 teachers in North Carolina who are soon to be taking summer vacations will take essential jobs for the period, the number will be sufficient to fill all of the 16,047 jobs for which employers in the State have given order, Dr. J. S. Dorton, State director of the War Manpower Commission, advises.

These teachers will constitute a pool of nearly two million man-days and can do much to relieve the serious manpower shortage now existing in the State, Dr. Dorton points out. Naturally, all are not equipped and trained to take the specific jobs listed, but they can add materially to the war effort by taking jobs and can also add much to their incomes in this higher living cost period.

Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, State superintendent of public instruction, has sent a letter to city and county superintendents asking them to pass on to their teachers the urgency of the manpower problem and to advise them that the patriotic thing to do is to get into summer jobs which will contribute to the war effort or to civilian needs. All who are not planning to take summer courses to improve their teaching ability, and Dr. Erwin states that such study is desirable, should get into useful activities.

Naturally, all teachers who enter the labor market temporarily will have no trouble in getting released from jobs in time to resume their school work in the fall. They should have an understanding with their employers when they begin work.

Last summer many thousands of teachers joined the ranks of war worker or workers in essential or locally needed activities and contributed immeasurably to the war effort and the civilian economy, postponing vacations "for the duration." At the same time they were adding materially to their annual incomes.

Most teachers are ready to

# Baptists Elect Neef President

## Former Governor Of Texas Elected Denominational Chief For Third Time

ATLANTA, May 22.—(A. P.)—The Southern Baptist convention has unanimously re-elected as president for a third year Dr. Pat M. Neff, president of Baylor university and former governor of Texas.

Dr. Louie D. Newton, pastor of Atlanta's Druid Hills Baptist church who had been mentioned as Dr. Neff's possible successor, was unanimously elected first vice-president.

Dr. W. H. Williams, pastor of Pritchard Memorial Baptist church, Charlotte, N. C., was unanimously named second vice president, Dr. Hight C. Moore, of Ridgecrest, N. C., senior secretary for his 30th year, and J. Henry Burnett,

# Urges Greater Use Of Nitrate

## RALEIGH, — In an attempt to create greater production of corn in North Carolina this year, the State Feed Advisor Committee is now urging farmers to use larger quantities of nitrate of soda preferably 250 pounds to the acre.

Representatives of various agricultural agencies in the State agreed to push a campaign to this end.

E. M. Hansen, of Raleigh, agronomist, recently presented experiments conducted by him last summer which showed that with nitrate of soda selling for \$40 per ton, the cost per bushel of increased yield was 21 cents — based on 250 pounds to the acre.

Hansen said the number of pounds of nitrate of soda required — on the average — to produce an extra bushel of corn was 10.6 pounds. He explained that an acre of land which normally produced 23.4 bushels of corn, an application of 250 pounds of nitrate of soda increased the yield to 47 bushels.

Rupert C. Barnes, representative of the State War Board, recently informed the committee that this State's proportion of 1,000,000 bushels of Canadian oats to Southern states was Monday set at 147,500 bushels, more than any other state in the group. "On the advice of the committee, 40 per cent of this allotment will be used in the form of straight oats, the remainder to be used in the manufacturer of feed.

Despite the labor shortage and other difficulties, indications are that farmers will increase their production of various crops, Coltrane said, in showing that from July last year through May 8, fertilizer tags for 1,308,854 tons of fertilizer were issued, as compared with 1,231,061 tons for the same period a year ago.

# Can Grandmothers join the Elves, Leprechauns, Gnomes, and Little Men's Chowder and Marching Society, Mr. O'Malley?

## No, Barnaby... But they're enlisting in the Grandmothers War Bond League.

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# L. Y. BALLENTINE For Lieutenant-Governor

## FARMER and DAIRYMAN

He is a graduate of Wake Forest College, 1921; he served eight years as a member of the Wake County Board of Commissioners, and for four successive terms he was a member of the State Senate. Since 1941 he has been a member of the State Board of Agriculture.

Born and trained on a farm, his mature life has been devoted to work on and owner-management of farms. He has been the recognized spokesman of the farm group in the North Carolina Legislature since 1937.

L. Y. ("Stag") Ballentine has consistently been a friend of labor. He has also been the friend of the farmer and the business men. He has been a consistent supporter of education. From the time he entered public service in this county until this good day, his legislative record has been one that any man should be proud to possess.

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# IS ON CARRIER

Carl H. Holden, A. M. M. 2-c, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Holden of Supply, has been stationed on an aircraft carrier for the past year. He has been in the service for two years and had previously finished A. M. M. school in Memphis, Tenn. He is a graduate of the Shallotte High school of the class of 1939 and has two brothers in the service.

# RECENT MARRIAGE

A marriage of much interest to Shallotte and Lockwoods Folly people took place at Conway, S. C., last week. The groom, Mr. Mose Woodard, of Supply, is understood to be 72 years and Mrs. Woodard, the former Mrs. Lizzie Kirby of Shallotte, now Wof Wilmington, is 65.

# Release Twills For Civilian Clothing

NEW YORK. — Milady has copied military styles in more ways than one, and now she is wearing printed cottons made of the same twill which she has so admired in the passing Army and Navy parade. Released by the armed services for civilian use, this material has been difficult to distinguish from pique, either when shown in the piece goods department or in the ready-to-wear salon.

In piece goods the material is available in gay plaids on white for neat suits and two-piece dresses; colorful sports stripes for

# J. W. RUARK CANDIDATE FOR REPRESENTATIVE

The next Legislature will be confronted with questions of moment, such as rehabilitation of returning members of the Armed Forces, repairing and extension of State Highways, education, etc. I have served the District four times in the Senate and the County twice in the house of Representatives. I feel that my experience will be of value to the people of Brunswick county as their Representative and in return for the many honors conferred on me by the voters of the County in past elections, I again offer my services and experience to the voters as Representative in May 27th Primary.

Respectfully,  
J. W. RUARK.

# WHAT A FELLOW SENATOR THOUGHT

Below is a copy of one of many similar letters received after adjournment of last session.

BENSON, N. C.  
MAY 20, 1943.

DEAR SENATOR RUARK:

I did not get a chance to say goodbye to you when we left Raleigh. I now wish to say to you I really enjoyed being in the company of a group of men of which you were one. The reason I admired you was the fact that you and I seemed to believe in the basic principle of keeping quiet when we have nothing to say. Because of this your opinion as evidenced by remarks made to me by other Senators, was respected. I noticed with great pleasure that you never moved until you had something to say, and when you did it amounted to something. I respected your experience in the Legislature and tried to gauge my activities after the pattern you laid down.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Yours most sincerely,  
(Signed) J. B. BENTON.

