

### Supply, War, Called Big Cotton Factors

Cotton farmers, who will vote December 7 on a marketing quota for their 1941 crop, should give serious consideration to the European war and its effect on cotton, declares E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer of N. C. State College. Quotas will be in effect if approved by two-thirds of the farmers voting in the Nation.

"Regardless of the outcome of the war," Floyd said, "cotton farmers face difficulties ahead. If Germany and her allies win, the United States may be faced with unfavorable trade policies and economic blockades. If Great Britain wins, it will be extremely difficult to carry on normal trade in the markets of the world because a great part of the world's resources and purchasing power will have been dissipated."

Already the war has caused a severe reduction in cotton exports. During the first three months of the 1940-41 marketing season, the United States sold less than 300,000 bales of cotton abroad as compared with about 1,750,000 bales during the same period last year.

Domestic consumption of cotton, Floyd stated, continues at a high level. Estimates are that about eight million bales, a new record for domestic consumption, will be used in this country in the 1940-41 season. "However," Floyd warned, "loss in exports will more than offset the prospective gain in domestic consumption."

"Clearly," he continued, "cotton farmers must use every provision of their farm program to meet this situation. They must work together to keep supply in line with demand. Only in this way can they hope eventually to solve the problems affecting cotton which have been further aggravated by the war. Considering the situation which confronts cotton farmers, they have need for marketing quotas in 1941 more than ever before."

### USHA Celebrates Third Anniversary

Washington, D. C.—The United States Housing Authority today announced that on November 1st, its third anniversary, the public housing program had resulted in the completion or start of construction of 109,233 homes, or more than twice as many as there are in the entire city of Miami, Fla.

These homes, planned and built by Local Housing Authorities with the financial aid of the USHA, are providing decent living quarters at low rentals for low-income families throughout the country, USHA Administrator Nathan Straus asserted.

On November 1, 1937, there were only 46 local Housing Authorities. Today there are 507 in 38 states and territories and the District of Columbia. This increase in the number of these local housing agencies is itself an excellent illustration of the growth of the public housing movement.

### Delay Is Almost Certain To Cost Car Owner Money

Neglectful delay cost local automobile owners money last November when they failed to prepare their cars for winter driving. Some failed to change oils and damage resulted to motors. Some failed to insure against freezing and had radiator bills to pay. Don't delay, your garage and filling station operators warn.

### Latest BOOKS

By VERNON WARD

Books described in this section may be ordered by mail or phone from People's Book Club, a non-profit co-op, Robersonville.

**I Rode with Stonewall**, by Henry Kyd Douglas, published by the University of North Carolina Press, is a headline book for Christmas. The manuscript of this book lay around in trunks and attics from the time it was written, right after the Civil War, until it was dug out by accident last year.

Young Douglas started out at the beginning of the Civil War as a buck private, but almost immediately gained the rank of lieutenant. Later on he became inspector general in the Stonewall brigade, and still later adjutant general.

Douglas was the young man in Stonewall Jackson's staff, a dashing young romantic who blushed when he saw the girls, but rode and fought in a way which attracted women to him irresistibly. He had great admiration for his general, but didn't hesitate to laugh at him from time to time, for example:

"The morning he started on this trip, a gentleman of Winchester sent him a bottle of fine old whiskey. It was consigned to the care of the staff. As evening came on, it began to grow much colder, and it occurred to the general that a drink of wine—for such he supposed it was—would be very acceptable. Asking for the bottle, he uncorked it, tilted it to his mouth, and without stopping to taste, swallowed about as much of that old whiskey as if it had been light domestic wine. If he discovered his mistake he said nothing but handed the bottle to his staff, who, encouraged by the dimensions of the general's drink, soon disposed of all that he had left. In a short while the general complained of being very warm, although it was getting still colder, and unbuttoned his overcoat and some of the buttons on his uniform. The truth is, General Jackson was incipiently tight. He grew more than usually loquacious, discussed various interesting topics and among them the sudden changes of temperature to which the valley is liable."

This is only the beginning of what happened that night.

**I Rode with Stonewall** is a rip-roaring book, illustrated, 401 pages, \$3.00.

But it doesn't cost \$3.00 to buy good books. There's a new Grosset and Dunlap edition of Christopher Morley's *Kitty Foyle* out for a dollar, and Margaret Mitchell's *Gone with the Wind*, may now be had, clothbound, for 50 cents.

### Low-Cost Medical Care For Low-Income Families

The Community Health Center in Julia C. Lathrop Homes, public housing development in Chicago, will provide medical care for tenants and residents of the surrounding community, the United States Housing Authority announced.

The Health Center will provide, at low-cost, complete medical service, including arrangements for hospitalization and surgery.

### Down

The production of manufactured dairy products during 1939, in terms of whole milk equivalents, was slightly below the peak year of 1938, says the U. S. Agricultural Marketing Service.

### President Gets Christmas Seals—and a Song



Three little children, dressed to represent the child carolers pictured on the 1940 Christmas seal design, sing for the President as they present him with his quota of seals. President Roosevelt wears a smile as he listens to Judith Marti, 5; Elizabeth Sterling, 4, and Robert D. Nicodemus, 6 (left to right).

### On Dad's Sky Trail Already



The young man with a model plane is Richard Merrill, recently-born son of famed aviator Dick Merrill, pictured in St. Francis Hospital, Miami Beach, Fla. The proud mother is the former Toby Wing, movie star and kin of the English dramatist, Sir Arthur Wing Pinero. The Merrills' first baby died about a year ago.

### Lieut. Hayman, Sir!



The prettiest second lieutenant we ever did see is Rena Hayman, 22-year-old Boston nurse, who has been accepted in the U. S. army nurses corps with that rank. She begins her active army duties with an assignment to West Point.

### Export Market Loss Hits Apple Growers

Columbus, Ohio—A backwash of the war in Europe is being fought this fall in the peaceful orchards of American apple growers, according to Truman Nold, manager of the National Apple Institute.

The conflict overseas wiped out the normal export outlet for 10,000,000 bushels of apples. Mr. Nold said, thus threatening American growers with serious consequences unless that additional quantity could be worked into consumption at home. In North Carolina, where the estimated crop is 1,632,000 bushels, growers are deeply concerned, it was pointed out.

When Chester Davis of the National Defense Advisory Commission said several weeks ago, "The big job is to keep our farms in healthy production, and, at the same time, prevent American farmers from becoming the first American Economic Casualty of the New World War"—worried apple growers knew just what he was talking about, Nold explained. Marketing their full apple crop without loss is of vital importance to farm families in 32 states, he said.

**Successful**  
What foresters call an extraordinarily successful fire season has just closed in the northern and western National forests, reports the U. S. Forest Service.

**Cigarettes**  
The consumption of cigarettes in 1939 established an all-time high of 172,500,000,000, up 5 per cent from the 163,800,000,000 of 1938, despite increased state sales taxes.



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### MERRY CHRISTMAS MONTH On The Farm and in The Home



**December**  
The Pigtlets two on Christmas Day found lovely things upon their tree, And they got busy right away With toys in great variety. While Bolivar made far more noise Than forty 'leven girls and boys.

Ma hoped that she would get perfume Which would have tickled her a lot. But just a plain and useful broom Was all the present that she got. Yet she was glad with all the others. For that's the way with first rate mothers.

The month of December usually means "hog-killing" time in North Carolina, but there are things other than cold weather that are important in curing meat.

Earl H. Hostetler, professor animal husbandry at N. C. State College, says pork of excellent quality can be cured on the farm if proper precautions are taken in slaughtering the hogs and in curing, smoking and storing the meat.

In past years, a folder published by the extension service on killing and curing meat has proved extremely popular with farm people. This publication has been revised this fall to include the latest recommendations and will soon be off the press. Farm families desiring a copy should write to the Agricultural Editor at State College, Raleigh, and ask for Extension Folder No. 34.

Enos Blair, extension agronomist, says there are plenty of jobs for the good farmer to get out of the way before Christmas. In the Piedmont, he advises plowing all clover and lespedeza lands that are to be planted to corn, cotton, or any other crop next spring. By plowing in the late fall or early winter, the soil will be subjected to freezing and thawing, a process which not only kills out many troublesome insects but also pulverizes the soil in a manner unrivaled by any other means. On red clay farms, fall plowing is often the difference between success and failure in next year's crop.

For growers in the Coastal Plain, Mr. Blair gives this timely advice: Disc under all corn, bean and cotton stalks before the end of the year. By incorporating these stalks into the first three or four inches of soil, they will decay considerably before crop-planting time, and the results will be much better than when the stalks are turned under early in the spring.

December, says Roy S. Dearstyne, head of the State College Poultry Department, is a critical month for North Carolina poultrymen. Winter is here, necessitating many days of

### Defense Housing Projects Are Built In Record Time

Eighty-six days after the start of construction, defense workers and their families moved into Moreno Courts, Pensacola, Fla., the first USHA defense housing project in the country.

A second defense housing project, Riverside Heights Addition, in Montgomery, Alabama, was also ready for tenants on November 1, 95 days after the start of construction. Homes in both projects are of permanent construction, built to last at least 60 years.

**Returns to Weldon**  
Miss Eva Peil has returned to her school in Weldon after spending the holidays here with her mother, Mrs. Sadie Peil.

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