

Final State Farm Crop Summary for Year Is Released

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erage of 635,440 acres. This year's acreage is 41 per cent below 1939 and 19 per cent below the ten-year average. The 1940 yield per acre for the State, placed at 990 pounds, is 51 pounds above the previous record yield made last year and 209 pounds above the ten-year average. The 1940 record high yield accounts for production this season being 2 per cent above the ten-year average when the acreage is 19 per cent below the corresponding period.

Corn
Corn production decreased 6 per cent in 1940 and is the lowest since 1936. Total production is estimated at 44,733,000 bushels compared with 47,619,000 bushels produced in 1939 and the ten-year (1929-38) average harvest of 42,517,000 bushels. The yield per acre of 18.5 bushels is 5 per cent under last year and only slightly above the ten-year average. The low yield for 1940, which ranks 34th among the states of the Union, was caused by the dry weather during late July when the crop was at its crucial maturing stage. The acreage harvested this year decreased 1 per cent but is 4 per cent above the ten-year average acreage. Of the 2,418,000 acres harvested for all purposes, 96 per cent was used for grain, 1 per cent cut for silage and 3 per cent used for hogging, grazing and forage.

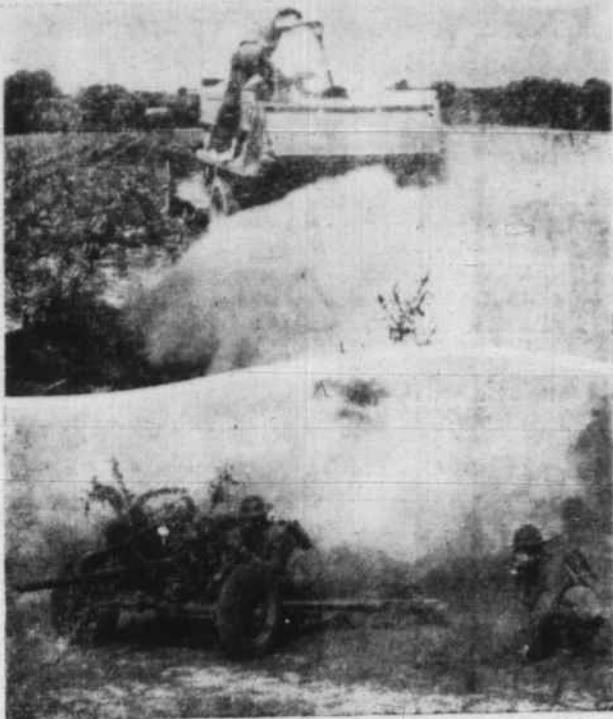
Hays
North Carolina's farmers set an all-time record of 1,181,000 acres harvested for hay in 1940. The total production of 1,011,000 tons for this dry year is surpassed only by the 1939 record production and is 40 per cent above the ten-year (1929-38) average. The increase in the hay acreage has been brought about by the wide expansion in lespedeza. Almost insignificant in relative importance in 1931, lespedeza is now North Carolina's most important hay crop, accounting for over 26 per cent of the state's total hay crop. Lespedeza, soy beans, cowpeas and peanut hay account for about 63 per cent of the State's total hay production. The remaining portion is made up of alfalfa, clover and timothy, sweet sorghum, grains cut green for hay, wild and meadow hay, etc. The 1940 distribution of the latter group of hays is as follows: 68,000 tons of clover and timothy; 60,000 tons of grains cut green for hay; 55,000 tons of miscellaneous tame hay; 36,000 tons of wild hay; 29,000 tons of sweet sorghum for forage; and 17,000 tons of alfalfa.

Sweet Potatoes
There were 74,000 acres of sweet potatoes harvested in North Carolina in 1940 as compared with 77,000 acres last year and a ten-year (1929-38) average of 86,000 acres. The estimated total production of 7,104,000 bushels is 18 per cent less than 1939 and 13 per cent less than the ten-year (1929-38) average of 8,163,000 bushels. This year the crop yielded 96 bushels per acre as compared to 112 bushels in 1939. The average more than 1939 and a total value of \$5,328,000 as compared to \$5,606,000.

Soy Beans
The 1940 production of 2,282,000 bushels of soy beans for beans is about 13 per cent above last year's production and 70 per cent above the ten-year (1929-38) average. The 1940 acreage harvested was slightly higher than 1939, which with an increase in yield of 1.0 bushel per acre resulted in a record production for 1940. Of the State's total soy bean acreage this year, it is estimated that 450,000 was interplanted and 321,000 grown alone, or a total of 546,000 equivalent solid acres. The acreage harvested for beans is estimated at 169,000 acres; 203,000 acres for hay; and 174,000 acres grazed or plowed under.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Crawford spent the week-end with relatives in Randleman.

These Clouds Mean Defense



Clouds arise as North Carolina farmers increase the fertility of their fields by treating them with lime. Clouds arise as American soldiers increase their skill through artillery practice. Both fertile soil and skilled gunners are vital to the nation's defense. In 1940 farmers of North Carolina were furnished 230,000 tons of ground agricultural limestone through the AAA grant-aid program. They bought and applied many more thousands of tons of lime through private purchases. In 1939 North Carolina farmers applied 195,040 tons of lime; in 1938 they used 144,396 tons, according to reports of county farm agents of the State College Extension Service.

Victims Of War Are Cheered By Promise Of Additional Aid

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declarations, Hitler was reported moving a division of his troops against the Greeks in a belated effort to help his pal, Mussolini, in Albania. There is a rumor that German troops will push across Yugoslavia for a striking blow against Greece probably along the direct river valley route to the little country's Aegean seaport of Salonika. Other observers, however, are of the belief that Hitler is interested only in his promised invasion of the British Isles; that he will not withdraw his attention from that direction to any great extent.

Meanwhile, Britain is increasing its fortifications at Gibraltar, indicating that the war scene will become more active in the Mediterranean and Balkan areas. In this country, the Fifth Columnists apparently headed by one Senator Burton K. Wheeler, are trying to get the world to bow down to Germany's mad man and accept a dictated peace—a peace dictated by a barbarian. Wheeler explained in a speech last night, that he would restore Germany's 1914 boundaries and colonies, restore the independence of France, Belgium, Holland, Norway and Denmark—the countries who had independence just before Hitler started his wild march across Europe. He would also restore freedom for all races. He did not say how he could restore those things when Hitler denies them to his own people and to those whom he has brought under his heel.

Late reports from Europe state that Petain, head of the French government in Vichy, has balked Hitler's efforts to take over the French fleet by sending it to Africa. Possibly in answer to President Roosevelt's Sunday night talk, Hitler is thought to be making plans for a knock-out blow against England. Italy was said to have been bitter in its attack on the President's talk.

In this country there is a possibility of a curtailment in the manufacture of luxuries where such manufacture would tend to delay the defense program. No advance in prices is anticipated however.

Its ancient city of famous buildings, including nine old churches but not St. Paul's, virtually wiped out by fire, London today was having it fairly quiet from the air. Little activity was reported on the African front, but the Greeks were reported to be pushing on to new victory despite reports that Hitler was moving in to help the Italians.

Seeks \$15,000.00 For Injuries Received In Recent Accident

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ner warn him concerning the same or to have such warning and instructions give by his employees who knew, and his failure to do so constituted negligence. The injuries herebefore complained of were due to no fault, negligence or carelessness upon the part of the plaintiff, but were solely due to the negligence and carelessness of the defendant in his failure to furnish the plaintiff with safe tools and appliances and a safe place in which to work, and in failing to instruct the plaintiff in the use and in working around such dangerous machinery, tools and appliances and informing the plaintiff and warning him as to the dangers thereof, knowing at the time that the plaintiff was green and ignorant about such machinery, tools and appliances and such negligence were the direct and proximate result and cause of the injuries herebefore set out, which have resulted in the loss of earning capacity to this plaintiff. That by reason of all the aforesaid injuries sustained by reason of the negligence of the defendant herebefore set out the plaintiff has been damaged in the sum of fifteen thousand and no-100 (\$15,000) dollars.

affected the value of the cars. Tax Supervisor S. H. Grimes urged the list-takers to prepare representative lists, to try and place the owner's property on the books at a fair value and in proportion to another's property.

List-takers H. M. Burras for Williamson Township, and H. S. Everett, for Robersonville, plan to start their work Wednesday. The other list-takers are to serve as real estate assessors and they will be unable to handle the personal property listings until later in the month. A schedule for listing personal properties will be made public shortly, Mr. Grimes said yesterday.

NOTICE
North Carolina, Martin County, In The Superior Court.
Robert Louis Stevenson vs. Spicy Mae Stevenson.
The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Martin County for absolute divorce on the grounds of two years separation, and notice that she is required to appear before L. B. Wynne, Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County, within thirty days after the completion of this service of summons by publication and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.
This the 31st day of Dec., 1940.
L. B. WYNNE,
Clerk Superior Court.

Symbols of American Defense



North Carolina is playing its part in National defense—tractors and terracing machines for agricultural defense and Army tanks for military defense. For the past six years the State College Extension Service has organized and directed Soil Conservation Associations which operate heavy equipment to terrace

land and control equipment. Farmers who terrace their land earn soil-building payments through the AAA program. Thus, while the soldiers operating the tank are practicing maneuvers which strengthen the nation's armed defense, Tar Heel farmers are carrying on soil defense work by terracing more than 70,000 acres of land every year.

Bob Starling gives you a Peep into the Past

THE RECORD SPEAKS

Martin County motorists are to be congratulated for their part in making the holiday season a safe one, their efforts being largely responsible for a clean accident record for the past week. It is encouraging to note that the death toll in this county has been reduced from 13 in 1939 to five so far this year. Be careful during the remaining hours, and continue to be careful during all of the coming year.

Patrolman Whit Saunders stated late yesterday that he had not been called to investigate a single accident during the Christmas season, and he appreciates that very much. The "Accident Record" wishes for every courteous and thoughtful motorist continued life during a happy year that is just about to begin.

Next week the grim facts for the past and current years will be offered in their entirety.

County Native Dies In South Carolina

Alton T. Riddick, popular Atlantic Coast Line Railroad conductor, died at his home in Florence, S. C., Saturday, December 21st. Mr. Riddick was ill for only six weeks. He was born in Dardens in 1886 but for the past 23 years made his home in Florence where he was highly respected and admired by a large circle of friends. He was the son of the late John A. Riddick and Allie Corprue Riddick, both of Dardens. He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Mary Elizabeth Mabry, of Weldon and one son, Alton T. Riddick, of Florence.

The following brothers and sisters survive: Mrs. C. S. Teachey, of Florence; Mrs. Evelyn Riddick, of Portsmouth; Mrs. Henry Hardison, of Dardens; Hilary Riddick of Plymouth; Herman Riddick, of Dardens; A. C. Riddick, of St. Louis, and J. A. Riddick of Alton, Ill.

He was a member of the Central Methodist Church and was also a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and Hampton Lodge. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3:30 in the Central Methodist church with Rev. Eben Taylor conducting the last rites. Interment was made in the Mount Hope cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS
Your kind and thoughtful expressions of sympathy and the lovely floral offerings were deeply appreciated during the illness and death of our son.
Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Clayton.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Buck Roberson, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them for payment on or before the 27th day of December, 1941, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment.
This the 27th day of Dec., 1940.
ASA J. HARDISON,
Administrator of the estate of d31-61 Buck Roberson, deceased.

Business Despite Bombings



Business goes on as usual at the bar in this English Midlands "pub," while the floor of the second story hangs precariously over the public room. The ceiling eggs almost to the floor and the billiard table above looks ready to slide off, but no one seems to pay it any attention.

End Of Holiday News For School Children

The Christmas holiday season for the several thousand Martin County school children is fast drawing to a close. Thursday morning at the usual hour the little folks are expected to be back at their posts. And it'll be quite a while before another holiday rolls around for them.

Dark Christmas

The sun does not rise above the horizon for a week in Iceland during the Christmas season.

Exports

Whatever the outcome of the European war, the prospect is for small exports in the year ahead, according to the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Champ Recruiter



Elaine Bassett is fast becoming known as the champion recruiter of North America. From Dallas, Texas, this winsome lass is the original of the Canadian Join-the-Army posters. Her face did so much good there; it has been selected to perform a like service for Uncle Sam. She is the daughter of a Baptist minister.

Fair-Size Gains In Total Values Now Expected in County

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\$2 each, and goats at \$1 each. Hogs will carry a value of 5 cents a pound. Milk cows will be valued at \$75 downward. Beef cattle are worth, according to the authorities for taxing purposes, from 4 to 6 cents a pound. Peanuts, free of liens of other debt, are to be listed at the rate of \$2.50 a bag, cotton at \$30 a bale, soy beans at 50 cents a bushel and sweet potatoes at 50 cents a bushel. Provisions are to be listed as follows: corn, \$2 a barrel; hay, 15 cents a bale, and meat, 10 cents a pound. The list-takers agreed to leave off poultry held for home consumption.

As for automobiles, the list-takers were directed and agreed to adhere to the schedule of values carried in the Automobile Blue Book with one exception. All 1941 model cars will be listed at the book price less five per cent, the list-takers to take into consideration those factors that have

"carpet bag" government, in sponsoring the prohibition law, and in campaigning for universal education in North Carolina. He was a dynamic speaker, and traveled 1,000 miles by carriage and 5,000 by rail during the 1900 campaign. He made 110 speeches and addressed more than 100,000 people. Aycock cannot justly be accused of being a "forgetful" man; for after the election, he continued his crusade for education. During his administration a school building was constructed on an average of one for each day of the week, Sundays included.

Death's angel made an unexpected call while Aycock was on the platform addressing the Alabama Educational Association at Birmingham. His last word was "Education".

Today, we face a world crisis; democracy is in danger, and education is its only hope. We, the citizens of North Carolina, are truly thankful Charles Brantley Aycock lived.

Mesdames Mary Brown Shute and Sam Getsinger returned last night from Gastonia where they visited their sister, Mrs. E. L. Lowie, for several days.

Miss Norma Hardy spent last week-end in Oriental with Miss Mary Riggs.

Jerry Manning is now stationed at San Diego, on the U.S.S. Richmond for about six months.

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\$100.00 REWARD, FOR WHEREABOUTS or information leading to recovery 10 or 12 hogs. Stolen between December 12 and 18th. Among them was listed sow. Also white shoat, crop on right ear and split in left. Many other colors. R. S. Critcher, Williamston. d24-2t

LOST — GRAY BELT, CLOTH, without buckle. Three inches wide. Finder please return to Mrs. John Wier.

WHITE FAMILY WANTED: SMALL family desired to live on farm. No tenant. Must furnish best of references. John W. Green, Williamston.

FARM FOR SALE: 130 ACRES IN tract. Approximately 30 acres cleared. Price reasonable. Mrs. Kate B. York, Williamston.

FOR RENT: FURNISHED BED-rooms. Convenient to bath. Hot water. Telephone 19-W.

FOR RENT: THREE ROOM APART-ment with bath. Private entrance. Hot water furnished without cost. D. V. Clayton, Guaranty Bank and Trust Co. d31-2t

LOST: SMALL SQUARE YELLOW gold 'ladies' watch, Elgin, black cord band, crystal cemented in. Reward if returned to Vera Maude Lilley, Williamston.

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