

Nitrate Firm Offers \$820 In Farm Contest

Farm boys and girls, under 19 years of age, have a chance to win prizes ranging from \$250 to \$1 in Defense Bonds and Stamps, in a Food for Victory contest announced by the Extension Service of N. C. State College. The contest is sponsored by the Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau, Inc.

A. G. Floyd, State director of the Chilean Nitrate Bureau, who made the prizes available, has always been a strong supporter of 4-H club and other worthwhile agricultural programs. Extension officials pointed out.

"The North Carolina Farm Family 'Food for Victory' Contest" is the name given the 1942 contest, for which 209 prizes totaling \$820 in Defense Bonds and Stamps are offered. The State and County USDA War Boards will administer the contest locally.

No enrollment is necessary. Boys and girls under 19 years of age who are members of a farm family living on a farm for which a 1942 Farm Defense Plan Sheet has been executed at the County AAA office, are eligible to compete. The awards will be based on the records of farm-home

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Farm Labor Shortage Is Becoming Acute in State

The farm labor shortage is becoming increasingly acute in many sections of Forsyth County, and much cropland may be unused this year unless put in pasture or hay crops.

Steps are already being taken to insure an adequate acreage of vegetable crops for seed in 1942, in view of the present shortage from the 1941 harvest.

food production and conservation, submitted on or before next November 1, 1942.

A maximum of 500 points are allowed in the scoring for livestock production, divided as follows: Cows milked, 100 points; Milk production, 100 points; hogs marketed or slaughtered on the farm, 100; egg production, 100; and beef cattle (excluding calves) marketed, 100 points.

Seven hundred points are offered for gardens sufficient to meet family needs, with 200 points for variety, 200 for fresh vegetables, and 100 points for increase in garden acreage.

Points also will be scored for production of soybeans, dried beans, corn, other feed grains, hay, sorghum and cane for syrup, peanuts for oil and hogs, vegetables for sale (including Irish and sweet potatoes), and the improvement of permanent pasture.

The Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau will supply the report forms for the contest, and all reports must be turned in to the County Extension Agent's office by November 1, 1942.

How Japanese Sneak Raid Hit Hawaii Base



Patrol planes, Catalina type (PB), are shown wrecked on Ford Island at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, after the Japanese sneak raid of December 7. (Central Press)

One U. S. Triplet Will Be a Peer



C. P. Phonaphoto

Mrs. Siegfried Buchmayr is shown with her triplets, born in Littleton, N. H. One of them is the heir to a British Peerage and a huge fortune by a scant fifty minutes. The mother is the former Hon. Mary Banbury, niece of Lord Banbury, who is unmarried and now serving with a British tank regiment. The father is an Austrian ski expert who once was held as an enemy alien and now is at liberty.



Merrimon's Journal Tells Interesting Story of Mountain Court

Some people fear that the A.B.C. stores, and legal whiskey will be followed by a return to conditions as they were when it was customary for men with tainted breaths to fill the gallery seats in the court rooms.

A. S. Merrimon left vivid descriptions of what he observed as a lawyer when he traveled the western circuit. Later Merrimon was chief justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court when he died in 1892. His "Journal on the Circuit" is a valuable document for studying the life of the people about the time that Zebulon Baird Vance came down from the mountains.

The circuit covered by the Journal included Buncombe, Madison, Yancey, Haywood, Henderson, Cherokee, and Jackson counties. That was in the days when Jewell Hill, located a few miles north of Marshall, was the county seat of Madison.

The following entry is a familiar entry: "I noticed a good deal of drinking going on today; and whiskey drinkers have today, I suppose, been carrying out this very consistent principle of that class: That to drink in damp and cold weather will warm them and to drink in hot weather it will cool them."

Merrimon reported concerning court day at Jewell Hill that about night the crowd was getting in a "weaving way." There were twenty or thirty women in the court crowd, and most of them were drunk or partially so. Likewise, the majority of the men were drunk. Quoted from the Journal are the following comments: "I do not know any rival for this brutal debauchery. I regret that it is so, yet it is true. Scores of wo-

1st Yank in Ireland



C. P. Cablephoto

Shown coming down the gangplank from a U. S. transport in a North Ireland port is Pvt. Milburn Henke of Hutchinson, Minn., first AEF member to set foot on Irish soil. This photo was transmitted by cable from London to New York.

Blue Mold Control To Conserve Cloth

Farmers who are alarmed over the shortage of tobacco plant bed cloth, due to the war emergency, will do well to consider blue mold control this year, says Howard Garriss, Extension plant pathologist of N. C. State College. By growing more plants in smaller beds, the supply of cloth will be conserved.

It is the general practice of numerous tobacco growers to seed double the amount of plant bed space actually needed to produce their crop, Garriss explained. They do this in order to insure a supply of plants in case the blue mold disease attacks. Even under normal conditions this is an expensive practice, the plant pathologist declared.

When the excess plant bed space is used, it means a corresponding increase in seed, cloth and fertilizer.

men attend this court for the sole purpose of drinking." The next day the judge ordered that the whiskey wagon be removed, and there was not as much disturbance from drunkenness.

One January day in 1854 Merrimon recorded concerning the Yancey county court that only two or three cases were disposed of and that they were handled in the rudest manner. He continued: "The more I see of the County Courts, the more I wish to see them abolished. Drunkenness has reigned today. A portion of the court has been drunk all day."

This lawyer observed in one county seat a jail that was the best building in the place, it being a "new building." Amid his travels between county seats that depressed his spirits, Merrimon found one host who charged only fifty cents for a night's lodging.

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as well as labor. If the spray method of controlling blue mold is used, the total cost per 100 square yards of bed is about \$2.45 per season. If the fumigation method of control is employed, the cost will run from \$6.00 to \$6.50 per 100 square yards.

Garriss pointed out that only two methods of blue mold control are recommended by the Extension Service and the N. C. Experiment Station. One involves the use of "PDB gas" (paradichlorobenzene) and this is the fumigation method mentioned above. The other employs a copper-oxide spray.

The PDB control is successful both as a preventive and a cure for the disease. The spray will not usually prevent attack but is effective in treating plants which have become

diseased. A free publication is available upon request to county farm agents or from the Agricultural Editor, State College, Raleigh. It is Extension Circular No. 229, "Control of Tobacco Blue Mold."

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