

State Farm Leader Addresses Farmers In County Friday

Tobacco and Cotton Important But Not As Important As Food And Feed

Addressing the bi-weekly Martin County Farm Bureau forum in the agricultural building last Friday evening, E. Y. Floyd, recognized farm leader, offered many timely hints on the culture of tobacco and appealed to the forty or more farmers to serve one another and cooperate to the utmost in advancing the war effort.

Regarded as the best-posted man on tobacco culture, Mr. Floyd, now head of the AAA in North Carolina, led an interesting and technical discussion dealing with the culture of tobacco. Admitting that farmers could tell him many things that he did not know about tobacco, and pointing out that no one set of rules applied to every individual case, Mr. Floyd did say that 3-8-6 fertilizers had been used with marked success in raising tobacco on light lands, that a 3-10-6 was possibly better for the crop planted on heavy soils. He went on to say that in this and other counties where peanuts are grown extensively it would appear advisable to add about 100 pounds of sulphate of potash to the ton of fertilizer.

Tobacco, planted in four foot rows and about 20 to 24 inches apart, had been found to make the best smoking types. He discussed the use of dolomitic limestone, but where the soil had not been limited the condition could partly be met by the use of proper fertilizer mixtures. He recommended the use of about 1,500 to 2,000 pounds of dolomitic limestone per acre for land that had not been limed, and about 1,000 pounds on land that had been limed and where there appeared certain deficiencies. He warned against the use of too much fertilizer, and said that new types of distributors were being used so as to place the fertilizer on both sides and about five or six inches from the plant. Stable manure, dropped in the drill, is a good fertilizer.

Discussing the preferred types of tobacco, Mr. Floyd stated that the Virginia Bright Leaf, Gold Dollar and Bonanza were possibly the most popular, but that some other type may be better suited for individual cases. He explained extreme types of leaf and suggested that progress was being made in developing a definite type. Experiments have been and are still being conducted in an effort to find a type suitable to the type of land in this section and which will fill the bill as far as the manufacturers are concerned.

Mr. Floyd stated that blue mold had already made its appearance in Georgia, and that farmers in this section might find it advisable to be ready to combat it by getting their spraying equipment in shape.

Discussing the various diseases, the specialist declared that the rotation system had proved about the only successful way in combatting Granville wilt and other diseases. This method had lowered the disease from about 60 per cent down to less than one-half of one per cent. Four-year rotations were necessary, but it had been known where farmers had followed tobacco with tobacco for forty years without being troubled with the disease. It was pointed out that rye was planted after each crop, that in some sections two-year rotations were sufficient. The disease commonly known as root knots is best controlled by following tobacco with peanuts, cotton and if it is very bad another crop of peanuts should be planted before another crop of tobacco.

There is no one prescription for curing tobacco, Mr. Floyd explained but the main thing is to pull the crop ripe and uniform. Good ventilation is necessary and it is hardly necessary to run the heat higher than 175 to 180 degrees, Mr. Floyd adding that excessive heat tended to redden the leaf. If lugs are too ripe when pulled, the heat should be increased in the barn as rapidly as possible without blackening the leaf. Upper-stalk

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Local Youths Are Promoted In Army

Martin County has its captains, first and second lieutenants in the armed service, but it has been quite a while since any of her young men have been promoted. Notice of advancement was received a few days ago for five boys from the county. Oscar Anderson, Jr., and S. W. Manning, Jr., were graduated from the Chanute (Ill.) Field branch of the United States Army Air Corps Technical Schools. Dixie D. Roberson, of Robersonville, was recently promoted to a sergeant's ranking, and Noah H. Gurganus, son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Gurganus, of Williamston, has been made a corporal. Both of these young men are at Eglin Field, Fla. Euris Vanderford, former employee of the Virginia Electric and Power Company, has been made a corporal at Camp Callan, Calif.

Anderson, it is understood, has been transferred to Mississippi, and Manning is in Florida now.

End of a Jap Raider in Malaya



This photograph, released by the British Ministry of Information, illustrates the end of a Japanese pilot who brought his plane within range of British anti-aircraft fire and was victim of a direct hit. His plane, scattered over a Malayan mountainside, is shown partly unshrouded in the folds of his unopened parachute.

IN SUCCESSION

According to information received here, the men registered in this county yesterday will not be subjected to actual military service until the manpower in the first two registrations is exhausted. The order does not go into detail and the full meaning of the delay in calling the new registrants is not clear. There is some question as to whether married men will be classified and made ready for service before the single men in the last registration will be called. In some counties, the 1-A classifications have been exhausted and married men are being called. There are several hundred potential 1-A-ers in the first registrations, meaning that it is quite likely few of those men married before last December 8th will be called at any time in the near future.

Mrs. Alice Harris Passes In Hospital Here Early Sunday

Funeral Services Conducted At Home in Bear Grass Monday Afternoon

Mrs. Alice Harris, highly respected citizen of the Bear Grass community, died in a local hospital Sunday morning at 11:30 o'clock following a long period of declining health. She was seventy-two years of age but despite her advanced age and feeble health she was able to be up until last Thursday when she suffered a stroke of paralysis. Although rendered blind by the stroke, she remained conscious for a short time and was removed to the hospital that afternoon for treatment. Her condition gradually grew worse and the end was expected.

The daughter of the late James A. and Nancy Holliday Britton, Mrs. Harris was born in Beaufort County. In 1897 she was married to Robert E. Harris who died a number of years ago. Following her marriage she moved to this county. She was a member of the church at Macedonia for years, and was active in its service until forced into virtual retirement by declining health. Her pastor, Rev. Dennis Warren Davis, assisted by Rev. D. W. Arnold, conducted the last rites at the home yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Interment was in the Harris family cemetery, near the home. She was a devoted mother and was held in high esteem by all who knew her.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. W. F. Whitehurst, of Norfolk; five sons, W. P. Harris, of Robersonville, and J. W. G. W. A. R., and H. L. Harris, all of the home community. She also leaves three sisters, Mrs. C. H. Rawls, of Raleigh; Mrs. Andrew Roebuck, of Robersonville, and Mrs. S. W. Manning, of Williamston, and two brothers, Messrs. J. Frank Britton, of Windsor, and H. L. Britton, of Williamston.

CAR ORDERS

While the rationing of automobiles will be delayed until Thursday of next week, the Martin County Rationing Board is meeting in the courthouse on Thursday of this week to consider sales contracts pending before and halted by the government's "freezing" order as of January 1st. If definite evidence can be offered establishing a sales contract, the car deal can be closed, it is understood. The validity of a verbal contract is not recognized under present rules and regulations.

The rationing board is calling for all inventory reports to be submitted by dealers by Thursday of this week. Forms have already been distributed, but any dealer who did not receive the special form may get one at the rationing board's office.

County Board Warns Against The Illegal Use Of Tires-Tubes

Nineteen Tires and Nineteen Tubes Allotted Monday by Rationing Board

Holding their regular meeting here yesterday, the Martin County Tire Rationing Board dropped a meaningful hint when they cited rules and regulations governing the use of rationed tires. The board was literally "swamped" with requests for purchase certificates, and several requests were carried over until next week, one report stating that a few applications were not submitted when the applicants learned that the quotas had been exhausted for the week.

No complaints have been filed with the board, but there are fairly definite rumors claiming that purchasers are using rationed tires for purposes other than those stated in the formal applications for certificates of purchase. Vehicles equipped with rationed tires cannot be used except for designated purposes. In other words, the owner or operator of a truck or car cannot use the vehicle if it is equipped with rationed tires to "air out" with, not even if he wants to go to church in the vehicle. Applicants are also subject to prosecution if they make false statements in applying for certificates of purchase. Proper forms for reporting alleged violations to the Office of Price Administration have been placed in the hands of the board and persons recognizing any violations are asked to report to the rationing board.

"There are mighty few tires to be had, and it is no more than right to see that those tires that are made available are used properly," a member of the rationing board was quoted as saying. It was stated that some of the tire dealers are slow in filing certificates of sale. It was also pointed out that old tires must be sold or traded to some tire dealer apparently to keep as many tires in circulation as possible.

The board this week issued nineteen tire and nineteen tube certificates of purchase. Most of them called for tires and tubes of the obsolete type, meaning that the applicants may buy new tires and tubes if they can find them. During the remainder of this month the board has eight truck tires and 21 truck tire tubes, six passenger car tires and five passenger car tire tubes for distribution.

Car tires and tubes were issued this week to the following: Reuben A. Edmondson, mail carrier of Hamilton, one tire and one tube. The applicant wanted two of each but the quota was exhausted and the request for a second tire and tube cannot be met until next Monday.

Walter C. Lackey, county sanitation, requested four tires and tubes, but only three of each were allowed, the applicant to get a fourth next week.

Truck tires and tubes were issued to the following: J. T. Gurganus, Williamston oil and kerosene distributor, two tires and two tubes.

J. W. Manning, Williamston, electrical repair service, one tire and tube.

Williamston Plumbing and Heating Company, heating and repair service, one tire and tube.

Applications for tires and tubes filed by W. O. Abbott, Martin County Transfer Company, Dr. A. J. Osteen, Roberson Slaughter House, F. F. Carstarphen and J. L. Knowles were carried over for consideration next Monday.

Certificates of purchase for tires and tubes of the obsolete type were issued to the following:

W. M. Davis, Jamesville, three tires and three tubes.

Ben H. James, Robersonville, one tire and tube.

L. G. Taylor, Poplar Point, two tires and tubes.

C. D. Carraway, Robersonville, two tires and two tubes.

J. L. Gibson, R.F.D. 1, Williamston, two tires and two tubes.

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THE TENTH WEEK OF THE WAR

President Roosevelt told his press conference the American people

must realize they are faced with a world-encircling war. He said the first U. S. objective obviously is to prevent a break-through and at the same time cause as much damage to enemy resources as possible while we build up overwhelming superiority necessary to ultimate victory. The State Department said Lend-Lease administration agency heads ordering them to "determine those employees who may be promptly released" for work in the agencies most directly involved in the war.

Congress completed action on a \$500,000,000 appropriation for aid to China, and the President signed it. The State Department announced arrangements to coordinate and simplify economic warfare methods of the U. S. and Britain. The Agricultural commodities delivered to cultural commodities delivered to the British Government totaled more than 3,300,000,000 pounds up to January 1, 1942—enough to fill 69,000 freight cars and make up a train 575 miles long.

Rationing

Price Administrator Henderson announced nation-wide rationing of re-capped and retreaded tires will begin February 19th. The rationing will be carried out through the same machinery now employed to ration new tires and tubes. Mr. Henderson said it is probable there will be no crude rubber available for retreading except for the small number of vehicles already eligible to obtain new tires and tubes.

He said sugar rationing will be put in effect as soon as War Ration Book No. 1 is printed and distributed. The books contain 28 stamps and each stamp will entitle the holder to a specified amount—probably three-quarters of a pound per person—each week. When the books are issued an appropriate number of stamps will be removed for any hoarded sugar in the family—as shown by a certified statement. False reports of sugar supplies will carry penalties up to \$10,000 fine or 10 years imprisonment.

Civilian Defense

OCD Director Landis said the OCD will be completely reorganized to "gear it for action." He said "each person must have a clear and definite function, every person must be qualified to perform that function... We need to organize our forces and then hold practice tests to see whether they can function." The Division of Territories and Island Possessions reported women and children are being urged to evacuate the Hawaiian Islands. Gas masks are being distributed to the entire population, bomb shelters are being rushed to completion, and 1,000 reserve beds have been set up. The House approved an appropriation of \$100,000,000 for the OCD. The War Department cautioned civilians not to molest any military aircraft, friendly or enemy, grounded in civilian territory because such planes often carry live bombs or ammunition.

The War Front

The Navy announced U. S. attacks on the Marshall and Gilbert Islands January 31st inflicted enemy losses totaling 16 ships and 41 planes, and destroyed fuel storage, ammunition supplies, hangars and other facilities of the Japanese. The Navy said the power and surprise of the attack was emphasized by destruction of approximately 85 per cent of the large Japanese bomber force on the islands and between 60 and 80 per cent of the shipping sighted. U. S. losses were 11 scout bombers missing and superficial damage to two ships. The State Department announced that at the request of the Netherlands Government U. S. Army forces have been sent to Curaçao and Aruba to assist in defense of the islands and their oil refineries.

The Army reported a week of sporadic fighting in Bataan and said reinforced Japanese troops were preparing for new assaults. During the week the Army and Navy reported at least 20 enemy planes were destroyed. U. S. losses included three tankers sunk in the Atlantic, an Army transport sunk off Hawaii, and a submarine sunk off Panama after collision with another U. S. vessel. A "Combined Chiefs of Staff"

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DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer will be observed in Williamston Friday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock when members of all denominations unite in a common cause at the Methodist Church. The public is invited and urged to set the hour apart and participate in the service which will be led by Mrs. Z. T. Piephoff. The service will last for about one hour.

Similar services are being held throughout the world during the day even within the hearing of guns and bursting shells.

Third Selective Service Draft Registration Does Not Come Up To Expectations In The County

Farm Machine Repair Drive Is Moving Rapidly In State

While the farm machinery repair drive is moving rapidly in many sections of the State, reports indicate that farmers in some areas still are lagging in getting their equipment ready for a record production of vital foods this year, according to G. Tom Scott of State College, chairman of the State USDA War Board. It is imperative, the War Board chairman said, that every available piece of farm machinery in the State be made usable for the coming production season to meet the record goals of food crops asked by the Secretary of Agriculture. This machinery can be assured, he pointed out, by ordering repair parts immediately and getting

the equipment in shape for us.

Reports from representatives of the Williamston and Woolard Hardware Company stores here yesterday clearly indicated that farmers in this section are cooperating in the movement, that they are first repairing their old machinery and placing orders for repairs and materials and new machines where needed. It has been felicitously announced that there demand for new machinery stands at 118 per cent, that only 80 per cent will be made available. The local dealers did say that Martin farmers, for the most part, were anticipating their needs with care and were not trying to hoard parts or materials.

Japs' Conflagration Drive Spreading to Vast Pacific Areas

Panama Canal Defense Pierced by Enemy Raiders in Caribbean Area

While Britain and America and others of the Allies are still suffering from the shock occasioned by the fall of Singapore Sunday, the cruel and blood-thirsty Japs are pushing the world conflagration toward vast territories in the South Pacific. Yellow-baiting Tojo, the Japanese premier, has announced proudly that the fall of Singapore Sunday had paved the way to Burma, China, India, the Netherlands East Indies, Australia and New Zealand.

Tojo, after a cowardly and sneaking fashion listed the following war aims of Japan in a brazen report to the Japanese:

1. Japan is carrying out operations in Burma for suppression of Chiang Kai-shek's regime at Chungking, but "It is farther from the thought of Japan to regard the Burmese as her enemy... Japan will gladly extend to them her positive cooperation for the establishment of Burma for the Burmese."

2. Japan firmly intends to strike the finishing blow at the Chungking regime, but "The attitude of Japan toward the people of China is that of regarding them as our brothers. Japan intends to carry on greater East Asiatic construction with the people of China by helping each other."

3. As India now has a golden opportunity to throw off "Anglo-American domination," Japan expects her to restore for herself the status of India for the Indians and will "not stint herself in extending assistance to the patriotic efforts of Indians."

Tojo "feared" they would lose the chance for renaissance if they continued to be influenced by Anglo-American cajolery.

4. "Japan will crush thoroughly the Dutch forces which continue to resist us in cooperation with the United States and Britain. However, if the Indonesian people understand our real intentions and cooperate with us in greater East Asiatic construction, we shall respect their traditions and emancipate them from the despotic rule of the refugee Dutch government."

5. Australia and New Zealand also should avoid useless war in reliance upon the United States and Britain, which are not worth depending on." (The Berlin radio, heard by the United Press listening post in New York, quoted Adm. Nobumasa Snet-suno, one of the most extreme nationalists among Japanese naval leaders, as asserting that Australia New Zealand and India were lost to the British empire.)

In opposition to the sweeping Japanese drive, the defenders are hard-pressed today as bank presidents, clerks, white-collared workers and others pick up shovels and other tools and start digging in against the invaders who are expected to strike in the order listed by Tojo. Stiff opposition is planned for the invader when he drives toward Java, but the final phase is hardly expected until the battle is carried to Australia. The Japs are pushing steadily toward Rangoon, threatening the all-important Burma Road.

While the Allies are demanding shake-ups in government bodies as a result of Singapore and the Dover Strait incident, the visit of Chiang Kai-shek to India was recognized as the most important event in months. If he can swing India to the side of the Allies, there is some hope for stopping the yellow invaders. If not, it would appear that Japan will accomplish its 5,000-mile jaunt as her part of encircling that part of the world.

While Australia is digging in for its defense, the Dutch are calling

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Total Of 1,280 Men Are Registered In County on Monday

Registrars Are Confident the Registration Was Almost Complete

Twelve hundred and eighty Martin County men were added to Uncle Sam's potential manpower pool yesterday in the third nation-wide draft registration. The number of registrants fell far below expectations, but registrars in all the eight centers were confident that the registration was all-inclusive, that few if any men in the 20-44 age group refused to register.

Selective service authorities, judging from the first two registrations, had estimated that the registration would approximate 2,000 men. It is quite possible however, that the total gained Monday will be increased when the cards of those Martin County men working in defense centers are received. It is estimated that there are several hundred Martin County men working in the various defense areas, that possibly fifty or more were included in the registration age group.

Reports from the chief registrars state that the registration machinery ran smoothly, that the assistants were present for the first registrations promptly at 7 o'clock. Several of the centers were rushed during brief periods in the early morning, but the task was handled in an orderly fashion and without much delay. Unable to work on account of the rain, the men reported to the registration centers early in the day, leaving very few to register in the afternoon and evening.

Harry Reed, nephew of Missouri's former United States Senator Jim Reed, was the first to register in the Williamston center. He was quoted as saying that he is ready for action if and when needed.

The registration was held without disturbance. One or two registrants, following the night before, explained their eyes were red, and there was some little evidence of drinking, but for the most part it was a sober and fairly serious-minded group of men who signed the cards, for possible military service later on.

Much trouble was experienced in learning correct ages, and it is possible that a few registered outside the 20-44 age group. Several cards were held out of the registration for investigation by the draft board of office when it appeared that some 19-year-olds had broken into the draft registration ranks. One man, believed to have attained his 45th birthday just about a week ago, signed up, and his case is being investigated. These apparent errors resulted when the subject stated he was either 20 or 44 and the birthday dates did not substantiate his age declaration.

There were six such cases in Williamston, it was learned. Quite a few colored persons were unable to give their correct ages, and the improper reports turned in to the vital statistics registrars were of little value in determining true ages for numbers of young men.

The county draft board is meeting this evening to canvass the registration and to prepare a report to State Selective Service headquarters. No report has been received from the nation, but it is now believed that the total will not come up to estimates.

A lottery for determining the order numbers for the late registrants will be held some time during March, unofficial reports stating that those men registering Monday will be placed at the end of the first two registrations.

The country was fairly well represented in the registration here, some of the registrants being from Texas, Virginia, Alabama, Florida, New York, West Virginia and one

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CANDIDATE



Jack Edwards, Greenville attorney and a native of Hertford, today formally announced his candidacy for representative in the National Congress from the First District.

Former Crew of the Normandie Are Sad Over Loss Of Ship

Wanted To Help Check Fire But Were Driven Back By Police

One of the most disheartening stories about the loss of the Normandie centers around its former French crew. Appearing in a New York newspaper, the story reads:

The ex-crewmembers of the Normandie think they could have saved the ship if they'd been given the chance. I talked to embittered Frenchmen—engineers, electricians, oilers, firemen, officers—in the Hotel Bristol lobby on W. 48th Street. They've been living at the hotel for months.

They told how many of them tried desperately to board the ship when the fire alarm clanged on Pier 88. But they were driven back by Coast Guardsmen and police.

In the French Line offices at the pier were Comdr. Le Huede, Chief Engineer Le Borge, Fire Capt. Le Bette, 2nd Capt. Agnieray, Chief Electrician Gailou and some crew members.

For hours they stood there, looking out of the office windows at their great ship burned.

"In the dark, with our eyes closed we could find our way on the ship. It was our ship. Now it is yours, the Lafayette," said a tall, mustached Frenchman, his cigarette stub bobbing up and down in his mouth.

A young French sailor, his hands in his pockets, spoke softly. His English was bad.

"We are not Men of Vichy. I fight in the war and when the Armistice"

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FIRST AID

Realizing that it is advisable to be prepared should an emergency present itself, Dr. E. T. Walker, medical director in the county OCD, has planned a series of first aid classes here. Volunteering his services, Dr. Walker will conduct the first of ten classes in the Woman's Club tomorrow afternoon from 5 to 6 o'clock. Classes will be held at that hour each Monday and Wednesday, the doctor explaining that so many had signed for the course of instruction that he was planning to conduct a second series of classes beginning possibly the latter part of March. The first class has enrolled about 30 persons, making a second series almost necessary.

Man Badly Cut In Automobile Wreck

Herbert Staton Williams was badly cut on his forehead last Friday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock when he lost control of his car and the machine turned over near the Cedar Branch Baptist Church not far from Jamesville on the Jamesville-Washington Road. His car, a 1942 model, was damaged to the extent of about \$550, Patrolman Whit Saunders said. Williams was riding alone, the patrolman stating that the man had been formally charged with drunk driving.

Late Saturday night LeRoy Williams lost control of his car and the machine turned over a short distance this side of Dardens. Williams and his companions were not hurt. The damage to the car was estimated at about \$75.