

Looking at Washington

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Meanwhile, the nation proceeds to develop its defense policies. The probability is that air and naval bases will be made available in the Pacific and that certain South American countries will welcome the construction of satisfactory bases in their strategic areas. Emphasis should be given to the announced policy of this country that the air and naval bases, secured from Great Britain and constructed by this country in South America, will be available to all the nations of this hemisphere.

Naturally, the United States will have to bear the expense of this development, but, before the year is out, there is every indication that plans will have been completed to give us a string of bases in both oceans which will practically insure the safety of this hemisphere as soon as our two-ocean navy is completed.

The registration of millions of young Americans was carried out last week without a hitch. In fact, public opinion in this country strongly supports the Selective Service Training Act. Even the young men who registered feel that, if they must serve in the armed forces of this Republic, it is necessary for them to have proper training. Acceptance of conscription in time of peace is an indication of the distance that public opinion has traveled in this country in the past year.

While the nation continues to desire peace and hopes to maintain peace, there's no mistaking the fact that, as a nation, we are preparing to defend ourselves from an attack which is regarded as inevitable unless Germany and Italy are defeated in Europe and Japan is checked in the Far East.

Under the impact of the European War, the policy of official neutrality has entirely vanished. The United States is frankly interested in the successful defense of Great Britain and will take practically any step that is necessary to insure survival of the British Fleet. Isolation sentiment, which was so strong in recent years, has dwindled rapidly. In fact, the threat in the Japanese adherence to the European Axis has had a profound effect on the West Coast, which was not influenced to any great extent by the outbreak of war in Europe.

The national defense program is about to enter a period which will almost appear to be non-productive. With most of the necessary legislation out of the way and contracts for defense items let, the job becomes an industrial task. Because of the necessity for plant expansion and the acquisition of machine tools, the production of many defense items will be slow. This is inevitable, but the nation can afford to delay because of the failure of Germany to overwhelm British.

Apparently we will have the time needed to launch our huge industrial program. Once the wheels of production begin to turn out the needed items on a large scale, there is little question about the ability of this country to take care of any foreign threat or to repel any foreign invasion.

Rumors of additional assistance to Great Britain are unofficial but there are hints that some flying fortresses and possibly some older submarines may be turned over to the British. In addition, the delivery of planes will be stepped up and it is suggested that, possibly, some fighting planes may be sent to the Chinese.

In other words, the nation is getting set to extend assistance to Great Britain and China on the theory that these nations are fighting the potential foes of the United States. Recognition of the import of the pact between Germany, Italy and Japan, with its thinly veiled threat against the United States removes all doubt as to the wisdom of this policy.

When the election is out of the way, regardless of who wins, American assistance to the fighting nations will be increased.

POSTS

Tests conducted at Oregon State College show that fence posts with the lumps charred do not last as long as untreated posts, but grass posts treated with a salt combination last almost indefinitely.

THE ANSWERS

- 1. 1939 production 36,000,000 pounds.
2. The 95,000-ton Washington will have four propellers, each weighing 25,000 pounds.
3. No, the weaving is entirely automatic.
4. The idea of an engine switch from British to Japanese.
5. British estimate: an average of 100.

FOUNTAIN NEWS

(By MRS. E. B. BEASLEY)

Miss Elizabeth Smith, a teacher of Roanoke Rapids, was at home during the week end.

Mrs. Walter Owens spent a few days this week with relatives in Weldon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Williams and son, Hugh, of Red Oak, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Eagles.

Misses Eloise Owens, Helen Brown, Jefferson, Jenn Owens, Mary Emma Jefferson and Maude Emily Smith, students of E. C. T. C. Greenville, spent the week end at their respective homes in and near Fountain.

Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Beasley and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Beasley, Jr., spent Tuesday in Richmond, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Newman, of Elizabethtown, and Mr. and Mrs. Eric Copeland, of Durham, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Eagles during the week end.

Ferebee Beasley, a student of the University at Chapel Hill, was at home for the week end.

ILL IN HOSPITAL

J. W. Hedrick is ill in Woodard-Herring hospital, Wilson, following an operation for appendicitis performed Tuesday. He is not able to see visitors at present.

P. T. A. MEETS

The P. T. A. met October 17th in the school auditorium. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. J. M. Horton.

Following a short business session a program was presented by the 3rd and 4th grades. Mr. Bebakker, a member of E. C. T. C. faculty, made a very interesting talk on progressive Education.

ENTERTAINS FOR MR. AND MRS. SMITH

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lane, Jr., and Miss Elizabeth Coward entertained at an informal reception Saturday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith.

COTTON

Present indications are that an all-time high of eight million bales of cotton will be used in the United States alone during the coming year, although exports will not exceed two million bales.

MILK

For the first eight months of this year, the sale of milk has been the largest single source of farm income, according to the latest Milk Industry Foundation reports.

CHEESE

The smoking of cheese with hickory kindling is the latest process being tried by the Iowa Experiment Station in an attempt to improve cheese flavors.

A new idea is like poison to some minds that refuse to be educated.

Girls Are Advised To Build-Up For Relief

Lack of knowledge causes many a weak, undernourished girl a lot of suffering!

Many others, however, know how the headaches, nervousness, constipation, pain of functional dysmenorrhea due to malnutrition are helped by the proper use of GARDUL.

Some take it a few days before and during "the time," to help ease periodic cramps. But GARDUL's principal use is to help increase appetite, stimulate the flow of gastric juice, so all digestion, assist in building up physical resistance and thus help reduce periodical distress. Women have used GARDUL for over 20 years.

STATE COLLEGE ANSWERS TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS

QUESTION: How much wheat per acre may I expect under normal conditions?

ANSWER: When properly grown, on good land, wheat should yield at least 20 bushels per acre, says E. C. Blair, Extension agronomist of N. C. State College. In view of conditions caused by the European War, he advises that three acres of wheat be planted for every farm family this fall, or ten acres for every farm, whichever is larger.

QUESTION: When should spring-flowering bulbs be planted?

ANSWER: The sooner they can be planted, the better they will bloom says J. G. Weaver, State College floriculturist. They should be planted in October, at least. Prepare the soil well before planting any bulbs. The soil should be pulverized and worked to a depth of at least 10 inches. Commercial fertilizer at a rate of three pounds per 100 square feet may be used if mixed well with the soil. A complete fertilizer high in potash is recommended. A two-inch layer of well-rotted manure may be used if it is worked thoroughly into the soil. Cover each bulb with twice its own depth of soil.

QUESTION: How can I obtain circulars, bulletins and other publications on farming and rural home-making subjects?

ANSWER: Address a request to the Agricultural Editor, State College, Raleigh, N. C., and state the subject in which you are interested. All publications issued by the Agricultural Extension Service and the Agricultural Experiment Station of N. C. State College are free to citizens of North Carolina. Use a postal card where possible in making the request and do not ask for additional information on the card. Use another card or letter for questions regarding specific phases of work. All available publications are listed in Extension Folder No. 85 which will be sent free upon request.

Editors And Agents Comprise Farm Team

Weekly newspaper editors and county farm and home agents make up a team that has been one of the most potent forces in the improvement of farming and rural living in the past 25 years. Those are the sentiments of M. L. Wilson, director of Extension for the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Director I. O. Schaub of the State College Extension Service says he heartily concurs in the views expressed by the Federal leader.

Of the beginning of this period of team work, Director Wilson says: "The United States was nearing the end of the row as far as new land was concerned. In the more carefully cultivated sections, farming methods lagged behind experimental advances in agricultural science. Into this picture stepped the county agent and traveled from farm to farm on foot, on horseback, and in buggies."

"On the country editor the agent leaned heavily from the earliest days. Usually the work of the county agent made good newspaper copy. Frequently he would write a column of his own in the weekly paper and his writings were compact with good sense."

"Judged solely as a job in practical, popular education, the achievement of the county agent ranks high in American social history. The county agent is now equipped with an automobile and a clerical force in his office, but is most frequently to be found at some farm talking about crops and rural improvements. The weekly editor is still one of his most highly valued allies."

To this Director Schaub of the North Carolina Extension Service adds: "Agricultural Extension work simply is giving information about better ways of farm living and one of the best methods of reaching a farm audience is through the columns of local papers whose editors the farm people know and trust."

"Since the summer of 1914 exclusive copy for weekly papers has been mailed each week from the office of Frank H. Jeter, State College editor. The weekly newspapers of North Carolina have, since the beginning, given liberally of their space to this cooperative program of rural betterment."

Washington Farm News

ASSURED RESERVES

"It is generally recognized in Washington and elsewhere that our agricultural industry is better prepared than any other to play its part in national defense," Secretary Wickard said in a recent address.

"Our Ever-Normal Granary has assured us of adequate reserves of foodstuffs and fibers for any likely emergency, and at the same time, our conservation program has stored in the soil reserves of fertility sufficient for any call that may be made upon American agriculture's producing power."

"Far from being 'planned scarcity,' the Ever-Normal Granary for the first time gives the American people 'planned abundance.'"

"This program is so arranged as to give consumers adequate supplies at fair prices, while it helps to assure farmers of a fair return for their products."

CROP INSURANCE

Latest reports show that more than 365,000 winter wheat growers are already enrolled in the crop insurance program. Thus, in the beginning of its third year of operation, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation tops participation of all previous years.

Starting out late in the first season with a new program, 1939 participation in the winter wheat area was about 105,000. In the second year, about 305,000 winter wheat growers took out the insurance, which guarantees to a grower a return of either 50 or 75 per cent of his average wheat crop.

With electricity available to nearly 2,000,000 U. S. farms and more lines building every month, a new Farmers' Bulletin, Electric Light for the Farmstead, just published by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, will supply lighting information to old, new and prospective users.

The sixty-page illustrated bulletin, prepared by the Bureau of Agricultural Chemistry and Engineering and the Bureau of Home Economics, covers equipment for various purposes in farmhouses, barns and other buildings. It gives directions for selection and installation.

A section tells how to determine the number and size of globes needed in various locations and for different purposes. The authors emphasize that good lighting is an important factor in health, comfort, convenience, efficiency, and safety.

Copies of Electric Light for the Farmstead, Farmers' Bulletin 1938, may be obtained free from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Jacket Of Corduroy



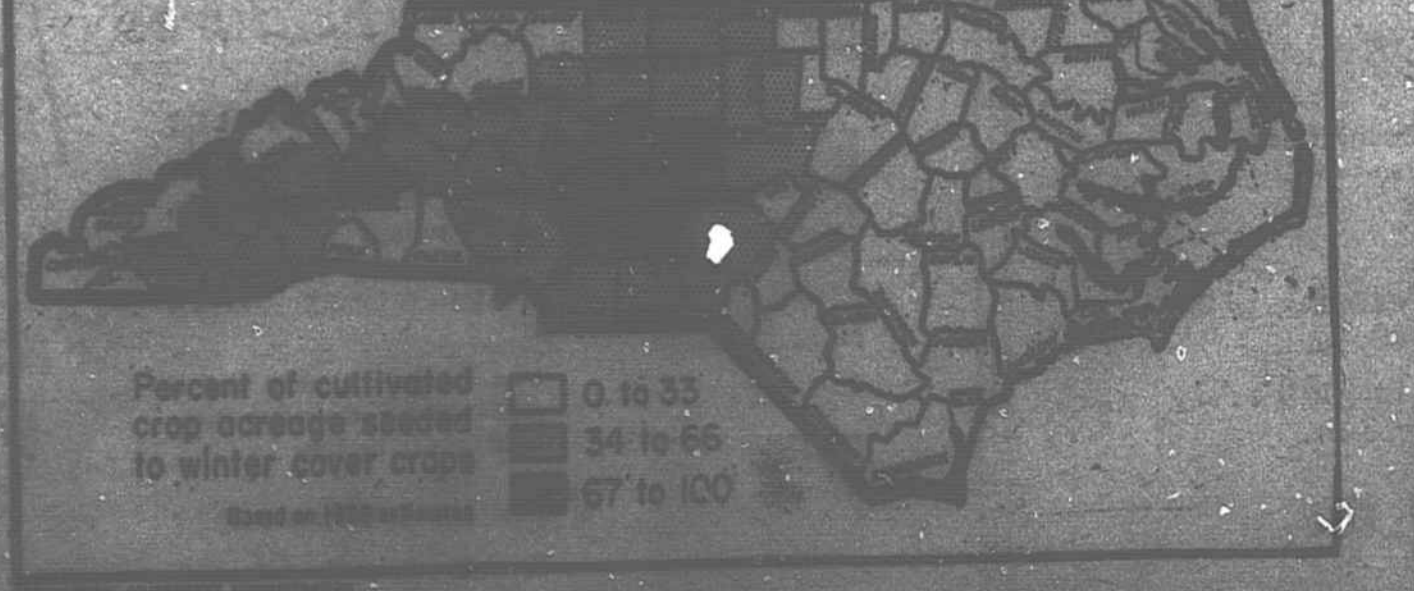
Whether the occasion is simply meeting classes on a blustery fall day, or a moonlight hayride off the campus, this extra jacket of wide-ribbed cotton corduroy, honest with rounded lapels, is at home anywhere. Cotton corduroys are destined for new heights in campus styles.

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North Carolina Needs More Cover Crops



Percent of cultivated crop acreage seeded to winter cover crops. Based on 1939 statistics.