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Carolina Trains An Agent For Venezuela

The good neighbor policy is now going to give some concrete results because Andy Cardenas has returned to his native Venezuela to become a county agent after a year's training in North Carolina. He was one of eleven college graduates who were chosen from more than 200 leading Venezuelan students for study and training in the United States.

First he studied the organization of the Extension Service at State College and then he spent five months on the dairy farm of L. H. McKay near Hendersonville, doing all kinds of dairy and farm work under the direction of Mr. McKay. During September and October he worked on a farm in Benton County, Indiana, studying hybrid corn.

In recent months Andy was in Union County under the direction of Veteran County Agent T. J. W. Broom and his assistants, W. Z. Smith and N. B. Nicholson. While there Andy made a special study of 4-H club work and the general crops and livestock grown in that section. He attended the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago in December and while in Union met with all of the 4-H clubs in the county, discussing the work with the boys and girls and telling them about agriculture and customs in Venezuela.

"Andy should make an exceptionally good county agent in Venezuela because he is smart, quiet, and willing to work," says Smith. "He likes North Carolina and its people very much and expressed the hope when he left us on January 25 that he would be able to come back to see us some time. Our best wishes go with Andy in his work back home."

CCC loan cotton from the 1944 crop will be placed in pools for liquidation on July 1, 1946.

Agricultural leaders are seeking to discourage the feeding of wheat to cattle during the 1946 grain shortage.

Lt. Gov. L. Y. Barentine of Varina, a dairy farmer, is president of the North Carolina Jersey Cattle Club.

North Carolina farmers are seeking to have Congress consider labor costs in setting parity prices for all crops.

McGahey recommends that corn be fertilized to "fit the soil conditions and past cropping history, using 400 to 500 pounds of a high grade fertilizer, 6-8-6 or 5-7-5, per acre." Three hundred to 400 pounds of nitrate of soda at last cultivation is recommended. Peat soils should get a 12-12-12 fertilizer.

It is only in undeveloped territory that land is available at prices which potential new farmers with little capital could afford to pay.

One of the first counties to take an active step toward increased corn yields this year is Beaufort where County Agent W. L. McGahey has announced the forming of a "3 to 1 Corn Club," members of which will strive to produce three times as much corn as the county average. Beaufort County's average corn yield for the past 30 years has been about 21 bushels per acre. If only a relatively low percentage of the approximately 800 growers in the county join the club, McGahey feels that there is a good chance to increase the overall county yield by 10 bushels per acre this year. At a dollar a bushel on the county's average planted acreage of 44,000, the increased cash return would be \$440,000, enough to more than pay farmer taxes. Members of the club who attain the objective will reward themselves through the simple expedient of increased yields, the county agent observed.

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This very small bird is only five and a half inches long. Its upper parts in winter are grayish brown, the underparts, brownish white with black streaks. The bill is shorter than the head, black, slender, tapering gradually to the tip. The wings are black, long and pointed with gray edgings. The tail is also black margined with slate gray.

The color contrasts in the plumage of the Myrtle Warbler, its very wide distribution and the fact that it is often a winter resident in New York and New England make it one of the least known members of its species. The triangular patch of bright yellow which is very conspicuous just above the bird's tail serves as a positive identification. The crown is lemon yellow and there is a patch of yellow on each side of the breast.

The nest, usually built in a coniferous tree and only a few feet up, is bulky and carelessly built of vegetable fibers, old leaves, small spruce and hemlock twigs. It is lined with hair, small roots and some feathers. The three to five eggs are dull white or cream speckled and blotched with shades of chestnut, brown and lilac gray.

It takes its name from its manifest fondness for myrtle berries and is very likely to be found wherever that fruit is plentiful. Sweet is a delicacy it also cares for and if put out on the feeding tray will make this bird a frequent visitor.

A walk over the yard revealed to members, cardinals, towhees, mockingbirds, woodpeckers, brown thrashers, catbirds, Myrtle warblers, numerous species of sparrows and a robin which had lost a leg.

The average farm in North Carolina today is a "one-man, one-mule" unit and the average family subsists on less than 20 acres of cropland.

High level demand for farm products is expected to continue through 1946.

There were 7,851 fatal farm-work accidents in the United States in the three-year period 1940-43.

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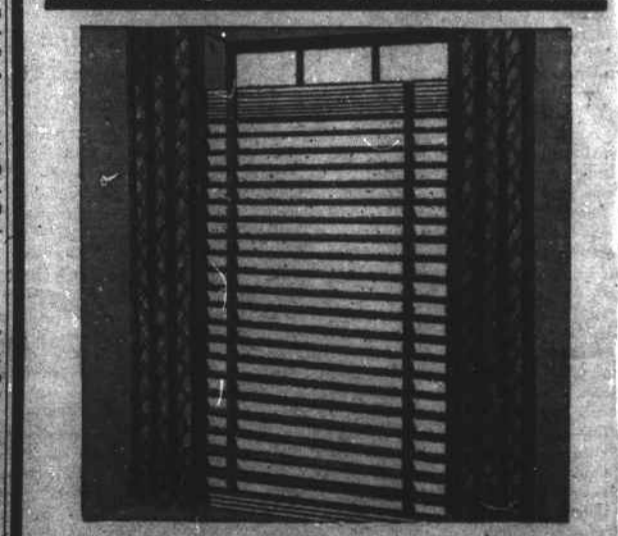
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