

On - Farm Sampling Will Decide Corn War

Agricultural statisticians of Virginia and North Carolina plan the most extensive corn yield study ever made in the two states to settle the issue of who wins the corn production contest, say officials of the State College Extension Service and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

The corn contest happens to coincide with a new corn yield study being started under the Research and Marketing Act. Frank Parker, chief of the Federal-State Reporting Service in North Carolina and leader of the new project, describes it as the "first large scale study to get accurate measures on corn yields."

"Corn is one crop for which we have a very poor check on yield," Parker says. "For cotton we have a very good check through the ginners. For tobacco, we have a good check through the warehouse reports. But in the case of corn, so much of it is fed on the farm, that there is really no way to check except to go to the farm and take a sample."

Accordingly, some 3,000 farms picked at random in North Carolina will be visited this fall by "numerators" of Mr. Parker's staff. A numerator will be appointed in each of the 39 counties that grow corn in quantity. In most cases, these men will be local residents qualified to take the samples. The samples will be representative of the State, with a greater number of samples being taken in the heaviest corn-producing counties.

The survey will begin in the eastern part of the State about mid-September and will move west as the crop matures. Numerators will forward their reports to the Institute of Statistics at State College where the data will be compiled.

BEREA CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR MEETS

The Christian Endeavor of the Berea Church of Christ held its regular monthly meeting Friday night, August 12, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Delvina Eure.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Norman Mither. The group then sang, "Throw out the Lifeline." A prayer was given by Mrs. Delvin Eure. The scripture taken from the 16th chapter of St. John was then read by the president.

Minutes read by the secretary Molly Lou Yeates and roll called with 20 some members present. During the business session several new officers were elected, they were: Dorothy Miller, Program Chairman, Wilma Ann Caddy, assistant secretary, Mrs. Leroy Dail in charge of securing and keeping a scrapbook of events and happenings of the Endeavor, and Norma Butt, publicity chairman. "What a Friend we Have in Jesus" was sung by the group. Dorothy Miller read a poem "He forgives," after which the group sang "Count Your Blessings." A poem "Blessings," was then read by Shirley Eure. Molly Lou Yeates then read a poem, "Festal Day". The closing hymn was "Help Me Find My Place". The meeting was dismissed by Mrs. Whit Cartwright.

The hostess then served jello, cake, and cold drinks which were enjoyed by all.

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LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

(Continued from Page Two) free peoples in Europe began a year ago when Britain, France and the Benelux countries signed the Brussels Pact. At the time, these people understood that they were not strong enough to prevent the Russians from running roughshod over their countries and, consequently, a stronger combination of nations was required to balance the overwhelming strength of Russia.

Such a combination has been brought together in the North Atlantic Pact, which includes most of the free peoples of the world and tends to combine their effective fighting power for a common purpose and a common defense.

It is very important that the United States, which has ratified the Pact, should implement it by promptly extending all reasonable military assistance to the nations which have joined in a common defense policy. The details of the arms program can be well left to the judgment of the men who head our military establishment. They will not approve a program which will weaken us and the fact that they endorse the present proposal is evidence that they regard the Atlantic Pact as an additional security for the United States.

DIVIDENDS BETTER THAN IN 1948

Cash dividends, publicly reported, are running somewhat higher than in 1948, according to figures of the Commerce Department which reports that dividends of this type constitute about two-thirds of all dividends paid in this country.

For the three months ending May 31st, dividends totalled \$1,373,300,000. This was ten per cent above the same period of 1948. It indicates, according to the experts, that corporations are paying out a greater proportion of their earnings to stockholders than they did last year.

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