

FARM FLASHES ^{BY} J. C. Powell, Agt.

H. G. Shelton, of Speed, was elected President at the annual meeting of the Edgecombe Mutual Livestock Assn. Other officers, R. V. Knight, of Tarboro, Vice-Prest; J. L. Bulluck, of Battleboro Sec. and Miss A. Helen Harrell, of Tarboro, Treas.; A. M. Turner and Frank Edmondson, of Tarboro, W. W. Flye, of Battleboro and Irvin G. Cherry (5 brothers in service) of Leggett, were placed on the Board of Directors. A film on swine production was shown. The picture was made in N. C., and presented by Lt. R. J. Reynolds, USNR, to the farmers of N.C. Local men, M. T. Ruffin, Doris Quincy and Allen Harper, appeared in several scenes taken in Edgecombe.

A prisoner-of-war camp has been established at Scotland Neck to help farmers with peanut harvesting. First assignments were made on Sept. 19th to the following farmers: J. E. Fountain, Claude Etheridge, J. H. Satterthwaite, A. B. Bass, G. T. Bottoms, V. E. Fountain, W. S. Clark & Sons, M. P. Edwards, Jr., William D. Moore W. B. Harper and Mrs. Emma E. Weeks. Peanut crop reported good by those digging.

First bale of 1944 cotton sold Sept. 1st. Competition among local cotton buyers ran price to 24 cents per pound with Dean Cotton Co. being the successful bidder. This cotton was raised and sold by L. L. Whitehurst. Prevailing market price for middling cotton is 21½ cents. Weed small but full of bolls. Picking progressing slowly.

Mrs. Van Landingham, Home Agent, reports that the Home Demonstration Clubs of Edgecombe County recently elected the following officers for the next two years: President, Mrs. Nettie Mae Worsley, Route 2, Rocky Mount, member of the West Edgecombe Club; Vice-President, Mrs. Scott Winstead, Macclesfield, member of the Macclesfield Club; Secretary, Mrs. Sam D. Bundy, Tarboro, member of the Woodland Club, and Treasurer, Mrs. H. A. Capps, Route 2, Rocky Mt., West Edgecombe Club. Another Home Demonstration Club was organized last Thursday in the Powell's School community at the home of Misses Hazel and Jean Goff. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. M. Goff; Vice-Prest., Mrs. J. W. Pitt; and Sec. & Treas., Miss Jean Goff, all of Route 2, Rocky Mt.--- Mrs. Nettie Mae Worsley and Mrs. H. A. Capps of the West Edgecombe community, Mrs. L. J. Mewborn of Tarboro and Mrs. Van Landingham, Edgecombe County Home Agent, are representing the county at a State Federation Executive Board meeting of the Home Demonstration Clubs of N. C., at State College, Sept. 19th to 21st.

Crop reports indicate the second largest tobacco crop on record. Only exceeded by the 1939 crop. Markets are blocked with trucks standing in line all day to get tobacco on floor. Sales limited to 3½ hours each day and size of pile to 250 lbs. Prisoner-of-War are being used to move tobacco off floor to factories on some markets. Price remains good in spite of congestion. Poor grades unusually strong. Ceiling price of 43¼ average is being maintained.

Several farmers unable to poison tobacco after wind storm had tobacco dusted by aeroplane. This proved very successful - opens up new field after war when planes can be obtained to dust peanuts, tobacco and other crops.

At a membership meeting of Conctoe Creek Drainage District Paul E. Warren was elected to succeed A. R. Burnette, deceased, as commissioner.

The Posthumous Mariner's Medal has been awarded to Mrs. Grace Gay Moore of this city in commemoration of the death of her brother, Gaston Gay, who lost his life when his ship, the S. S. Marianna, was reported missing at sea on March 3rd, 1942. The medal, on authority of the Congress of the U. S., was presented to Mrs. Moore, at her home here by W. F. Geisy, W. L. C., U. S. M. S.