

# Air Branch Needed, Says Famed Aviator

FEAR that America is headed for the same disaster that befell the Allies, unless the administration subscribes immediately to a program of air power, is expressed by Major Al Williams in the September issue of Cosmopolitan Magazine.

"The only way to explain the existing weakness of the national defense system of the United States is by pointing directly to the fact that this administration is duplicating each and every deadly error committed by the governments of France and England during the past five years," Williams charges.

The most deadly error of the Allies, according to Williams, committed notably by the British, was the failure to create an air force as a distinct and independent third arm of national defense—with no chiseling from the Army or Navy into its province.

"Just as in the case of the British," Williams writes, "our Army and Navy leaders insist that air forces should really be air services assigned as messenger boys to the two older services, but as Europe has shown us, those 'messenger boys' have developed to the point where they can now destroy their one-time master."

It is this fear of the Army and Navy, of having to assume a position of secondary importance in the defense scheme of things, that has prompted them for the past twenty years to resist the development of a separate air force, he maintains. It is up to the government—and only a strong government can do it—says Williams, to step in and put the Army and Navy in their proper places.

The chief handicap against the organizing of a three-department system of national defense at present, in Williams' eyes, is the "dominating influence of a Warship-President."

But Williams does not despair entirely, for it is his belief that a major invasion of the United States is conservatively five years away, and there is still time to prepare in the air.

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### THANKSGIVING

The traditional last Thursday in November again will be North Carolina's official Thanksgiving Day.

Governor Hoey said he would issue a proclamation directing that the last Thursday in November be observed as Thanksgiving. Last year he also declined to follow President Roosevelt in moving the observance up one week.

North Carolina's 84th annual State Fair will be held at Raleigh October 8 through 12.



Major Al Williams

## FARMERS TO GET MORE PREMIUMS

RALEIGH — Agricultural, educational and industrial premiums totaling \$17,500 will be offered exhibitors at the 84th annual State Fair to be held at Raleigh, October 8 through 12. Dr. J. S. Dorton, manager, announced Monday.

Premiums will be limited to North Carolinians in keeping with a policy established in 1937 when the State Department of Agriculture took over management of the Fair following operation for several years under private management. Prize money will be larger than in 1939.

The 1940 State Fair will have 19 divisions: County progress exhibits, field crops and farm exhibits, horticulture products, livestock, beef cattle and sheep, dairy cattle, swine, draft horses, poultry, women's department, boys and girls 4-H clubs, bees and honey, educational department, vocational education, fine arts, farm machinery and tractors, horse and mule pulling contest, ham and bacon, and federal departments.

Mrs. L. L. Stevens of Shawboro, W. Ivan Bisette of Grifton and C. S. Young of Shelby, members of the State Board of Agriculture, compose the board's Fair committee.

W. Kerr Scott, Commissioner of Agriculture and ex officio director of the exposition, said that "advance reports indicate that the number of exhibitors this year will be even greater than last season." A steady increase in the number of exhibitors has been reported for the past three years.

An unusual array of entertainment features will be presented during Fair week, including nine grandstand acts under the direction of George Hamid, the World of Mirth Shows on the midway, Lucky Teter and His Hell Drivers, harness, auto and motorcycle races, and fireworks each night.

### BETTER

Where he used lime and phosphate on lespedeza, the stand of the legume is 50 per cent better than where the two materials were not used, reports Fred Floyd, a Swain county demonstration farmer.

Buy "back to school" clothes in Selma.

## FARM Questions - Answers

QUESTION: When should I apply ground agricultural limestone to my land?

ANSWER: The best time to apply lime is from three months to one year before seeding legumes. If lime is spread on this far ahead, it will have sufficient time to contact acid in the soil particles and counteract it. The application of lime to cultivated land should be made after plowing, and the material should be mixed with the topsoil. Little benefit may be expected if the limestone is plowed under before being mixed properly with the topsoil. On pastures it is necessary only to scatter the lime on top of the sod. However, better results will be secured if it is worked in with a light harrowing.

QUESTION: When should cotton be picked?

ANSWER: To avoid losses in grade and staple, pick cotton promptly and frequently, but not while green or wet. Store the seed cotton in a dry place and stir it frequently to prevent heating. At the gin, demand slow and careful ginning to assure smooth preparation. To maintain purity of variety, dump the rolls, clean the gin, and catch the planting seed at the breast. The planting seed should be stored in a dry building.

QUESTION: Does it pay to fertilize winter cover crops?

ANSWER: Fertilization of cover crops pays by increasing the yield, by increasing the feeding value of the crop, and by increasing the fertility value of the cover crop. Experience has shown that by using fertilizer under winter legumes and plowing the legume crop under in the spring, using no fertilizer on the following crop, good yields have been secured. In fact, the yields were greater than where no fertilizer was applied to the cover crop but an equal amount of the same analysis fertilizer applied after the unfertilized legume was plowed under.

QUESTION: What methods of soil preparations are considered most desirable for small grains?

ANSWER: The most successful growers of small grains turn red clover or lespedeza under in August, and disk the soil one to two weeks before seeding time, which is October 10 to 20. Another successful method that is used where lespedeza, cowpeas, or soybeans are harvested for hay is that of disking the soil to make a seed bed. This should be done two to three weeks before seeding time.

QUESTION: Is there a cure for Bang's disease of cattle?

ANSWER: So far, despite many so-called remedies, no cure for Bang's disease has been developed. Recent tests conducted by the U. S. Department of Agriculture with two "remedies" proved the inability of either to prevent exposed animals from contracting the disease or cure those that already have it. Destroying infected animals is the best way known at the present time to keep this disease from spreading.

QUESTION: Will ground agricultural limestone kill broomsedge?

ANSWER: As is sometimes

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thought, lime will not kill broomsedge. However, lime, plus the addition of phosphate, restores the fertility of the soil where there is broomsedge to the extent that the sedge is made palatable and grazed off or crowded out by blue grass. A sure sign that land needs lime is the presence of broomsedge, sheep sorrel, running briars, plantains, and moss in or around the edge of a field.

Farm income in North Carolina for the first six months of 1940 is 20 per cent greater than for the same period last year, reports Russell P. Handy, junior statistician of the State Department of Agriculture.

Roberson county leads in land planted to crops with 200,960 acres in cultivation, the State Department of Agriculture reports in the 1940 farm census.

## WEEKLY SERMON

### THE ANCIENT LANDMARKS

By Rev. Nathan J. Stone, Member of Faculty, Moody Bible Ins., Chicago.

TEXT—Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.—Proverbs 22:28.

The landmark in ancient times set off one man's property from that of another. It might have been only a stone or furrow, yet as binding as a concrete wall.

But greedy, unscrupulous persons often removed these landmarks, and so increased their possessions at the expense of others. This has been mankind's besetting sin, and responsible for more wars than any other single cause. Among the ancient Hebrews it upset the whole moral, spiritual, and economic order and led to disaster. It created a very rich and corrupt class on the one hand, and a very poor and oppressed class on the other. The same sort of thing caused the decay of the Roman empire; it was the blight of the Middle Ages, and brought on the debacle of modern civilization in the present conflict. No wonder Moses said, "Cursed be he that removeth his neighbor's landmark."

The landmark, however, come to have moral and spiritual significance also. Perhaps nothing has done more to hasten our world chaos and menace than the obscuring or obliterating of some of these ancient landmarks which guided men in the way of life.

One of these is faith—the faith of our fathers. The faith of many Christians today is not that faith. Our fathers had deep and unshakable convictions about the authority of God's Word. His sovereignty over men and things, the deity of Christ, the reality of the Holy Spirit, the fall of man, a personal devil, the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the need of an atoning Saviour. Their faith made for deep devotion to God, sterling character, stable government, a passion for freedom, rock-ribbed honesty, equality of man, and everything worth-while. Departure from this faith has brought corruption, crime, disregard for liberty and life, instability of government. We need a revival of that faith as a landmark for ourselves and our children—their

rightful heritage. Basic to that faith is the landmark of the Bible. Nothing contributed more to the sturdy character of America than the Bible. It was our "firm foundation." Till nearly one hundred years ago the chief textbook of our public schools was the great New England Primer. Eighty-seven per cent of that book was Bible. When it was taken out of our schools, our foundation began to crumble.

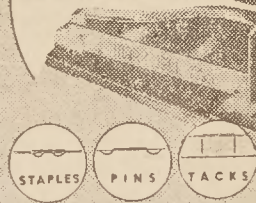
Not only has our Bible been attacked from the outside, it has suffered indifference and neglect from within the church. Civilization, mankind cannot find its way or live again in this dark world's maze without this great landmark which is "able to make us wise unto salvation," and to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." The Bible must be restored, especially to an intimate use in our homes, yes, even in our pulpits. It must be preserved if we and our children are to find our way and live.

### COTTON

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