

# Records Topple As Wilson Comes To Screen

More Than 13,000 Players Appear in Technicolor Cavalcade of Entertainment.

About once every decade, Hollywood turns out a superspectacle which is so stupendous from a production standpoint that screen statisticians gleefully grab their pencils and beat a triumphant tattoo on the xylophone of facts and figures.

Such a film is Darryl F. Zanuck's "Wilson," the screen story of President Woodrow Wilson which 20th Century-Fox filmed in gorgeous Technicolor and which opens Wednesday at Peoples Theatre. The log book of the costliest production in the history of 20th Century-Fox is an almanac of broken production records and studio "firsts."

"Wilson" introduces 148 actors with speaking roles and giant mob scenes on which thousands of extras worked in a single scene. More than 13,000 players appear in the picture. Seven sound stages were filled simultaneously with carefully authenticated sets for the film which ranges, in its locale, from a football field at Princeton to various rooms of the

White House and the Hall of Mirrors in the Palace of Versailles. A record number of sets—89—designed by Ward Breen and James Basevi, were erected; 50 were interior and 38 exterior, and with the entire film in Technicolor these sets and their properties had to be far more detailed in their duplication of the famous original scenes than is necessary for black and white photography. Although not as big a set, nor filled with as many players, the interior set representing the House of Representatives in the nation's Capital, required just as careful preparation to insure historical authenticity. On this set a President of the United States is shown addressing a combined session of the Senate and House, for the first time in a movie. It was President Wilson's request to Congress for a declaration of war against Germany, of April 6th, 1917.

Perhaps the "Wilson" sets which will be remembered the longest are the richly furnished rooms of the White House; the famous Oval Room, the East Room with its golden piano, the Lincoln Room with its nine foot

bed, all meticulously copied down to the last detail by Thomas Little, head of 20th Century-Fox's property department, who spent three weeks in the White House with sketch book and tape measure.

Equally memorable, and equally expensive are the costumes seen in "Wilson." The wardrobe budget ran to more than \$300,000 and the decade of 1909 to 1920, is colorfully brought alive in the big drooping picture hats, the flowing skirts and tight waists and the high buttoned coats of the period. This was an era in which the clothes for the White House came from Paris when that city was the fashion center of the world.

Heading the brilliant cast of "Wilson" are Alexander Knox, in the title role, Charles Coburn, Geraldine Fitzgerald, Thomas Mitchell, Ruth Nelson, Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Vincent Price, William Eythe and Mary Anderson. Lamar Trotti wrote the screen play for "Wilson."

## Grow Grapes, Not Tobacco, Dearing Advises Governor

Raleigh, October 25--H. Governor J. M. Broughton had put his land in grapes this year instead of in tobacco he would have had a bigger return from his farming operations, Charles Dearing, director of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture Test Farm at Willard said recently in reporting an income of \$1,000 this season from an acre of grapes. Recalling that Governor Broughton received \$197 for 450 pounds of tobacco—about a half an acre—Dearing said the net profit is much more in the production of grapes.

Dearing asserted he sold 18 tons for seven cents per pound on the vine.

He pointed out that there has never been a crop failure in grapes at the Coastal Plain Station, and that the pruning is carried on in the winter time, when labor is relatively plentiful. The picking, Dearing explained, can be done in the fall by women and children. The vines at the farm have never been sprayed for an insect enemy.

"When a vineyard is once established, it will last for many years. I have known vines 70 years old to yield as high as two tons of Scuppernon grapes to the acre," said Dearing.

He states that much of the cultural cost of grapes may be cured for by the production of various crops beneath the vines. Dearing suggested soybeans, sweet potatoes and strawberries, adding that this has been done successfully at the Willard farm.

## 423 Million Pounds Of Tobacco Sold

Raleigh, October 25--More than 423 million pounds of flue-cured tobacco have been marketed in North Carolina warehouses during the present marketing season, according to J. A. Winfield, market news man of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

A total of 702,267,691 pounds of flue-cured tobacco have been marketed today with Georgia and Florida sales accounting for approximately 122 million pounds; South Carolina approximately 126 million; and Virginia approximately 30 million pounds.

Producers sales during August and September in North Carolina accounted for 92 per cent of the total gross sales stated Winfield. On this basis North Carolina producers have sold about 389 million pounds of tobacco during this season which represent 53 per cent of North Carolina's estimated flue-cured crop of approximately 730 million pounds.

## Horses Have Toothache Says N. Carolina State Veterinarian

Raleigh, October 25th--Horses have toothaches, just as human beings do—but the horse usually has to suffer through it because his owner does not know what is wrong with him, according to Dr. William Moore, head of the N. C. Department of Agriculture Veterinary division.

In order to help out any horses bothered with toothaches as the winter comes on, Dr. Moore attempted to list some symptoms: The horse may object more than usual to bridling, may eat more slowly, leave part of its meal uneaten, or jerk its head quickly from the trough when starting to drink.

## Fall Vegetables Move To Market

Raleigh, October 25th -- The



ITS NOT THE OLD APPLE TREE—but its shady part organized by USO club in a Caribbean port, typical of National War Fund financed USO activities provided for men of all services in 1,400 towns and ports.

movement of all snapbeans from Eastern North Carolina during the past week was fairly heavy, with a wide range in quality and price, J. A. Winfield, North Carolina Department of Agriculture market news man, has reported.

He said that most terminal markets reported a slow demand, with last Friday's delivered prices of bushel hampers ranging from \$1 to \$2.25 in New York.

The movement of fall cabbage from the Elizabeth City area started during the latter part of the week, with f.o.b. prices ranging from \$40 to \$45 per ton, said Winfield.

He reported that North Carolina sweet potatoes brought from \$2.50 to \$2.71 per bushel in New York last Friday.

## State College Hints Farm Homemakers

BY RUTH CURRENT  
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Round pot holders can be cut by using a saucer for a pattern. They are especially handy when taking food from the oven, as there are no corners to drop into the food and get sticky.

To sew on Hooks and Eyes: Hooks, eyes and snaps are most satisfactory when sewed on with the buttonhole stitch.

Dark colored suede accessories may be cleaned by rubbing them with an art gum eraser, or with a rubber sponge, or with a suede shoebrush. It is equipped with a rubber instead of wire brush.

Table top Protectors: Prices of felt cut from old hats and glued to the bottoms of vases, lamps, and ash trays form splendid table top protectors.

A small paintbrush is an excellent gadget with which to clean crumbs from an electric toaster or waffle iron.

Uncovered bedsprings should be inspected occasionally to make sure they have no rough places that will tear sheets. If they have, apply adhesive tape to the rough spot.

When movable tables and chairs are to be placed on a polished floor, cut pieces the size of a quarter or a half dollar from an old felt hat and glue them to the bottom of the chair and table legs. This will prevent scratching of floors.

Fred Chapman of Richmond, Va. was in town Tuesday. Miss Evelyn Newsome of Raleigh spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Newsome.

Lt. Mildred Best, U. S. N., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Best is home on leave after spending a year in England.

W. A. Blount of Rocky Mount was in town on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Earl of Greensboro are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Willie Pegram.

Dr. and Mrs. L. H. Justis were in Richmond, Va., several days last week.

Mrs. Bennie Kirkland and children left Thursday for Los Angeles, Cal., after spending some time here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt King of Roanoke Rapids spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. King.

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## Lt. Hatcher Canipe Now Instructor

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commissioned in March, 1944.

At this Central Flying Training Command installation where Lt. Canipe is now stationed, army air forces pilots are taught the latest techniques in the guiding of military aircraft by the full-panel instrument control system.

Keeping 6 or 7 dairy cows on the farm to fully utilize the land brings in a cash income through the year is a good plan for farmers, suggests T. J. Broom, veteran county agent of the State College Extension Service.

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