

### Their Bonds and Stamps Buy a Jeep



"We're buying one," yelled youngsters at the Whittier School, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, when they saw the jeep above. Actually they expect to have bought enough war stamps and bonds by the middle of December to pay for two jeeps for the armed forces. The army sergeant in the picture meted out from Sioux Falls Air Field to show the boys and girls just what their savings are purchasing. (Army Photo)

### Tobacco Growers Fail To Meet Triple-A Quotas

Raleigh, November 22nd.— Fine-cured tobacco growers in North Carolina failed by 57,000 acres to meet the quotas allowed them this season by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, Frank Parker, head of the Statistics division of the N. C. Department of Agriculture, finds.

Based on his figures on the number of acres reported to triple-A producers and comparing them with acreage quotas set up for fine-cured growers for 1944, Parker said the shortage was eight per cent, the quota being 722,000 acres and the planted acreage 665,000.

Figured on the basis of 1,000 pounds to the acre (this State's fine-cured average), failure to meet quotas prevented 57,000,000 pounds of tobacco from reaching the market. If sold at an average of 40 cents per pound, this tobacco would have brought the producers more than \$22,000,000.

"The chief causes for the growers' inability to reach the quotas set for them were shortages of labor in all the producing areas, adverse spring setting conditions, and the heavy war goals established for the other crop," declared Parker.

He pointed out that, despite failures to meet goals, a crop second only to that of 1939 was produced in the fine-cured belts this season.

Parker asserted that the biggest shortage existed in the Old and Middle belts, where the quota was 295,000 acres and the planted acreage only 255,000—a shortage of 14 per cent. These belts seldom meet the quotas, he said.

"Prior to the war, the Border

and Eastern Carolina belts never failed to plant right up near the maximum allowed under the Government program," said Parker.

This season, in the Eastern Carolina area, the allotment was 347,000 acres, while the actual planted acreage was 332,000—a shortage of four per cent.

In the Border Belt, the quota was 79,300 and the acreage planted 77,700, the shortage being two per cent.

Officials at the triple-A office here said that the heavy-producing counties like Pitt, Wilson and Greene, where tobacco is the main crop, planted about the maximum permitted them, but that in counties where tobacco is a minor crop, the acreage was appreciably

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### Big Lespedeza Crop Expected

Raleigh, November 22nd.— A record breaking lespedeza seed crop for North Carolina this year is foreseen by D. S. Coltrane, assistant to the Commissioner of Agriculture.

This State, which ranked at the top of the list in the production of lespedeza seed in 1942, and was second only to Missouri in 1943, is expected to harvest 162,000 acres this season, according to Coltrane, who pointed out that this should run to 38,100,000 pounds, one-third more than last season.

"The average devoted to this crop this year is about 20 per cent larger than in 1943 and five per

cent larger than the previous record, which was established in 1937," said Coltrane.

He added that of this year's seed crop, the Korean variety will account for about two thirds of the harvest; Kobe, 32.6 per cent; common, 9 per cent; Tennessee, seventy six.5 per cent, and Services, 1.7 per cent.

According to Coltrane, the Kobe crop is especially good and accounts for a materially larger portion. "Last year, the yield per acre of Kobe was very disappointing and cleaning losses were the heaviest on record."

Coltrane said that most of the State's Kobe seed crop is produced in Stanly, Union and Anson counties, where harvest is now at its peak.

"With seed well matured this year, cleaning losses are expected to be less than average. Production of thresher run seed is expected to turn out a total of 28,500,000 pounds of clean seed, 40 per

### State Ranks Second In Yam Production

Raleigh, November 22nd.— North Carolina this year will produce more sweet potatoes than any other state in the Nation except Georgia, the Statistics division of the N. C. Department of Agriculture reports.

Statistician Clyde Willis estimated this State would produce 9,200,000 bushels of yams this season, as against Georgia's 9,975,000 bushels. The North Carolina figure is the highest of any season—with the exception of 1931, when 9,984,000 bushels were grown. In 1943, the crop totaled 7,700,000 bushels.

"Prospective sweets yields for this year's crop are expected to average 115 bushels to the acre, 18 bushels more than the 97-bushel

yield of last year and 27 bushels more than the anticipated Georgia yield," said Willis.

In the 10-years from 1933 to 1942, average production was 8,362,000 bushels, with the yield at 100 bushels to the acre.

John A. Winfield, market newsman said he had received information from the Bureau of Agricultural Economics that prices to be paid farmers for sweet potatoes are expected to average lower this winter season than the high prices realized during the 1943-44 winter. This decrease in prices was attributed by BAE to larger crops in some of the important shipping States, including Virginia, Maryland and New Jersey.

The U. S. lespedeza seed crop for 1944 is estimated at 236 million pounds as compared with 163 million last year. The North Carolina crop will be about 20 per cent larger.

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And work and sweat . . . and hide and run . . .  
For here the enemy is very much alive . . .  
His bullets still are made of lead . . .  
Their angry whispers still foretell of sudden death  
For me and others crouched in slime and mud . . .  
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