

FARMERS OF N. C. PLEDGES GREATER BEEF PRODUCTION

Uncle Sam asked North Carolina farmers to increase milk cows by 12 per cent, and beef cattle by 12 per cent, to meet Food-for-Freedom goals in 1942. The response has been literally "overwhelming."

A house-to-house canvass was made to obtain pledges to meet livestock and other goals. Farmers welcomed the suggestion to keep livestock, especially in view of relatively high prices being paid for milk and meat. The beef cattle goal was: "A 12 per cent increase in the number of beef cattle and calves for market and for slaughter." No increase in hog production was deemed necessary.

Here's what North Carolina farmers pledged: To increase the number of their milk cows by 18 per cent; to increase the number of their beef cattle for market alone by 14 per cent; and to increase by 27 per cent.

Livestock men at N. C. State college see cause for alarm in the nationwide pledges. They say insufficient feed has been produced for the number of milk cows, beef cattle, and hogs raised in North Carolina in past years. Furthermore, the maximum milk and meat production has not been attained from the livestock kept.

In an attempt to prevent financial loss to farmers, a committee of Extension animal husbandmen at State college, headed by John A. Arey, veteran dairyman, have drafted recommendations. The basic recommendations are: Make immediate plans for adequate feed, including pasture, hay, silage, and grain.

Better Management Suggested. Also, they suggest better management. "Increase in both milk and meat production should largely be accomplished through better feeding and care, rather than by increasing numbers." Any great increase in numbers, say the animal husbandmen avoid farmers should especially avoid incurring debts that may be very difficult to meet when adjustment comes.

The specific recommendations are as follows: "Recognizing the fact that pasture provides the cheapest form of feed for livestock, pasture improvement should be given first consideration. The carrying capacity of most North Carolina pastures can be improved by the application of lime and phosphates, and, in some cases, potash. Orders for needed materials should be placed just as soon as possible to avoid a transportation bottleneck in the spring.

"Due to the scarcity and high prices of grass and legume seed, it is recommended that emphasis be placed on the improvement of old pastures rather than the establishment of new ones unless seedlings are made on fertile soil. More general use of annual grazing crops (temporary pastures) for dairy cattle, beef cattle, and swine is strongly recommended. Temporary pastures are especially valuable in economical swine production.

Legume Hays Recommended. "At least two tons of good hay should be provided for each mature head of cattle. To insure against a shortage of hay due to drought, cereal hays and winter legumes are recommended to supplement summer-grown hays. Such crops can be ensiled in cases or wet weather at harvesting time.

"Silage, like pasture, provides succulence and is a source of cheap feed. Three to four tons is needed annually for each mature cow. An adequate supply of roughage is the main problem; however, due consideration should also be given to the supply of concentrates, such as grains. This is especially true of corn in the fattening of hogs.

The livestock leaders suggested that farmers cull out inferior animals and replace them with efficient producers; that losses caused by parasites and diseases be prevented through the practice of good sanitation and control measures; and that careful consideration be given to the conservation of farm manure due to the expected shortage of fertilizing materials.

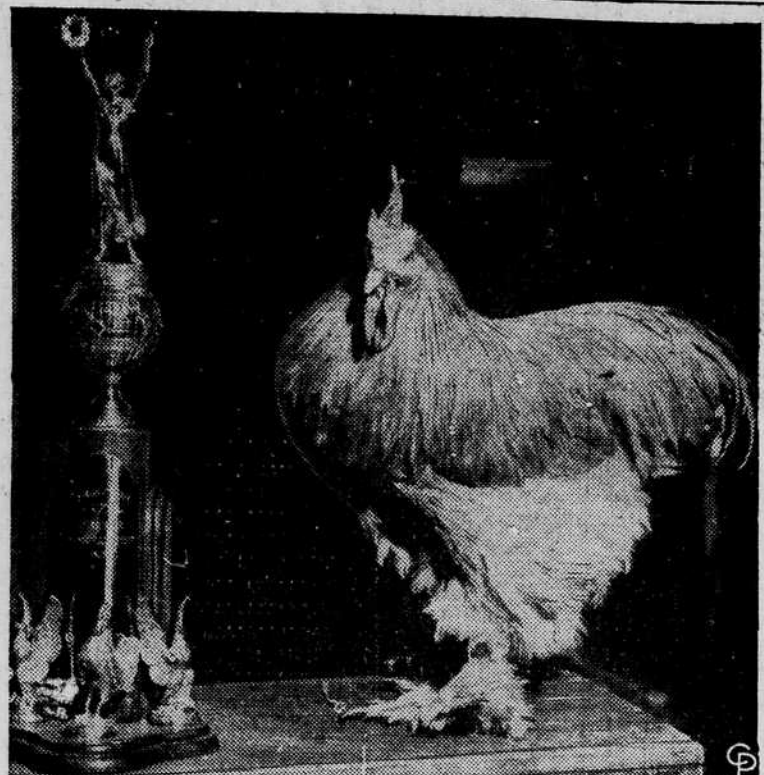
The farmers, in their Food-for-Freedom pledge, indicated their desire to keep 56,940 more cows, 242,462 more hogs, and 25,613 more market cattle. "The same amount of milk and meat could be produced with about half as many animals if they are well fed and managed profitably," the State college animal husbandmen agree.

McLenburg Farmers Grow New Vegetables

CHARLOTTE, Jan. 11. — L. B. Barbee, assistant farm agent of the N. C. State College Extension Service, has discovered that McLenburg county farmers grow from two to five new vegetables in their gardens in 1941.

In filling out questionnaires for demonstration farmers, he found that 12 to 25 different kinds of vegetables were grown on each farm.

Agent Barbee said this turn to vegetables not grown before was the result of the food-for-defense program conducted last year under the supervision of the



PROUD HEN AND HER TROPHY
Posing with admirable modesty is the buff cocker hen that won the Swanwhite Trophy at the poultry show in New York city. Silas Andrews, of Mineola, L. I., is owner of this prize piece of poultry.

Evans Reports Britain Looking To U.S. Farmer

Farm Adjustment Official Says English Are Short Of Food

By GUY A. CARDWELL, General Agricultural Agent Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co. R. M. Evans, administrator, Agricultural Adjustment Administration recently spent a month in England. He found the British to be definitely short of food. The following excerpts are from Mr. Evans' story entitled "Britain's Hope Is the American Farmer," in which he tells about his visit. The complete article is published in U. S. Department of Agriculture Extension Service Review, December issue.

"During our visit we were on food rations just like everyone else. I had one egg for breakfast during the entire four weeks we were there. I saw only one orange, and it was being eaten by an aviator who regarded it as quite a novelty. Like many Americans, I'm accustomed to eating heartily—and more than once I got up from the table still hungry. It did not hurt us any, but Paul Appleby lost eight pounds and I lost 10.

"The Government is doing a good job of handling the food over there, and it is being distributed fairly. Everyone gets all the bread and potatoes he needs, but the allowances of meat, cheese, eggs, butter, lard, milk, and vegetables is very limited. People doing extra heavy work get extra rations, and children and nursing mothers get all the fresh milk. A fine system has been developed in the community feeding centers where people can get a meal for 18 or 20 cents in our money, or free if they haven't the money. Probably some of the really poor people are getting a better share of the total food supply under today's wartime rations than they were previously under their own peace-time needs.

"Nobody is starving in Britain, but there is not nearly enough high-energy food for best work. Ernest Bevin, the Minister of Labor, told us: 'A lot of our people look as though they are in good shape, but they have not the vitality or staying power. They need more protein. Give us the meat, and we will increase our production 15 to 20 per cent.'

"An American research doctor pointed out the large number of people on the streets who wore small bandages and said: They lack vitamin foods. If they receive a scratch, it doesn't heal rapidly. You might scratch your hand, and in a day or two it would be healed; but with them it takes a couple of weeks.

"No one knows, of course, how the war will end. I am filled with admiration for the brave spirit of the British people. Nevertheless, we must recognize that they—and the entire fight for freedom—are dependent upon the production of our farms and factories over here. Our farm defense program is all important. We must send supplies. We represent their hope for peace and victory. If we should let them down, not only would we endanger our own future and the future of world democracy, but also we would be letting down one of the most courageous people the world has ever seen."

FATS REDUCED

Outbreak of war in the Pacific has cut off the source of about 10 per cent of the fats and oils used in the United States, says Julian E. Mann, Extension studies economist of N. C. State college.

LIVING COSTS MOUNT
Despite the record income of 13 billion dollars expected from the sale of farm products in 1942, much of this increase will be taken up in increased costs of living.

TREE PLANTING

Forest tree seedlings should be planted as soon as they arrive from the nursery, says R. W. Graeber, Extension forester of N. C. State college.

SCRAP DRIVE

A concerted drive to speed up farm machinery repairs and to collect scrap metals will be started immediately in every North Carolina county, says D. S. Weaver of N. C. State college.

BANKERS HELPING SOUTHEASTERN U.S. DAIRY BUSINESS

Recognize Importance Of Livestock Industry In Development Of States

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 11.—Credit should be given to wide-awake and public spirited bankers in the Southeastern States of Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, and Alabama, for their early recognition of the importance of the livestock industry in the development of these Tide Water States, says the American banker of New York, the only daily banking newspaper, in a story based on statements made in a recent survey by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.

Since the withdrawal of hundreds of thousands of acres of land from the cultivation of cotton and tobacco because of over-production and the curtailing or complete stoppage of the foreign markets for these staples, industrial leaders and others in a position to stimulate industry in the southeastern states have been using every effort to encourage the promotion of diversified livestock, to take the place in the agriculture, which means more economy of the region affected by the enforced reduction in these two great cash crops.

Surveys through the Tide Water south during the past year have revealed that the Army demand plus the increased civilian demand have greatly increased activity among livestock and poultry producers. Contacts with bankers, specialists in animal husbandry and agriculture, county agricultural dairying of the State colleges of agents, and specialists in livestock and agriculture of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, have revealed that during the past year the banks of these states have financed the introduction of pure-bred bulls to cross with the native scrub cattle.

During recent months the importation of good dairy cows into the Carolinas from Ohio, Tennessee, and other states has been marked. County agents in Florida reported recently that a shortage in milk seemed imminent in parts of that state and that it was almost certain that more dairy cows would be because of the Army demand. It was said that the banks cooperated in financing stock importations.

A banker in southeast Georgia reported recently that he had financed the introduction from the west of two car-loads of pure-bred Hereford bulls to cross with the native scrub cows. The bull was more than one-half the herd in improving the quality of the beef, he explained, and good livestock was on a cash basis today. Thousands of acres of natural pasture land, open pine forest country, are being built up by providing improved grasses, so as to be able to support a larger number of head of stock.

At Kissimmee, Fla., old-time cow country in the center of the state, it was said by County Agent Gunn that 9,000 acres had been put into improved pastures in Osceola County in the past year. A single acre in improved grasses, he said, would support a cow most of the year, while on an average it would take ten acres of wire grass pasture. In Florida 400,000 acres of grazing land have been highly improved as pasture, and 3,000,000 acres have been partially improved. One of the biggest cattlemen in Florida, who came down from Wyoming, stated last fall at Arcadia, in southern Florida, near which he is established, that he could carry a steer in Florida for \$3.00 a year, while it would cost \$15.00 in Wyoming owing to winter feeding.

Improvement of pastures and quality of the livestock are the two most important factors in the development of this already substantial industry in the southeastern states. To the development of pastures the U. S. Department of Agriculture is giving much attention, while the banks have helped not a little in financing the introduction of improved livestock.

There is an old adage, or proverb, or something that says it is only fair for each frog to praise his own pond. This time, however, each farmer seems justified in yelling loud, and long about the toes. Then there is J. H. Bordeaux, of the Livingston community, who has others than himself singing praises about his sweet potatoes. He made a fine supply this year and some of his potatoes got scattered all around the Delco community, and even the school children who sampled them did not hesitate to say that they were the sweetest sweet potatoes that they had ever eaten.

EMERGENCY CROP LOANS AVAILABLE

Applications Now Being Received At Room 223-Of Postoffice Here

Emergency crop and feed loans for 1942 are now available to farmers in New Hanover county, and applications for these loans are being received at Room 223, postoffice building, Wilmington, by W. F. King, field supervisor, of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan section of the Farm Credit administration.

These loans will be made as in the past to farmers whose cash requirements are relatively small and who are unable to obtain from other sources including production credit associations in amounts sufficient to meet their needs.

The loans will be made to meet the applicant's cash needs in preparing for and producing his crops, or in purchasing or producing food for his livestock. Mr. King pointed out that eligible farmers desiring to do so might apply now for loans to take care of their production needs for the entire 1942 season. Interest at the rate of 4 per cent will be charged only during

Wayne Farmers Facing Real Labor Shortage

GOLDSBORO, Jan. 11.—Faced with a farm labor shortage, Wayne county growers are making every day count, reports C. S. Mints, farm agent of the N. C. State College Extension service.

They are now using all available labor on the farm getting stalks out, discing, and breaking the land in preparation for spring planting.

Where possible, they are purchasing labor-saving machinery to replace the loss of hired help.

FARMERS' MEETS SLATED IN STATE

Annual Session Of N. C. Farm Bureau Federation Tops Week's Program

RALEIGH, Jan. 11.—The annual meeting of the N. C. Farm Bureau Federation, scheduled at the Hotel Sir Walter in Raleigh on Wednesday and Thursday, heads a long list of agricultural meetings in the state this week.

In most counties throughout the state community and county-wide meetings of farm people are scheduled this week to enlist the cooperation of rural citizens in the scrap metal collection and farm machinery repair programs.

One-day district poultry short courses will be held at Whiteville in Columbus county on Monday, and at Dunn in Harnett county on Tuesday. Extension poultry specialists and county farm and home agents are arranging these chicken and egg schools.

The N. C. State Mutual Hatchery association will hold a one-day meeting in Pullen hall on the State college campus Wednesday. In addition to the hatcherymen, commercial poultrymen and farm flock owners from all sections of North Carolina have been invited to attend the meeting in an effort to form a strong "over-all" poultry organization in the state.

On the same day, Wednesday, Holstein dairy cattle breeders of North and South Carolina will gather in Charlotte to perfect a bi-state organization. This meeting will be held at the Hotel Charlotte.

The fourth annual Nurserymen's Short course will open at State college on Thursday for a two-day session. Registration will be held in the lobby of the college Y. M. C. A. from 7 to 9 p. m. on Wednesday, and from 8:30 to 9:30 a. m. on Thursday.

Farm leaders expect a large assemblage of rural people in Raleigh for the Farm Bureau and Hatchery association meetings, and for the Nurserymen's Short course.

CREDIT MEETING SLATED JAN. 23

Indications Point To Large Attendance At Wrightsboro Session

Indications point to a very large attendance at the annual meeting of the members of the Wilmington Production Credit association, which will be held in the Wrightsboro Home Demonstration clubhouse at Wrightsboro, at 10 a. m., on January 23, according to John R. Morris, Wilmington, president of the association.

An interesting and instructive program has been arranged for the meeting. Mr. Morris said, and much interest is being manifested by the members. Some new features will be introduced at the session this year.

"Every farmer is vitally interested in the problems and changing conditions affecting agriculture today," said Mr. Morris, "and we hope that this will be the largest meeting in the history of our organization." Lunch will be served to the members.

The Wilmington Production Credit association serves Pender, New Hanover and Brunswick counties and furnishes short-term credit for general agricultural and livestock purposes.

Officers of the association are: Mr. Morris, president; W. H. Lewick, vice president, and H. B. Rivensbarck, secretary-treasurer. Directors, in addition to the president and vice president, are John B. Ward, W. O. Savage and J. W. Sellers, Jr.

EMBRYO WILL DIE

If the yolk of the fertilized egg does not contain an ample supply of Vitamin G, the developing embryo in the egg will die before hatch, says Roy S. Dearstyne of N. C. State college.

WEED ALLOTMENTS BOOST EXPLAINED

Consumption Of Cigarettes Sets All Time Record In Last Half Of 1941

RALEIGH, Jan. 11.—An all-time record consumption of cigarettes during the last six months of 1941 led to the 10 per cent increase in flue-cured tobacco allotments for 1942, E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive assistant of State college, said today. Cigarette smoking increased 18 per cent during that period over the corresponding months in 1940.

Floyd said that North Carolina's flue-cured tobacco allotment for this year is approximately 562,650 acres. This compares with an allotment of 511,500 acres in 1941.

In the nation-as-a-whole, the flue-cured tobacco crop last year was about 650 million pounds. The market will probably consume about 750 million pounds in 1942.

Floyd pointed out that four-fifths of the flue-cured tobacco used in the United States goes into cigarettes. The consumption of cigarettes for the past several years, but the average annual increase has been only about 6 per cent.

The 1942 marketing quota and farm acreage allotments were announced in October at the 1941 level. Since then, the increase in domestic consumption has continued to rise. Also, the export requirements of countries allied against the Axis powers have indicated that more tobacco will be needed in 1942 than was originally anticipated.

"There is every evidence that flue-cured tobacco growers will experience a good year in 1942," Floyd said, "if they can overcome shortages of labor and essential materials, such as tobacco plant bed cloth. Attempts are being made to solve both problems."

CANADIAN VESSEL SUNK IN COLLISION

Continent Goes Down Off New Jersey Coast After Crash With Tanker

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—Sinking of the 966-ton Canadian freighter Continent with the loss of one life after a collision off the New Jersey coast with the tanker Byron D. Benson was disclosed today by the Coast Guard.

The 7,953-ton tanker, inbound, and the little freighter collided in a frigid haze four miles south of Scotland Lightship about 7:30 p. m. last night.

Her hull punctured, the Continent filled rapidly and sank, throwing 14 crew members into icy waters. The Benson stood by for two hours while her boats picked up 133 survivors.

The missing man was listed as Second Assistant Engineer Lang. The rescued men, all suffering from exposure, were taken to the U. S. Marine hospital on Staten Island, where none was said to be in a serious condition.

The tanker, owned by the Tidewater Associated Oil Co., and operated out of Wilmington, Del., suffered only slight damage. It proceeded to Bayonne after landing the survivors.

Japanese Direct Radio Broadcasts To Moslems

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—The Ankara radio said today that Japanese short wave transmitters are trying to propagate "the absurd allegation that Hitler is a Moslem, a direct descendant of Mohammed."

Presumably the Japanese broadcasts are being directed to Moslem listeners in the British empire. CBS heard the Ankara broadcast. There was similar propaganda on Hitler's behalf when the British fought their "vest pocket" war with pro-Nazi forces of rashid Ali Al Gallani in Iraq.

Two Senate Pages Tour Brooklyn Navy Yard

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—A Senate "subcommittee of investigation," composed of two Senate pages in their teens, arrived from Washington today for a whirlwind tour of the Navy Recruiting Station and the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

The pages, George Reynolds, 14, of Sewanee, Tenn., and Gene Ford, 13, of St. Louis, carried credentials signed by Senator David I. Walsh (D-Mass.), chairman of the Senate Naval Affairs committee.

After a 40-minute chat with Rear Adm. E. J. Marquet, they were taken on a tour of inspection through the navy yard and declared later that "we promised the admiral not to mention to anyone the names of ships we saw, except to Senator Walsh."

Russell Held On Two Charges Of Assault

Wibur Russell is held in city jail in default of two bonds of \$100 each following an altercation in the Victorian cafe on Princess street late Saturday night.

Woman Church Worker Held On Fraud Charge

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 11.—Mrs. Amelia Carr, 66-year-old Newark church worker, was held under \$50,000 bail today on a charge of defrauding another woman of \$4,700, and Essex county prosecutor William A. Wachenfeld said an FBI fingerprint check showed Mrs. Carr to have a criminal record dating back to 1891 as a confidence woman who mulcted countless victims or more than \$1,000,000.

J. Clarence Carr, chairman of the trustees of Roseville Methodist church, the woman's second husband, said he was sure his wife was the victim of "a terrible mistake," and added "she has been a queen to me."

The Rev. Edson R. Leach, pastor of the church, said he was "amazed" at Mrs. Carr's plight in view of her fine work as a church worker.

Gray-haired Mrs. Carr, accused of defrauding Mrs. Mabel Burnett

of 15 Myrtle avenue, a fellow church member, was first arrested December 20 and released under \$2,500 bail, but she failed to appear for questioning. She was taken into custody on Christmas day.

Meanwhile, Wachenfeld said, other complaints were received and her bail was raised to \$50,000, highest ever set for a woman in the county.

Unable to raise the bail, Mrs. Carr remained in jail. Expressions such as "canary" and "did you think I'd blow my top?" in her replies to police questions aroused suspicions, Wachenfeld said.

Wachenfeld said one of Mrs. Carr's practices was to represent herself as a wealthy church worker and attempt to have others "invest" funds through her.

He said her victims seldom got any return on their money, unless they complained very much and then they usually got back their money with interest.

WAVELL ASSERTS 'DANGER CLOSER'

Says Greater Effort Required Of India's Armed Forces, Industries

NEW DELHI, India, Jan. 11.—General Sir Archibald P. Wavell, commander of the United Nations' forces in the Southwest Pacific, declared today that "the danger has come closer and an ever greater effort is required" of India's armed forces and war industries.

His remarks were embodied in a farewell order of the day to the forces which served under him in India.

"I go to my new responsibilities greatly heartened by the knowledge I have gained of the spirit and efficiency of the armed forces of the Indian command and the extent of the war effort behind them," he added.

(In Tokyo, an army spokesman said Japan's aim of "cleaning East Asia of foreign influences" could only be "accomplished if sufficient protection is established against the Indian ocean and Indian itself from the direction of Burma, thus making impossible any attempt by the enemy to mobilize new forces with the aid of Chungking.")

(Repeated reports from Burma have told of the massing of a Chinese and British force there, possibly for a drive through Thailand and French Indo-China to cut supply lines of the Japanese attacking Singapore.)

Seventeen Persons Die In Building Camp Fire

CHICOUTIMI, Quebec, Jan. 11.—Seventeen persons were burned to death and many others were said to be missing after a fire early today at a construction camp near here.

Twenty-four persons were hospitalized, some in serious condition. The camp, operated by the Aluminum company of Canada, Ltd., and the Foundation Company, Ltd., is at Arvida.

SELLS ESTATE

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—Joseph P. Kennedy, former ambassador to Great Britain, has sold his estate at suburban Bronxville. The property, including a 20-room residence, two cottages and 6 1-2 acres of land, is assessed at \$167,000.

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