

### SURPLUS TRUCKS TO BE ALLOTTED

COLLEGE STATION, Raleigh, June 24.—Where there is a threatened impairment of farm production, surplus trucks will be allotted to growers, say extension officials at State College.

The first such allocation has just been announced for the peach growers in the Spartanburg area of South Carolina jointly by the War Food Administration, the Department of Commerce, and the Surplus Property Board.

The peach crop in this area is estimated at five and one half million bushels, twice last year's production and about three times the ten-year average.

Seventy-four trucks were allotted to the peach growers, all except one being one and one half ton trucks with either stake, cargo, or platform type bodies. The farmers to whom the trucks will go have been certified by county committees of the AAA and the WFA.

Certificates for the purchase of the trucks will be issued by the AAA on the basis of individual and area need for transportation to conserve food production. These certificates may be issued either to individual farmers or farmers' co-operatives.

The procedure to be used is in accordance with a regulation recently issued by the Surplus Property Board to channel badly needed farm equipment into rural areas.

### Supplies Of Corn For Livestock Feed Is Assured By WFA

COLLEGE STATION, Raleigh, June 24.—Supplies of corn for livestock feeding and the manufacture of war products have been assured by a new WFA order restricting the use of grain for alcohol or export, Tom Scott, chairman of the State AAA Committee with headquarters at State College, stated Saturday.

"This does not apply to corn acquired under contract prior to June 11," Scott declared.

The order, which diverts more corn to livestock feed and to industrial processors is expected to speed up the lagging corn-to-market movement. Corn supplies are reported to be substantial and any farmer who has corn which can be sold is asked to sell now, thus helping maintain production of meat, milk and eggs, and other essential war products.

Scott said that, according to OPA the present ceiling prices on corn reflect parity to the farmer and will not be increased.

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### AIR CHIEF MEETS PRESS IN MANILA



**FIVE-STAR GENERAL H. H. ARNOLD** (center), head of the U. S. Army Air Forces, is shown as he discussed future air assaults on Japan with war correspondents at a news conference held at Ft. McKinley, Manila, in the Philippines. U. S. Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International Soundphoto)

### Carolina Farm Comment

By F. H. JETER

It has been my very good fortune to have studied farming in North Carolina for many years. I have observed crops, good and bad, on poor land and fertile land, and I have visited farms in every single county of the 100 of this state. It is always interesting, therefore, to go from one section to another and to observe the decided difference in crops and in farming methods.

The other afternoon I had the privilege of visiting in the Kenly section of upper Johnston County. From Smithfield to Kenly is one of the rich crop sections of eastern North Carolina, and while the tobacco there is "buttoning" a little low, due to the season, I have never seen better prospects for crops in all this territory. The Kenly business men have just organized a civic club and they tell me that one of their main objectives will be to help build up the agricultural prosperity of that section.

The president of the new club called upon the members for suggestions as to what activity would serve the best interests of the community and it was interesting to note that the promotion of good farming and rural welfare ranked first among the answers.

Two afternoons later, I visited Greene County at the invitation of Mrs. Nell Butler, home agent, to attend a meeting of the County Council of home demonstration clubs held in the courthouse at Snow Hill. As was the case of the trip from Smithfield to Kenly, so is the drive northeastward from Goldsboro to Snow Hill. It goes through one of North Carolina's garden spots. Fine corn, promising tobacco, lots of soybeans, much of which is inter-planted with the corn, fairly good cotton, and gardens everywhere. It was very hot that afternoon and as I made my way to Snow Hill, I saw stalwart young men, stripped to the waist, cultivating the crops.

The tobacco was being put up on a ridge and, in many instances, two-row riding cultivators were being used with excellent effect. Tobacco in that territory is buttoning low, in some fields, but the growers said they could handle that all right by topping the plants and picking out a good strong sucker to carry the extra leaves desired. Jack Harrell, farm agent, said that 19,500 acres were planted to tobacco in Greene County last year and that the crop averaged 1,205 pounds of cured leaf per acre, which, at an average of 40 cents a pound, means a little over nine million dollars in tobacco income. That's a nice bit of money for the 18,000 people in that county. However, all the farm land in Greene is owned by about 990 persons or families and of that number, at least 100 live outside of the county.

The people of Greene County are beginning to give considerable thought to their tenancy situation and to their absentee landlords. They are beginning to wonder if they have a healthy, farm condition. As a matter of fact, that was the subject for discussion before the meeting of the home demonstration council and I have a feeling that the subject will be discussed more and more in the days to come.

Some good farming is being done in Greene by the Beaman Brothers who live about four miles from Snow Hill. We had time to visit only two of the brothers and found C. J. Beaman busy in his large garden. He was bemoaning the loss of some excellent strawberry plants, cabbage, and other vegetables which were growing in that part of his garden next to a tobacco barn that was struck by lightning the week before. The barn was completely destroyed in the resulting fire, and Mr. Beaman said if the wind had been blowing towards his home, the whole farmstead would have been wiped out. Neighbors came to his rescue, however, and a bucket brigade, aided by tin roofs on some of the adjacent buildings, helped to save the property.

Mr. Beaman has a typical eastern Carolina farm. He owns 354 acres of land in his total farm holdings and grows about 30 acres of cotton, 75 acres of corn, 50 acres of tobacco, and 20 acres of hay. He also plants wheat and oats for winter growth to be followed by lespedeza or soybeans. The Beamans have a lovely home, well shaded, and with flowers and shrubs arranged in the yards. He grows his own meat supply and has a smoke house full of shoulders, side meat and hams. The chicken yard and garden also supply their share of quality food.

It was interesting to see the fine collards now growing in Greene gardens. Jack Harrell said this is common to the county, although over most of North Carolina collards are planted later in the season.

Attesting to the fact that Greene is one of North Carolina's best crop counties is the significant situation existing there in regard to farm lands. There is none for sale. One look at the crops growing there this year and the reason can easily be understood.

Farmers there and elsewhere in the state will be pleased to know that Fred Sloan, in charge of the emergency labor program for the Extension Service has arranged for fifteen hundred Bahamians to arrive in North Carolina between June 20 and July 9 for harvesting beans, peaches, and tobacco. These workers from the West Indies are being brought in by the War Food Administration, and were placed through the county agents of the Extension Service. Contracts for them have already been made with farmers and no additional Bahamians are expected this season.

The first group of 320 workers are supposed to have reached Candor, Montgomery County, last Wednesday, June 20, for the harvesting of peaches. Another group

### YOUTH CONFESSES SISTER'S MURDER

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., June 24 (U.P.)—Thirteen-year-old Earl Laurie was charged with murder by police today after he allegedly confessed to the "ice-box" sex-slaying of his 6-year-old sister, Hazel Thursday.

Chief Raymond P. Gallagher said in a statement that the victim's brother Earl was charged with murder and that two younger brothers, Raymond, 12, and John 11, were held on open charges for arraignment in District Court tomorrow.

"In a signed confession, Earl acknowledges he had illicit relations with his sister, Hazel, and also with his 9-year-old sister, Beulah," Chief Gallagher reported. "These illicit relations had been going on over a period of at least a year."

Hazel's brutally ravished body was discovered entombed in an unused icebox beneath a rear porch Friday, a day after she had been attacked in the cellar of her home. Earl reportedly told police that he slammed the icebox door shut when he discovered his sister curled inside it an hour and a half after the attack. Little Hazel apparently suffocated slowly in her makeshift tomb, for evidence revealed that she must have pounded desperately and vainly against the metal door to free herself.

The boy allegedly told police that he later joined in the search for his sister, but was afraid to go near the icebox. Hazel's body was found by Mrs. Mary Gilberti, a tenant in the house where the Lauries live.

### Figures Show Growth Of Dairying In N. C.

RALEIGH, June 24. (U.P.)—Retarding its belief that in a few years dairying will be one of North Carolina's chief money industries, the State Department of Agriculture today released these figures on the growth of the industry in the last 20 years.

Milk production itself has grown from 1,100,000,000 pounds in 1925 to 1,540,000,000 pounds in 1944. Production of creamy butter grew from approximately 1,000,000 pounds in the same period to the 1,725,000 pounds reported produced by 19 dairy products manufacturers last year.

There were no sherbets produced in the state 20 years ago, yet 1,000,000 gallons were produced last year. Reports from 52 manufacturers showed 9,382,000 gallons of ice cream were produced for wholesale and 527,000 gallons for direct retail last year. Cheese production 20 years ago totaled 60,000 pounds. Last year 742,000 pounds were produced. Condensed milk production totaled 6,867,000 pounds and evaporated milk 27,000,000.

### Army DDT Insecticide Is Tested By Experts

COLLEGE STATION, Raleigh, June 24.—The wonder DDT insecticide, which is not yet on the market but which is being used by the armed services and is being tested by experts, has given exceptional results in North Carolina, say extension specialists at State College.

Poultry houses on one farm for example, had been infested with bedbugs for 17 years and thousands of dollars had been spent in trying to rid the houses of the pest. The owner was planning to sell his chickens, burn his poultry houses, and go out of business.

After treatment with a five per cent solution of DDT in kerosene, no live bugs were found. A thorough search at the end of two months showed no bugs and DDT had won the fight. The new insecticide has also been found to be especially useful in fighting flies, mosquitoes, and cockroaches.

### Shortage Of Tobacco Twine Threatens Area

COLLEGE STATION, Raleigh, June 24.—Tobacco twine must be conserved to avoid a shortage, says Tom Scott, chairman, North Carolina State AAA Committee, with headquarters at State College.

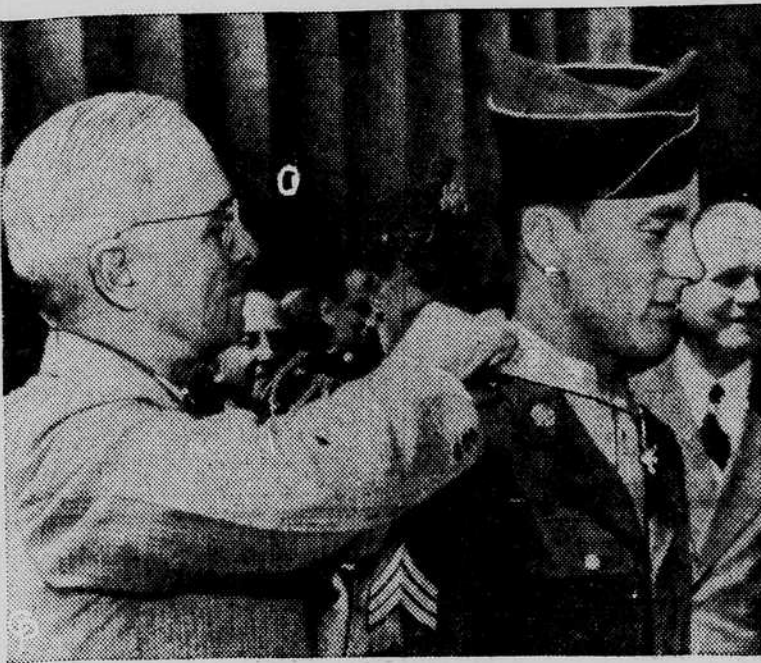
Scott points out that in 1944, the cotton yarn industry produced 614,000 pounds more tobacco twine than the War Administration's estimated requirements of 1,586,000 pounds. This year, however, with requirements of 1,806,000 pounds, production of only 1,860,000 pounds is scheduled, which leaves a margin of only 54,000 pounds.

of 500 will go to a camp at Hendersonville on July 1 and will pick snap beans in that area.

In the tobacco counties, the Bahamians will work as "primers." They will live in tenant houses, with Government agencies furnishing cooking stoves, beds, and blankets and the farmers furnishing the other necessary equipment. The number of Bahamians contracted for by growers in the various tobacco counties follow: Robeson, 60; Duplin, 51; Wayne, 45; Onslow, 19; Edgecombe, 50; Harnett, 60; Sampson, 22; Pitt, 127; Greene, 49; Lenoir, 74; Johnston, 63; and Nash, 60. The workers were allotted by committees of farmers in the counties to the areas where they were most needed. As they complete their contracts in one area, they will be moved to other sections.

The 10th Miami Fishing Tournament is expected to have 250,000 entries before it closes April 15.

### TRUMAN AWARDS MEDAL TO HERO



**THE VACATIONING CHIEF EXECUTIVE** Harry S. Truman takes time out to pin the blue ribbon of the Congressional Medal of Honor around the neck of Sgt. John D. Hawk, Bremerton, Wash., in a ceremony at Olympia, Wash. Gov. Wallgren of Washington (right) looks on. (International)

### TEBE SANFORD, JR. LISTED AS DEAD

PM-2c Tebe DeWitt Sanford, Jr., son of Mrs. Tebe D. Sanford, 605 South Third street, has been reported lost at sea while aboard a Japanese vessel, on which he was a prisoner of war. The ship was sunk by an Allied submarine off Shoonan, eastern coast of China, October 24, 1944.

According to word received from Commander H. B. Atkinson, officer in charge, casualty section, USNR, Sanford had been carried on the official records of the Navy Department as a prisoner of war.

A full review of the evidence pertaining to his status disclosed that the ship on which he was being transported by the enemy had carried no marks to indicate that it was transporting prisoners of war.

A graduate of New Hanover High school in 1939, he entered the Navy in July, 1939, and underwent boot training at Norfolk, Va. He is survived by his mother, one sister, Miss Menola Sanford and the maternal grandparents, Capt. and Mrs. J. Sterling Singleton.

### Person County Farmers Hope For Corn Increases

ROXBORO, June 24.—Person County farmers are making a real effort to increase corn yields this year at the suggestion of Dr. L. D. Bayer, director of the Agricultural Experiment Station at State College. County Agent H. K. Sanders reports that many growers are using as much as 400 pounds of ammonium nitrate and 100 pounds of muriate of potash per acre as a topdressing. J. D. Winstead, Jr., has topdressed some corn with 750 pounds of nitrate of soda per acre.

### Il Duce Tries Blackmail But Adolf Hitler Balks

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struggle will be long, hard and bloody for others. In this he sees great advantage for us."

AUG. 29—"Il Duce is nervous. Certain articles in the British press which speak of the necessity for Italian neutrality have had a bad effect on him. . . . Halifax telephones that the Fuehrer has not rejected the British proposals. . . . Attolico who has conferred with Ribbentrop says more or less the same. . . . I persuade Il Duce to send a telegram to Hitler to advise him to follow the path of negotiation."

AUG. 30—"The situation is embittered again. The British answer does not close the door, but it does not, nor could it, give the Germans all they ask. . . . News reaches us of general mobilization in Warsaw, and it is not the kind of news to quiet the nerves. . . . Il Duce is convinced that the invasion will occur tomorrow."

"The idea of forced neutrality weighs more and more upon him. Being unable to wage war, he makes all the necessary preparations so that in the event of a peaceful solution he can say that he might have waged it. Calls to arms, blackouts, requisitions, closing of cafes and places of amusement. . . ."

"I urged Bocchini (chief of Italian police) to send the true reports to our chief. He is very pessimistic. In the event of uprisings, the carabinieri and policemen would join the people."

SITUATION "DESPERATE"; PEACE PROPOSAL FAILS  
AUG. 31—Attolico telegraphs at 3 a. m. to say the situation is desperate. . . . I call Halifax by phone to tell him that Il Duce can intervene with Hitler only if he brings a fat offering, Danzig. . . . Halifax

### Attention, Redmen

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