

NAZIS PINNING HOPES ON SUBS

In an attempt to keep the tremendous output of Allied war industries from the battlefields, Adolf Hitler was said by British naval observers to be maintaining 200 U-boats of his fleet of perhaps 500, at sea all the time.

As the Germans gave indications of pinning their hopes more and more on an ever-increasing fleet of submarines, which many Allied leaders rate as the greatest menace to the United Nations, demands were heard in Britain for faster freighters to outrun the U-boats.

An unofficial British estimate was that Germany is building from fifteen to twenty submarines a month—faster than naval observers here believe the allies are sinking them.

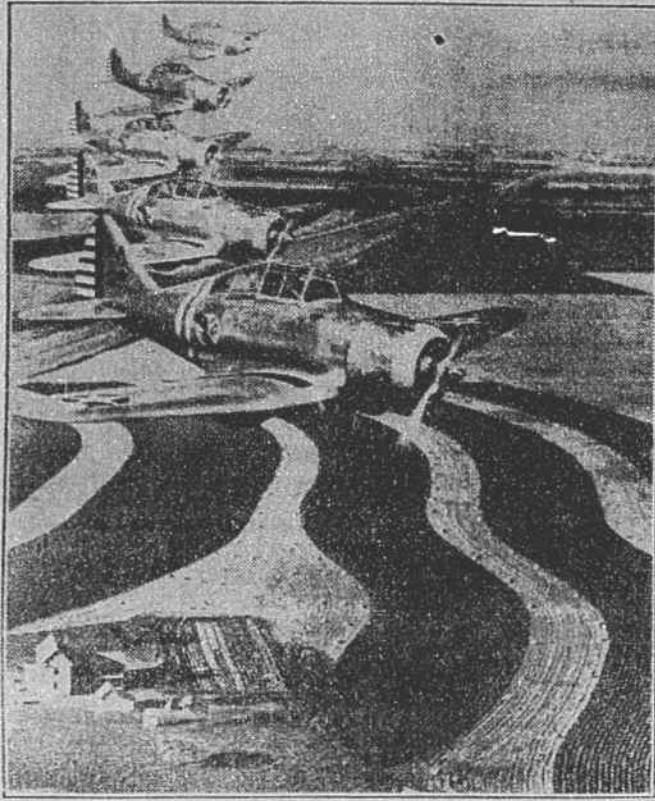
The German radio meantime boasts to the world that the new U-boats are able to stay longer at sea than the old ones and that they are getting torpedoes supplies and even new crew members from large "mother U-boats."

Germany now is reported to be building U-boats by prefabrication in much the same way as freighters in the United States. Parts are being made all over Europe, it was said and assembled in great bomb-proof caves and concrete pens in French Bay of Biscay ports.

Most of the submarines met in the Atlantic are of the heavy ocean-going type with a surface speed of 18.5 knots.

About fifteen million shearing sheep pelts are needed to line aviators' coats.

VICTORY PATTERNS



... IN THE AIR ... ON THE LAND

With enough planes in the air, the Allies can be sure of victory in the skies. Aerial victory will be insufficient, however, unless it is backed up with mammoth quantities of food—giving strength to soldiers, civilians, and oppressed people liberated from Nazi chains. Contour farming is a modern way to help assure this food. Farmers all over the nation report bigger yields of war crops through contour farming. It's the victory pattern for the land.

8th. This makes the sixth consecutive year that a Watauga boy has shown the champion at this show. This calf, like all the other champions, was a Watauga bred calf, having been bred on the same farm on which he was fed.

Definite progress has been made in the feeding of beef cattle. More farmers are seeing that it pays to feed better during the winter. The farmers are continuing to treat their pastures with lime and phosphate and as a result of this treatment, the feeder cattle are gaining more during the grazing season.

Another factor that has added new interest to the breeders of purebred cattle is the annual state sale of registered Hereford cattle. This sale was held at Wilson, N. C. last year. Two Watauga Hereford breeders consigned cattle to this sale. These breeders were the Shipley Farm, Vilas, N. C., and D. T. Brown and son of Sherwood. In this sale the Shipley farm had the honor of selling the top bull at the figure of \$495. This bull was bought by John Dugger of Vilas, who is also a purebred Hereford breeder of this county. The Shipley farm consigned four heifers and one other bull to this sale and they also sold well. The D. T. Brown and son consignment consisted of one bull and one cow, both of which sold very well. The Shipley Farm also consigned two cows and three bulls to another purebred sale that was held at Statesville this fall. All these cattle sold well. For example the three Shipley bulls sold at the following prices: \$350, \$335, and \$255. These purebred sales have helped show the other purebred breeders of the county that there is a ready market for the Watauga bred Herefords. As a result of all this new interest in better beef cattle, more farmers throughout the county are trying to produce the right kind of cattle, and this is meaning high farm income on more farms.

Since the purebred herds have been increased in number and in quality, it looks now as though Watauga farmers will have no trouble in buying their future herd bulls from Watauga breeders in place of going to other states to buy these bulls.

To sum up the main improvements in the beef cattle program of the county during the past year, the following achievements are listed:

1. Twelve farmers bought good blocky purebred bulls.
2. Eight purebred breeders bought 70 registered Hereford cows and heifers.
3. More cattle buyers than ever

came into Watauga in search of high quality feeder cattle.

4. A Watauga county 4-H baby beef club member won the grand championship on his Hereford steer at the Western North Carolina Fat Stock Show.

5. More poor type cows and bulls were sold on the beef market.

6. Several farmers purchased high grade heifers to improve their grade herds.

7. More farmers than ever began using the best bull available in their community.

8. A large per cent of farmers are wintering their cattle better this year.

9. More calves were developed out better this year and as a result of better care, these calves sold for more money on the market.

All of these accomplishments are showing their effect on the farm people of this county in terms of high farm income, more enjoyment from farming as a result of better cattle, more security in farming as a result of stronger breeding herds. Since a number of the purebred Hereford breeders have increased

their herds this year, and since a number of these breeders have raised a number of heifers in the past few years, a purebred sale is being planned for next fall. These purebred breeders also plan to form a Purebred Hereford Association for the county. Since there is so much demand for the Watauga bred Hereford feeder calves, plans are going forward for a feeder calf auction sale at Boone next fall.

FARM LABOR STATUS

The national situation relative to the supply and demand for farm labor has eased slightly on January 1, compared with that which prevailed on October 1.

BURLEY SALES

The recent order allocating purchases of the 1942 burley tobacco crop has been amended to permit dealers to resell at auction any tobacco purchased on such markets not later than January 15.

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C. M. CRITCHER, Agent

Near Bus Station

Purebred Cattle Industry in Watauga County Shows Marked Advances In Past Year, Says Co. Agent Hamilton

By H. M. HAMILTON, JR., County Farm Agent

Since beef cattle furnished one of the major sources of farm income among a high percent of the farmers of this county, the agents devoted 64 days to forwarding this phase of the Extension program during the past year.

We attempted to improve the beef cattle program in the county by:

1. Placing more good purebred bulls in the different communities of the county.
2. Getting farmers to use the best bulls in their community.
3. Getting farmers to develop calves out better, by practicing better feeding methods.
4. Getting farmers who had poor type cows to sell these cows on the market while it was high and replace them with a few good blocky heifers or cows.
5. Encouraging farmers to feed their herd better during the winter.
6. Urging farmers to build better pastures, in order to have fatter

and heavier feeder cattle to market in the fall.

7. Helping farmers to sell their cattle to good advantage in the fall.

8. Selecting local calves for the 4-H baby beef project that would win top honors in the state show.

9. Urging purebred farmers to improve their herds by obtaining better bulls and females.

In order to put this program over to the best advantage the Agents made a number of visits to the farms and gave timely advice on how the cattle could be improved. A number of office conferences, with one or more farmers, were held during the year and these conferences have resulted in more good bulls and heifers being placed on the farms.

The Agents were also able to assist a large number of beef cattlemen in selling their cattle for a nice premium in price and this has helped show other farmers that buyers are willing to pay more for the right type of cattle. For example: One buyer who had used some Watauga bred calves in the 4-H baby beef project last year came back to the county and bought twelve more calves for baby beef work in 1943. This buyer paid a premium price for these calves and was glad to get them. Other buyers who have been going to Virginia and Texas to buy their feeder steers came to Watauga and bought their feeder cattle this year. The purebred breeders were assisted in obtaining a large number of purebred females. The increased interest in better beef cattle has had a fine influence in getting the purebred breeders interested in building a better herd of beef cattle. To show just how this increased interest has affected the purebred herds was shown when W. H. Walker of Sugar Grove attended the Silver Creek sale at Fort Worth Texas on April 20, 1942 and purchased two outstanding cows, one good heifer and a good bull that is a half brother to the 1941 international champion bull, Dr. H. B. Perry, the owner of Laurel Hill farm, also made several purchases of outstanding cattle during 1942. Dr. Perry bought a W. H. R. bred cow and an outstanding heifer of similar breeding in the Virginia Breeders sale at Blacksburg Va., on April 20, 1942.

The largest purchase of purebred cattle by Watauga breeders was made in October, when two carloads of cows and heifers were bought in Kansas and Missouri. The Agent along with several breeders made a trip into Missouri and Kansas and bought these two car loads of cattle which consisted of 54 females and two bull calves.

Another high spot in the purchase of purebred cattle was when eight Watauga cattlemen attended the Clyde, N. C., sale of registered Hereford cattle on November 28. Bernard Dougherty and Gordon Winkler of Boone bought three outstanding heifers in this sale, and R. H. Vannoy also of Boone, bid last on a low set bull calf that is a son of the 1937 international champion bull.

The 4-H club boys and girls continued to keep the interest in better beef cattle running high by winning the grand champion over all other baby beeves at the Western North Carolina Fat Stock Show at Asheville on October 6th, 7th and

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Taxpayers of Watauga County are hereby notified that beginning February 1, 1943, there is to be added to their tax bill

A PENALTY

I am very anxious that the people of Watauga County make an especial effort to pay their tax during the month of January, so that they may save themselves the extra penalty.

Your county officials have no choice in this matter. The penalties are provided by State law and must be added to each tax receipt after February 1.

PAY YOUR TAXES NOW AND SAVE!

Earl D. Cook
TAX COLLECTOR, WATAUGA COUNTY