

# Farm Program Modified Because Of Drought

## Food And Feed Quotas Raised

Farms With Less-Than-Normal Production Can Increase Soil-Depleting Crops.

(By Jesse S. Cottrell)  
Washington, July 1.—The Agricultural Adjustment administration announced today that the soil conservation program for the east central and southern States, including the Carolinas, has been modified in an effort to increase the production of food and feed crops in drought areas.

On farms where the production of food and feed crops is less than normal in 1936 because of the drought or other unfavorable weather conditions, farmers may grow all the food and feed necessary to bring their production up to normal without affecting payments, provided they comply with other requirements of the program.

For example, a producer on a farm which had a general soil-depleting base of 100 acres might have an acreage in 1936 of crops in the soil-depleting base of more than 100 acres and yet receive payment for diversion from the soil-depleting base for cotton, tobacco, or peanuts, for carrying out soil-building practices, if the excess acreage was necessary to offset the loss in food and feed crops because of the drought. The program originally provided for deductions of the acreage in general soil-depleting crops in 1936 exceeded the general soil-depleting base for the farm.

The producer, however, would not receive payment for diversion from his general soil-depleting base if the planting of food and feed crops, other than annual grasses, small grains and sorghums, resulted in a general soil-depleting acreage equal to or in excess of his general base.

The modifications in the conservation program relate to any farm in the regions to which they apply where county committees determine that unusual weather conditions have reduced the prospective production of food and feed crops below normal.

The general base is, roughly speaking, the average plantings in the past of all crops except those like cotton, tobacco, and peanuts, which have special bases that are also determined by past plantings.

"Reports from the South and Southeast," said J. B. Hutson, acting administrator, "indicate that there is a deficit in food and feed crops in drought sections and that this is particularly true of hay and forage crops. If rain falls, there is still time to plant sorghums, cowpeas, sudan grass, other grasses and legumes, sweet potatoes and fall vegetables. Some rain, however, is necessary for the revision to accomplish real results."

"Modifications of the program in other drought areas are under consideration."

## Salisbury Car Strikes Officer

Sergeant John A. Wagoner of the city police force was painfully injured Saturday when struck by an automobile driven by Bill Rogers, 16, of this city.

The officer was directing traffic in the 100 block of South Main street when hit. He was taken to the Rowan general hospital unconscious but soon regained consciousness. After staying at the hospital overnight, he was allowed to return to his home.

Rogers, who told officers he does not have a State driver's license, parked the car a short distance from the accident and ran to his father's place of business nearby. The father, A. L. Rogers, took the boy to police headquarters, and he was later released under bond pending further investigation. The youth said he did not see the officer until directly on him because of heavy traffic. He said he was driving at a slow rate of speed.

Trouble with plant diseases and fertilizers is reported by commercial bulb growers of New Hanover County who have asked for control.

## TIMED CAMERAS REPLACE BULLETS IN NAVY'S SHAM AERIAL WARFARE

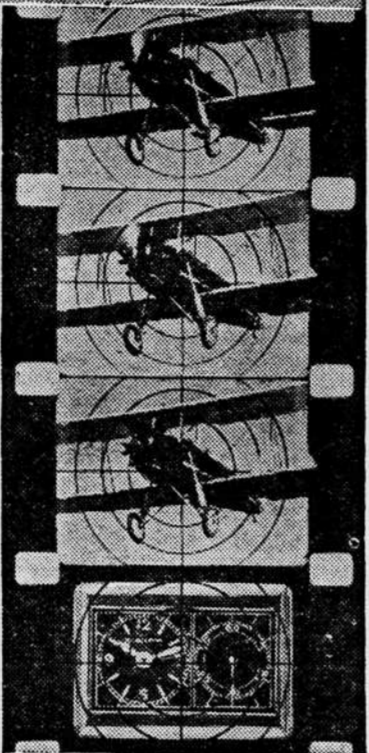


Pilots in Combat Practice Fire Away at Each Other With "Machine Gun Cameras"—Watch Shows Exact Second of 'Killing'

A MACHINE gun camera, fitted with a watch that records the exact moment of scoring a perfect hit, is the unique device now being used in Navy airplanes to test a pilot's speed and accuracy of gunfire. This equipment invests sham battles with all the reality of actual fighting aloft, for it provides a highly accurate comparison between two combatants. Except for the substitution of film for bullets, practice battles are war "to the death."

The Fairchild Gun Camera, shaped and operated precisely like a machine gun, is of the motion picture type and contains a second-recording Hamilton Watch. Another device marks each individual section of film with thin lines—both concentric circles as on a rifle target, and cross lines similar to those in a surveyor's instrument. Thus, pictures taken of an "enemy" plane show the exact point at which it would be hit with bullets.

In sham combat, planes dive, circle, and manoeuvre each other into position just as they would in a real "dog-fight." When the "enemy" comes within range, the pilot or gunner then presses the trigger of the machine gun camera, which takes a motion picture of the opposing airplane. After a burst of shots has been made, and when the



(Above) The strip of film on which is recorded the "hits" and "misses" of the machine gunner. The Special Hamilton Clock records instant of hit.

gunner thinks he has made a perfect "hit," he releases the trigger and the camera automatically changes focus to take a picture of the watch. When the airplanes return to the ground the films are developed and projected on a screen, revealing the progress of the battle and showing the precise time of the first successful shot. The pilot whose first hit is registered a few seconds later than that of his opponent may then imagine himself actually losing the battle, falling to his death in a smoking, flame-ridden airplane.

## Earl Browder Is Nominated By Communists

Negro Is Selected As Running Mate

Convention Is Held In Madison Square Garden

New York.—In frenzied acclamation, Earl W. Browder, of Kansas Monday, was nominated as the Communist party's candidate for President of the United States.

James W. Ford Harlem negro, was similarly chosen as the candidate for vice president.

Twenty thousand spectators packed in Madison Square Garden joined the party's 710 delegates in creating a bedlam with their lungs and mechanical noise-makers to rival recent demonstrations of the major political parties.

Ticker tape was showered over the convention floor and shouting and blaring of horns as Robert Minor, communist candidate for governor of New York, rose to nominate Browder. Twice Minor stated his speech only to have three bands march out in the aisles leading parading delegates.

## R. A. Buys Large Tract In N. C.

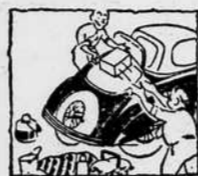
Raleigh.—Announcement was made here that final approval has been given by officials in Washington to the purchase by the Resettlement Administration of 10,000 acres of farm land on both sides of the Lumber River in Robeson county. Homer H. B. Mask, regional director, who made the announcement, said the tracts would be divided into one and two horse farmsteads.

While primarily an Indian project, Mack explained, a section of the area will be set aside for white families. The nearest town to the land is Pembroke, a railroad junction between Wilmington and Hamlet, which has been for many years the center of the Croatan settlement in Eastern Carolina.

## Hints for Picnic-goers

Canned Beer Easy To Take On Auto Trips

For the millions who will take to the highroad this summer in their cars, canned beer seems a special blessing. Beer is favored mostly by the masculine taste, of course, but it makes a healthful, cooling drink for the whole family.



The woman who remembers to put it on her shopping list when planning the tour will find it a popular item indeed. A case of your favorite brew, packed in this style of container, is light, easy to carry, and so compact that it can be stowed anywhere with very little loss of needed space.

When thirsty, all you need do is pause a while beneath a shady tree, flip the cap off a can of beer, lick your lips, and take a long, deep quaff. It is a handy beverage for other kinds of outings as well. Perhaps you are thinking of picnics, a fishing or hunting trip, a canoe trip, a boating week-end, or any one of the other back-to-nature excursions that people are going in for nowadays.

Whatever your particular holiday plans are, a can of beer is sure to fit in well with them. One thing worth keeping in mind is that the "cap-sealed" type of can is the one best suited to cutting needs. With that style, the only equipment needed is an ordinary can-opener. But should you happen to forget one, almost any tool in your automobile or fishing kit enables you to snap the crown off the cap-can in a jiffy. No glasses, no special openers. The "cap-sealed" can is easy to pour from, easy to open, and easy to drink from.

And if you want to be regarded as an inventive genius, you will try this simple but effective way of making your own beer cooler. Merely see that the car stops alongside a stream, river, lake, or ocean. Tie a string around the can of beer, lower it into the water, wait a few minutes, and lift it out as chill and delicious as if it had been in the icebox at home. The metal in the can is responsible for this rapid conductivity of the water's temperature, of course. But, whatever the reason, it does the trick.

Releasing young trout. Boone.—C. E. Smathers, manager of the state fish hatchery at Rutherford, announced 3,000 fingerling trout were released in the Watuga river near here.

CLEVER COMMENT'S. A page of brilliant sayings by the late G. K. Chesterton, great author and conversationalist. In the July 12 issue of the American Weekly, the big magazine which comes every Sunday with the BALTIMORE AMERICAN. Get your copy from your favorite news-dealer.

An American college will soon be opened in Mexico City, according to Dr. Adrienne C. Gobert, founder of the new college and for whom it will be named. The faculty will be drawn largely from the University of Mexico. Dr. Gobert has had a world-wide academic experience.

Repairing holes which cannon have made in the nation's flags is the work of Katherine Fowler Richey, wife of Commander Thomas Richey of the United States Navy. She took up the work started by her mother who was an artist and an expert in needlework. She helped her mother in restoring the historic flags of the Naval Academy. Mrs. Richey does this work from patriotic fervor. At present she is directing women under the auspices of the women's division of the WPA in repairing and preserving the flags to be hung in the chapel on Governors Island, New York.

BOY DISCHARGED AFTER NAIL TAKES FROM LUNG. Philadelphia.—Three-year-old Kelvin Rogers, who traveled half way around the world for a seven-minute operation was discharged from Temple university hospital. A nail was removed from his lung. The hospital said the lad who shipped from Australia was in "excellent condition."

The nail was removed from the lower right lung through a bronchoscope in the clinic of Dr. Chevalier Jackson, who perfected that instrument.

WOMAN TREATS WOULD-BE PURSE-SNATCHER ROUGHLY. Tampa, Fla.—A police car sped to a corner in answer to a woman's screams for help. "Purse snatchers!" she cried, "two of them."

"Did they get your purse?" the officers asked. "They certainly did not," she replied vehemently, "I tore the shirt sleeve off one of them and kicked the other on the shins so hard he could hardly run."

## Textile Prices Rise With Cotton

### Inquiries Up For Raw Lint

Purchases by Domestic Mills Increase Slightly; Cloth Sales Smaller

Washington.—The sharp advance in the price of cotton during last week, bringing it within the 12.35 cents range, stiffened the price of cotton textiles throughout the Piedmont region, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics announced in a weekly summary of conditions in the cotton textile market.

Generally, inquiries for raw cotton from domestic mills were numerous and the volume of purchases increased slightly despite the continued scarcity of available supplies of the medium to higher grades needed for immediate use.

Forwardings to domestic mills were somewhat larger than in the preceding week and larger than the average for the corresponding weeks in the three preceding years. Forwardings of 5,760,000 bales for the season to June 26 were about 28 per cent greater than for the corresponding period last season and 11 per cent larger than in the corresponding period in 1933-34. The sharp increase in forwardings to domestic mills this season was due mainly to an increase in mill activity. Mill stocks were only slightly larger at the end of May 1936 than on the same date last year.

The comparatively high rate of

business activity, coupled with the substantial volume of unfilled orders for cloth on mill books, are expected to offset to a considerable extent the usual end-of-season decline in the rate of mill consumption. Industrial production during May was 101 per cent of the 1923-25 average, according to the Federal Reserve board's index, against 100 in April, and 84 in May, 1935.

Sales of spot cotton reported in the 10 markets increased and inquiries for new business were more numerous than in the previous week. Forwardings of cotton to domestic mills increased and trade reports indicated that industrial production was about the same as the comparatively high level reported during recent weeks.

The high rate of buying activity in unfinished cotton cloth markets slackened somewhat, but the volume of sales for most kinds of goods was reported as substantial and prices were firm. The volume of finished goods moving into wholesale and retail channels continued to increase, according to press reports. Exports of raw cotton decreased substantially but forwardings of American cotton to foreign mills increased to some extent. Prices of American cotton in Liverpool advanced more than in London in that market.

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