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Overcoming Feed Shortage

J. B. Snipes, Wilkes county farm agent, had published last week an outline of crops which may be seeded immediately to produce grazing and feed to replace feed lost in the flood.

Farmers who lost their growing crops, especially corn and hay crops, in the flood August 14 may be faced with a feed shortage unless they can do something about it immediately and the county agent outlined some sound advice on what to sow for fall and spring grazing and for spring hay crops.

Much can be done to alleviate the feed shortage situation but early action is advised. Those who may not have read Mr. Snipes' article would do well to inquire at his office and learn more about seeding grazing and feed crops now for feed during the coming winter and spring.

Good Suggestion

The proposal to build a branch line of the railroad tracks to higher ground near here in order to have a place for industrial plants above the danger of flood in the Yadkin Valley is one which should be given every consideration.

We all agree that North Wilkesboro is one of the best locations for industrial plants to be found anywhere but industrialists do not want to invest large sums of money in plants which may be flooded. There is ample ground in this vicinity above the highest water marks and a spur of the railroad tracks to some available industrial sites would be a distinct asset to the city and community.

School Days

Today thousands of Wilkes county children entered the school rooms for another term.

They may not realize it now, but they are experiencing one of the happiest periods in their lives and also one of great opportunity.

In this age of educational opportunities the child who does not take advantage of them is going to be left behind in the rush.

Education used to mean preparation for a job. It means more than that today—it means learning how to live in a civilization filled with puzzling perplexities and myriads of problems.

To be without an education when you become an adult will probably mean that you will be without a means of earning a decent livelihood and it may also mean that it will be difficult to normally mix with the populace in a social way.

The school term beginning today represents a glorious opportunity for advancement in educational lines.

It also represents a big investment in tax money. It means that the parents of the children are spending large sums for schools. This fact should impress fathers and mothers to urge their children to make the most of education opportunities presented.

Drunk Drivers Kill 48

Drinking drivers were responsible for 48 street and highway fatalities in North Carolina the first six months of this year, according to a summary just completed by the Highway Safety Division.

Ronald Hocutt, director of the division, said the accident records for the first half of 1940 show that 50 drunken or drinking drivers were involved in 42 fatal accidents in which 48 persons were killed.

"The drinking driver is not the most numerous type of offender on our highways," commented Hocutt, "but he certainly is the most dangerous. The person who has taken any alcohol beverages into his system, even one drink of liquor, is a highly potential menace to every other person

using the highway on which he drives. Alcohol sometimes stimulates those who drink it, causing them to become exhilarated and a little more reckless than usual. Then again it sometimes has a depressing effect, and produces drowsiness. Still again, liquor often confuses and befuddles the mind and impairs the vision. And it always affects the driver's reaction time, hampering the coordination between mind and muscle that is so essential in safe driving."

Safety Director Hocutt strongly advises all individuals who do any drinking to get someone else to do their driving for them. "Drinking and driving just don't mix," he declared.

Borrowed Comment

MR. WILLKIE OUGHT TO AID
(Charlotte Observer)

It would be a tremendous service to that body of leadership in Congress, to the President and to multitudes of the American public fully sympathetic with the idea, if Mr Willkie would be willing at once to give blanket endorsement to the idea of the American government tendering 50 or 60 destroyers to the government of Great Britain.

It is rather generally believed that Mr. Roosevelt will issue executive order within a few days making this commitment.

And it may be reasonably supposed that when he shall have made this order, it will be executed with relative despatch in spite of the efforts that the isolationists in the Senate will make to block such aid to Great Britain.

But it would immeasurably help if Mr. Willkie would blast the Republican isolationists from their positions of opposition with a statement of approval of such a transaction.

We have the notion that he favors the transfer of these destroyers which England so critically needs.

He is already definitely committed to the "general principles" of the position taken by the President in respect to giving aid to Great Britain.

In view, therefore, of his known attitude on the issue, it is not too much to ask and expect him to lay aside all possible political contingencies at the moment and throw himself patriotically into this cause which is so essential to American destiny.

What the issue demands of him as the Republican candidate for President is far more than a mere negative attitude.

We should have a right to expect of him a positive, uncompromising and unreluctant stand on a question of such immediate and far reaching magnitude.

CANADA-U. S. DEFENSE
(Lenoir News-Topic)

The three thousand miles of undefended border between the United States and Canada have long been a source of great pride and satisfaction to both countries. They prove our mutual good faith and good will and they afford an example to the rest of the world of the way nations can get along together. In normal times about the only requirement with which a visitor has to comply in going from one country to the other on the train is to leave his bag or suitcase slightly open as the inspector comes through and answer the question "coming back?" Your word is taken.

That extensive border is also a practical reason for including Canada within the Monroe Doctrine. If Canada were conquered by a foreign power, with world dominion in view, it would put this country in a very hot spot. We have no desire to build fortifications along that border, but we have a strong interest in helping Canada to remain a free, sovereign state and one of the best neighbors any nation ever had.

Thus the decision of President Roosevelt and Premier Mackenzie King to set up a joint board of common defense seems to be a perfectly logical move and meets with general approval. The statement issued by the two men gives the board's first task as the study of "sea, land and air problems, including personnel and material" and "in the broad sense the defense of the northern half of the Western Hemisphere."

German comment on this proposal called it "nothing less than taking Canada into the United States system." But such comment was to be expected from a nation that has not permitted itself to live in peaceful relations with next door neighbors for any considerable length of time during the past 100 years. It is an example of peaceful relations and understanding between democracies that is beyond the sphere of comprehension of a gluttonous tyrant.

Air 'Scarf'



Australian air force observer wears a scarf of bullets around his neck before going aloft at Sydney.

Civil Service Announcements

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations for the positions listed below. Applications must be on file with the Commission's Washington office not later than the closing dates mentioned. Two closing dates are given—the first governs receipt of applications from persons in States east of Colorado; the second, from Colorado and States westward. All salaries given are subject to a retirement deduction of 3 1-2 per cent.

For the first five examinations the closing dates are September 23 and 26, 1940.

Assistant marketing specialist (fruits and vegetables, canned or frozen), \$2,600 a year; also junior, \$2,000 a year; Bureau of Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture. Applicants must have had experience in the canning or freezing, standardization, and grading of canned or frozen fruits and vegetables. They must not have passed their fifty-third birthday.

Specialist in conference planning, \$4,600 a year, Office of Education, Federal Security Agency. Applicants must have had college education and experience in planning and conducting conferences, forms, and other group activities. They must not have passed their fifty-third birthday.

Physical director, \$2,000 a year, in the United States Veterans Administration. Applicants must have completed a 4-year course in physical education and must have had experience in administering therapeutic exercises or conducting a physical education program in secondary schools. Applicants must not have passed their forty-fifth birthday.

Physiotherapy aide, \$1,800 a year; also junior, \$1,620 a year; United States Public Health Service, Federal Security Agency, and Veterans Administration. Applicants must have had study in physiotherapy or physical education, or experience in physiotherapy work. Applicants must not have passed their forty-fifth birthday.

Senior scientific aide (taxidermy), \$2,000 a year, United States National Museum, Smithsonian Institution. Applicants must have had certain technical museum and laboratory experience. College study in botany, geology, and zoology may be sub-

stituted for part of the experience. Applicants must not have passed their fifty-third birthday. Under mimeograph operator, \$1,200 a year, for appointment in Washington, D. C., only. Applicants must have had 8 months of full-time experience in the operation of mimeograph machines. They must have reached their eighteenth birthday, but must not have passed their fifty-third birthday. Closing dates are September 11 and 14, 1940.

Full information as to the requirements for these examinations, and application forms, may be obtained from the post office in this city, or from the Secretary of the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, at any first- or second-class post office.

Speed was a major factor in 93 fatal accidents on North Carolina highways during January to July, 1940.

SOLUTION
Because they find a part of the income problem of the farm, many farmers are undertaking this enterprise, says Farm Agent W. L. McGahey.

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