

### Conservation Farming News

By T. R. GREENE

Rex Sturgill, of the Peden community, was in the soil conservation office last week and plans to have his soil analyzed before planting time this spring.

C. R. McCann, cooperator of the New River Soil Conservation District, plans to plant some yellow locust and white pines on his farm at Cherry Lane.

Hurmond Hudson, of Sparta, plans to strip crop his farm this year. Mr. Hudson has realized that topsoil is precious material and for maximum production, it must be protected.

Oscar Moxley, of Topia, plans to have his soil analyzed before planting time this spring. Mr. Moxley says he wants to apply what the land needs for maximum production for he has already witnessed increased production by correct fertilization.

Bill Williams, of Peden, plans to reseed some permanent pasture this Spring and plant some eroded areas to sericea lespedeza.

### Stratford News

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Irwin, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Truitte and daughter, Marjorie, of Sparta, and Mr. and Mrs. Letcher Gentry and Miss Ruth Richardson were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Joines.

Mr. and Mrs. Estel Caudill and daughter, Shirley, and Mr. and Mrs. Philo Caudill made a business trip to North Wilkesboro, last Tuesday.

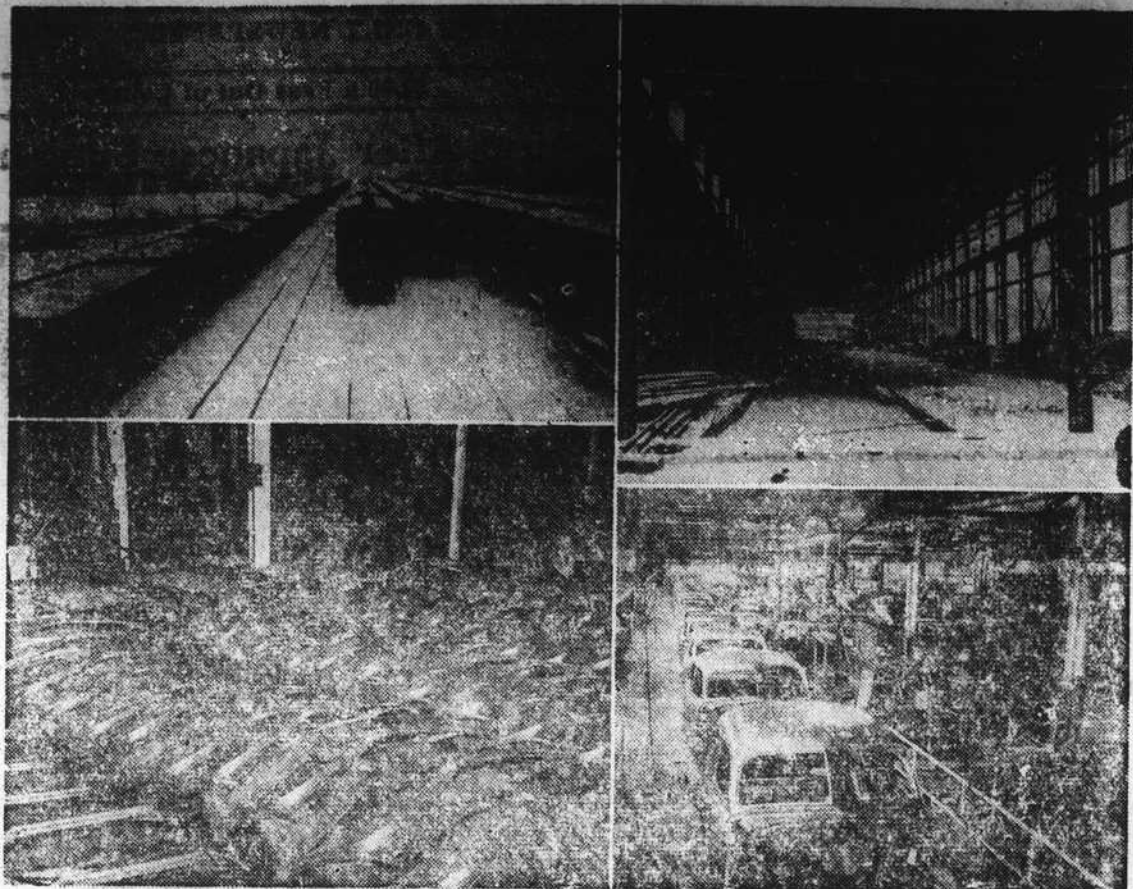
Hoke Richardson, USN, who recently arrived in San Francisco, Calif., from duty overseas, spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Richardson, last week. He reported back to Charleston, S. C., where he expects to receive a discharge from the service at an early date.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Critcher and daughter, Linda Jo, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Irwin and daughter, Carol, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Taylor, here.

Walter Estep, USN, who is now stationed in South Carolina, spent the week end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Estep.

I. B. Richardson, accompanied by Mrs. J. G. Joines and Mrs. Carl Douglas, made a business

### While the Nation Waits



Labor is taking a prolonged holiday in its strike against General Motors with serious effects upon allied industries. Typical of the paralytic results of the UAW-CIO's walkout, which the union ordered despite General Motors' offer of increased wages, are these photos showing: (Left above) Hundreds of railroad cars destined for the Buick Motor Division plants in Flint, including some with unprotected cargoes of sheet steel and other perishable materials; (Right above) construction work on a new Chevrolet plant completely halted; (Left below) parts for hundreds of new cars lie in storage rooms; (Right below) the final assembly line at Fisher Body Division's plant in Flint at a standstill after only a few weeks operation since V-J Day.

### Pine Swamp News

trip to Galax one day last week. R. S. and "Buddy" Warden visited their uncle, Lonnie Hendricks, Sunday.

Mat Estep spent Wednesday night with her daughter, Mrs. J. R. Watson, New Hope.

Mrs. Winnie Gortney, who has been ill for sometime, is improving very slowly, but beginning to sit up some, after being confined to her bed for quite a while.

Mrs. Martha Jane Joines spent a few days last week with her brother, I. B. Richardson and Mrs. Richardson.

Annie Madge Brooks spent Saturday night with Lorrene and Kathaleen Atwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mabe, of Galax, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mabe, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Andrews, who have been living at Carey Edwards' place here, have moved to the Ennice section.

Miss Reba Rector, Winston-Salem, spent the week end with

### Mt. Zion News

Mrs. W. F. Pugh and Mrs. T. E. Pugh visited Mrs. Guy Pugh, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Shepherd moved recently to the home they purchased near Shepherds Mill, on highway 221.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Pugh announce the arrival of a son, Dean Denton, on January 23.

Carl Hampton was in this community last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Clay Smith, Edna Rae and Howard Smith are spending sometime with relatives and friends in the county before returning to Idaho to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Moxley visited Mr. and Mrs. Lee Black, Sunday. They stopped in to see Mr. and Mrs. Guy Pugh.

Miss Faye Faircloth, Furches, is spending sometime with her sister, Mrs. Guy Pugh of this community.

Arnold Huffman, who suffered severe burns, by an oil can exploding while pouring oil on a fire, several weeks ago, is in a serious condition in the West Jefferson hospital.

Mrs. Oscar Richardson who has been confined to her bed for several weeks is slowly improving. Those who visited her recently included: Mr. and Mrs. Andy Edwards and son Jackie, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Caudill and son, of Galax, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Calloway, Sam and Turner Vaughn, Mount Airy, Mr. and Mrs. Gwyn Quitt, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McCann, Sparta; Mrs. Cleve Caudill and son, Clay; Mr. and Mrs. Rex Moxley and son, David, Whitehead; Mrs. Lester Irwin, Mrs. Nannie Joines, Mrs. R. H. Joines, Mrs. H. L. Estep and Mrs. Martha Jane Joines and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Warden.

Oh! The Boss Said TO Order Stationery Before We Get Down To The Last Sheet



### Open Forum COLUMN

FOR THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Manila, P. I. Jan. 15, 1946

Dear Editor:

I am a G. I. in the Philippines who wants to return home, but can't because the Government says we are needed here. We want a clean cut policy on demobilization, and you citizens can help us get that.

I am sending you a few things we were told, and then the facts on them. You may publish if you desire to do so.

We were told: 1. There will be no empty berths returning to the U. S. (War Department).

2. We need only 200,000 men for occupation. (MacArthur).

3. No men will be held after they become eligible. (W. D.)

4. Men not needed for occupation or surplus property disposal will be home by March 1, 1946.

(Sec'y Patterson). 5. By March, 1946 all men with two years' service will be eligible. (W. D.) 6. When shipping is available men will go home. (Sec'y Patterson). 7. Sixty-eight thousand (68,000) more berths assigned to AEWESPAC. (W. D.)

The Facts:

1. Navy takes one hundred three ships off Pacific run. (Daily Pacifican, Jan. 4, 1946).

2. Ships leave Manila partly empty. (D. P.)

3. "I didn't know men overseas had stopped accumulating points." (Secretary of War).

4. Secretary of War Patterson on Guam said he didn't know two-year men were to become eligible in March, 1946.

5. Discharges cut in half. A man may be kept in the Pacific three months after he becomes eligible. (Lt. General Collins).

This is the story: The army is up to its old tricks; believing public opinion sufficiently placated by discharges to date. The army hopes it can fall back on such double talk as "But men are not yet eligible." The army has intentionally slowed down dis-

charges. First, they said there were no ships available for us. Now that there is shipping, the army refuses to lower points. Lt. Gen. Collins says that due to too many discharges the points will be dropped less than five a month.

I spent a year in Europe and so far about six months here in the Pacific, and I, along with thousands of other soldiers, am getting tired of broken promises. I thank you.

Sgt. Julian McGuire 174th Ord. Depot Co. APO 75, c-o Postmaster San Francisco, Calif.

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### AMERICAN HEROES

by WOODY COWAN



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A LIBERTY SHIP has been named for James G. Squires of Everett, Mass., second cook on the torpedoed S. S. Malantic, and a Merchant Marine Distinguished Service Medal awarded posthumously. Squires clung to a rope thrown to the life boat in which he, the ship's master and nine other crewmen floated on rough seas until the other ten were safe on a British rescue craft after the torpedoing. Then he lapsed into unconsciousness and was swept away. Investment in Victory Bonds to support living heroes is a testimonial, too, to such men. U. S. Treasury Department