

Dehydrated leaves of sweet potato plants are approximately equal to dehydrated alfalfa in feeding value.

The protein level of corn tassels, usually discarded in detasseling of hybrid corns for seed, is almost twice that of the corn itself. This factor is important in poultry and livestock feeding.

SPARTAN Theatre
SPARTA, N. C.

FRI-SAT. JULY 5-6
Matinee Every Sat. 1:15
Sunset Carson
—in—
CHEROKEE FLASH
Chapter No. 4
Phantom Rider
Also Comedy

MON-TUES. JULY 8-9
Gene Tierney
—in—
LEAVE HER TO HEAVEN
In Technicolor
Latest News

WED-THURS. JULY 10-11
Bargain Days
Admission 15c & 20c
Paul Henreid
Maureen O'Hara
—in—
SPANISH MAIN
In Technicolor
Chapter No. 5
Hop Harrigan
Also Cartoon

Opening Prices On Beans Good

West Jefferson — Special— West Jefferson bean markets officially opened this week, with opening prices running from \$2.50 up to \$3.75 on better grade beans.

Sales were slightly light because of dry weather and the closing of stores for July 4 cut the fresh market. The general rains this week should mean an increase in the crop, farmers pointed out. The volume of beans is expected to increase over the week end.

Growers were reported well pleased over the opening prices received.

Barley is becoming a popular substitute for corn in Rowan County. Farm Agent P. H. Satterwhite says that farmers can handle a crop of barley with less labor than corn.

The soft coal strike has already been reflected in the reduced supplies of fertilizers coming into North Carolina.

Grand Champion Gets Ribbon



Johnny Lucas riding Mighty Chief owned by Fowler's Grandview Farms, Winston-Salem, is shown receiving the ribbon from Miss Emoryetta Reeves, editor of the Alleghany News, for first place in the championship five-gaited class in the recent Sparta Horse Show here. (Staff Photo)

Loans And Other Assistance Given Farm Families By FSA

The Farm Security Administration makes loans and provides farm and home guidance to help low-income farm families earn better incomes and improve their living conditions. Thomas Sears, FSA supervisor explained. FSA loans are made to farm families who cannot get credit they need at reasonable terms anywhere else, he pointed out.

The loans are of two general types: (1) operating loans for purchasing livestock, equipment, feed, seed and other farm requirements and family needs; and (2) 40 year loans to make it possible for tenants and sharecroppers to buy farms of their own under terms of the Bankhead-

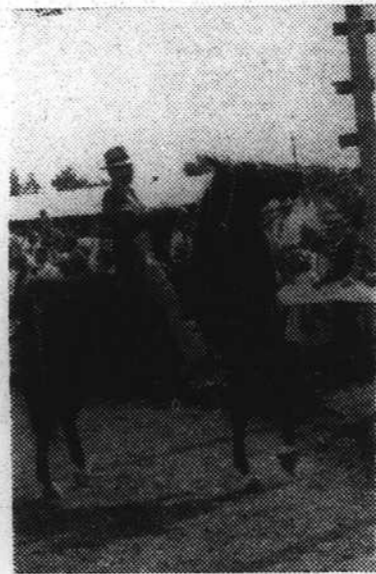
Jones Farm Tenant Act, Mr. Sears said.

Operating loans are made at 5 per cent interest. Loans are also made for building materials, purchase of household furniture, canning equipment, garden seed, and for payment for removal of tonsils, glasses and dental care.

Two policies for providing payment for hospital care and surgery are likewise made available to families at \$20.00 per year per family, he explained.

Loans are also made to small groups of farmers in a neighborhood he pointed out, to buy for joint use necessary farm and home equipment they cannot afford to buy individually, such as,

THE GENERAL



The General, owned by Crockett and Tolbert and ridden by S. T. Crockett, Jr., of Wytheville, was one of the many fine horses entered in the Sparta Horse Show. (Staff Photo)

machinery and pure-bred sires. Depending on the type, these loans are repayable in 3 to 5 years at 5 per cent interest.

In each unit located usually in the county seat of the county can be found a farm and home supervisor. The farm supervisor works with the farmers, advising them as to the planting and harvesting of their crops, care of livestock and acquainting them with the most up-to-date farm practices. The home supervisor is able to give the housewife help in canning fruits, vegetables and meats, clothing construction, and meal planning.

During the next few months new loans will be made to farm families desiring such financial help and supervisory assistance.

The Farm Security Administration Office is located in Sparta in the Courthouse. The Supervisors may always be contacted on Friday morning.

Stamp out the camp fire and snuff out cigarettes and matches, because burned timber builds no homes.

Behind Your Bonds
Lies the Might of America



FOOD PROCESSORS

The Campbell Soup Co. plant at Camden, covering five city blocks and employing 4,500 persons, is only one of New Jersey's vital food processing establishments that add to the Nation's wealth behind Savings Bonds. Other big name firms with huge investments in the state include Coca Cola, Maxwell House Coffee, Kraft-Phoenix Cheese Corp., National Sugar Refining Co., and Thomas J. Lipton, Inc. World orders will keep them busy for years. U. S. Treasury Department



FARM SAFETY SPECIALISTS . . . Since Wisconsin, three years ago, appointed the first farm safety specialist, four other states have followed suit. The five specialists recently met at National Safety Council offices in Chicago to discuss expansion into other states. Those now serving are shown, bottom row, left to right: F. P. Willsey, Indiana; Miss Katherine Clmstead, New York; Randall C. Swanson, Wisconsin. Top row: W. E. Stuckey, Ohio; F. W. Roth, Michigan.

Last Rites Held Sat. For Francis

Last rites for Eli Francis, 71, who died at his home at Crumpler Friday, were held at the Chestnut Hill Methodist church Saturday morning. Rev. William Crummett and Rev. W. H. Caldwell, of Sparta, officiated and interment was in the Chestnut Hill cemetery.

A former teacher in the Ashe county schools he is the son of the late Elizabeth Blevins Francis and Robert Francis.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Fannie Francis; two sons, Rob-

Chowan County has established a County Board of Agriculture with special committees for peanuts, livestock, tobacco, fruits and vegetables, poultry, cotton, and other crops.

During the last 45 years fertilizer nitrogen in the United States has increased from 62 to 626 thousand tons.

Do your part, help prevent forest fires.

ert, of the Merchant Marines; and Osborne, of Crumpler; three sisters, Mrs. C. H. Billings, Mrs. M. F. Carter, Mrs. H. M. Blevins; and one brother, Roby Francis.

Harold Burkett Wins First Place In Essay Contest

Jefferson High School Youth Is \$50 Winner In North Carolina Contest

College Station, Raleigh—First prize winner in the essay contest on the subject, "The Proper Handling of Milk on the Farm," which was conducted in 28 counties of Central and Western Carolina, is Harold Burkett, of Jefferson, Ashe County, it is announced by John A. Arey, head of extension dairying at State College.

Harold won a prize of \$50, and other prizes for second, third, fourth, and fifth place were awarded to Jimmy Ratledge of Davie, Lucille McMahan of Catawba, Betty Ratledge of Rowan and Doris Bentley of Caldwell. Twenty-three other prize winners were also selected by the team of judges.

Records of the contest show that 3,468 essays were submitted by boys and girls in 28 counties. The milk essay contest, sponsored by the North Carolina Dairy Products Association and the Extension Service, followed a series of quality milk schools in 34 counties with 46,666 boys and girls in attendance, according to Arey.

Harold, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Burkett, of Jefferson, is a member of the 11th grade at Jefferson high school. His essay was published in full in this paper when he entered the contest.

A pulpwood operator in the Raleigh area is cutting only those trees which have been marked by the Extension farm forester. This thinning allows faster growth of the chief stand of timber.

Let's Keep Prices Down!

Mr. and Mrs. Consumer,

We desire to make the following statement and pledge to the consumers in our trading territory:

- (1) That we will continue to maintain a reasonable price level.
- (2) That new merchandise which comes in at higher costs will be marked at the lowest price that will yield a reasonable profit.
- (3) We strongly urge that everyone cooperate with us in this most important endeavor.

Western Auto Associate Store

Charles R. Roe, Owner
Sparta, N. C.

BELK HOLDS THE LINE

It is the general impression of the public today, with the discontinuance of the O. P. A., that prices will advance enormously.

Prices at Belk's on goods now in our store will not be increased above the ceilings which the O. P. A. established.

It is the further hope of the management of Belk's that we may be able to secure our goods in the future at such prices that we can continue to "hold the line."

BELK'S DEPT. STORE

"WE SELL FOR LESS"

SPARTA NORTH CAROLINA