

## Coop Essay Finals To Be Held Friday

Harwell Damsen, Of Sampson County, Represents The Southeastern District In State Finals

Raleigh, July 28.—Four rural high school boys and a lone high school girl, selected from thousands of participants in school, county and district elimination contests in all sections of the State, will compete here Friday, July 30, for the State championship and first prize of a one-year college tuition scholarship in the finals of the 10th annual cooperative essay contest.

The contestants are as follows: Helen Pierce Whitlock, 17-year-old student of the Eady High School in Stanly County, representing the Western District.

Jim Davis, 15-year-old student of the Clyde School in Haywood County, representing the Mountain District.

Hartwell Dawson, 15-year-old student of the Plainview High School in Sampson County, representing the Southern District.

Russell Knoles, 17-year-old student of the Windsor High School in Bertie County, representing the Eastern District.

Randolph Denton, 16-year-old student of the Gold Sand High School in Franklin County, representing the Central District.

All of the contestants will speak in Program for North Carolina, and officials from North Carolina State College will serve as judges.

"The essay contest this year brings to more than 40,000 the number of rural boys and girls in North Carolina who have participated during the past 10 years," commented M. G. Mann, general manager of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association and the Farmers Cooperative Exchange, sponsors of the contest.

He praised and thanked the newspapers of the State, educational authorities, school officials and particularly the teachers of Vocational Agriculture and home economics for their part in making the contest a success. "Already," Mr. Mann added, "we are turning our thought to the subject and making plans for next year's contest."

## Tobacco Receives Close Inspection In Each Stage

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die. A good farmer will cull out twenty percent of the plants on his bed and never let them reach the field.

But the most careful selection at the plantbed is never strict enough to hold back all the inferior plants, so the watchful care of the men in the field who do the planting is necessary. Undersized plants and plants that have bad roots are thrown away at that stage.

The next responsibility for proper culling is left in the hands of the men who go out in the field at curing time to prime the ripe leaves. In every patch will be found disensed stalks which bear leaves that are turned, not ripe. These are pulled off and dropped in the row. There must be careful judgment exercised to prime only those leaves that are ripe and ready for curing.

At the tying shed second judgment is passed upon that of the cappers, and the handlers are constantly on the lookout for bad leaves that should be thrown away before they reach the barn. If there appears to be a tendency to send in tobacco that is too green, this criticism is passed along to the men in the field by some person in authority at the barn.

After the tobacco has been cured and taken from the barn, the barn, the most important step in the selective process is left up to the frader who classifies the individual leaves according to quality and color. Every leaf is handled separately and graded.

The government has added still another step in this program with its graders who are now stationed at several markets for the purpose of placing each load of tobacco in some standard grade.

## Cardwell Terms Tobacco Tantalizing Cash Crop

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of the growing demand for smoking tobacco: But why not relieve this situation of uncertainty on our tobacco farms by supplementing the tobacco crop with secondary crops and livestock sufficient to bring about a balanced farming operation? Such crops, when produced as supplements to the money-crop, are of far greater worth than cash crops alone, regardless of prices.

When we send our money-crop dollars away to pay for goods capable of being produced at home we are paying not only for the commodity but for the services of many outside people as well. This is uneconomical and it is one of the main reasons why farming in the South is not more profitable.

We need balanced farming to enable us to retain a larger share of the annual wealth produced on Southern farms.

Over a million boys and girls enrolled as members of 4-H Clubs.

## CRUTCHFIELD BROTHERS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH TAYLOR



GAITHER CRUTCHFIELD



RAYMOND CRUTCHFIELD

## Crutchfield's Warehouse Has Strong Organization

Paul Taylor, Raymond And Gaither Crutchfield To Be In Charge Of This Warehouse During Coming Season

HOUSE IS FAMOUS FOR CONVENIENCES

Strong Organization Does Not End With Management, For A Good Man Has Been Hired For Each Position

Crutchfield's warehouse will be operated this year by Paul Taylor, Raymond and Gaither Crutchfield. Their warehouse is one of the largest in Whiteville, and is famous for its modern conveniences and lighting facilities. The floor space is more than adequate for an all-day sale.

This will be the third season on the Whiteville market for Mr. Taylor, who during the past two years has made a host of friends among the farmers of this section. He is a veteran warehouseman who knows the tobacco business from every angle. He operates Taylor's Warehouse in Winston-Salem, which for the past five years has led all other houses in the Twin City in total pounds sold.

Associated with him here will be Raymond and Gaither Crutchfield, two young men who have established themselves as leading tobaccoists. Much of their success may be attributed to the training received from their father, Gaither E. Crutchfield, one of Whiteville's most experienced warehousemen.

Coming here from Winston-Salem, where he has established a reputation for being one of the ablest auctioneers on the market, O. H. Wykoff will serve

## FORMER NEWSMAN RECALLS EARLY TOBACCO MARKET

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ter has since come true, but he never lived to see it. He was fatally injured in a automobile accident in the early 1920's.

But, the impetuous boasting that Farrior Powell gave to the Whiteville tobacco market in its infancy undoubtedly resulted in Whiteville being what it is today—one of the leading tobacco markets in the South Carolina Bright Leaf Belt, handling a vast amount of the product of Columbus County, practically all of that which is grown in Brunswick and drawing from a dozen other counties in its own and other tobacco growing belts.

Others Keep Pace

And while Whiteville was growing into "The Little Danville of the South," other markets in Columbus kept pace in proportion. Fair Bluff, with a good start, held its own and progressed steadily. Tabor City and Chadbourne also moved steadily forward as good tobacco marketing towns.

This article is on retrospective beginning 21 years ago. I need not dwell on the progress of the past decade, since most of the readers know things as they are today. I have simply gone back to the time when Columbus County thought it was big business to sell a couple million pounds of tobacco in one season. The Whiteville market, this season, will sell more in a single day than did all the markets of Columbus during the first years that I knew tobacco marketing in that county.

Growing Spreads

Naturally, with practically the only market at Fair Bluff, most of the Columbus County tobacco growing was around Fair Bluff and Cerro Gordo when I first became acquainted with the growing and marketing. But the growing spread like wildfire with the development of the Whiteville and later the Chadbourne markets. Around Whiteville, the Collier's, Lennon's, Brown's, Wooten's and others led in the growing in the Western Prong section. Out at Smyrna, west of Whiteville, the Hook's and a lot of other good growers did their bit. Welches Creek township contributed its quota of the new



PAUL TAYLOR

his first year as auctioneer in Whiteville.

Experienced men are in charge of each job in the clerical and sales division of Crutchfield's Warehouse. T. L. Tucker will be bookman following sales this year, and Bill Maurer, of Aberdeen, will serve as clip man. The latter is a new man in Whiteville, but has had ten years experience on the Valdosta, Ga. and Asheville markets. Roy Coghill will return as ticket marker. J. H. Dyer, a member of the Crutchfield's Warehouse staff last season, will be bookkeeper again this year. Misses Doris Dyer and Inez Harrelson, the latter a local girl, will serve as stenographers.

Weighmasters this year will be the same pair, Willard Jones and Ralph Brinkley, who served so well last year. Jim Flinchum will be back at his job as floor manager. His assistant will be Gid. Shelton, Joe F. Pruitt and Wilbur Todd, all well-known to local farmers. Gray Carter will again be on duty as watchman.

## COTTON REPLACED BY TOBACCO AS CHIEF CASH CROP

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silk worm. The soothing touch of the best was none too good. Then it was that cigarette smoke took on a new meaning and Queen Nicotine extended her domain to womanhood. Undoubtedly, tobacco proves a fine barometer to prosperity. That is because it is a luxury, purely and simply.

Whatever may have been the arguments of the past about this form of pleasure, it is here to stay, and the production of the weed remains the biggest item in North Carolina agriculture and one of this state's biggest sources of income.

## Government Spends To Divert Weed Use

The federal government spent \$1,775,000 during the current fiscal year in diverting the tobacco from ordinary market channels, it was testified by J. W. Tapp, president of the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation. The money thus spent was invested in tobacco which was converted into nicotine.

The purpose was to subsidize the farmer, the money going to cooperatives in Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee. Mr. Tapp said growers in other states received "substantial indirect benefits."

crop with the Way's and High's as the chief growers.

And down by New Hope, southward of Whiteville, the White's, Sole's, Hinson's and other names are still inseparably linked in my mind as producers of good tobacco to help establish the reputation of the Whiteville market.

By 1918-19, the growth of the weed had spread to all over Columbus County and down into Brunswick. The Brunswick crop, then small and relatively unimportant, has grown into huge proportions. Now, as during all the years of marketing, most of this Brunswick County tobacco has found its way to Whiteville, adding immensely to the poundage of "The Little Danville of the South" that Farrior Powell dreamed of when he set out as pioneer booster of the Whiteville tobacco market.

FIRST SALE NEXT  
**TUESDAY**  
OPENING DAY  
**AUGUST 10th**  
And THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

FIRST SALES WEEK OF  
**AUGUST 16th**  
MONDAY, AUGUST 16  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 20



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