

### Farmers Should Give Information

#### Agricultural Information Is Essential To Proper Planning Of Defense Program

North Carolina's 1942 farm census, to be taken by the township tax list takers during January, will be used throughout the State as an accurate compilation of agricultural information "essential in planning food for defense programs."

"Cooperation of farmers in furnishing tax listers with farm statistics and other information for the census is a patriotic duty that will yield money and satisfaction dividends", Farm Census Supervisor W. T. Garriss of the State Department of Agriculture, said today.

Information farmers will furnish the tax listers during the next forty days will include data on acreage, livestock, farm machinery, population, and poultry.

"North Carolina is the only Southern State conducting a farm census and as a result the agricultural leadership is better prepared today to cooperate in the 'food for victory' campaigns and in the defense movements", Garriss emphasized.

"Farmers will volunteer agricultural information at tax listing time and the tax lister will forward county summaries to the Department for publication and distribution to agricultural agencies and leaders, particularly those working with the 'food for defense' programs", he added.

"The names of farmers giving farm census information will be regarded as confidential."

Every county in the State will participate in the 1942 farm census which has been conducted for 25 years.



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**Program For Week Of January 2 - 8**

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Monday and Tuesday—  
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Wednesday and Thursday—  
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—Midnight Show—  
"TWO IN A TAXI" with Russell Hayden and Anita Louise  
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### Singing School Program Planned

A 20-lesson singing school conducted by L. M. Clemmons has been completed at Prospect Baptist church, and a commencement program will be held Saturday evening, beginning at 7 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### Stenographers Needed For Work

#### Widespread National Defense Efforts Make Many New Openings For Stenographic Help

The Government needs stenographers for National Defense. One is prone to think of National defense in terms of soldiers, sailors and marines. But there are many types of defense work behind the lines. A large army of civilian personnel is now on duty as stenographers in the Government service to take the dictation of the thousands of executives and administrative officers, and transcribe it into typewritten documents. Some of this material is of lasting importance. Some of it will get into motion Government events of historical consequence.

It is estimated that the Government has approximately 85,000 stenographers, typists and secretaries on the payroll. Many young men and women are responding to the call. Thousands more are needed.

Aside from the present emergency, the opportunities for stenographers in the Government service are favorable. Good stenographers are always in demand. The positions pay \$1,440 a year to start, with a good chance for advancement to positions of greater responsibility, such as secretarial positions, in the case of those who have the ability.

The examination announced by the Civil Service Commission for stenographers is open until further notice. The examination consists solely of a dictation test at 96 words a minute and transcription of notes. All persons who can qualify are urged to apply now.

The stenographer examinations are held at several hundred cities throughout the United States. In order to arrange for greater convenience to applicants, the Commission is planning to increase the number of places where the examinations will be held.

The proper application form may be obtained from the Secretary of the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners at any first or second class post office or from the U. S. Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C.

To provide more living quarters for Government employees, especially for those in the lower-income groups, there has been begun, under Government sponsorship, a building program for constructing thousands of apartments, dormitories, and homes in Washington, D. C.

### Workmen Find Aged Whiskey

Workmen at Fort Caswell found three full pints of Johnny Walker whiskey underneath a building they were dismantling this week. The stuff was a popular brand as far back as the first world war. It is supposed that some of the soldiers who trained there in 1917 and 1918 must have hidden it and then were shipped elsewhere before they could retrieve it.

All three bottles were sealed tightly and the fellows who sampled the contents described it as "wonderful stuff".

Peanut yields this year in Martin County have fallen below those of 1940, but are better than most farmers had expected, reports John I. Eagles, assistant farm agent.

### Danger Zone Is Set On Waterway

#### Section Between Swansboro And New River Inlet To Be Closed To Navigation For 10-Day Period

The section of the Inland Waterway, Beaufort to Cape Fear River, between Swansboro and New River Inlet, will be closed to navigation from 5 P. M. January 11, to noon January 21, 1942, except during the following hours, daily: 8:00 A. M. to 10:00 A. M.; 4:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M.; 12:00 midnight to 1:00 A. M.

It is expected that the length of the waterway to be obstructed can be traversed by vessels and tows within the periods listed above.

Masters of vessels are requested to tie up or otherwise conform to the requests and directions of any patrol boats as to their movements in this section of the waterway.

### Consumers Cards Are Not Required

#### Reports Have Come In That Some Merchants Are Holding Up Merchandise Not Governed By Priorities

In the confusion incident to attacks upon the United States by the Axis powers, many distributors of consumers' goods have told their customers that they cannot sell to them unless their orders are accompanied by preference rating certificates. This seems to have been most prevalent among dealers who handle metal products, particularly in the farm machinery and hand-tools fields.

The Priorities Division pointed out that retail consumers cannot and must not be expected to produce preference rating certificates, when placing normal orders for finished goods.

In the case of important civilian items, as for example, farm machinery and spare parts for privately-owned automobiles and trucks, the Priorities Division has given assistance to manufacturers so that they may continue their production. The goods manufactured as a result of this assistance are then made available through the normal trade channels, and retail buyers in general do not need, and have not been issued, preference rating certificates.

### Forest Fires Cause Damage

#### A Total Of 476 Were Reported In Organized Counties During November; Loss Is Estimated At \$43,908

RALEIGH—Forest fires, aggravated by dry conditions, totaled 467 in organized counties last month, compared with 366 in the previous November. W. C. McCormick, assistant State forester, reported today.

The blazes covered 22,229 acres and caused damage estimated at \$43,908. Average acreage covered dropped from 49.2 a fire in November, 1940, to 47.6 acres last month.

Fires attributed to campers and hunters increased from 31.4 per cent to 42.4 per cent, and to smokers from 21 per cent to 26.7 per cent. These increases were attributed to the presence of larger numbers of persons in the woods.

Incendiary fires dropped from 21 per cent to about 10 per cent. Despite the first army's maneuvers, district three, with head-

### Egg Production Increase Seen

#### North Carolina Ranks Second In Egg Production In South Atlantic States; Increase Expected

Indications point toward a record 1941 egg production for North Carolina with the present estimate for the first eleven months being only one million eggs less than the total for the 12 months in 1940. W. T. Wesson, junior statistician of the State Department of Agriculture, said yesterday.

From January to November inclusive, North Carolina layers produced 671,000,000 eggs or five per cent more than the 638,000,000 produced during the corresponding 1940 period, Wesson added, basing his information on a State-Federal Crop Reporting Service summary.

North Carolina farm flocks during November averaged 6,637,000 layers, exceeding last year's November number by six per cent. "The 6,637,000 layers accounted for a November egg production of 31,000,000 eggs or about seven per cent above November of 1940," he said.

The State's rate of production per hen for the month was 4.67 eggs per layer, while the rate of production for the nation averaged 4.69 eggs per layer.

North Carolina now ranks second in eggs production compared with the South Atlantic States with Virginia holding the number one position.

Eggs returned farmers of the State an average of 37 cents per dozen on November 15 or the highest price for the month since 1929, while chickens sold for an average price of 17 cents per pound or 24 cents above the same date a year earlier.

For the United States, the aggregate egg production for the past 11 months of this year set a new high mark, being four per cent above a year earlier, and 10 per cent above the 10-year average. Egg production in November was a record for the month in practically all parts of the country, both in the rate of lay per bird and in total production of eggs.

The nation's farm flocks through November averaged 318,245,000 layers, the largest number for the month since 1930. This number exceeds that of last year by five per cent and the 10-year November average by six per cent.

Feed costs in November, reports the United States Department of Agriculture, were the highest since 1936, while eggs and turkey prices received by farmers in mid-November were the highest for the month since 1929, and chicken prices were the highest since 1937.

Little Johnny (to lady visitor): "The Devil's going to pay for her!" Little Visitor: "Good heavens! What are you saying?" Little Johnny: "Yes, I heard papa say 'the Devil knows where the money's coming from!'"

quarters at Rockingham, reported that its 102 fires during the month burned an average of 14 acres each, compared with an average of 55 acres in the month last year.

### Many Farmers Don't Own Cow

#### Milk Is Nature's Most Valuable Food, Yet Many Southern Farmers Do Not Own Milk Cow

WILMINGTON, Dec. 29—"The cow is the foster mother of man", said V. W. Lewis, General Live Stock Agent of the A. C. L., in explaining the great need for more cows on Southern farms. "Of course", Mr. Lewis added, "most people know that milk is one of the most valuable of foods. To have strong, healthy bodies, children and grown folks too need milk. Yet, the startling fact remains that there are literally thousands of farm families in the South who do not own a family cow and others who do not have enough milk to supply their needs."

"There are thousands of adults and children that have not tasted fresh milk in years", Mr. Lewis added. "Of course", he explained, "farmers have been specializing in cash crops like cotton and tobacco. Following such a plan, a way of life has been developed that calls for the purchase at the village store of many food products that could be produced on the farm. Since hundreds of thousands of acres of land have been withdrawn from cultivation because of the curtailment of foreign markets, these farmers are now turning to diversified agriculture to cooperate with their government in producing urgently needed foods crops, and especially the production of an adequate farm supply of clean, wholesome milk. Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard recently stated 'Our first line of defense is in well-fed healthy people on the home front.'

"A farm family who wishes to keep milks cows should raise their own feed. That is the only sensible thing to do. For the amount of home grown feed for one milk cow per year, farmers should conduct their county agent or write direct to their College of Agriculture."

"There are a great variety of forage or hay crops particularly suitable to the South like lespedeza, soy beans, kudzu, pea vine, vetch and the small grains in the rough stage. Furthermore, permanent pastures are essential in that the cost of production of milk is very materially reduced."

Concrete pavement is the last word in safety and driving comfort, yet it actually costs the public less than so-called cheap highways.

### RECRUITERS HERE ENLISTING MEN

(Continued From Page One) during the first day here they had twice as many applicants as they had during the whole week in Wilmington. However, only about one out of each six local applicants signed up, many of them being found not meeting all of the medical requirements. In still other cases the applicants hesitated in the matter of signing up, asking for a different rating than that which was offered.

A touching demonstration of loyalty and patriotism was shown Saturday morning when Chas. E. Gause, veteran of the Spanish American war went up and asked for a physical examination in or-

der that he might give his active service to his government. Rejected because of his advanced age, the veteran seaman appeared to be quite crestfallen. He saw service on the old Nantucket which sailed from Wilmington for the Spanish struggle.

### HEART ATTACK IS FATAL TO CITIZEN

(Continued From Page One) boys were fighting near the Hewett home, and the elderly man sought to break it up. One of the participants struck him a blow in the mouth, and as his wife was assisting him in returning to his home he became so exhausted that he was forced to sit down beside the road.

He died a few moments later, and following his investigation, Coroner Caison pronounced his death due to heart trouble. No charges were preferred against the beligerents by the coroner, who stated that he understood that they were being arrested on a minor charge growing out of the affray. The name of these fellows were not available.

### DEATH COMES TO WINNABOW LADY

(Continued From Page One) daughters, Mrs. Joseph Akerman of Augusta, Ga., and Miss Bertha Reid and Miss Janie Reid of Winnabow.

Active pallbearers were Jack Taylor, Joe Taylor, Joe Ramseur, J. J. Knox, F. R. Johnson, Jr., J. B. Patter and R. F. Plaxco. Honorary pallbearers are Dr. D. R. Murchison, Will Rehder, J. J. Ramseur, J. L. Henry, A. P. Henry, D. R. Johnson, Dawson Jones, E. W. Matheny and G. K. Lewis.

### CATHOLICS PLAN MISSION HERE


(Continued From Page One) a duly authorized representative of the Church will clear up many misunderstandings which may now exist.

During these troubled times we must draw closer to God. Begin the New Year right. All who attend the mission will gain great spiritual benefits.

### Belated Blackout Is Staged At Southport

(Continued From Page One) operation shown by the citizens. Lights were seen in only two or three places, and the erring parties quickly put them out. There was only one minor infraction of the no-travel rule.

Captain H. T. Bowmer, chief of the defense police force, said



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Tuesday that he was delighted with the fine manner that his volunteer officers carried out their duties. He also paid tribute to the fine cooperation of the colored citizens. These men were on in addition to Chief of Police Otto Hickman, and were ably assisted by the Boy Scouts.

### LOCAL LEGION POST OVER TOP

(Continued From Page One) be over the top in memberships within a few weeks.

"Veterans of the World War are joining up with their local American Legion organizations so that they can be organized to do their part in this great national emergency", he said.

"Many of our new members are men who have come in voluntarily to show their complete willingness to do their part in the present crisis", said the district commander. "They know that through the organized force of the American Legion they will be able to work as a united force".

### CASES GROW OUT OF SLANDER TRIAL

(Continued from page 1) with perjury: Dewey Gaskins, Eston and Pearl Hewett and B. P. Gurganus. Charges against each of them were not prosessed with leave.

C. H. Harker waived appearance to answer charges of drunk-

en driving and through the torney entered a plea of guilty. Given 6 months on the judgment was suspended. A fine of \$500 was suspended for 12 months.

James Andrews and Reaves were charged with while Reaves was convicted. Given 6 months on the notice of appeal was given. Appearance bond was set at \$200.00.

### COUNTY CLOSES JENNETTE

(Continued from page one) John Jenrette for alleged ages which occurred in his collection of delinquent while he served as county urer.

Both criminal and civil were instituted against the mer county official, and agreed that criminal would be based upon the civil action. The latter Carr, who found that no terpidity was involved, and judgment awarded the was the only action against rette.

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