

## Flue-Cured Stock Pile Exceeds 1945 By 21 Million Lbs.

Stocks Earmarked For Export At Least 70,000,000 Pounds Less Than Last Year

RALEIGH, September 5—Flue-cured stocks of tobacco on hand in the nation total 1,147,000,000 pounds—an increase of 21,000,000 pounds over a year ago, according to W. P. Hedrick, tobacco marketing specialist with the N. C. Department of Agriculture. He pointed out, however, that stocks of flue-cured tobacco earmarked for export are at least 70,000,000 pounds less than at this time in 1945, and consequent-

ly holdings available for home consumption indicate a gain of much more than the 21,000,000 pounds increase shown by total stocks. Basing his statement on the latest information compiled by the Production and Marketing Administration, he said that exports of flue-cured between July 1 last year and this past July 1 are expected to be at about the same level as during the corresponding period a year earlier, when exports amounted to approximately 454,000,000 pounds on a farm sales-weight basis. Stocks of flue-cured decreased 340,000,000 pounds from April 1 to July 1 this year. Declaring that this decrease was much larger than usual, Hedrick attributed it to large exports and the continued high domestic consumption of cigarettes. "Disappearance of flue-cured tobacco during the fiscal year from July 1, 1945, to July 1, 1946, moved at an unusually high level, totaling 1,152,700,000 pounds," said Hedrick. With regard to burley tobacco, he asserted that dealers and manufacturers have around 982,000 pounds on hand, an increase of 101,000,000 from July 1 last year, and the highest level on record, surpassing the previous high midsummer figure set in 1941 by 88,000,000 pounds. Between April and July this year burley stocks decreased 118,000,000 pounds as against 104,000,000 for this period in 1945. The farm-sales weight of stocks of all types of leaf tobacco on hand in this country and Puerto Rico total 2,850,000,000 pounds. Stock amounted to 2,766,000,000 a year ago. Total stocks are lower than April 1 stocks by 492,000,000 as compared with a decrease of 407,000,000 pounds for the same period in 1945.

Holdings of the Commodity Credit Corporation amount to only around 10,400,000 pounds as compared with 81,800,000 pounds a year ago. Practically all of these stocks consist of flue-cured varieties. Jan de Printere of Antwerp printed on paper with hand-carved wood blocks in 1417. Texas in its war for independence from Mexico used a navy of four small vessels. **Rovin' Reporter** (Continued from page 1) the crop is in order just as soon as weather conditions will permit. There is a great deal of hay being produced in the county this year and farmers who have had to face the cost of buying feed are fully aware of the need of saving all hay and grain they produced this year. A great many tax notices have been sent out during the past week, and while we were at Leland one afternoon a young lady friend asked us what an item meant. The item in question was for "debt service." It is just possible that a great many other people also wonder what this debt service item means on their tax notices. If that is the case it will do no harm to attempt an explanation here. A good many years ago Brunswick county, and most of the other counties went heavily in debt. Some of the money went for the building of school houses, a very good use. Still more went for roads and bridges. It suffices to say that the county woke up eighteen or nineteen years ago to find accumulated debts of over two million dollars hanging over it. That debt had to be paid. It is being paid gradually year by year. For a good many years now all current county expenses have been taken care of and each year, thanks to the debt service item, the county is slowly clearing from debt. This year's honey crop is a good one despite the fact that rains hindered the little workers during the summer. The Mintz boys, of Waccamaw township, are putting a fine quality of the product on the market, as is the Whiskey Creek Apiaries in Northwest township. Brunswick with its great woodland area and spring and summer flowers and fruits is admirable for the production of honey on a commercial scale. Keeping bees is a regular procedure on many Brunswick county farms. Miss Elba Raye Hawes, of Shallotte, can get a free ticket to any show at the Shallotte

theatre this week by presenting a copy of this issue of The Pilot at the ticket office. Miss Hilda Muller, of Orton Plantation and Southport, will likewise be given a courtesy ticket to any show at the Amuzu in Southport by presenting a copy of this issue at the ticket office. At Woodburn, in Northwest township, where a paved road leads to Navassa from Route 74, there are various signs that point the way to the biggest little industrial center in Brunswick. The signs are those of the F. S. Royster Guano Co., Swift Fertilizer Works, Armour and Company, Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company and Gulf States Creosoting Company. All of these plants are located at Navassa, along with the Wilmington Box Company. Still another industry that probably soon will have signs placed at this turnout from Route 74 is the Smith-Douglas Fertilizer Company. This concern, with the most modern machinery that the times will permit, will soon be mixing fertilizers at Navassa. Our sympathies are entirely with the people in the county who want road improvement and feel they are entitled to such. Among the many distressing complaints that has reached us is one from the good people living along the old Fayetteville Road from above Woodburn to the Sam

Corbet store on the Leland-Leland road. Some 83 families live on this road and several months ago they last their rural mail service because the carriers simply could not travel the route. Through practically all of the winter school children on this road have to make long walks to the nearest point that their buses can reach. The effects of the summer rains were by no means confined to just doing damage to country roads. One day, this week we traveled the paved Bell Swamp highway to its junction with Route 17 at

Bell Swamp. Although a force of state highway employees put this road in good condition early in the spring. Travelers now find many holes almost completely through the paving. A pleasing and interesting sight along this road was the nice little herd of cattle belonging to G. K. Lewis. A little further along the road was the fine herd of white face herefords belonging to Gilbert Reid and Joe Ramsauer, Jr. At Goley Lewis' the object of interest was the beautiful flock of turkeys that he and the Misus are raising against Thanksgiving and Christmas.

At the Leland school Principal King called our attention to the hallway listing the former pupils who served during the war. There are a total of 132 of these boys. This number three, Ed Douglas Potter and Charles Hayes, all lost their lives. There have not checked up on schools in the county having plaques, but if such plaques would be placed in the schools, it would very much appreciate if some friend would write telling the number of names on plaques carry and also give number and names of the who lost their lives.

### -NOTICE-

## Come And Fish

The old Butler Mill Pond at Longwood, N. C.,

Brunswick County, covering 150 acres has not been drained in several years, is needing repairs and will be drained and ready for fishing

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14, 1946

AT 11:00 O'Clock A. M.

You Will Be Allowed To Fish In Any Manner (EXCEPT BY SEIN)

## No Bag Limit

COME EARLY and GET YOUR TICKET

Admission \$2.00

J. B. WARD, Owner



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U. S. FARMERS have made our fields into factories:

We live better than people in other countries because our farmers get more out of the soil.

The steel industry takes pride in the way it has helped bring about this improvement in farm practice. Tools of steel—from the plow share to the giant combine—have multiplied in number and increased vastly in quality.

Fifty years ago the typical farm in America used about 3 tons of steel. Today the figure is nearer 17½ tons.

That is a measure of the modernization of agriculture and an indication of the interdependence of steel and farming:

We no longer have separate "farm production problems" or "industrial production prob-

lems." We have but one set of problems for everybody:

If strikes, for instance, restrict the supply of farm implements and supplies through work stoppages, or make their cost prohibitive, America is out of gear.

Anything which tends in this direction is bad for the farmer—and finally for everybody: Farmers know it. Everybody else should know it:

Steel mills need all the scrap iron and steel they can get. The shortage is serious. Farmers can get extra dollars and help increase steel output by sending worn-out machinery, etc., on its way to the furnaces. AMERICAN IRON AND STEEL INSTITUTE, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, N. Y.

The Institute has printed a booklet STEEL SERVES THE FARMER. Write for a copy and it will be sent gladly.

# NOW IN PROGRESS Brunswick Farm Bureau Membership Drive

Back the organization that backs the farmer. Lend the support of your membership and loyalty to the Nation's leading farm group. The bigger it grows, the more powerful will be its influence.

## STRENGTH THROUGH ORGANIZATION

Do you think that it is fair for the farmers, who feed the population of the United States, to be controlled by organized groups that press for their own special interests? The power of these groups came through organization. The power of the farmer to stand up in his own defense must come through the same channel.

### JOIN YOUR LOCAL FARM BUREAU

The FARM BUREAU is not something you pay money to here to be spent away from home. One dollar of each membership stays in your local treasury to help local FARM BUREAU activities. Our county has been assigned a quota of only 302 members. Do your part to see that we reach that goal this week!

## REMEMBER

BRUNSWICK COUNTY TOBACCO FARMERS have already been benefited this year to the extent of over three hundred thousand dollars as a result of FARM BUREAU efforts in getting the OPA to raise ceilings on Flue Cured Tobacco.

An unorganized group is a group that is without a voice in our government. Help make the powerful influence of the farm population of our country an influence for prosperity and progress.

### JOIN THE BRUNSWICK FARM BUREAU THIS WEEK

# Brunswick Farm Bureau

J. J. HAWES, Secretary.