

### Programs for Handicapped in Operation Now

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Raleigh.—Two special programs for the physically handicapped are operated in North Carolina at the present time—one under the direction of the state government and the other under supervision of the Veterans' Administration—and the work of each doubtless will be considerably expanded after the war.

The Veterans' Administration operates under authority of Public Laws No. 16 and No. 346 of the federal statutes for service to the thousands of Tar Heel veterans returning from all theaters of war. Funds for the programs for veterans will be based upon the number of ex-soldiers to be served and, for a number of years, will undoubtedly amount to several million dollars.

From a small beginning in 1920, North Carolina has progressed in its state-operated program from a staff composed of a supervisor and a secretary to a field staff of 15 professional counselors. Under the provisions of the Federal Public Law No. 113 further expansion is contemplated.

At the present time there are 3,733 active cases in North Carolina. Since the program began operating in 1920, there has been a total of 15,005 persons who have been given the assistance necessary to qualify them for and help them obtain employment.

In servicing these cases close working relationships have been established with numerous private organizations as well as with federal, state and local government agencies. Possibly the most valuable co-worker is the county superintendent of public welfare whose office through the years has been a place of contact between Vocational Rehabilitation counselors and their clients. The county department of public welfare has also been a valuable source of referral of cases eligible for rehabilitation. Practically every county department in the state had a number of its cases under treatment through vocational rehabilitation.

Any service necessary to prepare a disabled person for work is available to him if the correction of his vocational handicap will make him employable and able to contribute to his own support and that of his family.

### Clothing Angle Said Improved

Washington.—Clothes for women and children will be piled high in stores by November. So will things like sheets and towels.

Men's clothes will be less plentiful. That was the forecast today by industry leaders and government officials.

It was the brightest authoritative picture yet on the clothing outlook. The garment prospect has changed radically since the Japanese surrender.

The main factor in the change was the unexpected speed with which the Army wiped out most of its plans for buying clothing materials.

One official even said the nation can look forward to a "Christmas shopper's paradise" in women's and children's clothing.

Most items of men's clothing will be produced in good quantity.

Shirts and Shorts. Shirts and shorts will be produced at a rate of 90 to 95 per cent of their 1939 volume, manufacturer predicted.

But industry people expect that heavy sales to millions of discharged veterans will keep retail stocks at low levels until after the first of the year.

### Prisoners At New High Mark

London.—The Red Army's bag of Japanese prisoners in the Far Eastern war mounted toward the half-million mark today.

Capture of an additional 35,000 Japanese officers and men in Manchuria yesterday ran the total to 408,000 and more were streaming into Soviet prison cages every hour. All fighting apparently had ceased.

In leap-frog operations, the Soviets occupied Onnegotan, Shashikotan and Matsuwa, the latter 250 miles from the southern tip of Kamchatka and 500 miles north of the enemy's home island of Hokkaido.

### State Gives Unique Degree

Raleigh.—To Harold L. Manning, British subject, went the distinction recently of receiving the first M. E. S. degree—Master of Experimental Statistics—ever awarded in the United States.

North Carolina State College awarded the degree in Raleigh to Manning, who, although a citizen of Great Britain, is Brooklyn-born. Behind both Manning and the degree lie two stories which should be of interest to North Carolina's citizenry. First, because their state institution of learning is one of the two schools in the country equipped to grant such a degree. And because Manning, who has spent all of his adult life in the British West Indies, should hear of this training offered at State College and come here for his studying.

Arrival at State. The story begins several years ago, before 1942 when State College set up its Department of Experimental Statistics. A publication written by Prof. Gertrude M. Cox, now head of the department and Director of the Institute of Statistics, sent out from Iowa State College, where she was then located, came into Manning's hands down in the West Indies.

He was employed as a cotton plant breeder with the Empire Cotton Growing Corporation, a government-sponsored scientific group, and the explanation of her experimental designs appealed to him.

At that time he limited himself to a correspondence with the statistician and a study of her written matter. Later, however, he was able to secure permission from his employers to visit the United States and study under Miss Cox.

In August of 1944, Manning, his wife and daughter, arrived at State College where Miss Cox was located, and he began his studies.

Concentrating his attention on the use of statistics in conducting his experiments for the development of better cotton, he chose as his thesis project, "Precision of Yield Comparisons from Experimental Plot Trials in Sea Island Cotton Breeding."

Since May, when he received his degree, Manning has been at work on a recent project, "Estimation of Selection of Advance in Sea Island Cotton."

In early September he plans to leave for England where he will await further assignment to Uganda, in British Central Africa.

### Poles—Freed by Poles



THESE THREE PRETTY, young Polish underground fighters are smiling through the barbed wire of the camp in Germany where they were imprisoned for their part in the Warsaw uprising of 1944. They were liberated by Polish troops, who gave them not only freedom but clothes. Girls are wearing uniforms of Polish sergeants, with the Polish eagle insignia. In the underground, their only uniform was their courage.

### Clearing Up The Streams

Person Work unit, secured 40 pounds of Bicolor lespedeza seed last spring and these seed were distributed by Conservation Aid C. A. Neal to a dozen farm-cooperators as follows: Roy Rogers, Frank Oakley, Wayne Moore, T. J. Oliver, Clyde Powell, W. A. Wiley, C. A. Dunkley, R. B. Monk, James Bagby and Fletcher Winstead.

Last week the writer observed some of these wildlife border seedlings and they were poor to satisfactorily due primarily to late seeding. A very satisfactory stand of bicolor was noted on farms of Wayne Moore, Frank Oakley and W. A. Wiley.

Farm-cooperators realize that on

the edge of fields and woodlands, wildlife borders can be established to replace these unprofitable areas with habitats which will encourage the increase of desirable form of wildlife. Big trees in the woods along the edge of cultivated fields usually makes the area unproductive for crops far as much as 30 to 40 feet. In many cases a good practice is to remove the trees from a strip about 10 feet wide on the woodland edge, leaving native shrubs that may be present and to encourage shrubs to grow along the edge. A sericea border planted next to this border for a width of 15 to 20 feet or more if needed will

then constitute a good wildlife border.

#### Bicolor Lespedeza

This Bicolor lespedeza is a shrub plant that under favorable conditions will grow 5 to 6 feet high producing a vast quantity of seed very palatable to birds. Where Bicolor is used it should be seeded alone on a strip 6 to 8 feet wide along the woods and sericea seeded between this bushy plant and the field for 10 to 15 feet or a greater width if the area is eroded and unproductive. Such areas are ideal feeding and nesting for quail. Shade does not prevent the growth of bicolor and sericea lespedeza as it does other plants. Where Bicolor seed are not available and a single plant is seeded, sericea is the best to use in field borders, since it is sufficiently hardy to withstand the use of such areas as turn rows for farm machinery and animals.

These practices which are first of all better farm conservation measures are a part of practically every conservation farm plan prepared for farmers cooperating with the Dan River Soil Conservation District.

### Gov. Cherry Pays Tribute To OPA Volunteer Staff

Raleigh.—Volunteer workers connected with local War Price and Rationing Board who have remained on the job during the war period were praised by Governor Cherry this week in a prepared statement in which he emphasized the continued importance of the fight against inflation.

Governor Cherry urged these patriotic citizens to "see the job through to the finish," adding that the end of the fighting in the Pacific does not eliminate the need for continued vigilance on the home front.

programs. Many of them have been put on the job for more than three years and all of them are doing their jobs without thought of compensation and without fanfare, some at a personal sacrifice.

"The work these people have done, is a direct contribution to the welfare of our state and nation. With the end of fighting in the Pacific and the coming of peace all of the conditions that make, price, rent control, and rationing necessary will not immediately be done away with.

"Many persons through thoughtlessness will want to see the controls thrown wide open and the

pressures for inflation—that have been built up in other parts of the world—hit our State. This means that the job the volunteer workers, and others in OPA, have to do is not yet finished.

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