

50 Silver Dollars To Be Given Away Saturday

Warrenton Merchants Are Staging Trade Days With Special Bargains

Watson Tells Ruritan Club of Farmers Part In Economy

American agriculture contributes much more to the nation's economy than most people realize, yet it is misunderstood and unappreciated, according to Thomas E. Watson, ASC office manager. Addressing the Afton-Elberon Ruritan Club on Tuesday night, Watson said results of agriculture's waning influence could injure farmers and imperil their productive capacity. "Agriculture is being blamed for inflation, high taxes,

federal deficits, unbalanced family budgets, and social skulduggery in government," he said. "Probably no other segment of our economy contributes more to America than agriculture, yet farmers are silent while feeling against them is rising."

Watson indicated that he and others interested in agriculture have decided to present the farmer's side of the story by bringing to attention some little-known facts about American agriculture.

One of the misconceptions that needs to be cleared up, he said, is the one that says "the farmer is getting fat as a market hog off government spending."

He pointed out that net farm income in the U. S. was down 15 per cent last year to a level even lower than net farm income in 1943.

"If that's good," Watson said, "all the farmer needs to put him on straight relief is for things to get a little better."

In showing the economic importance of agriculture, Watson said farmers annually purchase more petroleum than any other industry and rank as one of the most important customers for the steel industry.

Farmers create jobs for many people engaged in the jobs of supplying him and processing and distributing what they produce, according to Watson.

"This giant of industries provides employment for about 22½ million people — more than 30 per cent of our total labor force," he said. "Yet the farmer makes about \$1,000 a year less than his city brother."

ASC Employees To Check Crop Acreage In Warren

Approximately 28 seasonal ASC employees trained in acreage measurement work will soon begin their annual summer job of checking crop acreages on farms participating in the acreage allotment, price support, and soil bank program. T. E. Watson, ASC office manager, said yesterday. In connection with the acreage measurement job farmers are urged to give complete cooperation when the reporter visits his farm.

Watson said: "Producer cooperation can help us do this job faster and more economically." Some of the ways the farmer can help are: (1) see that stakes are in place on premeasured farms; (2) make sure plantings are within the staked area on premeasured farms, and (3) have someone who is familiar with the crop available to help the reporter if the operator is away from the farm.

ASC reporters who visit the farm to measure the acreage are out there to perform a service for the farmer, Watson said. Assisting in this measuring and designation of fields planted to allotment crops is definitely the responsibility of the farmer or his agent, he said. It is greatly to the farmers' advantage to be there and assist in the measuring. By being present the producer will realize how the acreages are determined and he will be able to assure himself that the

Efficiency in production is the only thing that has kept the farmer going in the face of rising costs, Watson said, and is also responsible for releasing a great number of people for other jobs.

"If U. S. farmers were no more efficient than farmers in India or China," he said, "three out of four workers in our nation would be out in the field now working for their first essential—food."

Watson warned that farmers are going to have to become more efficient in production as the population increases and that they will not be able to do so if they are "strangled by unsound legislation, which is often the result of adverse public opinion."

He told the some 20 members of the Ruritan Club that they could help set the record straight for the farmer by speaking out on his own behalf and seeing that the public gets both sides of the story.

"The farmer's contribution to America has traditionally been a big one," Watson said, "and he wants the American people to know that there has been no change in that tradition."

Local Contractor Awarded Work In Clarksville

CLARKSVILLE, Va., May 19 — Connell Construction Co. of Warrenton, N. C., with a low bid of \$208,575, has been awarded the contract for water and sewage improvements here.

Chicago Bridge & Iron Co. of Philadelphia, will construct a new overhead water tank at a cost of \$37,435.

Bids for the projects were opened by Town Council at a special session Tuesday.

Money for improvement of the town facilities was made available through passage of a \$300,000 bond issue March 8. Both contractors will start work by June 15. Completion of the project is expected before the end of the year.

Hold Cook-Out
The Young Peoples Service League of Emmanuel Episcopal Church held a "cook-out" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Fair and daughters on Sunday afternoon.

Patient
Mrs. Beaufort Scull of Arcola was a patient in Warren General Hospital for several days last week for treatment.

Customers To Receive Tickets With Purchases

Warrenton Trade Days which began here Thursday will continue through Saturday and will be highlighted with a drawing on the court house square at 5 o'clock on Saturday afternoon when one prize of fifty silver dollars will be given to the holder of the lucky stub. The winner does not have to be present at the drawing in order to win.

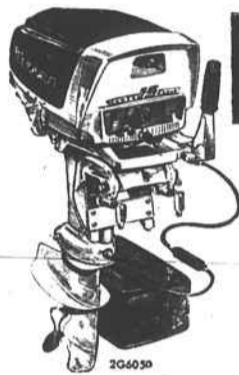
Local merchants have been supplied with tickets and these may be received with purchases, according to Milton Ayscue, chairman of the three-day event.

Numbers of Warrenton merchants are advertising on this and the next page special bargains, and other merchants are also offering specials for the event.

The Trade Days are the first of a number of events being sponsored by the Warrenton Merchants Association. Other big days will follow during the year, according to Sam Warlick, president of the Association.

Ayscue in commenting on the Trade Days events, stressed the fact that plenty of tickets have been provided local merchants and requested that customers ask for tickets with each purchase.

Thousands of persons are expected to share in the big May Trade Days, officials of the Merchants Association said yesterday. They extended an invitation to everyone in the Warrenton trade area to come to Warrenton today and tomorrow when they will have an opportunity to buy merchandise at reduced prices and a chance to win fifty silver dollars.



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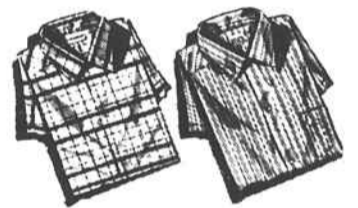
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