

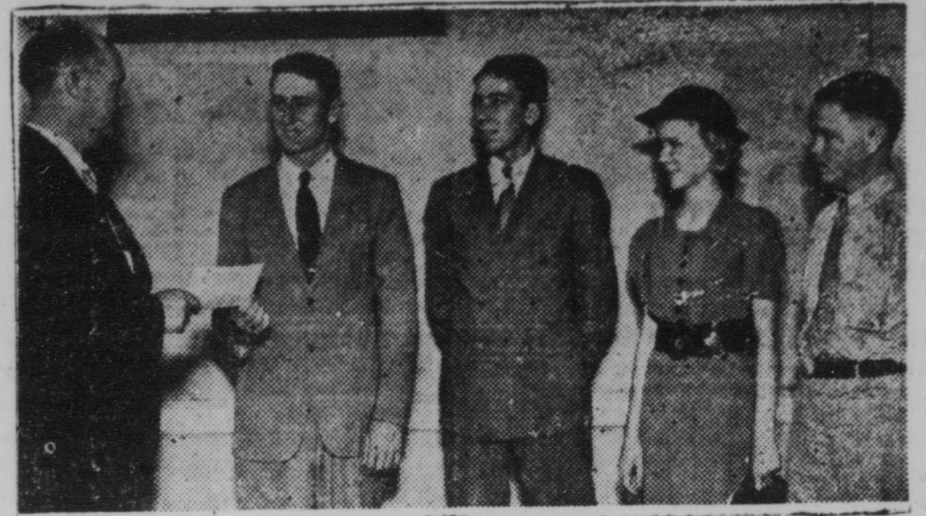


# FARM AND HOME

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FARM BOY GIVEN AWARD FOR ESSAY



L. Bruce Gunter, of Fuquay Springs, Vice-President of the State Cotton Association, is shown here presenting Jim Davis, of Waynesville, with a one-year tuition scholarship and \$100 in cash as first prize in the Eleventh Annual Co-operative Essay Contest. Other winners, left to right are: Edmund W. Harris, Jr., of Dunn, second prize of \$25; Mary Patricia McCleney of Chadburn, third prize of \$15 and Horace Edward Moore of Rocky Mount, fourth prize of \$10. Thousands of boys and girls from all sections of the State participated in the Essay Contest this year.

## Properly Graded Leaf Brings The Highest Price

A little time spent in sorting tobacco carefully has been known to earn a farmer more money than all the work he spent in the field growing and harvesting it.

In the warehouses its a common sight to see a "pin-hooker" buy a few baskets of mixed leaf from growers, grade it carefully, and sell it to buyers for considerably more than he paid the farmer for the same tobacco.

The farmer who grows the weed could get just as much for it as the "pin-hooker" if he brings it to the warehouse carefully sorted and packed attractively on the baskets.

Buyers don't like baskets of mixed leaf, and they won't bid very much for them. But after it has been re-sorted and packed in lots according to body, quality, color, and size of leaves, they will bid the top price for the particular leaf in each basket.

Adequate light is needed in the sorting rooms so the leaf can be seen clearly and graded accurately. Tie the same kind of leaves into bundles or hands, and have enough different lots to cover the full range of quality, length, and color of the crop.

Tobacco of low grade will often bring a fair price when it is properly prepared, but even the best grade on the market won't bring top prices if it is mixed with inferior leaf.

Growers who have more leaf than they can sell tax-free will find it pays to sell their best leaf first, and pay tax only on the lower priced tobacco, as the higher the price, the higher the tax will be. However some growers with excess tobacco are planning to buy extra marketing quota cards from growers who do not have enough tobacco to use up the full amount of their cards.

## Water Farming

The possibilities of growing vegetables and flowers without soil is attracting much attention from scientists. While there is no probability that dirt farming may ever be displaced by water, there is a strong possibility of its being largely supplemented. Vats of water have above them wire frames on which shavings or other substance supports seed or bulbs. The roots go down into the water, which has certain chemicals dissolved in it, according to the needs of the plant as determined by analysis. Tomatoes grown by this method are said to be more solid and meaty than when raised by the ordinary method. The amount that may be grown in a vat depends only upon how many plants can have sunshine. The chemicals used cost only a few cents, and there is none of the labor of hoeing and weeding. However, the construction of the vats is too costly to be used commercially to any great extent. The plan is said to be in highest favor where soil is scanty and of low fertility.

## Exports Gain

The U. S. Department of Agriculture reports that American farmers sold \$155,000,000 more agricultural products abroad during the fiscal year 1937-38 than during the previous twelve months.

## Davis Gets Co-op. Essay Scholarship

Haywood Boy is Winner Over Four Other Contestants in State Finals

Raleigh—Jim Davis, 19-year-old student of Clyde High School in Haywood county has been awarded the first prize of a one-year college tuition scholarship and \$100 in cash in the eleventh annual Co-operative Essay contest.

This finals of the essay contest, held in Raleigh last week, brought to a close a series of school, county and district contests which began early in May and in which thousands of rural boys and girls in all sections of the State participated. The contest is sponsored each year by the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, the Farmers Cooperative Exchange and the Carolina Co-operator Publishing Company as an educational project.

Second prize of \$25 in cash went to Edmund W. Harris, Jr., 16-year-old student of Dunn High School in Harnett county, while third prize of \$15 went to Mary Patricia McCleney, 16-year-old student of Chadburn High School in Columbus County, the lone girl contestant. Horace Edward Moore, 15-year-old student of Red Oak High School in Nash county won fourth prize of \$10.

The three rural boys all spoke on "The Kind of Farmer I Intend To Be", while Miss McCleney spoke on "The Kind of Farm Woman I Intend To Be."

## Taxation Will Increase

The expenses of the government have raised the national debt to its highest peak. Under such conditions it is idle folly to expect any forthcoming Congress to revise taxation downward and "furnish business relief" in that way. Government business is like that of private business—when expenses go up provision has to be made to get in enough money so that the government will eventually get out of the red. There is no hope that budgets will be balanced for many years nor is there hope that taxes will be lightened.

Because that is so, the government has gone into 'lending money' on a tremendous scale. That kind of book-keeping makes the national debt look smaller.

## Selling Cotton

More than two-thirds of the cotton sold by American farmers during the crop year is marketed before December 1, and most of it is sold in October and November, says J. A. Shanklin, of State College.

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## Old Age Funds Are Safe

About 700 million dollars has been paid into the Government's old-age pension account. From this fund about 6 million dollars has been paid out to pensioners.

The government put all the income from this source into the general fund and gives 3% notes payable to the "Old Age Reserve Account." This runs up the blood-pressure of a lot of people who seem to think that the old-age pension money is being misappropriated.

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## The Dove Of Peace

There are no war clouds on the American horizon and unless some foolishness develops in our international affairs the United States will likely be able to hold aloof from the troubles of the old World. If some group of politicians should break away from the American way and begin to talk seriously about the United States mixing up in foreign troubles the answer of the public should be the repudiation of all such political demagogues, regardless of what party, or faction, they train with.

Four-H corn and livestock projects in Wayne county are reported as good, but cotton and tobacco are not up to standard due to inclement weather.

## 10,000 HOMICIDES

There were 10,232 homicides in the United States in 1935, according to the U. S. Census Bureau.

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11:17 A. M. Lv. Elizabeth City	Ar. 3:02 P. M.
2:06 P. M. Lv. Washington	Ar. 11:50 A. M.
3:07 P. M. Lv. Greenville	Ar. 10:52 A. M.
3:32 P. M. Lv. Farmville	Ar. 10:18 A. M.
4:27 P. M. Lv. Wilson	Ar. 9:25 A. M.
5:26 P. M. Lv. Zebulon	Ar. 8:25 A. M.
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