

### Junior Order

#### Oration, Essay Contests November 11

On November 11 the preliminaries for the Junior Order statewide original oration and essay contest on the subject of America will be held in high schools. Each senior high school boy is eligible in the oration and each senior high school girl in the essay contest. These are to be judged upon composition, memory and delivery by three disinterested judges.

The winners will represent his and her school in the district contest to be held on November 22 at some point in the district, said place to be announced later. The successful contestants will be given a medal.

The winners of both the essay and oration contest in the 14 eastern Junior Order districts of the state and the winners in the 14 western districts will compete in their respective sections, in some central point in said areas, on the night of February 22 and the champion girl and boy for the eastern section and the girl and boy for the western section will then be selected.

The contest to select the statewide winners will be held in Charlotte at the state council meeting of the Junior Order U. A. M. on August 23, 1938. The boy winning will be given a tuition scholarship to the State University of North Carolina and the girl winning will be given a tuition scholarship to Meredith college. These respective institutions have donated these scholarships.

Victor R. Johnson, of Pittsboro, state councilor of the Junior Order, U. A. M., wants each school to send to him names of winners with name and address of schools immediately after the preliminaries on November 11.

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## Chinatown Demonstrates Against Japs



Chinese boy scouts marching along Mott street in an anti-Japanese demonstration in which the inhabitants of New York's Chinatown participated, in a drive for funds to aid war refugees. The boys are carrying a huge banner which relates: "Japan is like a monster and a cold-blooded murderer." Another rallying cry for donations was "Every penny kills a Jap."

### FRENCH MOVIE STAR



Lovely Annabella, famous French movie actress, shown after her arrival in the United States from Paris. She'll make pictures here.

### 1938 Farm Program Ready for Growers

North Carolina farmers who are planning to take part in the agricultural conservation program next year are giving careful study to details of the 1938 farm program.

The new program will be different in many respects from programs of past years, according to E. Y. Floyd of State college, who is AAA executive officer in North Carolina.

It has already received the final stamp of approval from Henry A. Wallace, secretary of agriculture. Since it was first announced tentatively September 20, the 1938 program has undergone but few alterations.

One of the principal changes has been a decrease in the cotton goal for the entire nation. This action was proved by the latest U. S. crop forecast of approximately 17,500,000 bales. Previously, the estimates for 1937 had been placed at 16,000,000 bales.

When the new program was first announced in September, the latest cotton forecast had not been completed. When AAA officials learned the lint crop was 1,500,000 bales larger than they had anticipated, they went into a huddle and made adjustments. The revised goal is 27,000,000 to 29,000,000 acres, about 2,000,000 acres below the first announced figure.

Potato goals will also be included in the 1938 program. More than 82 per cent of the growers in the commercial potato producing sections favored acreage stabilization in a referendum which was concluded during the first part of October.

Payments will be based on the number of acres planted, up to the limit of a farm's goal. Maximum payment can be earned by planting the full goal, with deductions being made for yields above or below the goal.

### Cattle and Lambs Bring High Prices

Prices for well-finished cattle and lambs are likely to continue near present levels for the next few months, according to L. I. Case, beef cattle and sheep specialist for the State college extension service.

Prices farmers receive for hog are expected to go down some a they usually do during the fall and winter months. But even with the usual decline, hog prices are expected to average at least as high as a year ago.

Many sections of North Carolina produced a bumper crop of corn this year, Case said. Therefore, with prospects for lower corn prices and a relatively high level of hog prices, the corn-hog price ratio will be favorable for swine feeding and production during the next few months.

The improved feed-grain situation also points to an increase in the number of cattle and lambs fed this year, the extension specialist declared.

The outlook for sheep and lambs has changed but little during the past month. Marketings will be larger this fall than in the past summer, but the effect of these increased marketings on prices will be offset largely by an expected strong demand for feeder lambs in the corn belt.

In mid-September cattle prices reached the highest level in about 17 years because of the marked shortage of grain-fed cattle in the slaughter supply, Case pointed out. Prices of well-finished cattle are expected to continue relatively high, or at least until increased supplies of grain-fed cattle become available next winter and spring.

### Rooting Plants Now Simple Job

Recently discovered substances called "auxins" are proving a boon to nurserymen and others interested in propagating plants from cuttings.

A small amount of one of these substances placed in the water in which the cutting is partly immersed will cause a vigorous mass of roots to appear on the cutting, says Dr. B. W. Wells, head of the State college botany department.

No demonstrated answer has been given as to why these substances have this strange power. Only theories have been advanced. One leading idea is that the auxin increases the plasticity of the cell walls making them again like young walls, a condition which induces the root-producing cells to enter upon a new cycle of growth. Again it may be the direct action on the living substance of the cells.

To nurserymen who in the past have experienced great difficulty in the propagation of certain plants, the new auxins seem like a magical compound. When used, excessive root production is stimulated in some of the most dormant or resistant cuttings, Dr. Wells declares.

One of the most remarkable features of the procedure is that of

the extremely small amount of the auxin necessary to perform this modern miracle. A thimble full of the commercial liquid containing the auxin has in it only 20 milligrams of the stimulator. This is but a fraction of a pin head in volume.

Yet in preparing the solution for uttings, this thimbleful must be diluted with a pint of water. However, this infinitesimal amount is enough to produce the roots, Dr. Wells says.

Most fruit trees, potted plants, herbs, and ornamental trees respond readily to these auxins.

### Farmers Federation Makes Improvements

Many improvements have been made recently by the Farmers Federation in and around the Franklin store and warehouse.

The interior of the store has been rearranged for convenience and a better display of goods, and a new hammer crusher and grist mill have been installed and put in operation on the second floor, part of which

is also used for the display of agricultural implements.

The lot in the rear of the store has been cleaned off, leveled and graded so that it is now possible to drive right in to the mill and crusher.

These improvements add greatly to the appearance of the Federation's store and warehouse, and make all departments more accessible and convenient for employees and the general public.

### Marines to Enlist Thirty-Five Recruits

The Savannah Marine corps recruiting station, located in the post-office building has been authorized to enlist 35 recruits during November for service in the Marines, according to announcement by Captain A. C. Small, recruiting officer.

The new recruits will be transferred to Parris Island, S. C., for a few weeks intensive training before being assigned to some school, ship or marine barracks, for duty.

The Marine corps offers many educational advantages both scholastic and scenic. Some men are selected for aviation, radio and clerical work upon completion of preliminary instructions. Many are assigned to ships and stations in the United States, and a few to foreign lands.

Applications for enlistment will be mailed upon request.

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