

### AAA School

To be Held at Courthouse  
November 18

"Training schools" for instructing county and community committeemen in details of the 1938 agricultural conservation program will be held over North Carolina this week and the next.

Representatives of the state AAA office at State college will conduct the schools, said E. Y. Floyd, state AAA executive officer.

Farm Agent, S. W. Mendenhall and his office staff will assist the committeemen of Macon county in the school to be held in Franklin on Thursday, November 18, at the courthouse.

At this school, they will meet with committeemen and agents of Jackson and Swain counties to study the program together.

These schools will be followed soon by community meetings at which Mr. Mendenhall and the committeemen will present details of the program and explain the background to the growers.

Dates and places for the community meetings will be announced soon, said Mr. Mendenhall.

Floyd has pointed out that the meetings are being held this fall to give farmers ample time to consider provisions of the program before they plan next year's crops.

He also said state AAA officials hope that individual growers' "goals" will be established at an early date so they will have a definite objective to guide them in planning their work.

The 1938 program differs from this year's program in details, but the fundamental objectives of encouraging the growing of soil-conserving crops and limiting cash crops remain the same.

### Vacant House Burned Saturday Night

A vacant house said to belong to Jim Thompson, located just outside the town limits on the Franklin-Asheville highway, was destroyed by fire Saturday night.

No cause for the fire could be found, and it is thought to have been of incendiary origin.

## New York's \$24,000,000 Highway Opened



An elevation view of the traffic circle and fountain at Seventy-ninth street, New York city, showing part of the superhighway that is a big feature of the \$24,000,000 improvement project on Manhattan's west side waterfront. Beneath this traffic circle is a garage accommodating 250 cars. A yacht basin and a promenade are other features yet to be completed.

### France Honors Legion Head



Marshal Philippe Petain (right) decorating Daniel J. Doherty, Massachusetts, the new national commander of the American Legion with the cross of the Legion of Honor during the visit of 2,500 Legionnaires to France recently. A tour of the battlefields, dedication of war memorials and a luncheon at the Invalides, where Napoleon and Marshal Foch are buried, were major features of the program. The Legionnaires were guests of the French government, being transported overseas on the giant liner Normandie and quartered in various hotels and pensions at the expense of the French republic in Paris and in towns near the battle fields.

## Health Department Will Sponsor State Marriage Law

RALEIGH, November 10.—North Carolina's lack of an adequate marriage law, the importance of such a law, and the declaration that an effort will be made to have one enacted by the next general assembly, as a vital part of the state's war on venereal diseases, are emphasized in a statement by Mrs. J. Henry Highsmith, assistant director of health education, state board of health.

Mrs. Highsmith says: "North Carolina has practically no laws for safeguarding marriage and the beginning of the home. On the statute books are two laws, neither of which as it operates today is worth the effort to enforce it. This is the opinion of one register of deeds who says that the present marriage law which requires the male applicant for a marriage license to sign an affidavit saying that he has no active tuberculosis or a venereal disease, and has not had for two years prior thereto, is totally ineffectual. This law is an alternative to a prior law which required a health certificate from the groom in order to obtain a marriage license. Neither law requires anything of the prospective bride—not even a written statement to the effect that she has no tuberculosis or a venereal disease in the active stage.

**20,000 Syphilitic Children**  
"But has not the time come when North Carolina can and will take steps to protect its children from the ravages of venereal disease? It is estimated that there are 20,000 children under 15 years of age in North Carolina today who have

syphilis inherited from infected and neglectful parents. And yet this large number is not the whole story. Only about 43 per cent of syphilitic babies live to reach 10 years of age. Therefore, it is safe to say that at least 70,000 other babies were born syphilitic but died in infancy or early childhood.

"Fortunately, there is a growing sentiment today in behalf of these measures. A poll conducted recently by the American Institute of Public Opinion found that 92 per cent of those voting on the question, whether or not there should be premarital Wassermann tests, were in favor. Of all the votes cast in the southern states, 94 per cent were favorable.

#### Some Pertinent Facts

"In connection with the campaign being waged against syphilis, a number of states have enacted laws requiring, as a prerequisite for the issuance of a marriage license, evidence of negative Wassermann or similar blood tests. Connecticut enacted such a law in 1935 and, contrary to many predictions, it works and works well. As evidence that it has popular support, about 10 per cent more laboratory examinations were made for prospective brides and bridegrooms during the first five months of 1937 than for the same period in 1936.

#### Will Sponsor Law

"North Carolina also will sponsor a marriage license law at the next session of the General Assembly, according to Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, secretary of the state board of health and state health officer. He says a marriage law is a part of

the state's program to control venereal disease, and that he will press the passage of the bill when the legislature meets in 1939.

"As evidence that such a law is needed, witness the number of cases of syphilis that are being reported daily to the state board of health—an average of 33 a day, 1,000 a month, or 12,000 a year. A fair estimate places the number of syphilitics in North Carolina at 300,000. Without restrictions for preventing the spread of the disease and proper means of treatment for those infected, this will mean that we will continue to have many new cases of infection every day, and the birth of ten newborn syphilitic babies every day."

### Winter Weather Is Good For The Soil

"Give the weather a chance to work your idle land for you this winter," said E. C. Blair, extension agronomist at State college.

Fields that are plowed deeply this fall will be more exposed to freezing and thawing through the winter, which will pulverize the soil and kill harmful insects, he said.

All lespedeza sod, clover sod, and land on which no winter cover crop is growing should be plowed in November if possible, or at least in December or January.

Plow the land good and deep, Blair urged, and leave the surface rough until it is harrowed next spring.

Rough plowed land, he pointed out, will get greater benefits from the freezing and thawing, and will also accumulate moisture that will be helpful to spring crops.

There will be very little erosion on fields that are plowed deep in the fall and left with a rough surface, especially if the furrows run along the contours.

Such furrows will act as miniature terraces to hold the water until it is soaked up by the soil.

And the more water there is in the soil near the surface, the more effective will be the freezing action in pulverizing the earth and making it loose and porous.

### Army To Be Brought To Full Strength

Major General George Van Horn Moseley has just announced the inauguration of an intensive recruiting campaign for the purpose of bringing every organization in the Fourth Corps Area up to its full authorized strength prior to December 31, 1937.

Vacancies in limited numbers now exist at every army post located in the eight southeastern states comprising the Fourth Corps Area.

Young men wishing to see service in the Infantry will be sent to the 29th Infantry at Fort Benning, Ga., the 8th Infantry at Fort Screven, Ga., and Fort Moultrie, S. C., or the 22d Infantry at Fort McClellan, Ala., and Fort McPherson, Ga. All accepted for the Cavalry will be assigned to the 6th Cavalry at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. Those interested in Field Artillery will be sent to Fort Bragg, N. C., or Fort Benning, Ga. The 13th Coast Artillery at Fort Barrances, Fla., has a number of vacancies that will be filled.

Of unusual interest to the south-

ern boys will be the announcement of receipt of authorization to accept 500 recruits for service in Hawaii. Tropical service, especially in Hawaii, has proven very popular in the Fourth Corps Area General Moseley stated, and young men interested in travel should apply for their choice assignment without delay. Recruits accepted for Hawaii are scheduled to sail from Charleston, S. C., on December 10, 1937, through the Panama Canal according to present plans.

Every lad between the ages of 18 and 35 who is undecided as to his future is cordially invited to investigate the opportunities offered through a three year enlistment in the regular army. He must be a citizen of the United States, of sound mind and body, unmarried and without dependents, of good character and not less than 5 feet 4 inches tall and weigh not less than 115 pounds.

The army recruiting station for this section is located in the post-office building in Asheville.

### Honor Roll Of Oak Grove School

#### Third Month

- First grade: Sam Crunkleton.
- Second grade: Everette Jenkins.
- Third grade: Christine Burnet.
- Fourth grade: Don West, Beatrice Ramsey.
- Fifth grade: Lewis Crunkleton, Helen Ramsey.
- Sixth grade: C. D. Lakey.
- Seventh grade: Evanelle Bradley.

#### LEGAL ADVERTISING

### National Forest Timber for Sale

Sealed bids will be received by the Forest Supervisor, Franklin, N. C., up to and including December 13, 1937, for all merchantable live or dead chestnut extract wood located on an area embracing about 170 acres within the Plum Tree Branch Unit, Beaverdam Creek Watershed, Nantahala National Forest, Cherokee County, North Carolina, estimated to be 500 long cords of 160 cubic feet, more or less, of chestnut extract wood. No bid of less than \$0.50 per cord will be considered. \$100 must be deposited with each bid, to be applied on the purchase price, refunded, or retained in part as liquidated damages, according to the conditions of the sale. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved. Before bids are submitted, full information concerning the timber, the conditions of the sale and the submission of bids should be obtained from the District Ranger, Andrews, N. C., or the Forest Supervisor, Franklin, North Carolina. N11-2tc-N18

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