

Buyers Pay More For Cotton That Is "Standardized"

Premium prices are paid in communities where growers "standardize" a good variety of medium to long staple cotton.

Last year, farmers in 781 "one-variety" communities over the cotton belt produced 1,500,000 bales of high grade lint ranging from an inch to 1 1/16 inch in staple length. Their extra premiums amounted to \$8,500,000, said J. C. Ferguson, cotton gin specialist with the State College extension service.

When all growers in a community "standardize" their crop by planting the same variety, they reduce the possibility of having their seed crossed with some inferior strain of cotton.

And the growers can thus offer buyers fairly large quantities of

cotton of uniform grade and staple length. A buyer who can get a considerable quantity of good cotton in one place will usually bid more than if he has to pick up a bale or two here and there.

Where cotton is bought in "hog-round" lots, the average quality and staple of all cotton sold determines the price paid for the individual bale.

It is especially important that farmers whose cotton is sold in this way get together and select a good variety for all to grow. This will raise the average quality and staple length.

"If you can't buy enough good seed to plant all your crop this year," Ferguson said, "buy some good seed, raise it in a secluded field, keep it pure, and use seed from this year's planting for next year's crop."

"Ask your neighbors to cooperate in selecting a good variety that is well suited to the soil and climate in your community."

Uncle Jim Says



More land is in farm woodland than in any other single crop on American farms. The agricultural conservation program makes it easier to improve this biggest of all crops.

Needy In State Are Given \$343,968.14 During Past Month

More Than 43,000 Receive Aid From Various Agencies

A total of 43,487 needy North Carolinians received \$343,968.14 during March of this year through the provisions of the state's Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children sections of the Social Security program, it was announced Saturday by the Public Assistance Division of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare.

The report disclosed that 26,245 persons over 65 years of age were awarded \$247,427.57, for an average of \$9.43, and 17,242 dependent children under 16 were allotted \$96,540.57, average \$5.60 each.

The disbursements for old age assistance were \$20,854.08 greater than those made in February, when 24,160 recipients were granted \$226,573.49, an average of \$9.37. The gain in aid to dependent children amounted to \$12,141.60 over February, during which month 15,246 children received \$84,398.97, an average of \$5.56. The total increase for both assistance divisions was \$32,995.69, and the increase in the number of recipients was 4,081, or 2,085 old persons and 1,996 children.

It was announced by Nathan H. Yelton, director of the public assistance division, that the budget for old age assistance during April, May and June, final quarter of the fiscal year, would amount to \$840,000 in increase of \$120,000 over the previous quarter, while that for aid to dependent children would rise from \$247,500 to \$336,000, a gain of \$88,500. The total budgetary increase will be from \$967,500 to \$1,176,000 or \$208,500.

The Federal government contributes one-half of the old age budget, and one-third of the aid to children appropriation. The state and county governments are equal contributors of the balance in each division.

New Growers Have Leaf, Cotton Quotas

Small allotments for new tobacco and cotton growers will be made under the 1938 marketing quotas, E. Y. Floyd, of State College, has announced.

Five per cent of the national tobacco quota and two per cent of the cotton quota has been set aside for new growers.

New tobacco growers include past four years, and new cotton growers are those who had no base acreages under the AAA.

Some 25,000 to 30,000 new tobacco growers over the flue-cured tobacco belt are expected to ask for allotments for 1938.

The number of requests now expected is so much larger than originally anticipated that the allotments for individual new growers will have to be limited to 65 per cent of the amount which would have been granted them under the original plan.

The original plan for determining allotments for new tobacco growers was as follows:

One acre for each new grower submitting a request. Another acre would be added for each tobacco barn more than half completed on February 16. An additional 1-10 acre would be allotted for each 10 acres of crop land on the farm in excess of 50 acres, except that no new farm would get more than four acres.

No allotment would be more than 1 1/2 acres if there were no curing barn more than half completed on February 16.

Jackson County farmers have purchased 544 tons of ground limestone cooperatively since last September.

Issue Twenty-five Marriage Licenses In Month of March

Issuance Is Largest for Any March on Record in This County

Twenty-five marriage licenses were issued by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger in this county last month, the issuance being the largest for any March on record. The issuance climbed from a low of five—four white and one colored—in March, 1933, to the high peak last month for the season of year.

Licenses, nine to white and sixteen to colored couples, were issued to the following in March:

White

Leslie Watts Hardison and Hazel Vivian Martin, both of Jamesville.

William Robert Gaines and Sallie B. Hardison, both of Martin County.

Robert Clarence Barber, of Martin County, and Myrtle Watson, of Washington County.

Clifford Faxon Ammons and Esther Lee Dailey, both of Beaufort County.

J. Henry Respass, Jr., of Panteago, and Mary Sue Lawrence, of Surry County.

C. B. Harrison and Melissa Rogers, both of Bear Grass.

Guy Smith Bennett and Annie Myrtle Allgood, both of Washington, N. C.

Jeremiah Fulford and Daisy Mae Bullock, both of Martin County.

William A. Jackson, of Plymouth, and Mrs. Bettie Gray Allen, of Martin County.

Colored

Joseph W. Slade and Ruth Sykes, both of Martin County.

Dick Clark, of Martin County, and Nettie Howard, of Pitt County.

Armstrong Brown, of Oak City, and Erma Lee Chance, of Hassell.

Joe Nathan Dawson and Marthalia Griffin, both of Martin County.

Curtis Perkins and Josephine Brolley, both of Robersonville.

Jesse James and Pearl Bryant, both of Martin County.

James Henry Norfleet and Carrie Pittman, both of Martin County.

Nathaniel Ruff and Carrie Pittman, both of Martin County.

Leroy Rogers and Ida Jane Woolard, both of Martin County.

R. S. Howell and Carrie Boney, both of Martin County.

Edward Rawls, of Robersonville, and Alice Smith, of Bethel.

Vernon Freeman, of Windsor, and Esther Cherry, of Aulander.

Clyde Knight and Cleo Bell Spruill, both of Martin County.

Stump Gorham and Alice Williams, both of Martin County.

Ed Hicks and Mahala Harrington, both of Williamston.

Willie C. Davis and Verlin J. Jones, both of Martin County.

The colored population is off to a good start this month to equal and possibly better the March record, the license bureau issuing four permits on a single day since the first of April.

Uncle Jim Says



I wonder how many city folks realize that a 10-cent loaf of bread contains less than two cents worth of wheat, and that a dollar shirt is made from less than 20 cents worth of raw cotton.

Chevrolet Proves It Can Take Bumps

A record of a year's performance by a 1936 Chevrolet Sport Sedan over a rough, arduous route connecting 15 Civilian Conservation Corps camps in the Lewiston, Idaho, district, has just been released by Hoyt E. Henriques, district chaplain.

The year ran from October 5, 1936 to October 5, 1937, and the car covered 20,001 miles of rough travel, the chaplain reported. Much of the mileage was accumulated over roads that were deep in backwoods mud and others that rose sharply over 3,000-foot hills.

Seven of the camps were in forest areas, some of them as far as 60 miles off a main highway and accessible only by dirt roads under construction. Only three of the 13 hills in the district boasted paved roads.

One camp, only 11 miles from the highway, offered the roughest road in the group. The chaplain reported it took him as long as five hours to make that 11 miles, all of it in low gear, because of the mud during the stormy season. Grades and deep snow blocked the road to another camp so that it took an hour to make the five miles on a crushed rock highway.

The chaplain cited one grade, the Lewiston Loop, as being typical of the paved roads in the district. The

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grade in this case is 10 miles long, he reported, and includes a five per cent grade for 2,000 feet. Turns and loops in the road make a speed of more than 25 miles an hour impossible.

During the year, the Chevrolet used 1,115.3 gallons of gasoline, or an average of 17.93 miles per gallon. Selected runs showed mileage up to 21 miles per gallon.

So rough were many of the roads he was forced to travel, the chaplain declared, that three of the original tires blew out before he had traveled 15,000 miles. Tire repairs averaged approximately one in 3,000 miles.

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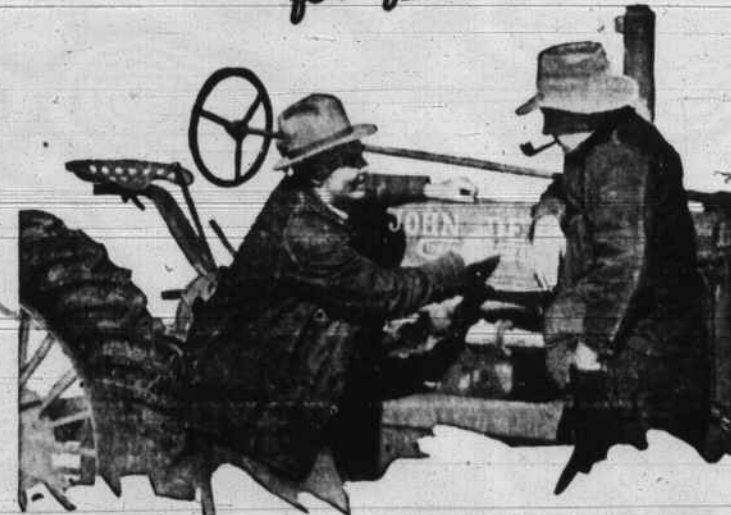
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