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Offers One Answer To Problem Facing **American Farmers**

Soil Conservation Offers the Best Way Out of Present Situation

Experiencing a critical period in the State's agriculture, farmers in a meeting here vesterday learned that soil conservation and the utilization of natural resources offered about the best solution to the problem now facing the American farmer. During the past few years, the conservation program has proved of great value to agriculture, J. M. Henley, of the State Extension Service told local and county committeemer in the special meeting held in the agricultural building.

It is quite apparent that tobacco prices would not be at the present starvation level had farmers adhered to a soil conservation program In 1937, 176,000 farms earned \$14. 000,000 in soil conservation payments in North Carolina, but as the proram continues to advance on the American agricultural front it is losing ground in this State, Henley pointed out. Last year, farmers earned more than 82 per cent of the soil ed more than 82 per cent of the soil-conservation payments. Based on es-timates, they will not participate hardly in excess of 60 per cent this year, and in this county the percent-age is even lower than that. It is reliably estimated that only three townships, Jamesville, Wil-liams and Poplar Point, will be elig-ible for more than 50 per cent of the

ble for more than 50 per cent of the conservation payments, the follow ing figures giving a preliminary com parison of the percentage of partici-pation by townships in this county. Bear Grass, 47.6; Cross Roads, 39.6 Goose Nest, 39.5; Griffins, 46.6; Hamilton, 46.8; Jamesville, 65.9; Poplar Point, 53.6; Robersonville, 36.5; Williams, 55.1; and Williamston, 45.9.

John C. Broome, also of the State Extension Service, explained to the meeting how farmers could increase their soil-building allowances. Spec-ial emphasis was placed on the seeding of winter legumes. He pointed out the drastic toll the huge tobacco crop is taking from the soil this year With a crop 25 per cent larger than 20 per cent less. How much the soil Broome said and added that lime-stone could be used to a great advantage in offsetting that soil depletion Called especially by the county

agricultural committeemen, the meeting was addressed by Miss Pauline Smith, district agent. Miss Smith stressed the necessity of living a

The 1940 program will place greater emphasis on soil conservation, increased opportunities for participa tion by small farmers, and greater re-sponsibility of administration in the hands of farmer committees, it was pointed out in the meeting yesterday afternoon.

Important recommendations for 1940 conservation program included one-for establishing a min-imum soil-huilding allowance by providing that the minimum pay farm will not be less than \$20, one allowing farmers to earn up to \$30 per farm for tree planting.

Determination of rates of pay-ments and acreage allotments for crops will be made later when the outcome of the present crop is more

State Farm Bureau Maxwell Speaks At

Leader In Address Here Last Tuesday

Urges Formation of a Strong Organization in Behalf Of Agriculture

Bureau Federation, told a fairly siz-able gathering of farmers in the county agricultural meeting here last

The speaker was Tuesday evening. "You are selling possibly two million more pounds of tobacco this season than you sold last year, and based on a 16-cent average you are going to get just about two million dollars less than you received last season." Arnold pointed out, adding that there was serious

doubt if the price average would reach the 16-cent mark. Reviewing the work done by the Farm Bureau in behalf of agriculture during the last Congress, Ar-nold said that slightly more than one billion dollars were appropriated for the farmers of this nation. Nearly one-half of the amount was appro-priated to support the soil conservation program, and a quarter of a

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NEW POSTOFFICE



Just completed today, Williamston's new \$77,000 post office will be occupied tomorrow evening when Postmaster Fow-

assigned stations. Patrons with office boxes will find their first mail waiting for them in the

Last Mail Will Be

Handled in the Old

Postoffice Boxholders Urged

To Call For Keys Today

And Tomorrow

bination local system, the post of

continue in that job pending a re

port on examinations taken by thir-

No definite date for dedicating the

Officers Wreck Number

Distilleries This Week

Enforcement officers, headed by H. Roebuck, wrecked five liquor

plete plant in the Stingy Point sec-tion of Robersonville Township. Yes-

catory exercises.

public Sunday morning.

Will Occupy the New Postoffice Tomorrow

SPEAKER



Discussing the unneutral "neu trality" act, Congressman Lind say Warrent interestingly ad-dressed the Kiwanis club here last evening

Methodist Orphanage Glee Club At The Local Church

program looked forward to with joyous anticipation will be given Sunday morning at the Methodist church. The glee club from the Methodist orphanage in Raleigh will give a sacred concert to which ment which may be earned on any the public as well as the entire church is invited. Many members of the club were with the unit last year in a concert but in a few instances the membership has been changed

At three o'clock in the afternoon the class will give a concert at Holly Springs church in the country.

Speaking before the faculty, students and patrons at the school opening in Oak City Thursday morning, A. J. Maxwell, commissioner of revenue, stressed the importance of an teen applicants for the place a few education and gave facts and figures weeks ago. A fireman-mechanic has to substantiate the statement. Mr not yet been named.

Maxwell also spoke briefly of the No definite date to "Facing a period of uncertainty, farmers must effect a strong organization to protect and advance the rights of agriculture," E. F. Arnold, secretary of the North Carolina Farm er of revenue tracing the progress of master General, to come here with education from the Civil War up to in a few weeks and handle the dedi-

The speaker was introduced by Hugh Horton, Martin County representative to the State Legislature In introducing the speaker, Mr. Horton spoke of his unusual ability, stat ing that he was alway familiar with his duties and was considered one

of the most outstanding men of the State in matters of revenue and taxation.

H. M. Ainsley, principal of the Oak City school said the opening 850 gallons of beer and capturing was the best in the history of the school and the prospects for the year looked better than ever before looked better than ever before. Seven members of last year's fac-

ulty returned, while eight new teach- terday, a small plant was wrecked, ers came in to supply vacancies. Two hundred and thirty-two children were enrolled in the elementary school, and 185 were enrolled in the high school, Mr. Ainsley stated.

Faculty Personnel In The Ten White

Posts Yesterday

One hundred and seven white teachers were at their assigned posts yesterday when the new school term got underway in this county. The teaching personnel, increased by the addition of new departments in two schools, boosts the teaching personnel to a record high in the ten white

Forty of the teachers are beginning their first terms in several of the schools, several of them changing from one district to another in the county. The number of changes in the faculty personnel approaches an all-time record this year.

Names of the teachers in the ten schools and their assigned duties are,

Williamston
D. N. Hix, principal; Mrs. Emma
S. Barnhill, English; Mrs. Sam Edwards, English; Miss Nancy Glover. French; *J. R. Barrett, history; C. B. Toxey, mathematics; Sam Edwards, history; Irene Mizelle, home economics; *Miss Bettie Mayo Everett, comgrade: Mrs. Jessie H. White, seventh grade; Miss. Mary. Whitley, sixth grade; Miss. Mildred Talley, sixth grade; Mrs. Dorothy E. Godwin, fifth grade; M. B. Dunn, fifth gra Handled in the Old
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Hith grade, M. B. Dulin, first grade, Mrs. Velma H. Coburn, fourth grade, Mrs. Vernon Bunting, third grade, Mrs. Vernon Bunting, third grade, Mrs. Ruth Manning, third-grade, Miss Ruth Manning, third-grade, Miss Estelle Crawford, second grade, Mrs. Velma H. Coburn, fourth grade, Mrs. Velma H. Coburn, fo Mrs. Ethlyn E. Simpson, first grade Miss Grace Talton, first grade: Miss Josephine Harrison, first grade *Miss Cathryn Mewborn, music.

Robersonville Playing the role of a wandering Little, science, *Raymond E. Snipes, enant for nearly a century and a history; Miss Susie W Thrift, math, half, local postal forces will move more more might, Postmaster Leslie T. Fowden announcing today that the handsome new building will be opened to the public Sunday morning. commercial; Marvin Everett Immediately after the closing seventh grade; Miss Lena Briggs hour tomorrow evening, the postal seventh grade; Miss Helen Poole forces will start packing up the de- fifth grade; Miss Sallie M. Prevatte, partment's belongings and transfer sixth grade; Miss Millie J. Rocbuck, them to the new building on East fourth grade; Miss Leona Moore, Main Street. No great task is antici-pated since new equipment has been ond grade; Miss Minnie Hobbs, first

and the old fixtures in the present Cochran, first grade

placed in the government building and second grades; Miss Minnie

ty "There are right many old records, a few office fixtures and four or five canvas trucks to be moved," F. E. Wynne, an employee, said this morning. The old fixtures will be moved out immediately and just as soon as repairs.

Everetts

*J. Q. Patrick, principal, seventh grade; *Miss Alma Lewis, fifth grade; Miss Doris Everett, fourth grade; *Miss Maggie Brown as repairs.

soon as repairs can be made the old postoffice building, next to the Tar Heel building, will be occupied by the operators of the Central Cafe, Plans Go Forward For Big Battles

fice announced today that keys to the boxes in the new building are ready for distribution. Boxholders are urged to get their keys today and tomorrow as no keys will be distrib-uted on Sunday. Those who fail to get their keys today and tomorrow As Germany continued its ruth-less march into Poland today, Great Britain and France rapidly advanced plans for heavy fighting along the get their keys today and tomorrow will have to wait for their keys and that British and French soldiers have mail on Monday.

The last mail will be placed in the sector since last Monday apparently boxes at the old office tomorrow evening and all that is not called for.

The devocation

Uncertainty Is Facing

boxes at the old office tomorrow evening, and all that is not called for at a reasonably late hour will be transported to the new office and placed in the boxes there. The last mail to be dispatched from the old office will be closed at 6 p. m., and the first outgoing mail will be dispatched Sunday morning at 9.45 o'clock.

The devastating march of the Germans, now nearing Warsaw, Poland's capital, is expected to meet with a subborn resistance as the invaders meet what is described as the little's country's first major defense lines not far from Warsaw.

The toll exacted on shipping on the

axwell Speaks At

Oak City Opening

Oak city Ope members of his staff were returning home on from Germany, but destroy-Charlie Mack Johnson has been

named temporary janitor, and he will continue in that job pending a renany are leaking out, and members of the civilian population are said to have been shot for refusing to bow down before the orders of a barbar-

VOTE SOON

Recognizing a general upward trend in a number of commodity prices, and realizing the seriousness of starvation tobacco prices, leaf growers are rapidly recruiting their ranks to ask for a tobacco control referendum within the near future, it was gained from a meeting of State farm leaders here this week.

Farm leaders are said to be watching the tobacco price trend as it wallows in a slump, and possibly just as soon as growers get a taste of the unsavory average. a plea will go to Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace urg-ing him to call the referendum. It is thought by some that the plea will be directed to Wallace possibly some time next week or the week following and that the referendum will follow some time in October.

Sales on Local Tobacco Market Schools Of County Are About Four Million Pounds; One Hundred and Seven No Noticeable Change in Price

Comparison of Enrollment

Thirty-five more pupils entered the ten white schools of the county yesterday than on the opening day a year ago, according to official figures coming from the office of the superintendent of county schools been tended.

county yesternay that continued to enter the superintendent of county schools here today.

Enrollment figures for the opening varied to some extent in nearly all the schools with one exception. Everetts held its own with the same number of pupils reporting yesterday as was the case a year ago. Jamesville was the only school in the county to report an increase in both its elementary and high school departments. Robersonville and Oak City reported sizable gains in its high school pupils, but small losses followed in the lower grades. Williamston, with a marked increase in its figures for the primary grades, led the gains in the elementary division.

The figures below, while subject to an official check, give an enrollment comparison in the high school and elementary departments for the opening yesterday and the one a year ago.

1933-40

1938-39

Ele. H.S. Tot.

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	Ele.	H. S.	Tot.	Ele.	H. S.	Tot.	
Jamesville	325	116	441	- 318	110	428	
Farm Life	150	58	208	137	59	196	
Bear Grass	228	65	293	245	69	314	
Williamston	585	207	792	546	209	755	
Everetts	253		253	253	-	253	
Robersonville	311	297	608	322	275	597	
Gold Point	64		64	69		69	
Hassell	55		55	47		47	
Oak City	232	165	397	247	145	392	
Hamilton	175		175	200		200	
· TOTAL	S 2378	908	3286	2384	867	3251	

Increased Enrollment Reported in Schools

Slight Decrease Is Reported In The **Elementary Grades**

Crowded Conditions Existing In Several Grades in Some Schools

Opening the new term yesterday, the thirty-five schools reported a record first-day enrollment figure reports stating that crowded condi-tions were experienced in some of the schools and that in one case teachers were finding it difficult to pack in the education seekers. Crowded conditions, for the most part, will be virtually eliminated upon the completion of a building program now underway in two or three of the districts.

Yesterday, 3,286 pupils reported

for the opening-day events in the ten white schools, the figure repre-senting an all-time record for the high school and elementary depart ments combined. For the third successive year, a decrease followed in the elementary enrollment, reports from the office of the county superintendent showing a decrease of six in that department with the total elementary enrollment in the ten white schools standing at 2,378. The high school units offset that small loss and vent ahead to show a gain of 41 for the high school department, the current enrollment reaching the 908 point as compared with 867 a year

Increases were predicted in the elementary schools throughout the county as the term progresses, the various principals stating that some were not quite ready to go to school and that quite a few were detained at home by farm duties. No serious threats to the teacher allotment are seen in the preliminary enrollment figures, but just now it cannot be determined if any additional teachers will be made available by in creased numbers of pupils.

Successful first-day sessions were reported throughout the county. Large numbers of patrons were pres-ent for the brief exercises, and throngs were present at Oak City where Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell, an unannounced candidate as they saw the new ferm get underway, causing county education aufor all the schools. General confusion followed as the

present than the seats would accom-odate. There are 128 little tots in the first grade this year as compared half owner of the tobacco, that 17, with 118 a year ago. Enrollment figures in the other primary grades and on through the elementary depart-ment ranged from 71 to 83. Rev. S. tents and about \$1,000 for the build-A. Maxwell and Committeeman R. ing. Insurance partly offset the loss, it was learned. "I had sold only the program over at the high school.

are being distributed preparatory to Suggs said. starting a full-time schedule next Monday Principal Russell Martin was

pleased with the opening at Farm Life where Preachers W. B. Harring-ton, Jim Smith and P. E. Getsinger (Continued on page four) no water was available.

MOVING



his co-workers are moving to their new business bome on West Main Street tomorrow

Enrollment Figures Jump In Colored School Here

Reflecting an apparent increase in the colored population, entollment figures in Professor E. J. Hayes' school here jumped to a record high figure as the new terme gat underway yesterday. The total enrollment was subjected as the action will boost prices increased from 556 a year ago to 663 slightly but others are of the opinthis year, a gain far greater than that reported in all the white schools of the county combined.

Association Orders Shorter Selling Day **Effective Monday**

Block Sales Are in Prospect Here As Farmers Continue Deliveries

With prices continuing at a low evel, farmers continue to effect unsually heavy deliveries to the mar ford stating at noon today that the Williamston market will have sold in excess of three and one-half-mil-tion pounds before the day is spent There's no noticeable change he price trend," the market super visor said. Tobacco is cheap, and according to reliable reports it is cheap everywhere regardless of mar-ket or belt," observers unhesitating

Block sales were in prospect here oday as farmers continued to make airly heavy deliveries about noon Selling is going forward at a fairly rapid pace, but it is hardly likely hat the first sale will be cleared in ime for the second sale to clear more

arolina house late in the afternoon Despite the low price trend, quite a few farmers are reporting unusually good sales on the Williamston mar-ket. A few sales reached 32 cents yesterday, and today one farmer was teported to have averaged around 25 cents for his offerings. That far-mer had some mighty good tobacco. type that is much in demand but rare in these parts.

The extremely common grades are selling up to opening day figures, but the downward trend experienced in the prices for better grades last sea son apparently is more pronounced this year than ever before. Reliable ing just as high on the Williamstor market as it is anywhere. Recognizing blocked conditions in

factories throughout the territory, the Eastern Carolina Warehouse-men's Association in special meeting at Rocky Mount last night order ed a shorter selling day effective next Monday. The selling day will be shortened by one hour, sales beginning of nine and ending at four p. m. A five hour selling day was pro-posed by the buying companies at the beginning of the season, but the shorter selling day was voted down, and now everything is congested in and around the tobacco markets and factories. The W. I. Skinner company here has been running from 5 a. m. to midnight in an earnest effort to relieve congested conditions in its schedule, the factory is far behind in its work, and there is doubt if the shorter selling day will be of Reflecting an apparent increase in any great aid in remedying the sit

Warren Gives Position On U.S. Neutrality Act

Tobacco Is Burned

Fire of undetermined origin de stroyed the large packbarn and for governor, spoke and the new quantity of leaf tobacco on the H. gymnasium was dedicated. Much in-H. Cowen farm a short distance back quantity of leaf tobacco on the H terest was apparent among patrons of the Theodore Roberson home in New Town late last night When disthorities to predict a successful year covered, the fire was breaking through the top of the barn, and by the time an alarm was sounded at term got underway in the primary 11:10, the building was in flames building here yesterday morning, Livestock, housed in adjoining stabut the record first-grade was soon bles, was removed, but all the conunder control with ten more pupils tents of the packhouse were destroy

conservative estimate placing the loss in excess of \$2,000 for the conlugs and part of the tips from twen-The classification of pupils was ty acres and nearly all of the reture. "Neutrality sounds good, but I mainder was in the fire," Farmer am ready to wipe out the present act

Farmer Cowen lost several barns of tobacco on his Sandy Point farm President Roosevelt wants. The on the Hamilton Road, near here, speaker stated that he believed the

about a year ago.

The local volunteer fire department was called out, but the property was outside the town limits and

Large Quantity Of Law Is Equivalent To Million Men for The German Nation

First District Congressman Is Pledged for Peace, He Tells Kiwanians

The present neutrality act of the United States is the most unneutral document that can be written, and it is worth the equivalent of one mil-lion men to German," Congressman Landsay C. Warren declared in brief but interesting address to the regular meeting of the Kiwanis club here last evening in the Woman's

Expressing his hope for peace and pledging his best efforts in any cooperative plan to maintain that peace, Congressman Warren review plan to maintain that ed the unneutral Neutrality Act, pointing out its weaknesses and branding it as merely a peace ges am ready to wipe out the present act in its entircty." Mr. Warren said, adding that he believed that it's what President was 100 per cent right on his stand for neutrality. Nationally, interest is centered on

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