

Farm News

about the AAA and other
EXTENSION WORK
From the
County Agent



Cotton farmers should give the coming referendum some study and consideration. Marketing quotas have been the means of bringing farmers out of a bad situation in the past few years. These marketing quotas are an advantage that should be carefully considered and in my opinion carefully safeguarded. The advantages gained by several years work would be lost in one days voting. Quotas on all commodity crops are more or less decided together and a defeat of the cotton quota could easily mean a defeat for tobacco and peanuts. The whole program should be carefully studied before one makes up ones mind against quotas.

The present Government loan on cotton is largely responsible for the present high price of cotton. We have a two years supply of cotton at present. If cotton quotas are not approved for 1943 in the vote on December 12, we lose our price supporting loans on the 1943 crop. With the shortage of labor and need for war crops, why should we throw away the price support that we have worked for and increase our cotton surplus still further? We are still handicapped by runaway cotton production of 1937. Be sure to go yourself and to take your neighbor to the polls on December 12 and vote on 1943 cotton quotas.

The Share-the-Meat program is purely a voluntary one at the present time, and while farmers will be asked to limit their consumption to an allowance set up for the country as a whole, I doubt if it will affect but very few on the basis of average yearly consumption. Comparatively few of our farmers average more than the consumption allotment requested of all of the people.

Farm machinery has now been released. The county office does not have, as yet, the printed forms necessary for making applications for new machinery but these forms should be here as well as all instructions, by December 10th and then all new farm machinery applications in the county will be acted upon by the rationing board.

Washington County has now been designated as a producer of high oil content soybeans and growers in the county are assured of a 10c per bushel premium or \$1.60 per bushel for beans of green and yellow varieties. This means grade basis and does not take into account stalks, hulls, coccleburrs and other foreign matter, as well as damaged beans, which would naturally lower the grade of beans delivered to the car. Beans are now being loaded at practically all points in the county and the county office will be glad to assist in assembling cars of beans at various points. Washington county beans are being bought by the Buckeye Cotton Oil Company and shipped to Raleigh and Charlotte, also by the Farmers Cotton Oil at Wilson, N. C., represented here by R. W. Johnston.

Peanuts for oil are being received at the warehouse in Plymouth operated by Mr. J. E. Davenport for the Growers Peanut Cooperative. These peanuts are received every day in the

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Training Classes For Forest Fire Fighters' Service

Will Begin When County Defense Council Gets Units Organized

Protection of forests has been included by the United States Office of Civilian Defense, represented in North Carolina by Ben E. Douglas, director, in its broad program of volunteer activities for the patriotic citizen, especially those living in the country. The farmers and other rural and village residents can now organize or join up with a unit of the "Forest Fire Fighters' Service," which is one of the five basic Civilian De-

and said, "What Company are you in?" I said, "I'm all by myself, sir." He asked me if the Brigadier was up yet, and I said, "If I swallowed it, it's up."

Talk about dumb people, I said to one of the fellows, "Guess we dropped the anchor." He said, "I knew we would lose it, it has been hanging out since we left New York."

Well, we landed and were sent immediately to the trenches. After three nights there, the cannons started to roar and she shells began to pop. I was shaking with patriotism. I tried to hide behind a tree, but there weren't enough trees for the officers. The Captain came around and said, "We go over the top at 5 o'clock." I said, "Captain, I would like to have a word with you." He said, "Haven't you any red blood in you?" I said, "Yes, but I don't want to see it."

At 5 o'clock, we went over the top and 10,000 Japs came at us. The way they looked at me, you would think I started the damn war. Our Captain yelled, "Fire at will," but I didn't know anyone named Will. I guess the fellow behind me thought I was Will, for he shot me in the excitement. This ended my fight for Democracy and as I write this, I am awaiting shipment back to the States with a bullet in my—excitement.

Yours truly,
AUGUST CHILDS.

Gets Medal in Aussie Hospital



Sitting on the edge of his bed in a hospital near Darwin, Australia, Brig. Gen. Albert L. Sneed is shown receiving his decoration from Lieut. Gen. George H. Brett, Commander in Chief of the Allied air forces in the southwest Pacific. Sneed is suffering from an attack of Dengue fever. (Central Press)

fense groups. After a short preliminary training for the leaders, they can be enrolled by the Defense Council, which entitles them to wear and use the standard FFFS arm band and other insigna.

While the local Defense Council in each county is responsible for the organization of these units, the State Forest Service, it is stated, has undertaken the training of the leaders. This will be accomplished by holding a training school in each of the counties as they are approved for this work. The first counties so approved for training classes by the State Coordinator are 18 in the Tidewater region along the coast from Virginia to the South Carolina line. These are: Washington, Dare, Tyrrell, Hyde, Beaufort, Pamlico, Craven, Jones, Onslow, Pender, Brunswick, Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Perqui-

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(Captains) have been appointed in these counties, organization and then training will proceed rapidly. J. S. Holmes, state coordinator, says: "It is, of course, generally understood that the Forest Fire Fighters' Service consists entirely of volunteers, no one on it receiving any pay. It involves the free contribution of time by those who desire to help their country in this critical emergency. Men and women, and even the older children, can be enrolled because all can help in the prevention and suppression of forest and field fires."

leaves and the killing and drying out of the grass by early frosts make woods and fields especially inflammable so that any carelessness with fire may result in disastrous destruction of timber and what is just as serious, loss of seedlings and young growth which are our only hope for the next forest crop. We are required, as part of our united war effort, to conserve and salvage practically all materials essential for war and there is none more essential than timber."

With October comes the fall forest fire season. The falling of the

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