

### Cotton Farmers To Vote December 12 On '43 Cotton Quotas

73,291 State Cotton Farmers Voted 93.9 Per Cent For Quotas

North Carolina cotton producers will join with others over the cotton belt on Saturday, December 12, in a referendum on marketing quotas for the 1942-44 marketing year, according to G. T. Scott, chairman of the state AAA committee.

The referendum was called by Secretary Wickard in proclaiming quotas on the 1943 crop. Quotas will not be in effect, however, unless approved by at least two-thirds of all producers voting in the referendum. A total of 73,291 North Carolina cotton producers voted in the referendum last year with 69,756 favoring quotas and 3,535 voting against quotas for a majority of 95.2. In the entire cotton belt 93.9 per cent of the growers favored marketing quotas.

Cotton marketing quotas are provided in the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 under which the Secretary of Agriculture must proclaim in any year in which the cotton supply reaches more than 107 per cent of the "normal" supply. The Act defines this "normal supply as a normal year's domestic consumption and exports plus 40 per cent for carryover as a margin of safety. The



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**ALCAN HIGHWAY UNDER CONSTRUCTION**—In the fastnesses of Alaska's mountains the "carry-all" puts the finishing touches on the gravel surface of the great road.

### Blackout Curtains Needed To Conceal Open Fireplace

With surprise blackouts likely to come at any moment, the state office of civilian defense urged this week that blackout curtains be provided in homes where there are open fireplaces. The unobscured glow of an open fire may be visible to an enemy pilot high in the sky, it was pointed out.

indicated supply of 24,700,000 bales of American cotton for the 1942-43 marketing year is 136 per cent of the normal supply provided in the AAA act, Scott said.

The nation already has nearly two years supply of cotton on hand, but a larger than usual part of this supply is composed of shorter staples and lower grades. Cotton producers, wherever practical, have been asked to shift production to the longer staple lengths. Quotas never have been applied to cotton of 1 1/2 inches and longer.

Under the marketing quota system, growers may sell free of penalty all the cotton produced on their allotted acreage. The penalty is 50 per cent of the basic loan rate for the marketing year. The basic loan rate on the 1942 crop is 16 cents per pound.

Navy Recruiting Stations in North Carolina are open every day in the week—including Sunday.

### Flue-Cured Tobacco Has Best Season In History of Carolina

Not Largest Price By The Pound, But As Total For Season

On November 20, the Eastern North Carolina flue-cured tobacco markets ended one of the most successful seasons in the history of the belt, report the United States and North Carolina Departments of Agriculture.

Only in the lush year of 1919, when tobacco often sold above \$1 a pound, did prices reach higher levels. This year's general average of \$37.57 for gross sales failed to reach the all-time high of 1919, but the \$117,031,280 paid for the 311,470,435 pounds marketed was the most ever paid for a crop in the Eastern belt.

From the opening date of August '45, it was apparent that the strong demand would push prices much higher than those of the previous year, and this proved to be true as grade averages were from \$5 to \$10.50 a hundred above last year's opening. Averages continued to advance each week on most grades until near the end, when some grades began to decline, but all grades at the close of the season were substantially higher than last year.

Increases in grade averages ranged from \$1 to \$16 a hundred with the majority of the grades between \$8 and \$12. The most spectacular rises occurred in the lower qualities, and green and red grades. Some of these tobaccos were as much as 70 per cent to 80 per cent higher. Prices for better qualities, although much higher than last year, rose more slowly. Sales were reduced to five hours each day, but marketing conditions were generally good, deliveries were steady, and the major portion of the crop was sold by the last of October.

In some sections the crop was inferior to that of the previous year, and this was reflected in a lower general average for markets located in these areas than for those in the rest of the belt. As a whole, however, the quality was as good or better than the 1941 crop.

### 77,624 Persons Trained In OCD Red Cross First Aid

State OCD director Ben Douglas announced that 77,624 persons were trained in first aid in the cooperative Red Cross-OCD program between July 1, 1941, and October 31, 1942. Nurses' Aides, needed to meet the shortage of trained nurses, are being trained in 33 hospitals. Thus far, 534 have been certified. Nurses are enrolled through OCD and trained by the Red Cross.

### Confidential Positions Open Tar Heels in Washington

Confidential positions in the war department are open to intelligent women and to alert men with 4-F draft classification. North Carolinians interested should contact Lt. F. E. Fox, Civil Service, Room 37, Post Office Building, Raleigh, N. C. Salaries for recent high school graduates start at \$1,440 a year, while salaries for college graduates and experienced high school graduates start at \$1,620. Persons employed will report to Washington not later than January 1.



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