

32 CARLOADS OF GRAIN SHIPPED TO GREEK PEOPLE

500 Villages Badly in Need Of Grain Until June Harvest

The first shipment of surplus grain released by the government to Church World Service has moved. Thirty-two carloads left Houston this week for Greece aboard the SS Hellenic Sky destined for victims of the recent European cold, blizzards, and landslides. The food is to be distributed by the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece, The Refugee Service of the World Council of Churches, and the Evangelical Church of Greece.

Information received by N. C. CROP Director Ralph Jacks from Rev. John M. Metzler Jr., of National CROP stated: "Here is the first report we have received from CWS on a shipment of surplus grain. We expect to get many more." CROP will share in the distribution costs.

The 32 carloads included in this initial shipment were 200,000 pounds of soybeans, 1,000,000 pounds of corn and 200,000 pounds of rice, with a total valuation of \$62,720. The date of shipment was advanced earlier this month to meet the emergency conditions prevailing.

Brice M. Landis, Director of the American Farm School at Salonika, Greece, reports 500 mountain villages as having used their grain reserves during the cold weather, having nothing left to see them through until the June harvest. Desperate appeals are arriving in Athens from the 160 villages in danger of disappearing in subsiding earth following landslides. Extensive rainfalls will cause further slides during the year. The ability of Church World Service to relieve this suffering will rely to a great extent upon donations to the Christian Rural Overseas Program's 1956 campaign for relief and rehabilitation materials.

Irrigation Pays Off In North Carolina

Raleigh, March 15 — Irrigation pays off even in wet years, Dr. Gerald G. Williams, an irrigation scientist, told North Carolina Irrigation dealers at a meeting on the State College campus here yesterday.

"Normally, tobacco farmers who irrigate will net \$150 to \$300 or more additional profit per acre because of increased yield and quality. In 1955 the increase in profits averaged \$360 per acre. Last year was wet. Some farmers failed to realize all the possible profit from irrigation because they watched the rain clouds instead of watching their soil moisture," he said.

"Be an irrigation farmer, not a supplemental irrigator," advises Dr. Williams. "The excellent farm manager will control all the plant growth factors and will start the irrigation pump when his crop needs moisture, regardless of rainfall predictions."

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. Caney J. Smith and family wish to express their deepest appreciation to those who sent flowers and messages of sympathy on the occasion of the death of his mother and loved one.

OANEY J. SMITH

INFORMATION ABOUT OLD-AGE ASSISTANCE

Raleigh, March 14 — What are your chances of needing old age assistance when you reach 65 years of age?

One way of judging what the probabilities are is to look at the facts about the growing segment of older people in the population of North Carolina and the proportion of those who receive old age assistance now. Eligibility requirements and other factors would have a place in considering this question.

At the present time financial aid through old age assistance is being given to less than one person in five of the people over 65 in the State's population. Recipients average 75 years of age. The total number of people in North Carolina over 65 has increased from 156,510 in 1940 to more than 268,000 in 1955. It is significant that despite the lower per capita income in the State, we have over 2,000,000 people going along without old age assistance.

Old age assistance aids all of the public who are 65 years of age or older. It is designed to supplement the laws in such a way that the individual will remain as a self-sufficient as possible. To receive old age assistance a person must not be 65 years of age or older, but must be in need as judged on a carefully developed budget.

A budget is prepared for each applicant for public assistance, including items such as food, shelter, fuel, clothing, lights, water and a small medical allowance. Since old age assistance is intended to supplement, rather than replace other income, all resources available to the person applying are taken into account in determining need. These resources may include income of children, other resources, savings, OASD payments, property and any other income and resources.

After the budget is prepared and the available income from all sources considered, a grant of only 80 percent of the remaining unmet need can be given under the uniform plan in effect in all counties. The grant is recommended by the county superintendent of public welfare to the county welfare board for approval. If approved, the monthly check is mailed direct to the recipient.

The maximum in which the Federal government will participate is \$55 per month, but very few are eligible for this maximum under the policies in effect in this State. In addition provision for needed hospitalization of public assistance recipients at a per diem payment of \$6 is included in the plan in effect in North Carolina. The average grant in this State is about \$31, while the national average is nearly \$49 a month.

A lien is filed against the property of every person receiving old age assistance so that the full amount of the assistance may be recovered from the estate if it has sufficient value. An annual review (and if circumstances so indicate more frequent reviews) is made of the circumstances of each person receiving public assistance. On the basis of any new facts affecting the grant or the person's eligibility, adjustment is made in terms of whatever the facts indicate as proper in accordance with regulations based upon the laws.

N.C. Farmers Shouldn't Rush Into Poultry Business

Although poultry offers opportunities to North Carolina farmers, unless they've had some experience with it, they should be very cautious about making heavy investments in poultry buildings and equipment, warns R. S. Dearstyne of the State College poultry science department.

Dearstyne explains that all phases of poultry work are highly technical in nature and people entering the work should be well aware of the fact. "Success in poultry work conducted on any sizable scale is usually related, not only to the intelligence and energy of the individual, but also to the amount of poultry experience in his background."

However, Dearstyne makes it plain that he isn't discouraging people from going into the poultry business. On the contrary, he says that the state needs to produce more market eggs, can stand a "reasonable" expansion of both broiler and turkey production, and a "conservative" expansion of both chicken and turkey hatching egg production.

Dearstyne says that careful consideration must be given to marketing the products. "There is little use in producing a commodity unless it can be sold at a profit. Therefore, newcomers in this work should carefully discuss the market with their agricultural advisor."

A LUCKY FIND

Detroit — Little Linda Patterson, only 9 days old, may be responsible for saving the life of her brother, Gary, 4. Mrs. Thomas Patterson, hearing the baby's cries while searching for Gary, who had been missing for two hours, went to the refrigerator to get milk for the baby. Gary was found jammed between two narrow shelves in the refrigerator, more dead than alive. Taken to a nearby hospital, Gary was warmed, examined and sent home. He couldn't explain how he wedged himself into the narrow shelf space, but he insisted: "Somebody shut the door on me."

Commencement Exercises Listed At Spring Creek School

The school year will soon come to a close. For some it will mean going from one school to another, to some it will be other places, but to all it will be a separation. The same class will never be all together again. The army will have some. A few will go to college; the others will marry and stay on the farms, but try as you may, there will be some missing when Homecoming day at school comes around.

The calendar for the next two weeks is full:

Thursday, May 17, the PTA is giving a supper for the seniors.

Sunday, May 20, the Rev. Doyle Miller of Hot Springs RFD 1, will preach the Baccalaureate sermon. The time is 8 p. m. Rev. Mr. Miller has six children in school here. He is a graduate of Spring Creek High School.

Wednesday night, May 23, is the 8th grade graduation night; also class night for the seniors.

Thursday night, May 24 is the graduation exercises night. Prof. Jolley, of Mrs. Hill, will deliver the graduating address.

The class chosen Sharon Plummond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Eason, a son of 1955.

We of the Spring Creek High School wish to see all our graduates well represented by their family and friends. They have fought hard for their diploma and should have the support of all of us in all their meetings.

MRS. JACK JOYCE, Reporter.

HAS SIX CRASHES

Riverside, Cal. — John Henry, civilian employe of March Air Force Base, recently set a record for traffic accidents in one day, it is believed. He was involved in separate collisions with six autos and was booked on charges of hit-run driving, drunk driving, driving without an operator's license and failure to yield the right of way. He was uninjured.

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Goodyear Now Adds A Rubber Airplane

The Goodyear Aircraft Corporation, in Akron, Ohio, has constructed a rubber airplane. The rubber airplane can be folded up and packed in a trunk.

Fantastic as this may sound, the genuine article, which can carry only one passenger, is easily flown. Moreover, it took the Goodyear Corporation only twelve weeks to build the aircraft.

The wing, tail and pilot seat in the front of the airplane are made of a new "airmat" material, which is produced by joining layers of inflatable, rubber-coated nylon fabric. This fabric is shaped by thousands of dropped pilot throats.

The fuselage is made of durable material and inflated. It is said that the aircraft can be inflated with less air pressure than is required to inflate the ordinary automobile tire. The monoplane has a 10-horsepower motor and is single-engine aircraft.

The company built it to test its new fabric, "airmat," and to see what possibilities it had for use in new aircraft. It would seem that the fabric already has vast possibilities, if the company can build an inflatable aircraft, which flies, and it can be packed in a trunk.

Cancer And Cigarettes Still Being Debated

Another famous expert has concluded there is a connection between cancer and cigarette smoking. Dr. Everts A. Graham, who recently accepted the 1955 award for outstanding service to medicine and pharmacy, by alumni of the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, is the source of this news.

Graham, a noted chest surgeon and cancer researcher, says he has profited what he calls "every malignant" cancers in color by painting the lungs with cigarette tars. His conclusions are highly interesting.

He says there is not only "very strong" statistical evidence of a causal relationship between heavy cigarette smoking and lung cancer, but that there is "additional evidence that cigarette smoke contains a factor which will produce cancer in experimental animals and that this combination constitutes about as strong evidence that cigarettes can cause lung cancer as can reasonably be expected.

In view of the mounting number of official warnings on this subject, cigarette smokers should carefully limit cigarette consumption. In practically every official warning from recognized authorities, the cancer danger is connected with heavy, or excessive smoking.

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