

Judge Williams Preside One Week Criminal Court in October

Judge Clawson L. Williams of Sanford will preside over a one week term of criminal court convening here Monday, October 2nd. The following jurors have been named:

H. W. Dickson
Ed. F. Bostic
J. M. Cottle
D. S. Waller
A. J. Patterson
H. L. Taylor
R. S. Basden
W. N. Bostic
Oscar Russell
Gibson James, Jr.
K. J. Smith
Geo. Whaley
J. O. Guy
W. F. Futral
J. M. Quinn
A. B. Winders
Carl Ivey
C. C. Thigpen
G. P. King
Jeff Herring
Luther Smith
John Kelly
G. D. Murray
Durham Grady
J. G. Dickson
E. G. Kornegay
Jesse B. Whitfield
D. P. Ward
Frank Wilkins
Ransom Mercer
Walter Blizard
C. D. Lee
Joel Jones
J. D. Cameron
Dovis Batchelor
A. J. Carr
B. G. Blanchard
Lloyd Sanderson
Simon Quinn
C. J. Hamilton
E. L. Turner
J. K. Southerland
Silvia Pecora
S. L. Ferrell
M. H. Whitfield
N. W. West
S. V. Wilkins
S. H. Edwards
S. H. Britt, Jr.
J. L. Carter
Alonza Pate
Isaac Jones
W. L. Beach
G. D. Sholar
D. B. Bradshaw
C. T. Sutton
J. T. Hatcher
Oscar Kennedy
H. L. Fountain
Perry L. Grady
Eugene P. Best
A. G. Jackson
John Powell
J. J. Mathis
M. L. Lanier
Wesley Williams
Walter Hinson
W. C. Russell
Earl W. Herring
and Geo. D. Waters.

NOTICE

Due to mechanical troubles beyond our control it is necessary to send you a small paper this week. In fact, we are lucky to get out a paper at all. If some news or advertising you expected to see is left out, please bear with us and let's hope we are soon going again. Thanks. The editor.

OUTLAWS BRIDGE UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

There will be a special Sunday School program for the beginning of the new church and school year Sunday October 1st, at 11 a. m. Rev. Gustav H. Ulrich, D. D., will preach at the morning church service at 12 o'clock. Sermon, "The Price of a Christian Community." The Outlaw's Bridge Universalist Youth Fellowship will meet at the usual hour in the parsonage Sunday evening.

OFFERINGS HEAVY ON EAST MARKETS

Blocked Conditions Reported Everywhere

Offerings continued to be extremely heavy on eastern belt tobacco markets Friday, creating blocked conditions throughout the belt, the war food administration and the state department of agriculture reported.

WFA said deliveries to some points were being made faster than the tobacco could be handled necessitating the holding of large amounts of leaf for sale this week. Some farmers returned unsold tobacco to their homes for fear of spoilage.

Average prices by grades continued fairly steady, with slight changes of about a cent a pound noted in prices for low quality grades and nondescript. The general quality of offerings was about the same and the bulk of sales consisted of common to fair leaf, fair lugs and nondescript. Gross sales Thursday amounted to 6,988,754 pounds at an average of \$42.08. Season sales through Thursday totaled 70,395,437 pounds at an average of \$41.44 a hundred. Border belt markets Thursday sold a total of 7,465,888 pounds at an average of \$42.50, bringing the season total to 177,828,966 pounds at an average of \$43.85.

Check Fire Hazards to Prevent Losses

There's a dwelling fire every 1-2-5 minutes, a farm fire every 7-1-4 minutes, a mercantile fire every eight minutes, and a factory fire every 18 minutes in the United States.

The ten most common causes of serious fires are a carelessly discarded cigarette or match; defective electrical equipment; overheated or defective heating equipment; chimneys and flues; sparks on the roof; flammable liquids; rubbish; spontaneous ignition; children playing with matches; hot ashes and coals; and lack of fire protection equipment.

Fire Prevention Week has been scheduled for October 8 to 14 and all property owners are asked to carefully check their fire hazards and make plans for preventing fires.

David S. Weaver, head of the Agricultural Engineering Department at State College, urges farmers to particularly watch for the danger of fire in the barn. "Keep the lightning rods in repair; replace the combustible wood shingled roofs with fire-retardant roofing; and by all means prevent smoking in and around the barn," Weaver says.

Electrical cords should never be knotted or allowed to accumulate dust and cobwebs as a shortage may develop from the knot and ignite the cobwebs.

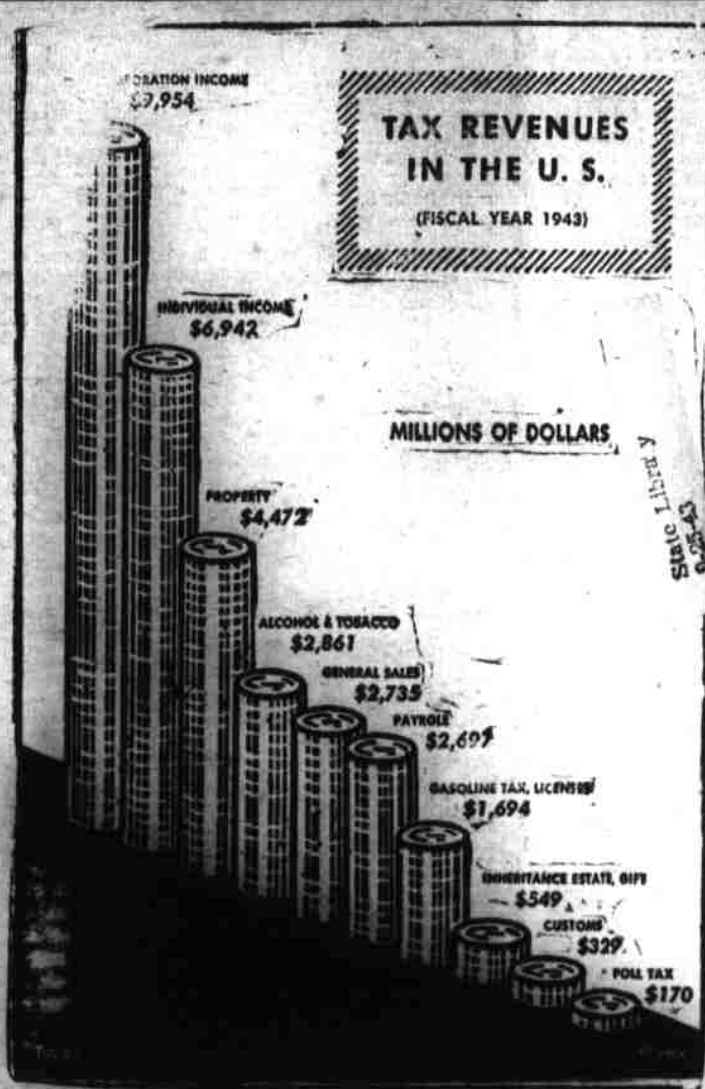
Lanterns should be placed so that they cannot be kicked over by men or animals.

Hay should be thoroughly cured before it is stored in the barn and then it should be inspected for heating. If the hay begins to heat, get it out of the barn.

Homemaking Group Meets Wednesday

The regular meeting of the adult homemaking group, under the leadership of Miss Inez Hubbard, home economics teacher in the Mount Olive school, will be held in the high school Wednesday afternoon of this week at 4 o'clock.

The meeting will be held in the home economics department, and all ladies of the community and surrounding communities are cordially invited to attend.



WAR CASUALTIES REACH 389,125 NOW

Army Casualties Alone Over 300,000

Officially announced casualties among the United States fighting forces have reached a total of 389,125.

Secretary of War Stimson said that army casualties for all theaters through August 29, based on reports to next of kin total 327,616, an increase of 21,821 from the total given a week ago. The latest war casualty list reports 61,509, an increase of 1,545.

The army casualties, with comparable figures for a week ago are: killed, 62,357 and 57,077; injured, 172,02 and 156,938; prisoners, 48,181 and 45,218; missing, 45,036 and 45,957 (a reduction arising out of transfer to other categories).

Of the navy total, 24,450 were killed, an increase of 524 over the previous week; 23,064 wounded, an increase of 1,170; 9,529 missing a decrease of 149; 4,466 prisoners, unchanged from the previous week.

79 Million Eggs Laid On State Farms in August

North Carolina hens have a right to cackle over this news.

An estimated 79 million eggs were produced in the state during the month of August, as compared with 78 million in August of last year, according to Curtis Tarleton, state department of agriculture statistician.

August was the first month since April, Tarleton said, that aggregate production exceeded that of the corresponding month last year. Total eggs produced in the state from January through August were 600 millions, the same numbers as were produced during the first eight months of 1943.

Tarleton said that total number of layers on North Carolina farms has been maintained at record levels throughout the year. Although the number of layers has been larger, the number of eggs produced per hen has been smaller than a year ago for each month from November through July, he stated.

In August the rate of lay was a fraction higher than a year ago. During the past month North Carolina hens laid an average of 10.6 eggs each, compared with 10.5 eggs in August, 1943.

The number of layers in North Carolina farm flocks totaled 7,520,000 during August of this year, compared with 7,390,000 on hand during the same month of 1943, Tarleton said.

Spices should be kept away from the kitchen stove and in closed cans to best retain their spiciness.

To insure straight edges on scrim curtains, fold each curtain down the center and baste the edges together before washing. Remove the basting after the curtains are ironed.

Propaganda is very often the art of misrepresentation.

PROSPECTS FOR TAR HEEL FARMERS ARE BRIGHT THIS YEAR

Good Yields of Most All Crops Indicated by SDA Forecasts

An appraisal of the farm situation as of the first of September shows that Tar Heel farmers have in prospect very good to excellent crops of corn, peanuts, cotton and tobacco, and a fair crop of hay, Statistician G. D. Collins of the State Department of Agriculture, said.

Present indications, Collins said, are that North Carolina farmers will harvest larger-than-average crops of corn and hay this season. But the total volume of each crop will be less than last year. Corn production is now forecast at 50,353,000 bushels, or a yield of 21.5 bushels per acre on the 2,342,000 acres in corn cultivation. Last year's crop totaled 51,018,000 bushels, with a per-acre yield of 22 bushels.

Hay yields this year are expected to be about average, the statistician said. It is now estimated that 1,153,000 tons of hay will be harvested from 1,382,000 acres—the largest acreage ever devoted to this crop. Hay production last year totaled 1,263,000 tons, which were harvested from 1,355,000 acres.

Although supplies of feed produced this season promise to be large, there is little likelihood of a surplus, Collins said. The State's livestock and poultry population are at, or very near, the highest levels in the history of the State. Farmers have carried large numbers of cattle, hogs, and chickens in recent years and the result is depleted stocks of feed. Collins said that most farmers would be glad to have even larger crops of feed grains and hays this season.

Weather and crop growing conditions during last month were generally favorable, Collins said. Rainfall was irregular and often scattered, but for the most part August was favorable for the growth and maturity of summer crops and for harvesting tobacco.

Collins said that farmers are doing a good job of curing and selling tobacco and saving hay in spite of the fact that extra workers are almost "as scarce as hen's teeth." In the mountain counties, during the last of August, tobacco growers were beginning to put the burley crop in barns, while in the east the marketing of flue-cured tobacco was in full swing and a large volume of this year's border crop had already been sold. An excellent peach crop market had already gone to market and commercial apple growers were marketing the largest crop since 1941.

TRANSFERRED

Sgt. Lenwood Smith has notified his mother, Mrs. Maggie Smith of Pink Hill, that he has been transferred from Iceland to England.

TRUCK SHORTAGE ACUTE IN NATION

Purchasing Rules Are Tightened

Prospective purchasers of used trucks yesterday were urged by the Raleigh District office of Defense Transportation to make certain before acquiring the vehicles that their proposed operation meets all ODT requirements.

Since October 25, 1943, Harvey R. Roseman ODT District manager at Raleigh pointed out, persons who were not designated motor carriers as of that date, have been required to show that the operation of the truck is necessary to the war effort or to the maintenance of civilian economy. Application for a certificate of necessity must be made and the CWN granted before gasoline allotments are made, Mr. Roseman reminded, or, in the case of a new service, application for authority to inaugurate it must be made. These application blanks may be obtained from the ODT District Office in Raleigh, N. C.

Critical shortages of trucks, tires and gasoline, the ODT official pointed out, make it necessary that only those operations deemed necessary to the war effort and essential civilian economy be approved and authority to operate a truck should be obtained by a prospective purchaser before he actually buys it.

PRICE OF HOGS IS STABILIZED BY OPA

Ceiling Continues Until June 30, 1945

Government assurance was given Friday that there will be no reduction of ceiling prices for live hogs before June 30, 1945.

At the same time, the office of price administration, and the war food administration said in a joint announcement that a previously announced decrease in support price also would be extended to the same 1945 date. The decrease effective October 1, is from \$13.75 to \$12.55 a hundred pounds on the representative class of good and choice 200 to 240-pound hogs at Chicago.

The action was approved by Economic Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson. Present ceiling prices are \$14.75 a hundredweight Chicago basis, for hogs weighing 240 pounds or less, and \$14 for those weighing more than 240.

WFA previously had announced the support price would be cut to \$12.50 on October 1 for the period ending March 31, 1945. The Friday announcement said it had been decided not only to go ahead with the scheduled reduction, but to extend it until June 30, 1945.

The statement that there would be no reduction left the way open for any increase in ceiling prices the government might desire to make before next June.

A WFA spokesman said the announcement was not the "final word" on support prices and did not preclude further action on a suggestion that WFA is reported to have made a \$13.75 "cushion" with a \$12.50 support price and a \$14.75 ceiling. Under the cushion proposal, prices paid by packers for good and choice hogs would have to average \$13.75 and subsidy payments would be reduced to the extent that the packers' average paying price fell below that amount.

The North Carolina ceiling is \$14.55 for weights up to 240 lbs., and \$13.80 for 241 pounds and up.

Home-Grown Poultry Save Farmers Money

Turkey growers in North Carolina can easily grow their own poultry and save about \$150,000 a year, which is sent out to other states, says Dr. C. H. Bastian, geneticist for the experiment station at State college.

Tests at the station have shown over the past years that it is very economical for producers to keep breeding flocks and hatch their birds.

Bastian suggests that breeders are selected before any individuals in the flock are marketed so that the best ones can be kept for producing poultry. The birds ought to be weighed and carefully handled to see that they have grown rapidly and that they have a desirable conformation, free of abnormalities.

The back of the turkey should be flat and about the same width throughout, according to Bastian. Its legs should be of medium length and the keel straight, parallel with the back, and almost as

SAFETY STRESSED FOR CHILDREN ON WAY TO SCHOOLS

Rules for Motorists and Parents Outlined to Prevent Accidents

School days are here again — thousands of children are walking along our roadways, and crossing streets. They're carefree and anxious to reach school on time. The safety of these children is of utmost importance.

Ronald Hocutt, director of the state highway safety division declares that "The safeguarding of the children going to and from school is a responsibility of the school, the home and the community."

"This responsibility can be met provided each of us are constantly reminded that although the volume of traffic is much less today, the hazard of careless driving continues to take its toll on our highways," continued Mr. Hocutt.

The following suggestions are recommended by the director to parents and teachers for the protection of the school child pedestrian:

Select the safest route for children in towns and cities to walk to and from school.

Instruct children daily to cross streets only at intersections.

Permit children to leave home in time to reach school on time, but not with time to play along the streets or roads.

In rural areas children should be instructed to walk on the LEFT SIDE of the roadway, and to always move out of the way of approaching cars.

In cooperation with the local police department, special streets should be designated as school crossings. If possible, have this crossing guarded during certain hours of the day when children will be going or coming from school.

The director of the safety division also urges motorists:

Drive cautiously on approaching school zones in both rural and city areas.

Be on the alert for children who may be playing along or near the roadway.

At all times, keep in mind that the child along the road or street may suddenly run into the path of the oncoming car.

The good driver assumes that every child playing on or near the street is about to dart in front of his car, and drives cautiously.

"Children can be trained to be good pedestrians. However, it requires the combined efforts of the school, the home and the community. Let all of us put forth the necessary efforts to protect the school children of our state from automobile accidents this school year," urged the director.

BEULAVILLE BOY GRADUATES IN FLORIDA

Pvt. Clifton L. Quinn, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Quinn of Beulaville, has been graduated from the Army Air Forces Flexible Gunnery School at Tyndall Field, one of the largest schools of its kind.

Upon graduation, he received a pair of silver wings, signifying that he is now ready to take his place as a member of the combat crew of an AAF bomber.

long as the shank of its leg. The breast should be broad, heavily fleshed and shaped like a U rather than as a V.

WEATHER HAS BEEN KIND TO N. C. CROPS

August Was Good Month for Farmers

August weather was favorable for growth and maturity of Carolina fruit crops and pecans, according to G. D. Collins, agricultural statistician.

Commercial peach growers in the Sandhills area completed marketing an excellent peach crop early in August, and before the month ended harvesting had been finished in Western Piedmont orchards.

Peach production this season is now placed at 2,698,000 bushels, compared with the 10-year average of 2,794,000 bushels. In the 1943 season, April cold almost wiped out the peach crop and production amounted to only 252,000 bushels. This season's crop was threatened with the same mishap—but a fair set of fruit escaped, and favorite growing weather, coupled with timely July rains in the Sandhills gave peaches unusual size and resulted in a total State production 30 per cent above average. Not all areas were so fortunate. Many orchards—produced very little or no fruit this season.

The apple harvest started in commercial orchards of Henderson county in mid-August, and picking was in progress in other areas by the end of the month. Weather conditions during August were most favorable for maturity of the crop, which now is estimated at 1,623,000 bushels.

Production in the commercial areas in 1943 is estimated to have been 499,000 bushels.

The North Carolina pear crop is turning out better than was expected earlier in the season. Production of 366,000 bushels this season compares with 89,000 bushels in 1943. A grape crop of about average size is indicated with production placed at 6,400 tons compared with 5,200 tons last year.

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Farmers Are Lauded for Excellent Job

North Carolina farmers, who started this year 74,000 workers short, have done an exceptional war job, Director I. O. Schaumb, of the State college extension service, said this week.

Schaumb said growers began the year with 24,000 fewer workers than a year previous, and planted crops that would require the labor of 50,000 more workers than in 1943.

"Farmers have worked longer hours than ever before, and have made better use of machinery. The work has not been finished, but we are over the hump. The job couldn't be done—but we are doing it," he said.

A scrapbag made of mosquito netting, or any other open-mesh fabric, makes it possible to find the particular piece of material one may be looking for without emptying the entire contents of the bag.

Those perfectly good preserves or jellies which somehow do accumulate in the cupboard are splendid to use in gingerbread and spice cake.

FOUR GENERATIONS of Mrs. L. T. Raynor's family at Wallace, Route 4, are shown above. Mrs. Raynor is holding her grand daughter, Linda Jenette Jenkins in her lap. Standing behind Mrs. Raynor is her daughter, Mrs. L. W. Lanier. Mrs. Lanier's daughter, Mrs. Earl Jenkins, is standing at her right.