

Look at Your Label — If Your Subscription Has Expired Send In YOUR Renewal at Once!

# The Farmville Enterprise

Patronize Our Advertisers, For They Are Constantly Inviting You To Trade With Them.

VOLUME TWENTY-SEVEN FARMVILLE, FITT COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 1937 NUMBER FIVE

## Strong Prices Continue On Border Tobacco Markets

### Indications That Opening Day Averages Will Exceed First Estimates

Continued strong prices, despite lighter offerings yesterday at many markets, showed border belt tobacco growers in the Carolinas.

Official reports on Tuesday's opening sales indicated average prices were better than the estimated \$25 a hundred, and estimates on yesterday's sales said prices were equally as good although rains at some markets reduced the volume of deliveries.

One warehouse at Dillon, S. C., reported an official average of \$28.12 and another \$27.10 for Tuesday sales and estimated yesterday's sales at 150,000 pounds for an average of \$27.50.

Mullins, South Carolina's largest market, sold 1,047,140 pounds Tuesday for \$262,359.50, an average of \$25.05.

Lumberton Estimates  
Official figures were not available at Lumberton, N. C., but warehousemen estimated that 600,000 pounds were sold yesterday at an average of \$23.77.

Fairmont, N. C., sold 894,374 Tuesday for an average of \$26.89.

Timmonsville, S. C., reported an average of \$26.96 for initial breaks.

Although officials had not released figures on yesterday's turnover at Lake City, S. C., estimates placed sales at 675,000 pounds for an average of \$22.75. The market sold 609,094 pounds Tuesday at an average price of \$22.61.

Glenn Richards, sales supervisor at Chadbourne, N. C., said 98,140 pounds there yesterday brought an average of \$26.10.

Whiteville, August 11.—The opening day's block on the Whiteville market was cleared tonight, the market having sold 1,211,746 pounds of tobacco the first two days of the season for an average of \$26.03. No piles were rejected.

Fairmont, Aug. 11.—Fairmont warehouses sold 483,700 pounds of tobacco today for \$122,683.37, an average of \$25.36. No tags were turned.

Clarkton, Aug. 11.—Seventy-four thousand pounds of tobacco was sold on the Clarkton market today for an average of \$25.95. The average for the opening yesterday was \$24.63.

### COMPARISON REVEALS HIGHER PRICES PAID.

Washington, Aug. 11.—The Agriculture Economics Bureau reported today prices paid for fine-cured tobacco on the opening yesterday of South Carolina and border markets of North Carolina averaged \$1 to \$3 a hundred pounds higher than prices on opening day last year.

"Price increases were noted particularly in the medium to common grades, the Bureau said. "Choice quality hogs and priming were only slightly higher than last season.

"Growers were apparently well pleased with prices paid as there were but few objections."

### Hutson Discusses New Farm Plan

The ideal farm program under the AAA would be one confined to educational work and soil conservation but in actual experience such a program is inadequate.

This is the opinion of J. B. Hutson, assistant administrator of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, who spoke twice last week before delegates attending the 34th annual Farm and Home week exercises at State College.

Mr. Hutson said it was almost a necessity to place some restrictions on the production of price-depressing surplus crops. Even with acreage control, there are oftentimes good growing seasons when production will go higher than was anticipated. Mr. Hutson declared that the present tobacco crop indicated a production of 750 million pounds and if the amount did not go materially beyond this figure, prices should be as good or better than last year. The cotton situation does not look so good, he said. Indications are that a 12 million bale crop will be produced in the South with consumption at 13 million bales.

Looking forward to 1938, Mr. Hutson said a simplified and more equitable farm program is being constructed by the AAA. The plan is not to make farm commodities scarce but to keep cash crop production in line with market needs. A special effort will be made to help growers of truck crops and the whole program will be developed so as to fit every kind of farm in this and other states. It is likely that the plan will be ready for presentation to the public in the near future.

## Fire Fighters Hold Meeting

### Report Of Sharp Reduction In Fire Losses Made At Jubilee Convention

Greensboro, Aug. 10.—Nearly 2,000 delegates had been registered tonight as the North Carolina Firemen's Association, much of routine business cleared away in an afternoon meeting, prepared for the election of officers tomorrow morning and the big parade and contests in the next two days.

President W. E. Holland, Raleigh, reported general progress during the year and was roundly cheered. John L. Miller, Concord, secretary, reported 158 departments represented by chief firemen and 136 by assistant chiefs; 158 departments represented by 3,653 active members. A. B. Horney, High Point, treasurer, reported association assets at \$93,443.

R. A. Joyner, Farmville, statistician, said fire losses in the state in 1936 totalled only \$2,106,452, which he compared with a loss of over \$8,000,000 in 1922. Towns of less than 5,000 population had the lowest per capita loss last he said. Value of fire-fighting equipment in the state was put by him at \$3,128,405. North Carolina's average fire insurance rate is but 80 cents on the \$100 as compared with an average of \$1 for none other southeastern states. Mr. Joyner declared that enough had already been saved in rates to pay for all firefighting apparatus in the state. His report was termed the best in the history of the association.

Sherwood Brockwell, State Fire Marshal, reported that 226 firemen had been given certificates at the April fire college and drill school in Durham. W. H. Palmer, chief of the Charlotte department was presented as the newly-elected president of the Association of Fire Chiefs.

The Tuesday program concluded with a jubilee athletic program at the World War Memorial stadium tonight. It had opened this morning with the usual welcoming exercises which were made memorable by the presence of six charter members of the association. They are C. D. Benbow, J. R. Donnell, Harper Elam, Dr. J. W. Griffith, and Joseph J. Stone all of Greensboro, and A. E. Horney, High Point. The rest of the golden jubilee program will center about them.

Editor's Note:  
We hope to include Mr. Joyner's splendid report in our special edition next week.

A paragraph regarding the honor roll follows:  
FARMVILLE ON HONOR ROLL

I could not bring my remarks to a close without mentioning the names of nine towns of our association that were on the Honor Roll for 1936 and congratulate them on their splendid record. They are: Bryson City, Clayton, Franklin, Farmville, Jacksonville, Murphree, Nashville and Rutherfordton. Other cities and towns have made wonderful records and many have only missed the Honor Roll by a small margin. Several of our larger cities have had months without a fire loss. I say to you, one and all, I congratulate you on your wonderful record for the year.

Mayor and Mrs. George W. Davis and City Clerk and State Statistician R. A. Joyner and Mrs. Joyner.

Haywood Smith, chief of the Farmville department, Edgar Barrett, Ed Nash Warren and W. C. Wooten, made up the Farmville delegation attending the jubilee.

plan will be discarded but that each farmer will be given his share of the soil depleting crops that he can grow without penalty and will be paid on that allotment. The allotments will be made by counties and divided within the counties by committees of farmers.

### 70,000 HOMELESS IN VALLEY

Los Angeles.—According to social workers, approximately 70,000 homeless persons were wandering in the San Joaquin Valley, many of whom had moved to the area from drought areas and numbers of whom were starving and dying from exposure and malnutrition.

### NEW BRIDGE BUSY

San Francisco.—After six months' use, it is estimated that the new San Francisco-Oakland bridge is the third busiest toll crossing in the United States, the Holland Tunnel of New York having the most traffic and the Delaware river bridge, at Philadelphia, coming second.

## Feels Cotton Price Too Low

### J. T. Thorne Predicts Smallest Carry-Over In Years

Although the 15,593,000-bale cotton crop forecast by the government will be the largest in seven years and the fourth largest in 23 years, John T. Thorne of Farmville a member of the board of directors of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative association, sees through the rather gloomy outlook for cotton prices hope shining in the smallest cotton carry-over in years and in the virtual certainty of favorable farm legislation before another crop year.

Mr. Thorne, who has just returned from a board meeting of the State Cotton association and who discussed the cotton situation in detail with his fellow directors from all sections of the state, said that the general consensus of the board was that cotton prices should advance as the marketing season progresses.

Mr. Thorne said that the Cotton association is advising farmers to store their cotton in bonded warehouses this year and draw an advance upon it if necessary and in so doing remain in a position to profit it from any rise in the market. "This is one year that farmers, regardless of any government plan, cannot afford to glut the market and sell outright at prices below the cost of production," Mr. Thorne said.

"We are hoping," he added, "that the government will announce a 12-cent loan on cotton through the Commodity Credit Corporation and a resolution to this effect was passed by our board and telegraphed to Secretary of Agriculture Wallace."

At the board meeting M. O. Mann, general manager, reported that a direct survey shows that the "Re-Purchase Pool" of the cotton association, in operation now for the past two years, has been so satisfactory that its prospects for deliveries to the co-operators are "brighter than ever before."

Mr. Thorne commented that in the "Re-Purchase Pool" the cotton association, a non-profit organization of leading cotton farmers in all of the cotton-growing counties has a plan that will benefit all types of growers. Under this plan, the cotton is graded and stapled and a price given by the cooperative and then if the farmer finds he can get more on the outside, he can get his identical cotton back and sell it where he pleases.

Government navy yards have a fair sized navy on the way. With the new battleships recently authorized and including the cruisers, destroyers, submarines and cutters, the yards at New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Portsmouth, Charleston, Mare Island and Puget Sound are constructing 39 ships. Apparently, the Government will have in plan for the bulk of its own construction in the future and this means that the yards will have to be equipped for construction on a larger scale than is now possible. As the declared naval policy of the United States calls for a fleet second to none, it appears certain that additional battleships will be required to equal the program of Great Britain. At least two more 35,000-ton battleships are expected to be authorized in the fiscal year beginning next July and one will probably be constructed on the Pacific Coast.

## New Patrol Autos Take Roads Soon

### First Shipment Already In Raleigh, Where Vehicles Being Equipped With Radio Apparatus

Raleigh, Aug. 10.—By the end of the week travelers on North Carolina highways are likely to see state patrolmen riding about in new patrol cars—sleek, shiny roadsters painted an attractive aluminum hue with flashy trimmings.

First of the new machines began to arrive at Raleigh headquarters last Thursday, and work on equipping them with radios was started at once. There will be sixty new cars in all, and they will all be put into commission as soon as the radio equipment is installed.

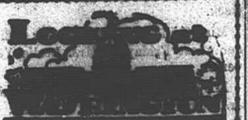
Then they will be sent out—one to each patrol post where there is now an old car—and the machines now in use by the patrolmen will be brought into Raleigh for installation of the radios, Major Charles Farmer says.

When work on the old cars is finished they will be put back into service and then every patrol post in the state will have a car, and each patrolman a motorcycle.

Use of the radio system will not begin, Major Farmer said, until all cars have been equipped and are in commission. Then the central station will begin to function; but radio enthusiasts and those who are curious to know what's going on need not expect to get much information as practically all calls to the cars will be made in code. It would be obviously of more advantage to criminals than to officers if calls were made in ordinary language.

### BOY FALLS FROM CLIFF

Fort Lee, N. J.—Disappearing from a picnic the body of Peter Pappas, Jr., 10, of Providence, R. I., was found by his father and a police officer, lodged against a rock on the face of the cliff, about one hundred feet below the summit of the Palisades. The boy is believed to have missed his footing while playing near the edge of the cliff and fallen to his death.



## Pitt Gets New School Busses

Greenville, Aug. 10.—Notice of the allotment of replacement units of Pitt county school buses was received at the office of the Board of Education yesterday. Pitt county will get this year fifteen 16-foot Ford buses equipped with Hackney Brothers bodies. These units will be used to replace those being eliminated this year on account of poor mechanical condition. Most of the replacements are in Falkland, Belvoir and Chicod schools.

Sixty-five units of the Pitt county bus fleet have been repaired, painted, and placed in storage at the Pitt county garage, Winterville, and will be ready for delivery to the various schools August 23.

The Pitt county Board of Education is desirous of giving the school public first class bus service and is, at present, taking steps to make its organization more efficient. The board is making an inventory of county roads that are not at present satisfactory for bus service and is asking the Highway Commission to improve these routes by widening and draining them.

A full time mechanic will be placed in charge of the distribution of gasoline, the checking of mileage and the keeping of all records pertaining to use of gasoline and oil.

A truck drivers conference will be held at the Courthouse Saturday, August 28th, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of discussing with the drivers traffic hazards, maintenance costs, and safety devices. Lieutenant Lester Jones of the highway patrol will be the principal speaker.

The public is asked to cooperate with the Board of Education in the operation of school buses by driving carefully near schools or when passing or meeting buses and it is hoped that the general public will be sufficiently interested in the transportation of school children so as to take every precaution of safety, and at the same time will report any hazard or laxity of drivers to the school principal or to the office of the Board of Education.

For the past several years there has not been a serious accident caused by school buses in Pitt county, and the board is taking every precaution this year to see that no accidents will happen.

Protectionists interests are reported to have made plans to concentrate their attack on the reciprocal trade policy, by lambasting the Czecho-Slovakian treaty. The Government is expected to announce the list of products upon which it will consider granting concessions in order to secure similar commercial favors from Czecho-Slovakia. As Czecho-Slovakia is an industrial nation, producing a wide range of articles competitive with American goods, it is reasonably certain that some American industries will consider themselves adversely affected. They are expected to line up all industries which may be directly touched by lower duties and to appeal to other industries to join the fight on the ground that concessions in later treaties will hit them. On the other hand, foreign traders in this country are preparing to answer the attack in the belief that the Government will dodge serious trouble in making the new agreement.

Government navy yards have a fair sized navy on the way. With the new battleships recently authorized and including the cruisers, destroyers, submarines and cutters, the yards at New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Portsmouth, Charleston, Mare Island and Puget Sound are constructing 39 ships. Apparently, the Government will have in plan for the bulk of its own construction in the future and this means that the yards will have to be equipped for construction on a larger scale than is now possible. As the declared naval policy of the United States calls for a fleet second to none, it appears certain that additional battleships will be required to equal the program of Great Britain. At least two more 35,000-ton battleships are expected to be authorized in the fiscal year beginning next July and one will probably be constructed on the Pacific Coast.

## President Lifts All Visit Doubts

### Warren That Congress Will Not Upset His Plans

Washington, Aug. 11.—In a conference today with Representative Lindsay C. Warren, President Franklin D. Roosevelt removed all doubt concerning his attendance upon the celebration at Roanoke Island on Wednesday, August 18.

It had been feared until today that the Congressional situation next week might cause a last-minute cancellation of plans.

However, the President today removed that fear.

Tentative plans also were discussed today. The President, accompanied by the Congressional committee of five Senators and five Representatives and an equal number of other members of Congress, will leave here at midnight Tuesday night, arriving at Elizabeth City the next morning, where he will be joined by Postmaster-General Farley.

The President will drive down the main street of Elizabeth City to the dock, where he will board a Coast Guard cutter.

The President today told Mr. Warren that he already had talked to eight people who have seen the Pageant at Roanoke Island and was very anxious to see it himself. He probably will do so, in which event he will return to Elizabeth City by automobile.

If the President leaves immediately after his speech Wednesday afternoon, he will return by boat.

### BUY USED CARS

Washington.—During the past 3 years almost 3,000,000 families, having annual incomes of \$1,500 a year or less, have purchased automobiles, according to figures compiled by the American Petroleum Industries committee. Most of these were used cars.

"We have some corn fields in Hendon county this season, which I believe will produce 150 bushels to the acre," said County Agent G. D. White.

## Social Security Program Is Only In Its Infancy

### '37 Lint Crop Of 15,593,000 Bales Is Seen

Estimate Made By U. S. Department Of Agriculture, Much Greater Than 1936 Crop

Washington, Aug. 10.—The Agriculture Department announced today that this year's cotton crop would total 15,593,000 bales.

The forecast was based on conditions prevailing August 1, and on the area in cultivation July 1, less the 10-year 1927-36, average abandonment, announced as 33,429,000 acres.

The crop reporting board said the final outcome would depend upon whether the various influences affecting the crop during the remainder of the season were more or less favorable than usual.

Last year's crop was 12,398,882, equivalent 500-pound bales, that of 1935 was 10,638,391 bales and that of the 1927-1936 ten-year average was 13,200,857 bales.

This year's average compares with the harvested acreage of 30,028,000 last year; 27,640,000 in 1935; and 35,496,000 for the 10-year average.

The conditions of the crop on August 1 was 81.3 per cent of normal, compared with 72.3 a year ago, and 67.7 for the 1923-32 10-year average.

The indicated acre yield is 223.3 pounds compared with 197.6 pounds produced last year and 166.9 pounds the 1923-32 average.

North Carolina's acreage in cultivation, less the 10-year average abandonment is 1,068,000; the condition of the crop on August 1 was 85 per cent of normal; and the indicated production is 727,000 bales.

Speaking before the annual convention of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, held in Wilmington recently, Nathan H. Yelton, Director of the Public Assistance Division of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, said "we have undertaken a tremendous task in North Carolina—one that will need to be watched from many angles—that of administering Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children."

"We all believe," Yelton continued, "that the unfortunate, those in need, old and without subsistence should be cared for by the state, county and federal governments—however, we are not going to instill in the minds of future citizens of North Carolina that they are to be relieved of all their responsibility in caring for their fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters when they are plenty able to do so themselves. It would be a dangerous thing economically, socially and politically to believe that everyone past 65 years of age automatically, regardless of financial status of relatives, becomes a responsibility of the taxpayers of North Carolina."

"There remains a great deal of confusion about the Social Security program. Old Age Assistance is confused daily with Old Age benefits. Old Age benefits is entirely another phase of the program, and in this division the Federal government gets a small part of the wages of a worker each week or month and puts it aside. When the worker becomes 65 years of age, he may stop work and the government will pay him back what it took out of his wages, at the rate of about half of what he earned while at work."

Speaking of the cost of administering the Social Security program is this state, Yelton said:

"It has been difficult to determine the exact cost of administering the program. We have, however, endeavored to keep the cost down to a minimum in order that the tax rate would not be excessive for administrative purposes—Some of the budgets may be excessive, while others may be entirely too small for the administration of this program—it is my intention and desire to make the administration of this program as economical, efficient and sensible as possible, keeping in mind that the taxpayers are already burdened in many of the counties of the state, and I would not want to add on cent of unnecessary expense to the load already being carried by these counties."

"In some of the counties the administrative costs as far as the county's part is concerned will actually be reduced under last year's . . . . In my opinion, in a great many of the counties the personnel can be reduced after the applications have been taken and the program has been running a limited length of time."

"The people of North Carolina, generally speaking, have been very patient in waiting for the program to start . . . . It is my desire to get out of the minds the Utopia that seems so well grounded in many people applying for Old Age Assistance and get them down to a common sense viewpoint and or realize, if possible, that this program is and must be based on the ability of the taxpayers of North Carolina, and that it is in every respect a common sense program and not a theoretical one."

"The Social Security program is only in its infancy in North Carolina, and time alone will tell just what changes will be needed in the future to solve the problems connected with the administration and distribution of benefits. . . . We who are in charge of the program solicit and welcome your support and guidance in making the Social Security program function properly in North Carolina, thereby rendering to the needy the service that it is our duty to perform as citizens."

## U. D. C. To Meet In Manteo Saturday

The program of exercises for United Daughters of the Confederacy Day at Manteo, will begin at eleven o'clock, Saturday morning, with the state president, Mrs. John M. Anderson, of Raleigh, presiding.

The national, confederate and state flags will be carried in the procession and Southern airs will be played by Gene Gorman's band. Dr. R. B. Drane, of Edenton, will give the invocation.

Dr. Bradford Fearing, executive secretary of the Roanoke Historical Association, and a foster brother of Mrs. W. M. Willis of this city, will welcome the Daughters, and Mrs. Anderson will respond. Mrs. James G. Fearing of Elizabeth City, director of the 14th district, which includes Manteo, is assisting in preparations for the event, and will bring greetings to the assemblage. The president-general, Mrs. John L. Woodbury, of Louisville, Ky., will make the principal address.

Among other distinguished guests, who are expected to speak will be Mrs. W. M. Forrest, state president of the Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. J. W. Parker, of Farmville, state regent of the Daughters of the American Colonists, and many of the present and past state officers.

The Westminister choir of young voices will be supplemented by singers from Elizabeth City and Manteo, and Boy Scouts will act as ushers.

The Daughters will visit the historical museum and art exhibit on Roanoke Island and the Wright Memorial at Kitty Hawk early in the afternoon, and at four o'clock a tea will be given at Nag's Head honoring the president-general and other distinguished guests and Daughters.

The pageant, "The Lost Colony," will be attended by the visitors on Friday and Saturday nights.

### WHO KNOWS?

1. How large is a sunspot?
2. How close will the recently discovered comet approach the earth?
3. How long does a liner take to cross the Atlantic Ocean?
4. Has Congress done anything for flood control?
5. What caused the Serbian Orthodox Church to excommunicate government officials?
6. What has happened to the British plan to partition Palestine?
7. How many planets are visible during August?
8. What is a vertiplane?
9. What was the cost of the agricultural conservation program last year?
10. Is the United States building an airplane at this time?

## Pitt Gets New School Busses

### Fifteen New Vehicles Allotted For 1937-1938 Session

Greenville, Aug. 10.—Notice of the allotment of replacement units of Pitt county school buses was received at the office of the Board of Education yesterday. Pitt county will get this year fifteen 16-foot Ford buses equipped with Hackney Brothers bodies. These units will be used to replace those being eliminated this year on account of poor mechanical condition. Most of the replacements are in Falkland, Belvoir and Chicod schools.

Sixty-five units of the Pitt county bus fleet have been repaired, painted, and placed in storage at the Pitt county garage, Winterville, and will be ready for delivery to the various schools August 23.

The Pitt county Board of Education is desirous of giving the school public first class bus service and is, at present, taking steps to make its organization more efficient. The board is making an inventory of county roads that are not at present satisfactory for bus service and is asking the Highway Commission to improve these routes by widening and draining them.

A full time mechanic will be placed in charge of the distribution of gasoline, the checking of mileage and the keeping of all records pertaining to use of gasoline and oil.

A truck drivers conference will be held at the Courthouse Saturday, August 28th, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of discussing with the drivers traffic hazards, maintenance costs, and safety devices. Lieutenant Lester Jones of the highway patrol will be the principal speaker.

The public is asked to cooperate with the Board of Education in the operation of school buses by driving carefully near schools or when passing or meeting buses and it is hoped that the general public will be sufficiently interested in the transportation of school children so as to take every precaution of safety, and at the same time will report any hazard or laxity of drivers to the school principal or to the office of the Board of Education.

For the past several years there has not been a serious accident caused by school buses in Pitt county, and the board is taking every precaution this year to see that no accidents will happen.

Protectionists interests are reported to have made plans to concentrate their attack on the reciprocal trade policy, by lambasting the Czecho-Slovakian treaty. The Government is expected to announce the list of products upon which it will consider granting concessions in order to secure similar commercial favors from Czecho-Slovakia. As Czecho-Slovakia is an industrial nation, producing a wide range of articles competitive with American goods, it is reasonably certain that some American industries will consider themselves adversely affected. They are expected to line up all industries which may be directly touched by lower duties and to appeal to other industries to join the fight on the ground that concessions in later treaties will hit them. On the other hand, foreign traders in this country are preparing to answer the attack in the belief that the Government will dodge serious trouble in making the new agreement.

Government navy yards have a fair sized navy on the way. With the new battleships recently authorized and including the cruisers, destroyers, submarines and cutters, the yards at New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Portsmouth, Charleston, Mare Island and Puget Sound are constructing 39 ships. Apparently, the Government will have in plan for the bulk of its own construction in the future and this means that the yards will have to be equipped for construction on a larger scale than is now possible. As the declared naval policy of the United States calls for a fleet second to none, it appears certain that additional battleships will be required to equal the program of Great Britain. At least two more 35,000-ton battleships are expected to be authorized in the fiscal year beginning next July and one will probably be constructed on the Pacific Coast.

## New Patrol Autos Take Roads Soon

### First Shipment Already In Raleigh, Where Vehicles Being Equipped With Radio Apparatus

Raleigh, Aug. 10.—By the end of the week travelers on North Carolina highways are likely to see state patrolmen riding about in new patrol cars—sleek, shiny roadsters painted an attractive aluminum hue with flashy trimmings.

First of the new machines began to arrive at Raleigh headquarters last Thursday, and work on equipping them with radios was started at once. There will be sixty new cars in all, and they will all be put into commission as soon as the radio equipment is installed.

Then they will be sent out—one to each patrol post where there is now an old car—and the machines now in use by the patrolmen will be brought into Raleigh for installation of the radios, Major Charles Farmer says.

When work on the old cars is finished they will be put back into service and then every patrol post in the state will have a car, and each patrolman a motorcycle.

Use of the radio system will not begin, Major Farmer said, until all cars have been equipped and are in commission. Then the central station will begin to function; but radio enthusiasts and those who are curious to know what's going on need not expect to get much information as practically all calls to the cars will be made in code. It would be obviously of more advantage to criminals than to officers if calls were made in ordinary language.

### BOY FALLS FROM CLIFF

Fort Lee, N. J.—Disappearing from a picnic the body of Peter Pappas, Jr., 10, of Providence, R. I., was found by his father and a police officer, lodged against a rock on the face of the cliff, about one hundred feet below the summit of the Palisades. The boy is believed to have missed his footing while playing near the edge of the cliff and fallen to his death.

Protectionists interests are reported to have made plans to concentrate their attack on the reciprocal trade policy, by lambasting the Czecho-Slovakian treaty. The Government is expected to announce the list of products upon which it will consider granting concessions in order to secure similar commercial favors from Czecho-Slovakia. As Czecho-Slovakia is an industrial nation, producing a wide range of articles competitive with American goods, it is reasonably certain that some American industries will consider themselves adversely affected. They are expected to line up all industries which may be directly touched by lower duties and to appeal to other industries to join the fight on the ground that concessions in later treaties will hit them. On the other hand, foreign traders in this country are preparing to answer the attack in the belief that the Government will dodge serious trouble in making the new agreement.

Government navy yards have a fair sized navy on the way. With the new battleships recently authorized and including the cruisers, destroyers, submarines and cutters, the yards at New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Portsmouth, Charleston, Mare Island and Puget Sound are constructing 39 ships. Apparently, the Government will have in plan for the bulk of its own construction in the future and this means that the yards will have to be equipped for construction on a larger scale than is now possible. As the declared naval policy of the United States calls for a fleet second to none, it appears certain that additional battleships will be required to equal the program of Great Britain. At least two more 35,000-ton battleships are expected to be authorized in the fiscal year beginning next July and one will probably be constructed on the Pacific Coast.

"We have some corn fields in Hendon county this season, which I believe will produce 150 bushels to the acre," said County Agent G. D. White.

## Social Security Program Is Only In Its Infancy

### '37 Lint Crop Of 15,593,000 Bales Is Seen

Estimate Made By U. S. Department Of Agriculture, Much Greater Than 1936 Crop

Washington, Aug. 10.—The Agriculture Department announced today that this year's cotton crop would total 15,593,000 bales.

The forecast was based on conditions prevailing August 1, and on the area in cultivation July 1, less the 10-year 1927-36, average abandonment, announced as 33,429,000 acres.

The crop reporting board said the final outcome would depend upon whether the various influences affecting the crop during the remainder of the season were more or less favorable than usual.

Last year's crop was 12,398,882, equivalent 500-pound bales, that of 1935 was 10,638,391 bales and that of the 1927-1936 ten-year average was 13,200,857 bales.

This year's average compares with the harvested acreage of 30,028,000 last year; 27,640,000 in 1935; and 35,496,000 for the 10-year average.

The conditions of the crop on August 1 was 81.3 per cent of normal, compared with 72.3 a year ago, and 67.7 for the 1923-32 10-year average.

The indicated acre yield is 223.3 pounds compared with 197.6 pounds produced last year and 166.9 pounds the 1923-32 average.

North Carolina's acreage in cultivation, less the 10-year average abandonment is 1,068,000; the condition of the crop on August 1 was 85 per cent of normal; and the indicated production is 727,000 bales.

Speaking before the annual convention of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, held in Wilmington recently, Nathan H. Yelton, Director of the Public Assistance Division of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, said "we have undertaken a tremendous task in North Carolina—one that will need to be watched from many angles—that of administering Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children."

"We all believe," Yelton continued, "that the unfortunate, those in need, old and without subsistence should be cared for by the state, county and federal governments—however, we are not going to instill in the minds of future citizens of North Carolina that they are to be relieved of all their responsibility in caring for their fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters when they are plenty able to do so themselves. It would be a dangerous thing economically, socially and politically to believe that everyone past 65 years of age automatically, regardless of financial status of relatives, becomes a responsibility of the taxpayers of North Carolina."

"There remains a great deal of confusion about the Social Security program. Old Age Assistance is confused daily with Old Age benefits. Old Age benefits is entirely another phase of the program, and in this division the Federal government gets a small part of the wages of a worker each week or month and puts it aside. When the worker becomes 65 years of age, he may stop work and the government will pay him back what it took out of his wages, at the rate of about half of what he earned while at work."

Speaking of the cost of administering the Social Security program is this state, Yelton said:

"It has been difficult to determine the exact cost of administering the program. We have, however, endeavored to keep the cost down to a minimum in order that the tax rate would not be excessive for administrative purposes—Some of the budgets may be excessive, while others may be entirely too small for the administration of this program—it is my intention and desire to make the administration of this program as economical, efficient and sensible as possible, keeping in mind that the taxpayers are already burdened in many of the counties of the state, and I would not want to add on cent of unnecessary expense to the load already being carried by these counties."

"In some of the counties the administrative costs as far as the county's part is concerned will actually be reduced under last year's . . . . In my opinion, in a great many of the counties the personnel can be reduced after the applications have been taken and the program has been running a limited length of time."

"The people of North Carolina, generally speaking, have been very patient in waiting for the program to start . . . . It is my desire to get out of the minds the Utopia that seems so well grounded in many people applying for Old Age Assistance and get them down to a common sense viewpoint and or realize