

WALSTONBURG NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Price and son, Eugene, of Saratoga, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Gay, Sunday.

Mrs. Emma Jenkins of Fairmont and Pvt. Paul Jenkins of the Medical Corps, Fort Bragg, spent the week end here with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jenkins and Miss Clara Jenkins.

Dr. Badie T. Clark of Wilson spent a short while here Tuesday in the interest of the Boy Scout work.

Miss Ruby Marlowe of Wilson spent the week end with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Marlowe.

Miss Dorothy Gardner and Miss Grace Creech of Snow Hill spent the week end here with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gardner and Mr. and Mrs. Ray West.

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Shirley and sons, Charles and Don Ray, spent Sunday with Mrs. Ada C. Bass near Wilson.

Miss Paige Lassiter of New York City arrived Tuesday to spend some time with her mother, Mrs. Annie Lassiter.

Misses Dorothy Gardner, Fannie Mae Smith and Juanita Redick spent Saturday in Wilson.

Miss Katie Grey Shackelford returned Sunday from Sanatorium where she has been for some time. Friends will be glad to know that she is feeling real well.

Friends will regret to learn that Mrs. W. E. Moye was taken to a Wilson Hospital Thursday. At this time she seems somewhat improved.

Mrs. W. V. Redick and Miss Juanita Redick spent Friday in Raleigh.

Destroy Cotton Stalks After Picking Is Over

For years, early destruction of cotton stalks, as a boll weevil control measure, has been advocated by successful growers and insect specialists of the State College Agricultural Extension Service.

This season, the need is more imperative than in some years past. J. Myron Maxwell, Extension entomologist, points out that boll weevils have been more prevalent all over North Carolina this season, particularly in the Coastal Plains area of the state. Heavy losses have occurred even where the usual means of control were followed. Many growers have reported that cotton bolls, half grown, were so badly punctured by the weevils that the bolls rotted and the cotton was destroyed.

It is a fact also that the cotton crop has matured earlier this season than usual. This means that much green material will be left in the fields for the weevil to feed upon before cold weather comes.

"We should therefore emphasize the need to kill the cotton stalks where practical," Mr. Maxwell said. "The earlier this can be done, the more valuable the practice will be. The object, of course, is to eliminate the weevil's feed which will force him into hibernation earlier than usual. He will thus be in a weakened condition and the winter mortality will be higher than usual."

Much greater results can be secured from this early destruction of cotton stalks if the work is done as a community effort. Little is accomplished by a farmer, here and there, cutting and killing his stalks if all his neighbors round about permit theirs to stand.

A WEEK OF THE WAR

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travel must be shifted from the week-end to the middle of the week by at least another 3 percent, the Office said.

Food Requirements.

Agriculture Secretary Wickard said that unless the Nation acts promptly and with energy "our food situation will become serious... our supply is rapidly diminishing." He outlined a six-point program to help alleviate the farm labor shortage. Included were proposals to retain on farms as many as possible of the experienced managers who understand year-round farm operation, to transport workers to farms, and to use greater numbers of women and young people on farms. He estimated agriculture would lose 1,000,000 workers between July 1, 1942, and July 1, 1943, if an 8,000,000-man army is mobilized by the latter date.

In order to implement the wartime meat program, the WFB Food requirements committee: (1) placed the limit of total packer-deliveries during the last quarter of 1942 at the following percentages of such deliveries during the final quarter of 1941—beef and veal 80 percent, lamb and mutton, 95 percent, and pork, 75 percent. The Committee asked all civilians to hold their meat consumption to 2 1/2 pounds per person per week.

Printing Prices.

The OPA set ceiling prices for the sales of 175 printed products, as well as for the printing services used in producing them. The regulation covers services for and sales of such articles as greeting cards, loose-leaf binders and fillers, tablets, pads, composition books, etc. The articles and services listed by the regulation are exempt from all price control, however, when sold by printers whose total gross sales in 1941 of printing and printed paper products were \$20,000 or less. The regulation covers about 25 percent of the industry's \$2,500,000 volume of business.

The Armed Forces.

The army issued a call for 3-A men up to and including the age of 44 to volunteer for anti-aircraft officer training. A nationwide quota of 500 such candidates per month was set for the anti-aircraft school at Camp Davis, N. C. Selective Service local boards will supply detailed information, the Army said.

War Secretary Stimson announced the Canadian-Alaskan military highway will be ready for use about December 1, several months ahead of schedule. Ballot applications have been sent to soldiers overseas and in army camps in this country, the War Department announced. The Department said members of the Army Nurse Corps will not be permitted to resign because of marriage unless replacements are available.

Navy Secretary Knox announced a new navy recruiting drive, ending October 3, in connection with the launching of the new aircraft carrier Lexington September 26. A new training station for Seabees (Navy Construction Battalions) accommodating 26,000 officers and men and constituting the Navy's largest construction training station, will begin operation about October 15 on the York River near Williamsburg, Virginia.

A worker watches the clock and the boss watches the worker, which is the story of the watch and the clock.

STATE COLLEGE ANSWERS TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS

QUESTION: What is the difference in the value of a bale of middling and low middling cotton?

ANSWER: J. C. Shanklin, Extension cotton specialist of N. C. State College, says that a grower of cotton that measured 1 1/8 inches staple length would lose a loss value of \$23.50 if the grade was reduced from middling to low middling because of poor picking. Most of the cotton grown in North Carolina staples one inch or better, and grade is a very important factor in determining the value of the longer staples.

QUESTION: Will there be any cattle shows this fall, in view of the fact that the State Fair and other events of this nature have been cancelled?

ANSWER: Yes. A show and sale for 4-H Baby Beef Club members and vocational agriculture students in the Western part of the State will be held at Asheville October 7 and 8. A similar show and sale for Piedmont and Eastern Carolina boys and girls will be held on the State College campus in Raleigh October 13 and 14. L. I. Case, Extension animal husbandman of N. C. State College, is in charge of the two events, and the N. C. Bankers' Association is cooperating to supply the premium money through member banks in the respective areas.

QUESTION: What is the "balk" system of cotton cultivation?

ANSWER: This is a system of cultivation used on sloping fields to reduce the amount of topsoil washed away by rain. Under this cropping practice, untilled narrow bands of vegetation, called "balks," are left between the cotton rows on the contour. The U. S. Soil Conservation Service reports that tests in Georgia have shown that a 15 per cent reduction in soil loss resulted in a field with a 7-percent slope where the "balk" system was used.

REA

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has made an REA allotment of \$430,000 to the Jones-Onslow Electric Membership Corporation for additions to and completion of rural electric facilities in North Carolina.

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