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**People Suffer When Soil Is Abused**

The vital necessity for this country to protect every care of good farm land against erosion and depletion is underlined by conditions in China, says W. M. Hensley, Chairman of the Yancey County Production and Marketing Administration Committee.

The average density of population in China on a cultivated land basis, he points out, is something over 1,500 persons per square mile — compared with 200 in this country.

This terrific pressure of humans denudes the soil of grass, trees and other vegetation, causing runoff, erosion, floods, famine and poverty. It is a vicious circle of "poor people make poor land—poor land makes poor people."

The need, for instance, of fuel is so urgent that most of the crop residues and manure are used for fuel and are therefore not returned to the soil. This means a constant loss of organic matter.

Eighty percent of the people are farmers leaving only 20 percent for the fashioning of finished products so essential to a high standard of living. As the

**Loretta Hensley Wins In Essay Contest**

The French Broad Electric Membership Corporation has announced that Miss Loretta Hensley of Ramseytown, N. C., has been judged the winner of the co-op's high school essay contest.

The contest, conducted in the high schools of the five counties served by the cooperative, was on the subject "What Electricity Has Meant In Our Home." The co-op estimates that over 400 students participated in the contest.

Miss Hensley, 18, is a graduate of Bee Log High School. She is the daughter of Marcus Hensley, Yancey County farmer. Monroe McIntosh is principal of the Bee Log School, and Mrs. E. L. Beeson was Miss Hensley's English teacher.

Miss Hensley will receive a \$25.00 savings bond as the area prize. In addition, she will read her winning composition at the annual meeting of the co-op, Saturday, June 24.

land becomes poorer and poorer, more and more people are forced to the land to eke out an existence—many starving in the attempt.

**The Lost Colony Makes Ready For 10th Season**

Paul Green's symphonic drama, The Lost Colony, will open for its 10th season in Waterside Theatre on Roanoke Island, Saturday night, July 1. There will be 57 performances this season, with shows each night at 8:15 o'clock except on Mondays.

The show has been in full scale rehearsals for several weeks, repairs have been made to the unusual amphitheatre which overlooks Roanoke Sound, and everything is in readiness for the opening of this symphonic drama which is America's first great mystery romance, brought to life on a stage that is located at the actual site of the landing of the colonists sent out from England in 1587, and the birthplace of Virginia Dare, first child of English parentage born in America.

More and more people are seeing The Lost Colony each year because more and more people are learning that the Dare coastland where the show is presented each year is one of the finest vacation spots along the mid-Atlantic coast.

Mrs. Georgia Neese Clark, treasurer of the United States, will be one of the featured speakers at North Carolina Farm and Home Week, to be held on the State College campus is Raleigh from July 31 through August 3.

In every month since mid-1948, production of milk per cow in the United States has set a new record.

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**Farmers Federation Will Offer Prize**

A \$100 prize will be awarded for the best specialty act at the Farmers Federation picnics this summer, it has been announced by James G. K. McClure, President of the Federation. A second prize of \$50 and a third prize of \$25 will also be given.

Any individual entertainer or group from a guitar soloist or acrobat to a choir or quartet, is eligible to compete for these prizes. The awards will be made at the close of the picnic

season by a secret committee, which will have been present at all the picnics.

The Yancey County Federation picnic on Tuesday, July 4th, at Burnsville High School, will launch the series of sixteen all-day picnics to be held this summer by the farm organization. Musicians and entertainers of any kind from Yancey County are invited to appear on the program.

The peach crop in the 10 Southern early states is expected to be about half as large as the small 1949 crop

One-tenth of the entire world's corn crop last year was produced in Iowa.

**NOTICE NORTH CAROLINA YANCEY COUNTY**

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Commissioner of paroles and the Governor of North Carolina for the parole of Winfield Williams who plead guilty at the March, 1950, Term of the Superior Court of Yancey County of the crime of second degree burglary and was sentenced to serve not less than 15 and not more than 20 years in the State Central Prison in Raleigh.

All persons who oppose the granting of said parole are invited to forward their protests to the Commission of Paroles. This 20th day of June, 1950. Winfield Williams, by his attorney, Sanford W. Brown. June 22, 29, July 6 13

The number of forest fires in the United States increased approximately 11 per cent during 1949,

**ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE NORTH CAROLINA YANCEY COUNTY**

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of J. H. Burton, deceased, late of Yancey County, this is to notify all persons having claims against the Decedent to exhibit the same to the undersigned Administratrix at the office of the Board of Education in Burnsville, N. C., on or before the 24th day of May, 1951, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.

All persons owing the Estate will please make immediate payment.

This May 24, 1950. Dora Burton Howell, Administratrix of the Estate of J. H. Burton, Deceased. May 25, June 1, 8, 15 22 29



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