

**Byrd, F. B. President, Makes Statement**

The current "state-wide drive by the North Carolina Farm Bureau is important to all of us, Zeke Byrd of Burnsville, Yancey County FB president, declared this week because "sound organization is the farmer's only means of overcoming the inequality between his production efforts and his return on that production."

"American farmers represent 19 per cent of the nation's production," he pointed out, "yet, even though we are producing more food and fiber than ever before, our share of the national income last year was only eight per cent. Our job of feeding and clothing the entire popula-

tion of the nation and much of the world is important, and it should return us a fair share of the nation's income."

Farmers need someone to speak for them, he added that's where Farm Bureau fits in.

"Flake Shaw has told us," the local president said, "that when he appears at Congressional hearings some newly-arrived Congressman delight in asking how many farmers he represents and who speaks for the other farmers. Mr. Shaw has been fortunate this past year in being able to say he speaks for more than 76,000 Tar Heel farm families who are members of Farm Bureau. But he has also had to say that no one speaks for the other farmers unless they speak for themselves."

"It means a lot to have our Farm Bureau leaders supported by so many farm families, but there is no reason why they should not include among their supporters many more members in this state. We have a chance this year to push our membership beyond 80,000, our minimum quota, and I see no reason why we should not do just that."

Farm Bureau works for all farmers, the county leader said. It does not matter whether you are a landowner, tenant, or sharecropper, he added, if you are a member of Farm Bureau you are represented equally on the national and state level by our Farm Bureau leaders.

"Let's not sit back and rest on the gains we have made as farmers," he concluded, "rather let's get out and do a real job of getting members during this drive

**New Project to Be Scheduled**

The State Highway Commission will start work soon on a new road job in Yancey County.

The project calls for grading, paving and structures on US 11-E and NC 117 from a point on US 19-E west of Burnsville east across Cane River for 0.5 mile.

If a satisfactory low bid is received at the Highway Commission's October 24 lotting, the project will be let to contract with work probably starting within several weeks after that date.

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The club notices are as follows for the week of the 23rd:

The Bald Creek Home Demonstration Club will meet Tuesday, Oct. 24th at 8:00 p. m. at the Home Economics department.

The Ramseytown Home Demonstration Club will meet Wednesday, Oct. 25th at 2:00 p. m. at the Post Office.

The Newdale Home Demonstration Club will meet Friday, Oct. 27 at 1:00 p. m. at the Club House.

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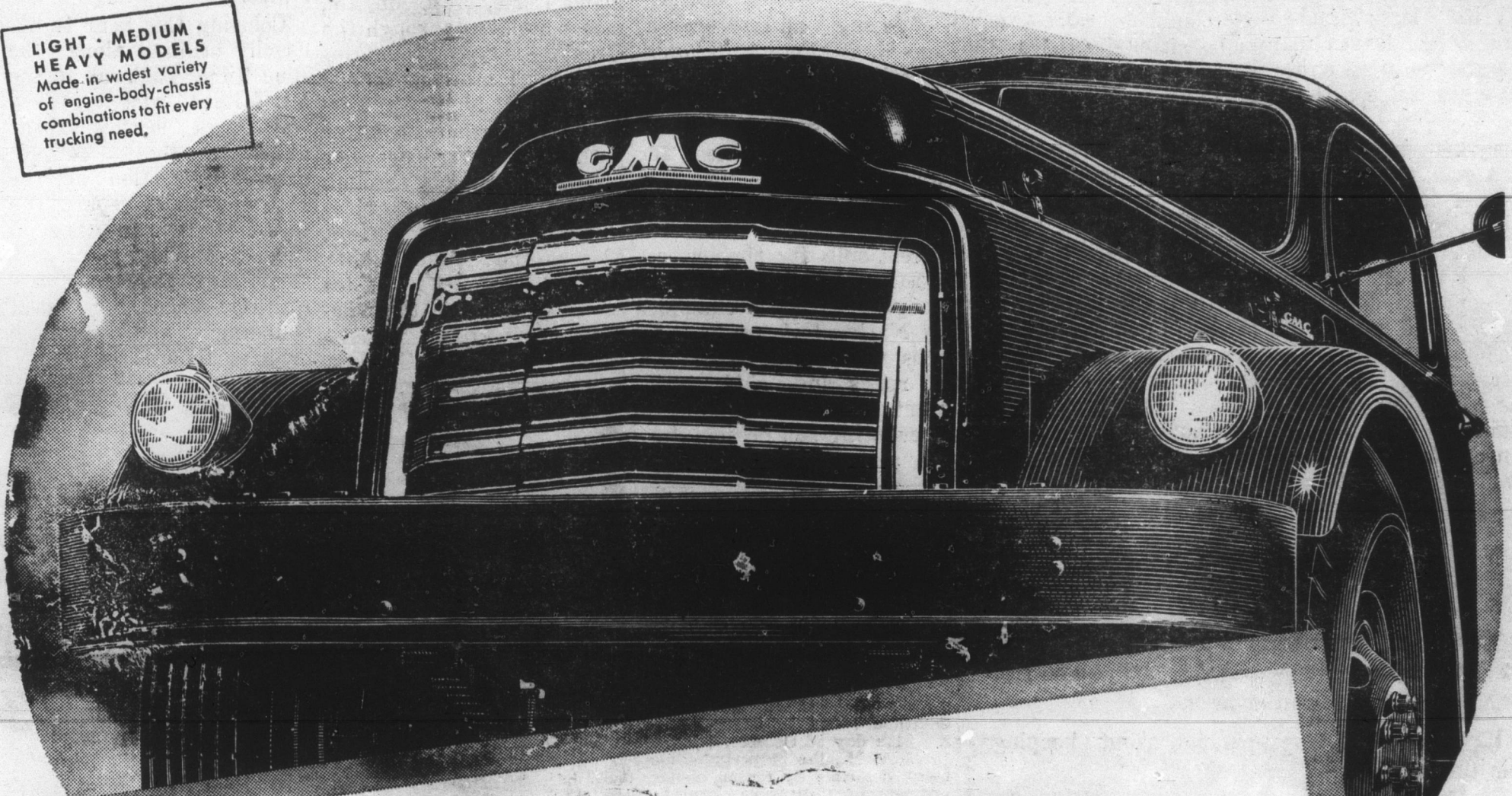
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