



A HUGE BIRTHDAY GIFT SWINGS INTO ACTIVE SERVICE

Left: Japanese Emperor Hirohito interrupts vacation because of Far-Eastern war clouds. Right: When Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek celebrated his 50th birthday, the Chinese people by popular subscription presented him with 100 airplanes. Above is part of a squadron of this air flotilla, which, under command of General Keiyoshi Katsuki, is now being used in action against the movement of Japanese forces against Peiping, ancient capital of China.

### FARM QUESTIONS ANSWERED

**QUESTION:** When should the laying flock be culled?

**ANSWER:** Since efficient production comes through continuous selection some culling may be needed each month in the year, but the most rigid culling should be made toward the end of the laying period. This usually occurs from July to November and the flock should be watched carefully during July and August for early molters. Hens that molt in June, or August should be taken from the flock and disposed of as soon as molt appears or production ceases.

**QUESTION:** How long does it take to properly cure a barn of tobacco?

**ANSWER:** The time required varies from 84 to 96 hours depending upon the rapidity of the various processes. After hanging the weed maintain a temperature about ten degrees higher than the outside temperature until the leaf is fairly yellow. The heat is then raised 4 to 5 degrees an hour until a temperature of 120 to 125 degrees is reached. This temperature is held until the tips of the leaves are dry and then raised to 140 degrees. This will dry out the entire leaf. The temperature is again raised to 180 to 190 degrees and held until all parts of the leaf stem is dry in all parts of the barn.

**QUESTION:** Should a dairy cow be given a grain ration during the dry period?

**ANSWER:** If there is plenty of good pasture available and the animal is in good flesh no other feed will be necessary, but the animal should have free access to a good mineral mixture unless the grazing is legume crops or hay is being fed. If the pasture is short or the cow in poor flesh enough concentrate should be fed to put the animal in good flesh before freshening. However, all high protein grains and corn is usually removed from the grain ration about two weeks before freshening. A good grain mixture to feed during this period is composed of equal parts of wheat bean and ground oats.

Yancey County's cherry crop is the largest in years, reports G. W. Smith, farm agent. Housewives are canning the surplus crop.

Tobacco in Forsyth County is making some improvement after flea beetle attacks, but still presents a ragged appearance.

The new agricultural building at Graham has just been occupied by extension workers in Alamance County, says W. H. Kimrey, assistant farm agent.

A marketing center for shipping hogs from Washington and Tyrrell counties will be established soon.

Farmers of New Hanover County are busy planting soybeans and field peas on land given to truck crops earlier in the year. Practically all of these crops will be turned under as green manure.



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### HITLER FLAYS NEW ART

Munich, Germany—In opening the new House of German Art, dedicated to "the new and pure Aryan German art," Chancellor Hitler made a bitter attack on Jews and their responsibility for Modernistic art and impressions among painters and sculptors. "We had futurism, expressionism, realism and even cubism and Dadaism," said he. "Could insanity in art go to any greater limits?"

### THOUSANDS TO ATTEND FARM AND HOME WEEK

Farm and Home Week at State College, August 2-6, will be an educational vacation for thousands of North Carolina farmers and farm women.

Along the lectures and demonstrations will be plenty of entertainment to provide a good time for all, said John W. Goodman, assistant director of the State College extension service.

On the more serious side of the program, special attention will be given the soil conservation program, dairying and livestock, farm forestry problems, farm tenancy, farm organizations and cooperatives, farm finance, poultry production, and other timely subjects.

The short course for women will cover numerous phases of homemaking on the farm, and certificates will be awarded to those who will have completed their fourth consecutive short course.

Rural ministers of the State have been invited to meet at the college during the week. Special programs have been arranged for them, and they will also be invited to attend general meetings for the farm men and women.

Among the speakers for Farm and Home Week are: Harry L. Brown, assistant secretary of Agriculture; Congressman Harold D.



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### TOBACCO PRODUCTION IN FAR EAST GROWS

#### Bureau of Agricultural Economics Reports Expansion of Tobacco Acreage.

#### CONSUMPTION LAGGING

Washington, July 17.—The combined 1937 acreage of flue-cured tobacco in China, Manchuria and the Japanese empire is estimated by the Shanghai office of the bureau of agricultural economics at 245,000 acres, compared with a 1936 harvested area of 211,000 acres and with the 1931-35 average of 144,000 acres annually.

Should growing conditions result in near average yields, the 1937 crop will amount to approximately 300,000,000 pounds, compared with 243,000,000 pounds last year, and with the 1931-35 average of 180,000,000 pounds.

Increased plantings of flue-cured leaf this season were largely the result of high prices paid for the

Cooley; Gov. Clyde R. Hoey; J. B. Hutson, assistant director of the soil conservation program; Perkins Coville, U. S. Forest Service.

Dr. C. W. Warburton, director of the national agricultural extension service; Miss Grace Frysinger, senior home economist, U. S. Department of Agriculture; W. Kerr Scott, State Commissioner of Agriculture; Louis H. Bean, economic advisor, Agricultural Adjustment Administration; and the Rev. L. P. Burney, rural minister near Charlotte.

Games, contests, tours, dramatic plays, group singing, and a spirit of fellowship will help make the week entertaining as well as instructive, Goodman stated.

1937 crop, which gave more satisfactory returns per acre than other competing crops. Encouragement and assistance on the part of governmental and private agencies, however, also were factors of considerable importance.

Should the 1937 crop in these three areas reach the 300,000,000 pounds now estimated, the 1937-38 (October-September) import requirements of American flue-cured leaf would probably be materially below the 1936-37 imports, which are now expected to total approximately 65,000,000 pounds.

Total consumption of flue-cured leaf in China, Japan and Manchuria during the current (1936-37) season will amount, on a redried basis, to approximately 300,000,000 pounds compared with 267,000,000 pounds in 1935-36 and with the average of 236,000,000 pounds annually for the five years ended with 1934-35. Only a moderate increase in consumption is expected in 1937-38, the total reaching perhaps 310,000,000 pounds of redried leaf and stems.

Carryover stocks of flue-cured leaf in these three countries at the end of the current marketing year (September 30) are not expected to exceed 151,000,000 pounds compared with 165,000,000 pounds on September 30, 1936, and with the preceding five year average of approximately 180,000,000 pounds. The report points out, however, that during those years consumption was materially lower than during the past two years.

Lower prices for American flue-cured leaf during 1937 might be an incentive for manufacturers to increase their purchases of American leaf. Purchases of American leaf will tend to be restricted, however, by increased cigarette production costs and particularly increased cigarette taxes in China, which is the largest producer, consumer and importer of the three countries under consideration.

### GRASSES OR LEGUMES MAKE GOOD ENSILAGE

With molasses as a preservative, any green crop that will make hay can be stored in a silo without any appreciable loss of feed value.

Corn silage contains substances that act as a preservative, but legumes and grasses do not have enough sugar to ferment properly, said A. C. Kimrey, extension dairy specialist at State College.

By adding molasses to legumes and grasses, the material can be kept in good condition, he pointed out.

The crop can be cut at any stage of maturity and in any kind of weather, he pointed out. However, greater feeding value is obtained if the crop is cut early in the season as possible without injuring the

stand. Cereal crops should be cut when the grain is in the milk

stage. Start cutting early in the morning. If the crop is wet with dew or rain, so much the better. The crop should be put in the silo within a few hours after cutting.

If the crop must remain in the field more than a few hours on a dry day, water should be added as it is blown into the silo, as plenty of moisture is necessary to prevent heating and fermentation.

Around 40 to 45 pounds of molasses should be added to each ton of cereal and grass crops, while 75 to 80 pounds should be added to a ton of legume silage.

The molasses can be added from an elevated barrel by allowing the proper amount to flow through a spigot on to the green material as it is fed into the cutter.

If more molasses is used, it will increase the cost, but will not harm the silage, Kimrey added.

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