

# Improvement In Employment Conditions Noted Last Month

## Drop In Number Of New Claims Seen By Compensation Commission

**\$9,266,000 Remains In Unemployment Fund At End Of July.**

Raleigh, Aug. 3 — Approximately \$5,855,000 has been paid to unemployed and partially unemployed workers in North Carolina by the State Unemployment Compensation Commission since the first check was issued late in January, while about \$9,266,000 remained in the fund at the end of July, Chairman Charles G. Powell states.

A drop in the numbers of new claims has been noted during the past few weeks, indicating improvement in employment conditions over the State, while the payments made each month by employers indicate only a moderate monthly drop in amount of pay-rolls. Collections amount to about 3-4 of a million dollars a month, while benefit payments have reached almost a million a month.

The fund as of July 31 had receipts of about \$15,121,000, which included \$14,882,000 in contributions by employers and \$238,979.62 in interest in the balance on deposit with the U. S. Treasury.

Through last Wednesday, July 27, actual benefit payments had reached \$5,754,276.50, while contributions and interest reached \$14,882,123.20, having an actual balance of \$9,127,846.70.

The new Advisory Council of the State Unemployment Commission will meet with members of the commission, Chairman Charles G. Powell, Mrs. J. B. Spiman and Major A. L. Fletcher at the George Vanderbilt Hotel, Asheville, August 15, at the call of Chairman Grady Rankin, of Charlotte. W. B. Rodman, Jr., Washington, is vice-chairman, and E. W. Price is secretary.

The Council will discuss, among other things, the "pooled fund," "merit rating" and "reserve account" methods of handling unemployment compensation funds. The State has the "pooled fund" plan, but the law provides for a study of the other methods.

The Council, representing three groups, follows: general public, W. C. Dowd, Charlotte; W. B. Rodman, Jr., Washington; Harry L. Wilson, Morganton; Clarence Stone, Stoneville; Don Elias, Asheville; employer, Marion W. Heiss, Greensboro; W. A. Egerston, Enka; Grady Rankin, Charlotte; James I. Miller, Wilson; T. A. Finch, Thomasville; employee, C. G. Shaw, Durham; C. A. Fink, Salisbury; Charles Ruffin, Raleigh; A. M. Hughes, Wilmington; C. M. Waynick, High Point.

### COTTON POOL

The cotton producers' pool, established in connection with the first program of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, has completed preparation for buying up the outstanding participation trust certificates and liquidating the pool's activities.

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## Uncle Jim Says



Records studied by the State College Extension Service show that about three times as many automobiles were sold in farm states in 1937 as were sold in 1932. Farm cash income in 1937 was twice as big as income in 1932.

## DAVIS GETS CO-OP ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP

**Haywood Boy Is Winner Over Four Other Contestants In State Finals.**

Raleigh, August 3 — Jim Davis, 19-year-old student of Clyde High School in Haywood County has been awarded the first prize of a one-year college tuition scholarship and \$100 in cash in the eleventh annual Co-operative Essay Contest.

The finals of the essay contest, held in Raleigh this week, brought to a close a series of school, county and district contests which began early in May and in which thousands of rural boys and girls in all sections of the state participated. The contest is sponsored each year by the North Carolina Cotton Growers Co-operative Association, the Farmers Cooperative Exchange and the Carolina Co-operator Publishing Company as an educational project.

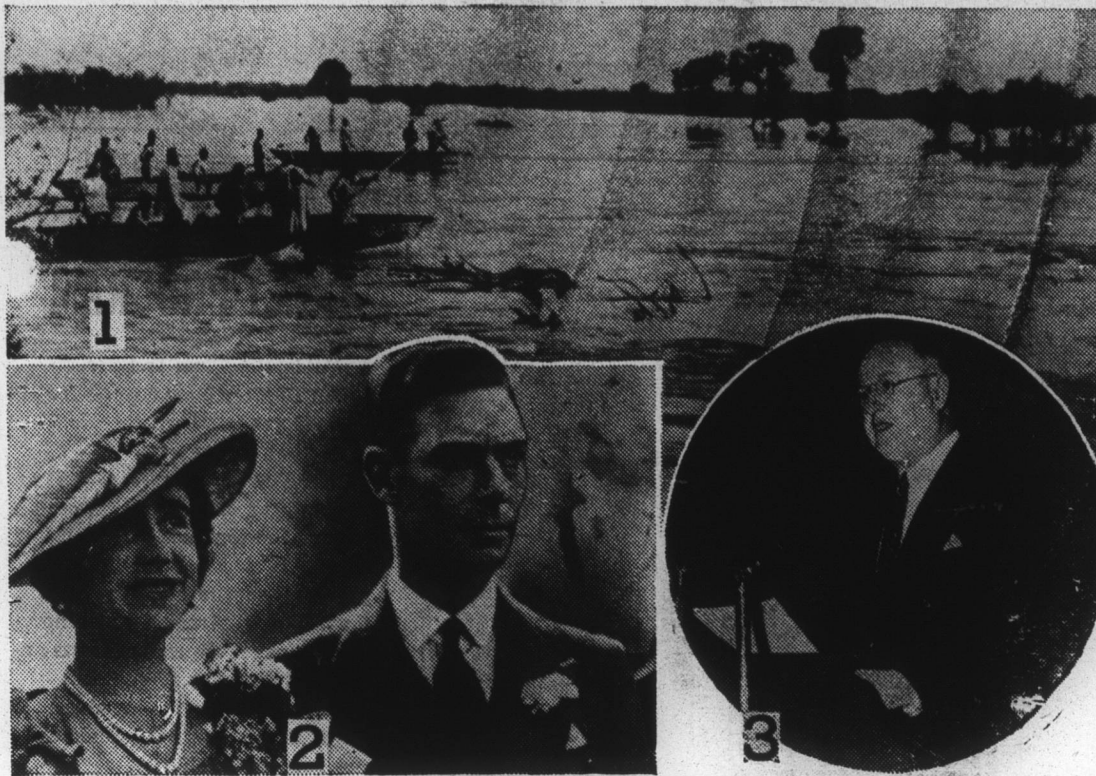
Second prize of \$25 in cash went to Edmund W. Harris, Jr., 16-year-old student of Dunn High School in Harnett County, while third prize of \$15 went to Mary Patricia McCleney, 16-year-old student of Chadbourne High School in Columbus County, the lone girl contestant. Horace Edward Moore, 15-year-old student of Red Oak High School in Nash County won fourth prize of \$10.

The three rural boys all spoke on "The Kind of Farmer I Intend To Be," while Miss McCleney spoke on "The Kind of Farm Woman I Intend To Be."

Commenting upon the contest, M. G. Mann, General Manager of the Cotton Association and the FCX, said that he was "impressed" with the emphasis rural youth of today is placing upon character. "It was particularly encouraging," he said, "to note the large number of contestants who stated that in order to be a good farmer or a good farm woman they must first be good citizens in every respect, and above all, Christians at heart."

In his essay on "The Kind of

## World Events Through the Camera's Lens



1—Japanese soldiers pole their boats over the flooded waters of the Yellow river after Chinese troops break in the dykes to delay the Nipponese advance. 2—King George and Queen Elizabeth of England whose recent visit to France strengthened the military alliance between the two nations for defense. 3—"Big Jim" Farley shown addressing the meeting of the national gathering of the Young Democrats of America at Seattle, Wash.

Farmer I Intend To Be" Davis stressed the importance of character, education, selection of a life-partner, choosing a farm, soil management, business management, and an ample income. "Contrary to public opinion," declared Davis, "I think the average farm, if managed intelligently, can provide a decent and comfortable living for the farmer and his family."

Davis, who has already made application to State College this Fall, where he will study Agriculture, said he wanted to learn how to select livestock, plan crop rotation, livestock rations, learn and understand more about cooperative organizations such as the Farmers Cooperative Exchange, the State Cotton Association and other organizations that are helping to make successful agriculture.

Davis set fourth the qualifica-

tions he expects the future Mrs. Davis to have in the following paragraph.

"In selecting a life-partner I want to get a woman with good character, robust health, neat in appearance, possessing a good education, a good cook and willing to work and live on the farm and can enjoy farm life."

He declared that "Farming is a business that must be managed as such," commented upon the fact that there is something for the farmer to do every day in the year. He said he intended to guarantee a source of income through a diversified plan of operation which would balance crops and livestock on his farm.

The Caswell County farm agent reports one of the best crops of lespedeza ever grown in the county. Other piedmont Extension workers report the same good news.

### PLENTY OF WHEAT

Record world wheat production and near-record world supplies of the grain are indicated for the 1938-39 crop, according to the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics in its current wheat situation report.

### N. C. TOBACCO QUOTA

The North Carolina flue-cured tobacco marketing quota for the 1938-39 marketing year to be apportioned among growers is approximately 494,934,000 pounds, reveals E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer at State College.

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### FARM BOY GIVEN AWARD FOR ESSAY

L. Bruce Gunter, of Fuquay Springs, Vice-President of the State Cotton Association, is shown here presenting Jim Davis, of Waynesville, with a one-year tuition scholarship and \$100 in cash as first prize in the Eleventh Annual Co-operative Essay Contest. Other winners, left to right are: Edmund W. Harris, Jr., of Dunn, second prize in the Eleventh Annual Co-operative Essay Contest. Other winners, \$15; and Horace Edward Moore of Rocky Mount, fourth prize of \$10. Thousands of boys and girls from all sections of the State participated in the Essay Contest this year.

One crop of cowpeas, plowed under, and some needed terracing resulted in the wheat yield on the farm of J. W. Beckham of Harrisburg, R. 1, Cabarrus County, being raised from six bushels an acre last year to 15 bushels an acre this season.

R. H. Barringer of Balls Creek, Catawba County, wanted a fish pond so he contracted with the County terracing unit to build him one. The water is led into the pond through a trough and the land around is terraced so that a maximum of silt can pollute the water.

Interested in improving his tomato crop, C. H. Fries of Salisbury, Route 1, Rowan County, has developed a new tomato variety which promises to be of great value to North Carolina gardeners.

Limestone and phosphate applied to his hay field resulted in George Whitehead of Avery County cutting two tons of hay to the acre this summer. Where he did not use the material his yield was approximately one ton per acre.

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