

### Welfare Conference In Williamston Friday

Miss Lavinia Engle, Educational Division, Social Security Board, Washington, D. C., will be the luncheon speaker at the Northeastern District Welfare Conference to be held in Williamston Friday, which will begin at 9:30 A. M. She will discuss the Social Security Act. Hon. Thad Eure will preside over the luncheon which will be at 12:35 at the High School Gymnasium.

The conference theme, "Next Steps Toward Social Security in North Carolina," is of particular interest at this time. Mrs. W. T. Bost, State Commissioner of Public Welfare, will discuss the "State's Responsibility in Social Legislation". Dr. Howard W. Odum, President of the North Carolina Conference for Social Service, "Next Steps Toward Social Security in North Carolina", and Miss Mary Irene Atkinson from the Children's Bureau, "Services to Children Through the Social Security Act". "The Responsibility of the Local Community" will be discussed by Mrs. J. M. Hobgood, Chairman Pitt County Board of Welfare, with board members and commissioners participating.

An open forum on problems of the county welfare department will be held immediately after the luncheon program with members of the staff of the State Department present to answer questions.

Mrs. Blanche Carr Sterne, president of the State Association of County Superintendents of Public Welfare, will bring the annual message. Rev. E. C. Shoe, member Martin County Board of Welfare, will pronounce the invocation and J. C. Manning, Superintendent of Martin County Schools, will extend greetings. Miss Mary W. Taylor, superintendent of welfare, Martin County, is president of the district and will preside over the meeting. The registration will begin promptly at 9:30 in the Baptist church. Mrs. I. F. Snipes superintendent of welfare, Hertford County, is secretary of the district and is extending a cordial invitation to the public to attend the conference.

### Best Pork Comes From Well Conditioned Hogs

Getting hogs in good condition for slaughtering is one of the main points in successful butchering, said H. W. Taylor, extension swine specialist at State College.

The best pork, he said, comes from hogs that are neither too young nor too old, too fat or too thin.

Butcher hogs should be well finished. A well finished hog weighing from 200 to 250 pounds produces the most satisfactory pork for curing on the farm.

Smooth, evenly fleshed animals produce a better meat, and will cut up with less waste than coarse, rough, wrinkled, and flabby ones. They also have a more tender, finer textured product with the right proportion of fat and lean.

Hogs that are gaining in weight are usually the healthiest and will make the best meat. However, the loss of a few pounds in shipping before butchering will not lower the quality of the meat.

The muscles of a thin hog are tough. They lack the flavor and juiciness found in a well marbled piece of meat.

Extremely fat, heavy hogs cannot be converted into the best quality cured pork.

Although hogs may be slaughtered at any age, meat from young pigs is watery and soft and does not have the flavor and keeping qualities of meat from animals a little older.

Additional information on killing and curing hogs may be obtained from county agents or in extension folder No. 34, "Killing and Curing Meat on the Farm," which will be sent free upon application to the agricultural editor at State College.

### Ownership Utilities Query For Debate

The question as to whether the government should own and operate all electric light and power utilities will be discussed by hundreds of North Carolina high school debaters in their spring debates of the present scholastic year.

This was indicated in the announcement that the following query had been chosen for this year's contest of the High School Debating Union of North Carolina: "Resolved, That the government should own and operate all electric light and power utilities."

The schools which enroll in the High School Debating Union will participate in a State-wide triangular series of debates. Those winning both sides of the contest will send their teams to Chapel Hill to compete in the finals for the Aycock Cup. All schools of secondary nature are invited to enter.

Announcement of the query was made today by Secretary E. R. Rankin, who pointed out that the question of government ownership and operation of electric utilities had been chosen as the national high school debate topic for this year. Thirty-five state high school debating leagues will discuss this question in their annual contests next spring.

The Ferrisman High School will again enter the debate, together with Edenton and Elizabeth City forming the triangle.

### LAUGHS FROM THE DAY'S NEWS!



### Amateur Boxers Invited Take Part In Tourney

Wilmington, Nov. 18.—An invitation to all amateur boxers in eastern North Carolina more than 16 years of age to compete in the eastern North Carolina Golden Gloves boxing tournament here the week of January 10th, was issued today by the Wilmington Star-News and the Brigade Boys' Club, sponsors of the event.

Champions in the eight divisions are to be sent to Atlanta, Ga., where the southeastern Golden Gloves tourney will be held, and winners there will be sent to Chicago where they will compete in the national championship.

Father J. A. Manley, Wilmington boxing commissioner, and W. H. Montgomery, executive director of the Brigade Boys' Club, along with the Star-News are taking an active part in the management of the tournament and expect it to be one of the most colorful ever held in this section.

The meet will be for amateurs only with any simon-pure from this section of the state eligible to compete. High school and individual amateurs will battle for titles from flyweight to heavyweight with each community in the section expected to supply fighters for the card.

### Says Red Squill Best Rat Poison Known

Red Squill is considered by far the best rat poison known, but its success depends upon how and where it is distributed.

Two of its main advantages are that it is relatively harmless to domestic animals and that it is comparatively slow to take effect on rats, said George B. Lay, rodent control leader of the U. S. Biological Survey, with headquarters at N. C. State College.

When a fast-acting bait kills the first rats that nibble it, he explained, the other rats are frightened away and are, therefore, not likely to be poisoned.

Although Red Squill will not kill domestic animals, it may make them sick, and for this reason it should be placed where they cannot get at it very easily, Lay pointed out.

On farm premises, the bait should be spread late in the afternoon, after chickens and livestock have more or less settled down. Put out plenty of bait so that all rats will have a chance to eat it freely.

Look for runways, burrows, and other places where rats may be, Lay continued, and place bait in and around these places. Many small bits of bait, about the size of marbles are better than a few bigger pieces.

Rats run along beams and rafters and in other high places, but they return to the floor or ground to seek feed and water. So the bait should be put out in low places rather than in those higher up.

Red Squill causes a gradual paralysis. When the rats feel the effects coming on, they seek burrows and other out of the way places to die. Few if any dead rats are found in the open and there are seldom if any serious unpleasant odors.

However, if any dead rats are found in the open, Lay cautioned, they should be buried or otherwise destroyed.

### FARMERS WARNED NOT SELL COTTON AT 'DOCKED' PRICES

Farmers are warned against selling their cotton at "docked" prices by M. G. Mann, general manager of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association.

"Due to excessive rain during the early picking season, many farmers have been led to believe that the grade of the State cotton crop this year would be inferior," Mr. Mann

said, "and certain speculators over the State are taking advantage of this misapprehension to buy cotton for less than its real value."

Quoting government reports showing that more than 80 per cent of the crop ginned to date is running middling or better, Mr. Mann urged farmers to refuse to sell their cotton until it has been classed under supervision of a government-licensed classer and they know as much about its value as the man who is buying it.

"Instead of being 'docked', most of our farmers should get a premium for their cotton this year," Mr. Mann said, as he pointed to figures showing that nine out of every ten bales ginned in the State so far have been 16-16 or longer and as such command a premium when sold cooperatively.

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