

Field Office Opened From '54 Ag. Census

Appointment of Randolph Williams of 308 South Bruton Street, Wilson, North Carolina, as the supervisor of the 1954 Census of Agriculture field office to be established at Rocky Mount is announced by Director Robert W. Burgess of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

Mr. Williams will direct a force of 16 crew leaders and 249 enumerators in 22 North Carolina counties from the Rocky Mount office. Counties to be covered from Rocky Mount include Bertie, Beaufort, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Edgecombe, Gates, Greene, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Lenoir, Martin, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrrell, Warren, Washington and Wilson.

Mr. Williams reported on August 30 to the permanent Census Bureau district office at Charlotte for a week's training. The training covers administrative procedures, office routine, map work, practice in filling out farm census report forms and other duties and responsibilities connected with the job.

The 1954 Census of Agriculture will provide information on the number and size of farms, acreage and harvest of crops, livestock production and inventories, selected farm facilities and equipment, selected farm expenditures, farm values and mortgage debt.

Corn Prospects Lowest Since 1944

Based on condition and yield reports from growers as of September 1, the 1954 Tar Heel corn crop is estimated at 54,494,000 bushels. A crop of this size, if realized, would be the smallest since 1944 when 52,349,000 bushels were produced. The 1943-52 average production is 61,914,000 bushels.

According to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service, September 1 prospects point to an average yield per acre of 25.5 bushels. This is the same as the 1952 average yield and is lower than any other year since 1945 when the average yield per acre was 25 bushels.

Yield prospects vary rather widely between areas within the State. The extended drought has been particularly damaging to the crop in most Piedmont counties. In some of these counties more than half of the corn has been cut for silage or forage owing to the extremely low yield prospects for grain.

Harvesting of the crop is getting underway on scattered farms in the Coastal counties.

United States corn production is currently estimated at 2,972,641,000 bushels. This compares with the 1953 crop of 3,176,635,000 bushels.

Pot Of Gold Awaits Cotton Picking Champ

There's a pot of gold waiting at the end of the cotton row in Blytheville, Ark., at the National Cotton Picking Contest September 30-October 1.

A thousand-dollar first prize will go to the nation's champion cotton picker in the fifteenth annual competition sponsored by the Blytheville Junior Chamber of Commerce. Total prizes in the contest amount to \$2500. Special awards will be made in children's, women's, and old-timers' divisions.

The actual picking contest will be staged on October 1, but two days of festivities are planned in connection with the event. On September 30 hand parades will feature the famous Forty and Eight Train. There will be an air show, street dances, and other festivities. A beauty pageant will be held with the winner receiving a \$500 cotton wardrobe and an all expense trip to Havana, Cuba.

The picking competition is scheduled October 1. During the contest thousands of balloons will be released to add color to the event. The program also includes a demonstration of mechanical cotton picking, speeches, musical entertainment, a cotton bag sewing contest, and other features. The festivities will come to a close that evening with a grand cotton ball presenting Tex Beneke's music.

Cotton pickers will compete on both a quantity and quality basis. A judging committee will decide which picker has earned the title of "National Cotton Picking Champion" and the thousand-dollar award that accompanies it. Complete details about the contest may be obtained from Kelly Welch, P. O. Box 707, Blytheville, Ark.

A Siam

Patience—I adore bridge. I could play bridge in my sleep.

Partner (grimly)—Apparently you do.

ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN IN WORLD SERIES

Bill McGowan, famous umpire, who has worked in eight World Series games gives his view of the drama and humor that always adds excitement to the year's top sports show. Don't miss this fascinating feature in the September 28th issue of

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Industry In State Is Growing Rapidly

The rapid industrial development of North Carolina is emphasized in the new "Facts About North Carolina," which shows that while more people are still employed in agriculture, the cash value of the state's industrial production is nearly eight times as great as that of its farms.

Director Ben E. Douglas of the Department of Conservation and Development, from which the four-page pamphlet may be obtained free, said that it is the most concise collection of facts about the state ever assembled. For major industrial and agricultural items, figures not only for 1953 are given but comparative statistics for 1939, 1951 and 1952. The pamphlet was compiled by State Advertising Director Charles Parker.

The statistics show that the value of North Carolina's industrial production for 1953 totaled \$6,924,000,000, an increase of \$183,000,000 over 1952, and that in 1953 there were 464,000 persons employed in industry, an increase of 15,000 over 1952. Employment in the tourist industry is not included in the employment totals, because the tourist industry is a service rather than a manufacturing industry.

Rank of North Carolina "Big Ten" industries in 1953, with production value, was given as: Textiles \$2,319,000,000, Tobacco \$1,661,000,000, Foods \$496,000,000, Furniture \$332,000,000, Tourists \$325,000,000, Lumber \$271,000,000, Chemicals \$197,000,000, Paper \$194,000,000, Electrical Machinery \$182,000,000, Apparel \$125,000,000.

North Carolina leads the United States in textile, tobacco and wooden furniture production, and all the southeastern states in its total production, both in industry and agriculture.

Pvt. Dillard E. Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ward, Hertford, N. C., recently arrived in Germany for duty as a patrolman with the 1st Infantry Division's 1st Military Police Company. Last stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga., he entered the Army in March of this year and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C.

Children Returning To School Present New Problem In Safety

With the return of thousands of boys and girls to their classes for another year, the State Department of Motor Vehicles urges alertness, caution and courtesy on the part of motorists and children. More specifically the vehicles agency recommends the following tips:

For Motorists

1. Always expect the unexpected from children. Keep a sharp lookout for boys and girls walking or riding bikes.
2. Slow down to 15 miles an hour in school zones.
3. Stop for school buses when they are loading or unloading children.
4. Remember as you drive: Children may dare, so drivers beware.

For Children

1. Obey traffic officers, school patrols and traffic signs and signals.
2. Take the safest route to and from school. Let Mom or Dad decide, then always go that way.
3. Where there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic. Keep off the pavement.
4. If riding a bike, keep to the right, signal turns, carry no passengers, and be watchful in traffic.

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Wednesday and Thursday, September 22-23—
Tony Curtis in "BEACHHEAD"

Census Field Office Will Be In Wilson

Establishment of a field office for the 1954 Census of Agriculture is announced by Randolph Williams, who has been appointed supervisor for this area. The Census field office will be located at Room 304, Post Office Building, Wilson, N. C.

Mr. Williams states that preliminary work on the 1954 Census of Agriculture, to be taken this fall, will begin immediately. This includes organization of the field office, interviewing applicants for jobs, selecting and training of office clerks, field crew leaders and enumerators.

The territory assigned to this office for the 1954 Census of Agriculture includes the following counties: Warren, Halifax, Northampton, Bertie, Edgecombe, Wilson, Greene, Lenoir, Hertford, Gates, Perquimans, Chowan, Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck, Tyrrell, Washington, Dare, Hyde, Martin, Pitt and Beaufort.

Approximately 16 crew leaders and 249 enumerators will be employed to take the farm census in this area.

Only a few things are needed to make a wise man happy, but nothing to satisfy a fool.

L. Rochefoucauld.

NEW DRUG SHARPENS

Amazing story of a new drug which can make a mentally disturbed patient think he is a child once again and enable him to uncover his repressed memories. Read about this "Alice-In-Wonderland" drug in the September 26th issue of

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Lesson in Basic English
A Navy lieutenant at a South Sea Island station undertook to give an old native a lesson in basic English. He pointed at a Marine and said "man."

The native dutifully repeated, "Man."

That gave the volunteer teacher a thrill. He went on and pointed to a palm tree. "Tree," he announced. The

native echoed, "tree." That certainly was progress.

Just then a plane roared overhead. The lieutenant thought he'd give the native the first chance this time. "What," he asked, pointing upward. "I'm not sure," said the native, as he stood up and squinted at the plane, overhead. "It looks like a PB2Y, but it might be a B-24."

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