

Membership Grows In Farm Bureaus

Farm Bureau membership is growing in Chowan, Gates and Perquimans Counties. Over 800 members are expected by the end of the present drive.

Perquimans, with a quota of 337 members, has reached a total of 402. Chowan, with a quota of 270, has reached 223 and is expected to reach its goal within a few days. Gates County, with a quota of 238, started the drive later and has already reached 193.

The annual State Farm Bureau Convention will be held in Durham at the Jack Tar Hotel November 10-13. One of the highlights of the meeting will be setting official policies for 1964.

Voting delegates for the Tri-County area are: Chowan, 1; Gates, 2; Perquimans, 2.

For each 200 members a county receives one voting delegate.

LEGION RAFFLE NOV. 23

The Reed & Louder Post No. 362 of the American Legion of Hertford will hold a raffle on November 23 at the Savoy at 9:30 P. M.

Charity is indeed a noble and beautiful virtue, grateful to man, and approved by God. But charity must be built on justice. —Henry George.

Greenwood 4-H Club Has Meeting

The Greenwood 4-H Club met at Mrs. Kenneth Bateman's Friday, October 25 at 4:00 P. M. The meeting was called to order by Elizabeth Ivey. The pledge of allegiance and 4-H club pledge was read by members. Brenda Wood had the devotion. The roll was called and minutes were read by Missouri Bateman. New business was brought up by Mrs. Bateman, urging everyone to create interest in Fall Achievement Exhibits, and to turn all record books in by the last of October.

Mrs. Bateman also gave a demonstration on sewing on buttons. After the meeting was adjourned, the club enjoyed a Halloween party, given by Mr. and Mrs. Walton Wood and Brenda.

Mrs. Powell Dies In Norfolk Hospital

Mrs. Bernice Riddick Powell, sister-in-law of Mrs. J. Moody Matthews, Sr., of Hertford, died in a hospital at Norfolk, Va., last Friday after a short illness. Surviving are her husband, James William (Buddy) Powell; a daughter; a son; a brother, and five grandchildren, all of Norfolk.

Culture is one thing and vanity another. —Ralph Waldo Emerson.

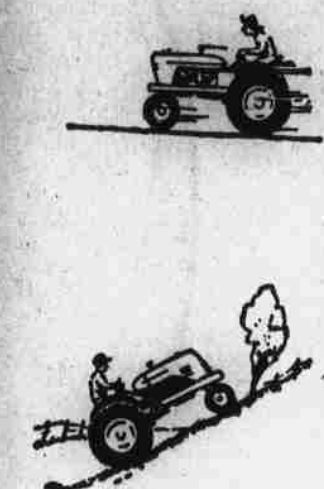
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Cotton Crop Prospects
Latest U. S. Department of Agriculture estimates indicate a 1963 U. S. cotton crop of 14,847,000 bales. This is 20,000 bales less than the 14,867,000 bales in 1962 but 13 per cent more than average.

For the United States, a record high yield per acre of 500 pounds is indicated. This compares with 457 pounds last year and the previous high of 466 pounds in 1958. The 1957-61 average is 440 pounds.

The forecast of 14,847,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight indicates ginnings for the season of 14,840,000 running bales and cottonseed production of 6,160,000 tons, based on average bale weights and seed-lint ratios, respectively.

Cotton Allotment Set
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When quotas are in effect, excess sales over the quota are subject to a heavy penalty tax. In addition to the national allotment of 16 million acres, the Department provided a reserve of 200,000 acres to be used to the extent needed for establishment of minimum farm allotments. This reserve was 310,000 acres of this year's crop. The Department did not announce the rate at which the cotton crop will be supported next year. This year's base rate is 32.47 cents a pound.

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