

**Cotton Insurance Rates Are Lowered**

A recent announcement of the 1947 Cotton Crop Insurance Program of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation by State FCIC Director Julian Mann reveals that most of the counties of North Carolina will be able to receive insurance on cotton at rates reduced as much as thirty-three percent.

In a release to the State College Extension Service, Mr. Mann explained that these rate reductions apply to counties where the risk involved in producing cotton has proved to be light, and where few losses have been suffered in the years that cotton has been insured by the FCIC, a government corporation.

Another change in cotton crop insurance bases the rate of the premium and the loss claims on the same figure, to be determined by the

average price of the Ten Spot Markets for the month of July.

Coverage on crop loss or failures will be provided up to a full 75 percent this year, according to Mann, who said that though coverage had formerly been offered up to this figure, deductions were made for picking costs. This will no longer be effective.

Farmers wishing to insure 1947 cotton crops should get in touch with their county PMA committees, or agents appointed by them, Mann said.

Mexico has been added to the list of countries where foot-and-mouth disease has been determined to exist, and has been quarantined by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Forty three million bushels of grain products were exported from this country in December, the largest monthly total in the current marketing year.

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**LOOKING AHEAD**  
by **GEORGE S. BENSON**  
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**Land of Vikings**

Norway is one of the delightful little countries of Europe. About the size of two of our average states, her population is only three million—half that of New York City. A parliament is elected by direct vote of the people every four years, and it constitutes the real authority of the nation. They have a King, who reigns but does not rule. Next to the King, the speaker of the parliament is the highest official in the country. The fairhaired Norwegians are a strong, sturdy people, whose chief quality is individualism.

Communism invaded Norway at the end of World War I. A "labor" party was created by the Communists, but eventually most of its members went over to the "Socialist Democrats," now the leading party controlling more than half the 150 seats in parliament. The extent to which Marx's theories have been made into harmful practice is evident when one examines the present state of Norwegian industry. It is apparent that the early Communist influence did not just disappear in an assimilation into the leading labor party, but remains like a hungry dog, strayed from Russia, and is now eyeing the prosperous merchant fleet of Norway.

**Equalization**  
The greatest private industry Norway has ever developed is her merchant marine that sails the seven seas, all out of proportion to the size of the country. This shipping industry has been the chief source of revenue for balancing the national budget and for obtaining essential foreign credit. It remains the backbone of Norwegian finance.

Present policies of the Socialist government, in an attempt to equalize everything for everybody, are seriously threatening this important industry. This is the pattern: It took 4,600,000 government dollars to subsidize the distribution of milk last year, therefore to meet the cost of this subsidy a 4,600,000 dollar tax was placed on the shipping industry because it had experienced a good year and appeared able to pay.

**Killing the Goose**  
A reliable Norwegian informant told this story. The merchant marine lost many ships during the war, and although they were insured by Lloyd's of London it was impossible to transfer the money to Norway while the country was in the grip of the Germans. Accordingly, the funds were held as credit in London.

The present Socialist government now looks anxiously over the books of the shipping companies. If they conclude that a lost ship had quite paid for itself, they tax the company 85% of the face of the insurance policy. This extremely high tax on the shipping industry, plus virtual confiscation of insurance premiums on lost ships, threatens to reduce the industry to the detriment of the entire nation.

This is a fine example of killing the goose to get more eggs immediately, but the production of golden eggs in the future is definitely threatened. I cannot help feeling that the source of this sort of thing in Norway was the stray dog influence of Communism. I found it the distinct opinion of those who have done most to create the wealth of Norway that the greatest present threat to progress now is monopoly and regimentation.

Thirty-three North Carolina 4-H club members have recently been awarded \$950 in Savings Bonds for outstanding work in 1946.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a deed of trust given by D. L. Saunders and wife, to the undersigned as trustee for W. K. Mauney, D. C. Mauney, and L. Arnold Kiser on the 27th day of December 1944, as will appear on record in the Register of Deeds Office for Cleveland County in Book 300 at page 58 to secure the indebtedness therein mentioned and default having been made in the payment of same, the undersigned, will sell for cash at the courthouse door in Shelby, Cleveland County, North Carolina on Monday, February 10th, 1947, at 10:00 a. m. or within legal hours, the following described real estate:

Beginning at the intersection of Railroad and Mountain streets in the Town of Kings Mountain, N. C., and runs along the south margin of Mountain street, W. 210 feet to the fence now on the line between the said parties of the first part and the

lands of W. L. Plonk estate; thence along said fence south 100 feet to a stake; thence East 210 feet to the west margin of Railroad street; thence along the west margin of Railroad street, north 100 feet to the Beginning, containing 21,000 square feet, and being the lot on which is located the Mountain View Hotel, etc.

This the 8th day of January, 1947.  
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J. R. Davis, Atty. 1-9--30.

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