

### Agricultural Workers Will Convene

The theme of the 45th Annual Convention of the Association of Agricultural Workers, which convenes in Washington, D. C., Feb. 12, will be "Adjusting Southern Agriculture to Increase the Farm Income."

Frank H. Jeter, agricultural editor at State College, and director of publicity for the convention, states that a large number of agricultural leaders from North Carolina are scheduled to take part on the program during the three-day gathering which closes on Feb. 14.

A general business meeting is scheduled for the evening of February 13 Mr. Jeter stated, at which time tokens of appreciation for many years of faithful and distinguished service in Southern Agriculture will be awarded to outstanding agricultural leaders. Presentation of the awards will be made by W. Kerr Scott, North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture. Officers and members of the executive committee for 1948-49 will be elected during this meeting, he said.

The first general session of the convention gets underway on Thursday morning, Feb. 12, when agricultural economists and rural sociologists hold a joint meeting with marketing specialists. The main feature of the afternoon session of this joint meeting will be a panel discussion on Research Under the Research and Marketing Act of 1946. Dr. M. A. Abrahamson, professor of Marketing at State College, is scheduled to take part in the panel. Other meetings scheduled for Thursday include the agricultural editor's section, agricultural engineers, agronomy and animal husbandry.

Many of the South's top-ranking agricultural leaders will attend this year's convention, Mr. Jeter said, and virtually every phase of agriculture affecting the economy of rural people will be discussed, he added.

Relatively large stocks of 795 million bushels of wheat were stored in all positions January 1, 1948, despite near-record disappearance since July 1, 1947, according to the USDA. The Commodity Credit Corporation bought 257,253 bushels of wheat during the period from noon of December 19 to noon of December 26. Purchases of wheat since July 1 total 191, 143, 528 bushels.

### Appointed To New Post With Extension Service

The appointment of Howard M. Ellis, a native of Beaufort County, to head of the Agricultural Engineering department for the State College Extension Service, was announced this week by Director I. O. Schaub.

Mr. Ellis, who has served for the past 11 years as Extension Agricultural Engineering specialist at the college, replaced David S. Weaver, who resigned to accept a position as assistant director of the Extension Service. A 1929 graduate of State College, Mr. Ellis received his B. S. degree in Civil Engineering. Following four years of work with the Engineering Department of the Empire Oil and Refining Company in Martineville, Okla., he returned to State College, and in 1934 he was awarded a B. S. degree in Sanitary Engineering. While working for this degree, he served on the teaching staff of the Civil Engineering department.

In 1934, Mr. Ellis accepted a position with the Soil Conservation Service as an assistant Agricultural Engineer. He resigned this position the following year to become compliance supervisor for AAA. He was appointed as Agricultural Engineering specialist for the State College Extension Service in 1936, a position which he has held until his recent promotion.

Mr. Ellis is a member of the Hillier Memorial Christian Church, the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, Tau Beta Pi, Phi Kappa Phi, Theta Tau, and the N. C. State College Alumni Club. He is married to the former Miss Jessie W. Wicker of Graham, and has one son.

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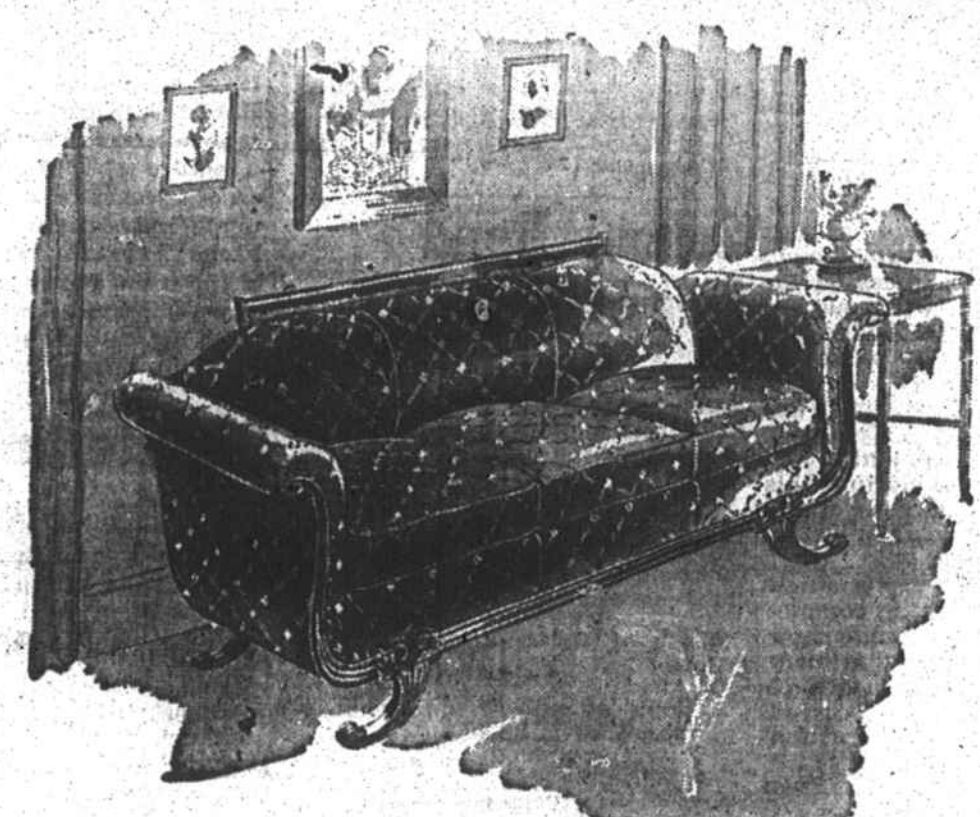
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