

### Brailer Industry Expands Rapidly

Figures presented to the mid-century fact-finding conference of the Institute of American Poultry Industries held recently in Kansas City, show that North Carolina broiler producers are among the best in the nation in the management of their flocks, according to Professor R. S. Dearstyne, head of the poultry department at State College.

The average Tar Heel producer, Dearstyne said, now markets his broilers at 10 to 12 weeks of age, compared to 12-14 weeks in 1940, and the weight of the birds when marketed is 2 1/2 to 3 1/4 lbs. compared to 2 1/2 pounds a decade ago. This record is exceeded only in the New England States, where broilers reach an average weight

of 3 1/2-3 pounds in 10-12 weeks. The report also showed that broiler production expanded more rapidly in North Carolina from 1940 to 1950 than in any other section of the country except Georgia. Tar Heel producers raised only 1,700,000 broilers in 1940, compared with an estimated production of 17,811,000 for 1950. This is an increase of 947 percent, second only to an increase of 1,360 per cent recorded in Georgia.

Other statistics showed that the average flock size in North Carolina is now 1,000-1,500, compared to 400-500 in 1940, and that four to five broods are raised per year as compared with only three broods per year in 1940.

Many Franklin County farmers are having their soil tested now to prepare for fall seeding of pastures.

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### Woodmen Of The World Sponsoring "Cracker-Jacks" Here Saturday

Arthur Smith and the Cracker-Jacks, featured artists over radio station WBT in Charlotte and over the Columbia Broadcasting System in the program "Carolina Calling" will appear in concert at the high school auditorium on Saturday May 20, sponsored by Woodmen of the World of Kings Mountain. The entertainment program will begin at 8 o'clock p. m.

Proceeds will go to the Woodmen building fund.

The Cracker-Jacks will present a show consisting of novelty instrumental, romantic ballads, humorous songs and a hilarious skit entitled "What Happened to Willie?" The program will appeal to every member of the family.

In addition to their regular program "Carolina Corner Store" over WBT and "Carolina Calling" over the CBS network, the Cracker-Jacks are recording artists for MGM records and their recording of "Guitar Boogie" (which was written by Arthur Smith) sold 2,500,000 records and is one of the all time favorites in the folk music field.

The group has played engagements as such famous theaters as Loew's Capitol in Washington, at the Hotel Raleigh in Washington and at the Blue Mirror night club.

In 1948 they received the Billboard Magazine award for being the outstanding group of folk artists appearing over large radio stations. Radio Mirror magazine has carried three stories about the group.

Arthur, Ralph and Sonny Smith are brothers and the fourth member of the quartet is sweet singing Roy Lear. A cordial invitation is extended by the Woodmen to the many friends and listeners of the Cracker-Jacks to visit them at the big jamboree.

Admission price will be only 50c for adults and 25c for children.

A new type of brittle candy made in part from sweet potatoes is acceptable to a large portion of U. S. consumers, according to a study recently completed by the Alabama Experiment Station and the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

### Officials Announce Basis For Corn War

The 1950 "corn war" between North Carolina and Virginia began in earnest this week as Extension officials of the two states announced that they had agreed on the basis for the competition.

The winning state will be the one whose average yield shows the larger percentage increase over the average for the 10-year period 1940-49. Last year, when Virginia won, the contest was based on the bushels-per-acre increase over the average for 1937-46.

North Carolina's 1940-49 average was 25 1/2 bushels per acre; Virginia's was 32 1/2. If the Old North State makes the same average yield it did last year—35 bushels per acre—the increase will be about 27 percent. If Virginia repeats its 1949 record with another average yield of 47 bushels, the increase for that State will be about 30 percent. On this basis Virginia would win again.

The terms may seem unfair to North Carolina, but Dr. E. R. Collins, in charge of agronomy for the State Extension Service, thinks otherwise. He points out that Old Dominion farmers have had several good seasons for corn, and they're overdue for a bad year. In addition, says Dr. Collins, Virginia growers have adopted corn hybrids much more rapidly than have Tar Heel farmers, and North Carolina can expect larger increases in the future as more and more hybrids are grown.

All in all, Dr. Collins thinks the terms for the contest the fairest that could be worked out.

Average corn yields for the two states from 1940 through 1949 have been:

North Carolina — 19.5, 22, 20, 22, 22.8, 25, 27, 31.5, 31 and 35 bushels per acre; Virginia — 27, 26, 27, 25, 26, 33, 36, 43, and 47 bushels per acre.

The supply of cigarettes manufactured in the United States last year amounted to 2,435 per person.

### Grand National At Martinsville

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — Virginia's outstanding stock car race of the season, the Grand National Circuit 150-lap classic for new model automobiles, will be reeled off over the fast half-mile banked 100,000 Martinsville speedway Sunday afternoon, May 21, under the direction of Bill France and sanctioned by the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing.

In three previous NASCAR Grand National Circuit races this season, Lincolns have topped the field twice with an Olds 88 taking the third. Harold Kite, East Point, Ga., won the 200-mile race at Daytona Beach, Fla., with a



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President Roosevelt's Board said—  
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Still the leaders of the Railroad Firemen's Union say—

## "STRIKE!"

This ridiculous strike is an affront to every citizen of the nation. It's not for more money. It's not because of hours. It's only for soft feather-bedding spots for additional unnecessary firemen to go along in diesel locomotives just for the ride. A leading liberal newspaper calls the demands of the union leaders "horse-feathers"!

• The reckless leaders of the firemen's union want to force down the throats of the railroads and the public a ridiculous "make-work" proposal which has been twice ruled out by Presidential Fact Finding Boards duly appointed under the provisions of the Railway Labor Act.

This demand of union leaders for additional and unnecessary firemen to ride in diesel locomotives was rejected—after months of hearings—by a Board appointed by President Roosevelt in 1943.

It was again rejected in 1949 by a Board appointed by President Truman. Recent meetings with the National Mediation Board have brought no change in the attitude of the union dictators.

Union Leaders Defy Intent of Law  
The union leaders helped write the Railway Labor Act. Yet in an attempt to jam through this scheme of pure "feather-bedding" by leading the members of their union out on strike and threatening paralysis to large areas of the nation, they are defying the spirit and intent of the very law which they helped to create.

This strike is not for higher wages. It is a strike to force the railroads to employ many more thousands of firemen who are not needed! It would be indefensible waste. The railroads have refused to place this additional and unnecessary burden on the public.

But more important than any other consideration, is the action of these few irresponsible union leaders in seeking to force a crippling strike upon the nation for their own selfish purposes. There is no other possible answer to such a demand but "No!"

The railroads in making such a reply believe they have the whole-hearted support of the people in whose interest they are willing to fight this out, despite the loss and inconvenience that all will suffer.

It is time to put an end to such un-American demands.

What are these reckless union leaders trying to do? They seek to cause thousands of their members to strike, and throw hundreds of thousands of other employees on and off the railroads out of employment, with loss of pay to them and their families, plus a severe blow to industry and the citizens of the nation.

Whar's the strike all about? If the union has its way—what happens? The present members of the union won't get one cent more pay. They will merely have been assessed for a costly and indefensible drive in an attempt to provide more dues-paying members for the union by creating "feather-bedding" jobs for additional and unnecessary firemen.

This is certainly one of the silliest strikes in history!

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