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Gov. Bob Scott has designated the week of July 25-31 as "Farm Safety Week" in North Carolina. In his proclamation, Scott pointed out that accidents continue to take a heavy toll in spite of the advances made in agricultural technology. He said that farm accidents can be prevented by farmers themselves by using the same concepts used to assure a successful harvest. Good planning, good practices and leaving as little as possible to luck.

"Our goal," the Governor said, "should be to eliminate chance from rural life just as we have learned to exclude it from agricultural production."

He urged all North Carolinians to unite in a strong and purposeful effort to reduce farm, home, recreational and highway accidents.

"Farm Safety Week" in North Carolina is part of a national effort aimed at reducing accidents in agriculture, which is the nation's third most dangerous industry, according to the National Safety Council. In proclaiming the week of July 25 as National Farm Safety Week, President Nixon said that American agriculture has become a fully realized technology largely subject to human planning and control. Because of this, he said, "there is sharp irony in the fact that this great industry... remains among the industries in which human life is most precarious and accident rates are highest."

Farm Safety Week activities in North Carolina are being spearheaded by the North Carolina Rural Safety Council, an organization comprised of groups and individuals interested in promoting safety on the farm as well as in the home and on the highway.

Mrs. Irby Walker of Raleigh, Council president, said "Needless loss of life and injury presents a challenge to all citizens to make safety a habit and to work for accident prevention not just during Safety Week but throughout the year."

Burlington's Dividend

GREENSBORO, July 14 — The Board of Directors of Burlington Industries, Inc. today declared a regular quarterly dividend of 35 cents per share, payable September 1, 1971, to shareholders of record at the close of business July 30, 1971.

Directors met for the first time in the Company's newly-completed corporate offices building in Greensboro.

School Teachers Survey Released

Tar Heel public school students during 1970-71 school year received the services of 51,209 full-time instructional personnel, according to a recent year-end survey.

Prepared by the State Department of Public Instruction, the report classifies the teachers principals and supervisors under several headings, including level of certification, experience, specialized area of instruction and source of salary.

Carlton H. Willis, manager of the Division of Data Processing and Statistical Services, noted that the total number of instructional employees paid out of state funds was 44,923. Locally employed personnel total 6,683 and federally paid instructional employee, 2,603.

Of the 1,928 teachers in state-allotted special education positions, the majority, 1,501 were teaching the educable mentally retarded. Other areas were served as follows: speech impaired, 222; crippled, 26; visually handicapped, 19; hospitalized, 56; hearing impaired, 22; learning disabled, 29; emotionally disturbed, 23. In addition, there were 219 state-allotted teachers of exceptionally talented children.

Up 389 from the previous school year, vocational education teachers totaled 3,170. Included in that figure were 950 teachers of trade and industrial education courses, 800 home economics in-

Washington Report

WASHINGTON — Foreign trade policy brought on much controversy in the closing days of the last Congress, but, unfortunately, no agreement was reached on a bill that would have curbed textile imports.

Since then the North Carolina textile industry has struggled to live with our unrealistic trade policies, but first quarter earnings this year were down and in many instances profits became losses. Several leading companies have laid off substantial numbers of employees and prospects are dim that the situation will improve soon. The chief cause, as has been the case since about 1958, is the importation of Japanese and Hong Kong made goods and their takeover of the domestic market.

Even the world's largest textile firm, Burlington Industries, has been seriously affected by the chaotic condition of the textile market. Burlington's President, Ely R. Callaway, Jr., recently testified before the Senate Subcommittee on International Trade and painted this bleak picture: "... the great disparity between wage rates and working conditions through-

out the world tends to make the U. S. the 'dumping ground' for goods which are produced abroad under conditions that are illegal in the U. S."

He pointed to a competitive factor often ignored by many "free traders," and that is that "Japan is the most highly protected market in the world. As a consequence, Japan often sells products to its own people at considerably higher prices than they sell the same or similar products to Americans." I would add that these goods are no bargain because they are being bought at the price of thousands of American jobs at a time when our economy is already straining to meet its obligations.

A new trade bill has been introduced by House and Ways and Means Committee Chairman Wilbur Mills, but it is now dormant in the Committee to allow time for Ambassador David Kennedy's trade mission to gain some concessions from the textile-producing nations of the Far East. Reports coming in on the Kennedy talks, however, indicate that nothing much has happened yet. The truth of the matter is that our trade policies have all too often been geared to the granting of extra concessions to other nations to keep them friendly and very rarely have our negotiators laid down sensible terms for trade with these countries.

In the last 13 years, U. S. textile imports have increased at a

fantastic rate while our textile exports have remained virtual-ly at the same level. By the end of 1970, the full tide began to run against us and we were running a \$1.6 billion trade deficit.

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