

"BUY DEFENSE BONDS TO REPLACE OLD TRACTORS," SAYS 'MAID OF COTTON'



Tractors, cotton and thrift are woven together in the fabric of American life, according to Miss Pat Mullarkey, Dallas, Tex., 1952 Maid of Cotton. Today, there are a million tractors on Southern cotton farms and 25,000 are added annually, sparking the trend to cotton mechanization. These tractors will last about 10 years. By putting the annual depreciation of the tractor, 10 per cent of the purchase price, into U. S. Defense Bonds each year, the thrifty cotton farmer can pay cash for a new tractor when he needs it. So, the young lady in the made-of-cotton costume reminds the cotton farmer: "Save for your new tractor the easy Defense Bond Way."

EDITOR

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ment and business, I have come up with that subject since the days of Ida Tarbell and Standard Oil, Thomas W. Lawson and life insurance scandals, the corrupt tie-in between business and politics as exposed by Lincoln Steffens from township to Congress, and the other writers of that time who were denounced by Theodore Roosevelt as muckrakers. And Lincoln Steffens' last book on the subject lies now on my table. The country was deeply concerned about corruption before Senator Nixon put on long britches and when General Eisenhower was a West Point cadet. I here record my opinion that there has been vast improvement in this field notwithstanding the present apparent lapse.

I trust that I will not be considered a vain boaster in recounting the experience and study from which I have arrived at being too well grounded in democracy to be swept off my feet by every little flurry of unpopularity of some particular Democrat, or a party mistake. Why should I desert the great past and present exponents of democracy if I should happen not to like some member of the party? Ralph Waldo Emerson, the New England philosopher and idealist said that democracy was the natural creed of liberal minded men though it often happened that such men objected to the persons found in the ranks of the Democratic party. I believe in democracy as a living principle and the hope of the world. The Democratic party as an organization is merely a vehicle. But the vehicle has to carry the load and therefore I stay in it and try to help direct its course. There is no difference between the mass of people who vote the Democratic ticket and those who vote the Republican ticket. The common decent citizens of both parties want the same things, the good and decent things. They seek them through both parties according to their predilections, their associations, and their different opinions of the way best to achieve them. The difference in the parties lies in the forces that guide and control policy. I thank God that I have lived to see one more nominee of the Democratic party who is a man of intellectual as well as moral integrity, a man of ideas and supreme devotion to the inner spirit of democracy, a man to whom I can give the same devotion and faith for the future as I have given to Jackson, Lincoln and Wilson in the past. I give my unbounded support to Governor Stevenson.

HUNTERS

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of our country as a land of dirt roads, made miserable in bad weather.

Considerable traffic is reported on the ferries on Alligator River and Croatan Sound, whose schedule at the present time is not adequate to handle the holiday or week-end business.

RANSOMVILLE NEWS

Mrs. Lucy Daughtery left Thursday for a visit to friends at Hockessin. She will also attend a meeting there.

J. R. Paul is better after a short illness.

N. H. Warren is some better. Friends here deeply sympathize with the relatives of the late Harvey Denby. He died in Tayloe Hospital, Washington, after a critical illness of three weeks. His remains were taken to Corning, N. Y., the home of a son, for burial. He spent a part of his life there.

BELHAVEN PERSONALS

Mrs. John Romich and her brother Jack Riddick left by plane from Norfolk Wednesday for Erie, Pa. where Mrs. Romich will close her home preparatory to settling in Belhaven. They were driven to Norfolk by Mrs. George Riddick and Mrs. Heber Wilkinson.

SHORTER CROPS IN N. C. OF CORN, PEANUTS, BEANS

Soybeans 100,000 Fewer Bushels; Corn Loss Runs in Millions

Considerable reductions of the estimated corn, soybean and peanut crops in N. C. are reported by the authorities this year.

North Carolina's soybean growers will harvest about 100,000 fewer bushels in 1952 than they did in 1951, according to a statement released today by the State-Federal Crop Reporting Service and based on crop reports as of October 1.

The estimated production for this year was set at 4,848,000, as compared with a total crop for 1951 of 4,950,000. The 10-year average (1941-50) for the State is 3,142,000 bushels.

Agricultural statisticians in Raleigh estimated that the yield-per-acre average will run about 16 bushels from 303,000 harvested acres. The 1951 crop came from 300,000 harvested acres.

Some damage has been done to the soybean crop in the State by army worms and beetles, but some growers say it is too early to appraise extent of the damage. Extended hot and dry weather was another factor that caused some damage in the major producing areas, southern Coastal and Piedmont counties being the hardest hit.

The corn crop in North Carolina will be considerably smaller this year than in 1951 and smaller than the 10-year average for 1941-50, it was also disclosed.

Current estimates indicate that the State will produce 55,075,000 bushels from 2,203,000 indicated acres for harvest—compared with the 1951 crop of 67,611,000 bushels from 2,181,000 acres. The 10-year average for corn is 59,560,000 bushels from 2,253,000 acres.

The per-acre yield for 1952 is estimated at 25 bushels, compared with 31 bushels last year and the 10-year average of 26.5 bushels.

Harvesting began the latter part of August in the commercial corn section around Elizabeth City and about 50 percent of the crop in this area had been picked by October 1. Corn harvesting is getting well along in other eastern areas, but in Piedmont counties corn picking is a little late in getting started because of the late tobacco crop and the urgency of gathering cotton.

The summer drought cut corn yields sharply throughout the Piedmont region and to a lesser extent in Coastal and Mountain sections.

Peanut growers will harvest an estimated 248,750,000 pounds this year from 199,000 acres, considerably less than the 315,210,000 pounds produced last year on an estimated 237,000 harvested acres. The 10-year average (1941-50) was 299,494,000 pounds harvested from 276,000 acres.

Statisticians in the Raleigh office said the figures for this year's crop were based on an estimated yield per acre of 1,250 pounds. The 1951 yield was 1,330 pounds, second only to the record 1940 yield of 1,430. The 10-year average yield is 1,090.

PROGRESS

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last Sept. 30 a total of \$17,465,007.54 of secondary-road bond money had been spent in the Second Division. An additional \$6,284,546.29 was spent on primary highway construction and improvements.

The commissioner reported that 52.1 miles of secondary road paving had been programmed to be done in the Second Division between Sept. 30 and next Jan. 1.

Following is a summary of the road program in our immediate counties in the Second Division: Miles of secondary bond roads paved: Beaufort, 119.09; Hyde, 64.85; Tyrrell, 42.5; and Washington, 40.7.

Number of new bridges: Beaufort, 32; Hyde, 16; Tyrrell, 16; and Washington, 11.

Number of new culverts: Beaufort, 36; Hyde, 14; Tyrrell, 7; and Washington 14.

Miles paved on county roads other than bond roads: Beaufort, 33.67; Hyde, 9.70; Tyrrell, 15; and Washington, 10.5.

Miles of roads stabilized: Beaufort, 177.1; Hyde, 36.2; Tyrrell, 27.9; and Washington, 45.6.

Miles of new primary highways paved: Hyde, 4.2; others, none.

Miles of primary highways widened and resurfaced: Beaufort, 13.23; Hyde, 22.2; Tyrrell, 7; and Washington, 28.88.

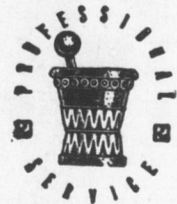
Miles of secondary road paving programmed to be done between Sept. 30 and Jan. 1, 1953: Beaufort, 14.5; others, none.

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