

# Committee Named To Study State's Marketing Set-up

The North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation has announced the formation of a state Farm Bureau Marketing Committee to study North Carolina's agricultural marketing set-up.

At the time he announced establishment of the committee, Farm Bureau Federation President Randolph Eagles of Macclesfield, declared, "there is a need for a farmer led study group which can survey, analyze and evaluate the marketing requirements necessary for a healthy agricultural economy with increased per capita income as its objective."

Members of the committee as announced by Eagles are A. C. Edwards of Hookerton, chairman; James Graham, Raleigh; John Broome, Aurora; Clyde Auman, West End; S. A. Yancey, Jr., Varina; William Enloe, Dana; Elmer Patterson, Elon College and Hoyle Griffin, Monroe.

The committee will work with marketing agencies already established in an effort to find ways of improving present marketing conditions, and in a search for ways of making future adjustments, according to Eagles.

Referring to specific areas of interest for the committee, Eagles said, "the entire area of timing production to match periods of peak demand and prices will receive attention. The committee will want to call on established agencies for information in regard to other marketing programs and suggested changes that are needed," declared Eagles.

The formation of the Farm Bureau Marketing Committee comes at a time when our agricultural industry is at a cross roads. With estimated industrial expansion and population growth there will come an increased demand for food and fiber. The test for our farmers is whether or not they will supply this demand, or if they will permit farmers from other areas to capture the home markets, declared the Farm Bureau president.

One of the major functions of the committee will be to pass on information to farmers and to give farmers a sounding board for presenting farmer directed policies for consideration by those agencies charged with the responsibility of directing the State's marketing program.

## DO YOU KNOW . . . About The Meaning of OASI And OAA

Two plans for protection against dependency are provided for persons 65 years of age and older under the Federal Social Security Act of 1935 and its amendments.

One is Old Age and Survivors Insurance (OASI) administered by the Federal government and the other is Old Age Assistance (OAA), administered in this State by the State Board of Public Welfare.

The insurance program (OASI) enables people to build up credits through contributions based on

their earnings during their working years. Then, upon retirement, they and/or their dependents receive regular benefits based upon the amount of their earnings prior to retirement. The purpose of the OASI insurance program is to keep people from becoming needy when they can no longer earn.

The initial Act, however, did not extend these benefits of OASI to all employed persons. Also when the law was enacted it was recognized that some persons were already dependent and too old to work. Some plan was needed to rthese persons.

Old Age Assistance (OAA) was provided in the law for those in economic need who became 65 and met the eligibility requirements.

It was anticipated that, as the number of persons covered by the OASI insurance program increased, the proportion in need of old age assistance (OAA) would decrease.

Until 1954, however, a large segment of the population—the farmers and farm workers—were excluded from the OASI insurance coverage. This was particularly significant in a rural state like North Carolina. Low per capita income also kept many of the State's citizens from being able to save for the future.

The OASI insurance program is keeping down the number applying for OAA assistance despite the

## ABUNDANT LIFE BY ORAL ROBERTS



GOD IS ALWAYS "IN TIME", ALWAYS "ON TIME"

The late Dr. George Washington Carver, noted Negro educator and philosopher, testified before a Senate committee concerning his laboratory work with the peanut. "How did you learn all these things?" he was asked. "From the Bible," he answered. "What does the Bible say about peanuts?" questioned the surprised chairman. "Nothing, Mr. Senator," replied the educator, "but it tells about God who made the peanut. So I asked Him to show me what to do with the peanut and He did."

God knows everything. He knows everything about you. He knows so much about us that He tells us "even before we call Him" what to do. "How did you learn all these things?" he was asked. "From the Bible," he answered. "What does the Bible say about peanuts?" questioned the surprised chairman. "Nothing, Mr. Senator," replied the educator, "but it tells about God who made the peanut. So I asked Him to show me what to do with the peanut and He did."

Mr. W. J. of South Carolina relates this striking incident. "I was a student at the University of South Carolina. I drove forty miles every day from the town of Great Falls where I lived, to the University in Columbia. "One morning it had been raining and the highway was wet. As I rounded a curve coming into a small town, Ridgeway, South Carolina, the quality of the highway material changed suddenly.

"My tires were somewhat worn, and as I rounded the curve and struck the new section of highway, the car began to skid sideways. Suddenly it began to turn around and around on the wet highway. "I wrestled with the steering wheel, applied the brake, and did every thing I could think of in the flash of a few seconds, but no results. Abruptly the car stopped twisting around and swerved toward a large tree that was growing beside the highway. "In the fleeting flash of a second, I realized I was going to strike that tree. The car was completely out of control. Instinctively I turned to the only resources left to me, and not having time to say the words aloud, a 'thought-prayer' flashed through my mind. These words stand out vividly to me today, although that was six years ago—'Lord, help me!'"

"I have tried to explain the next second with every psychological and scientific explanation available. Yet, none of them fit. How or why the car did not strike the tree with terrific force cannot be explained other than that the power of God was exerted in my behalf. It was as if a giant hand had seized the car and commanded it to stop—'instantly, within one foot of the tree, the car stopped skidding and began rolling backwards down the highway in the direction of Columbia. "In control of the car again, I turned around and continued on my trip. But all that day there was the terrific realization that the Lord had stepped in just in time to save me from almost certain death."

fact that 8,000 more persons are being added to the segment of the population 65 and over each year in the State. However, the OASI program is not cutting down on the total number of OAA recipients.

The gradual rise in the percentage of older people receiving some benefit from the OASI insurance program while still needing help from the OAA assistance program may be seen in the facts for the past three years. In February 1955 there were 51,479 persons 65 years of age or over who were receiving OAA assistance in North Carolina. Of this number it was estimated that 3,896, or 7.6 per cent, were also receiving OASI benefits. In the same month in 1956 a total of 51,489 persons were receiving OAA. Of this number 4,151 or 8.1 per cent were estimated to be receiving OASI benefits also. In that same month this year 51,606 persons were receiving OAA. Of this number 4,587 (8.8 per cent) were estimated to be receiving OASI also. In each instance the check from the OASI insurance program is one of the items of income taken into account when the budget for the person applying for OAA assistance is made out.

From these figures it can be seen that the number receiving OAA assistance is increasing very slightly in spite of the sharp increase in numbers in the segment of the population 65 and over. The percentage of people receiving OASI insurance benefits who must have supplementary OAA payments is showing a very gradual rise. It is estimated that the number of OAA recipients will remain approximately the same for the next few years but that the grants necessary for minimum needs will slowly increase because of the rising cost of living.

## Mrs. Bertha L. Cox Dies Suddenly At Home Of Daughter

Mrs. Bertha Lancaster Cox, 72, died suddenly Sunday morning at 4:15 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Olive Goodwin. She was a native of Craven County and a member of the First Christian Church of Norfolk.

Surviving are a son, Colin W. Cox of Detroit, Mich.; five daughters, Mrs. Olive Goodwin of Edenton, Mrs. Bertha Russell of Farmville, N. C., Mrs. Janie Paragon of Norfolk, Mrs. Brownie Sessions of Colerain and Mrs. Gussie Jacobs of Hampton; a brother, J. A. Lancaster of New Bern; a sister, Mrs. G. C. Cox of Kingston, 11 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were held at the Christian Church at Ayden Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The Rev. Z. B. T. Cox of Farmville officiated, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Goff. Burial was in the Ayden Cemetery.

He who is afraid of being too generous has lost the power of being magnanimous. The best man or woman is the most unselfed. —Mary Baker Eddy.

ley, Mrs. Maggie Ambrose and Mrs. Bertha Clifton, all of Creswell; 34 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

She was a member of the Phillippi Christian Church for 65 years and services were held there Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. Preston Cayton officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were J. E. Beach, D. R. Mizell, S. H. Long, Jr., T. W. Gardner, W. B. Reason and W. G. Long.

## Kenneth C. Bazemore Dies Friday Morning

Kenneth C. Bazemore, 60, died Friday morning at 5:20 o'clock at his home on North Broad Street after an illness of six weeks.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary M. Bazemore; a son, William B. Bazemore of Edenton; a daughter, Mrs. F. H. Potts of Edenton; two brothers, Howard Bazemore of Windsor and Milton of Baltimore; a sister, Mrs. R. H. Lavender of Norfolk and one grandchild.

He was a native of Bertie County and a member of the Lawrence Baptist Church. Funeral services were held at the Willi-

ford Funeral Home Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. E. C. Alexander, pastor of the Christian Church, officiated and burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery. Pallbearers were William Davis, Thurston Stallings, Percy Dail, Willie Bunch, John Keeter and W. T. Harris.

## Mrs. Victoria Pierce Dies At Home After Illness Of One Year

Mrs. Victoria Pierce, 74, died Thursday morning at 8 o'clock at her home on South Broad Street after an illness of a year. A native of Bertie County, she made her home in Edenton 18 years. Surviving are one son, Richard

Pierce of Colerain; three daughters, Mrs. Braxton Gay of Edenton, Mrs. Cleve Smith of Windsor and Mrs. Melvin White of Plymouth; three sisters, Mrs. Josephine Sutton of Norfolk, Mrs. Florence Creecy of Robersonville, Mrs. Hattie Sinclair of Bath, S. C., 10 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

She was a member of the Ross Baptist Church near Windsor.

Funeral services were held at the Williford Funeral Home Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. R. N. Carroll, pastor of the

Edenton Baptist Church, officiated and burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Reuben Bass, Haywood Jones, Andrew Hawkins, Earl Goodwin, Donald Ambrose and W. M. Rhoades.

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We wish to express our thanks to each and everyone for their kindness during the sickness and death of my husband, Kenneth C. Bazemore.

—Mrs. Kenneth Bazemore and Family

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