

McNabb Says NC Has Come Long Way But Still Should Climb; Statistics Given

H. B. McNabb, Chairman of the ASC Committee, said, "We have come a mighty long way in the last decade, but it is also true that we had a mighty long way to go even to get our agriculture on an equal level with other states."

Take a look at how North Carolina ranks with other states before we set any goals for the future, McNabb said. In the way of cash receipts from farm crops in 1950, North Carolina ranked fourth among the other states. In the way of cash receipts from livestock and livestock products, North Carolina in 1950 ranked 29th. This relative standing in the way of cash income from crops and from livestock indicates only the total for the state without taking into consideration the number of people dependent upon this income for their livelihood.

"North Carolina ranked 38th among the 48 states in per capita cash farm income in 1945. In 1945 the per capita income for our state was \$550 while in California, for example, the per capita cash farm income in 1945 was \$3554. After looking at the figures, I know that none of us would be satisfied with our present status. To be sure, our per capita farm cash income has increased; in fact, in 1953 it was \$597. But during the same period, I can't pick out any of the 37 states showing a higher per capita income than North Carolina who

would have shown a decline since that time.

With our state ranking so near the bottom in per capita farm income, I feel very safe in saying the outlook for agriculture is good. There are many other logical and basic reasons why the outlook for agriculture in our state should be good. In the early days of this country, a farmer had only to produce on his farm enough to sustain himself and his family. In 1951 the same farmer had to produce enough to sustain himself and 15 other people.

Latest figures indicate that by 1975 a farmer in the United States will have to feed and, to a great extent, clothe himself and 21 other people. This is brought about through migration from the farm to the city, and our phenomenally increasing population. The national shiftway from farming toward industry is occurring even more rapidly in North Carolina.

With this shift away from farming, the outlook for farmers who remain must be for increased markets, larger profits, and better living conditions. A farmer, in the future won't have as many farmers to compete with. His operation will just have to be bigger and, barring a depression, his income correspondingly larger.

We've brought out the fact that the outlook for agriculture in North Carolina will be brighter as time goes on because there will be fewer farmers competing for available markets. To make the picture complete, we must consider future available markets.

With our population increasing

by around 2,500,000 persons annually, we can't see how there would be anything but expanded markets for farm production in the future.

The standard of living, which includes our consumption of farm production, has been steadily improving through the years. There is nothing at this point to indicate that this trend will not continue. Our time is very limited for such a broad subject, but I think we have brought out briefly that the potential outlook for agriculture is for lessened competition, for a larger farming operations, and for greatly increased markets for food and fiber.

You will notice I said POTENTIAL outlook for agriculture is good. As I see it, agriculture in this state—in fact, agriculture in the nation—is at a turning point, is at a crossroads. This is a time of decision for farmers, for agriculture, for the nation.

We now have an oversupply of many agricultural commodities. We are faced with taking 813,000 acres of North Carolina farm land out of production of cotton, wheat, tobacco and peanuts. The decision on

what to do about this problem alone could decide whether our agriculture will realize its potential or whether it will fall short of that realization. We could use these acres for late greatly increased production that is to be needed, we could use these acres to throw our agriculture completely out of balance, or we could allow these acres to remain idle and deteriorate.

Agriculture appears to be at a turning point. We have two roads to take—one that will lead to continued national prosperity through farm programs and we all realize that this might not be the easy road to begin with. This course would require sacrifices on the part of agriculture—on the part of all of us. Or for the second road we could follow the easy downhill road with agriculture starting and leading the downward trend.

We are definitely at a time of decision and we will need the very best counsel and guidance that is available. We would also have to have a true spirit of unselfish cooperation and unity among farmers among farm people—if we are to continue in the right direction."

G. Burton Ford Dies At Clinic

G. Burton Ford, 70, a farmer, died Sunday, May 23, in a Young Harris Ga. Clinic, at 5 a. m. after a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. in Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church. The Rev. Henry Brown officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

He was a native of Buncombe County, son of the late Landon and Matilda Cole Ford, and had lived in Clay County for the past 47 years.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Nora Duncan Ford; three daughters, Mrs. Ed Lance of Blairsville, Ga., Mrs. Jack Davis of Nepoma, Calif., and Mrs. Ross Davis of Clarksville, Gr.; two sons, George Ford of Santa Monica, Calif., and Clinton Ford of Dallas, Texas.

Also six sisters, Mrs. Nellie Gorman of Asheville, Mrs. Ollie Cunningham of Hiawassee, Ga., Mrs. Clyde Gillis of Canton, Mrs. Besie Summehrs of Greer, S. C., Mrs. Sally Fleming of Warne, and Miss Edith Ford of Hayesville; and four brothers, Arthur and Albert Ford

Peachtree Church Has 4-H Sunday Program

The Peachtree 4-H Club observed National 4-H Club Sunday May 23, at 8:00 p. m. at the Peachtree Baptist Church. The Rev. Lester Stowe, pastor, and community 4-H Club leader, and Betty Kate Wilson, president, were in charge of the program.

An opening prayer by Butch Kilpatrick was followed by music furnished by Naomi Lunsford and the 4-H Club Choir. The scripture was read by Carson Rogers and followed by a prayer of dedication by Miss Dale Sudderth.

Mr. Stowe then presented a brief message on the "Purpose of 4-H." Respect for Home, Church, Country and Self were topics presented by Jimmy Hendrix, Helen Stiles, Margaret Hendrix, and Stella Mae Hughes. Lloyd Hendrix gave the closing prayer.

of Warne, Clay Ford of Akron, O., and Pierson Ford of Swannanoa. Stevens Masonic Lodge No. 414, of which he had been a member for more than 45 years, conducted graveside rites.

Townson Funeral Home was in charge.

CLASSIFIED

LOST: 10 horsepower Johnson outboard motor on Tatham Gap road last Saturday night. Finder please contact E. O. Reed, P. O. Box 21, Andrews, Reward. 46-31c

MURPHY DRIVE-IN THEATRE

MURPHY, N. C.

Thurs.-Fri., May 27-28

Donald O'Connor-Debbie Reynolds

"I Love Melvin"

In Technicolor

Sat., May 29

Wild Bill Elliott

"The Maverick"

Mrs. Coleman Hostess To WSCS Circle Tues.

Mrs. Walter Coleman was hostess to Circle No. 3 of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church at her home last Tuesday at 2:30 p. m.

Mrs. Harry Bishop, chairman, presided and Mrs. J. H. Hampton presented the program.

Refreshments were served during the social hour which followed.

Devero Martin Is Best Showman



DEVERO MARTIN

Recently at the eleventh annual Student Livestock Day held at the N. C. State College dairy farm, Devero Martin, senior in animal husbandry from Unaka, was named grand fitter and showman of the show. He won the title with an eight-month old tamworth boar. It was the first time in the history of the college that a student showing swine had won the over-all grand championship.

The show consisted of four different classes of animals: swine, sheep, beef cattle, and dairy cattle. There were more than fifty students participating in the competition. For winning top place, Martin was awarded an engraved gold trophy and an electric razor set presented by Westinghouse of Raleigh.

PERSONALS

Miss Loretta Taylor has returned to Charlotte, where she is employed with Southern Bell Telephone Co., after spending a week here with her mother, Mrs. A. W. Greene.

Mrs. James Rushing and children, Martha and Carolyn of Charlotte were week end guests of Mrs. A. W. Greene.

Mr. and Mr. Hoyt Walker, Miss Doris Haney and Miss Janice Haney spent Sunday in Atlanta, Ga. Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Elliott, Mrs. Dixie Palmer and Miss Hattie Palmer attended the Baccalaureate Sermon at Young Harris Sunday.

HENN THEATRE

ANDREWS, N. C.
Fri.-Sat., May 28-29
Boderick Crawford-John Derek
"Last Posse"

LATE SHOW
Sat., May 29
Judy Canova

"Singing In The Corn"
Sun.-Mon., May 30-31

Ma-Pa KETTLE AT HOME
Majorie MAIN
Perry KILBRIDE

Tues., June 1
Shelly Winters

"Tennessee Champ"
In Color
Religion & a Prize Fighter

Wed.-Thurs., June 2-3
John Wayne
"Big Jim McClain"

DICKEY THEATRE
Murphy, N. C.

Introducing Big Double Feature Every Friday and Saturday
Admission Still Just 44c
Guy Madison-Andy Devine

"Border City Rustlers"
AND
Dorothy Lamour-Charles Laughton

"Girl From Manhattan"
Sun.-Mon.-Tues., May 30-31-
June-1

WILLIAM LUNDIGAN
RHONDA FLEMING
ROBERT RYAN
"INFERNO"
In 3-DIMENSION

Wed.-Thurs., June 2-3
Another Favorite Brought Back
Edward G. Robinson-Loretta Young
"Stranger"

HENN THEATRE

Murphy, N. C.
Thurs.-Fri., May 27-28

ALL THE SHOWS WERE WALL TO WALL
TAYLOR
STEWART
GRANGER-BLYTHE
Technicolor

Sat., May 29
"Pride Of The Blue Grass"
IN COLOR

LATE SHOW
Sat., May 29
Laurel And Hardy
"Bogus Bandits"

Sun.-Mon., May 30-31
Technicolor
YANKEE DASHA
JEFF CHANDLER
RHONDA FLEMING

Tues., June 1
Bowery Boys
In their latest picture
"Paris Playboys"

Wed.-Thurs., June 2-3
GIVE A GIRL A BREAK
MARGE GOWER
CHAMPION
DEBBIE REYNOLDS
Technicolor

3 BIG DAYS AT DICKEY THEATRE
For the first time in Murphy
The most shocking color Western yet
See Ryan inch his way down 2,900 feet of desert mountains with a broken leg determined to revenge his faithless wife after she left him to die.
Guaranteed to be one of the best Westerns you have ever seen.

WILLIAM LUNDIGAN
RHONDA FLEMING
ROBERT RYAN
"INFERNO"
Technicolor

ROYAL CROWN COLA

RC PICNIC PARADE
Shop the display of fine foods and Royal Crown Cola, perfect for picnics, now at food stores!

SAVE! Buy RC—buy the carton!

NEHT BOTTLING CO.
Murphy, N. C.

Advertisement for Air Conditioning. Features a house with a sunburst and the text: "For comfort all summer AIR CONDITIONING". Below it says: "Your Home, Business Or Office From \$150.00 UP Call Or Write for Information VIRGIL O'DELL Murphy, N. C. Phone 116"

Large advertisement for Royal Crown Cola. Features a man in a suit holding a bottle of RC Cola. Text includes: "Feel like NEW!" says ROBERT Q., "Enjoy best-tasting RC", "Always fine with foods - perfect for picnics!", "Two full glasses in the KING-SIZE bottle!", "RC PICNIC PARADE", "NEHT BOTTLING CO. Murphy, N. C.", and "SAVE! Buy RC—buy the carton!"