

Farmers Face Keen Competition For Egg Markets Which Are Out Of State

Estimates indicate that in 1958 North Carolina produced 10 per cent more eggs than she needed. This means that some Tar Heel egg producers had to look outside the state for markets.

There is competition for these out-of-state markets, however; competition that North Carolina poultrymen must meet to stay in business.

North Carolina's main egg competition comes from Iowa, Minnesota, the Dakotas, Nebraska, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Georgia. The competition is for markets in the Northeast and along the Atlantic Seaboard, as far south as Florida.

To help Tar Heel producers understand their competitors, A. P. Stemberger and Clayton P. Libeau of N. C. State College studied egg operations in other states.

Here are some things they found:
(1) Greater concentration of hens per square mile, accomplished with larger flocks or more farm flocks than in North Carolina. This cuts assembly costs since it involves fewer stops and shorter hauls in obtaining loads. It gives areas such as Pennsylvania and New Jersey an advantage in assembly costs of one or two cents per dozen below most North Carolina communities.

(2) A majority of egg producers practicing quality control programs. Such farms produce clean eggs, and oil spray and refrigerate them in mechanical coolers to retain original quality. In contrast, oil spraying of eggs is almost unknown in North Carolina and most producers do not have mechanical refrigeration despite the high temperatures encountered for half the year.

(3) Marketing agencies selling 6,000 or more cases of eggs per week. Such large volumes make possible the use of the latest technology which, through involving high investment costs, enables other areas to reduce egg processing costs by about one cent per dozen as compared with costs obtained by use of technology currently in use in North Carolina. Current volume in North Carolina does not justify the use of such technology, however.

(4) Higher output per hen than in North Carolina. Rate of lay per

area with North Carolina. Production is as much as two dozen eggs per hen higher in some states. This gives an advantage in production costs of as much as 2 cents per dozen less than some North Carolina communities.

(5) Production programs built for a market with producers marketing all their eggs through one agency. This gives uniform volume the year around and consequently lower costs. North Carolina producers still shop around for outlets during the year. This places the marketing agency at a disadvantage not only in terms of costs but also in being unable to guarantee customers steady supplies. The latter may often result in loss of customers.

(6) Flexibility with regard to change on the part of producers and pride in their product. Newer production and marketing techniques are quickly adopted' products are sold in new, clean containers; and competition is welcome. In a rapidly changing environment, reluctance to change places us at a disadvantage.

DEATHS

FAITH FERGUSON

Faith Melody Ferguson, 11-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Ferguson of Andrews Route 1, died at 9 a.m. Wednesday, June 3, in an Andrews hospital after a week's illness.

In addition to the parents, she is survived by two brothers, Norman and Lannas, and a sister, Brenda Winona, all of the home; and the maternal grandmother, Mrs. Basha Hicks of Andrews Route 1.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Friday in the Valleytown Funeral Building. The Rev. Herbert Bate-man officiated. Burial was in the Valleytown Cemetery.

Ivie Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

BEN POSEY

Ben Posey, 75, of Murphy, died at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 31, in a Murphy hospital following a long illness.

Family Agreement Benefit Both Partners

Every father and son who are jointly operating a farm should have a written father-son agreement.

That's the opinion of Clyde Weathers, farm management specialist for the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service.

The agreement might be considered the basis for a young man to become established in farming, Weathers said.

A good written agreement will take into consideration the skill, experience and knowledge of both partners. It will also provide for the gradual increase in the participation of the son.

Verbal agreements are more likely to result in misunderstandings than written agreements, Weathers said. Memories are so fickle, particularly with respect to details.

Before making a written agreement, however, Weathers said the father should determine three things.

First, he should know his son's interest in farming. Second, he should make sure that the farming operation is large enough to support two families. And third, the father should consider his ability to get along with his son for eventually each partner must develop complete confidence in the other's business decisions.

Mr. Posey was the son of the late Ben and Elizabeth Hennessee Posey and was a veteran of the Spanish-American War.

Surviving are two sons, Ben Posey Jr., of Key West, Fla., and Paul Posey of Murphy; one sister, Mrs. L. O. Rector of Morganton; several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Monday afternoon in the chapel of Townson Funeral Home. The Rev. C. A. Smith officiated, assisted by the Rev. Thomas Truett. Burial was in the Old Methodist Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Arnold Dalrymple, Lowery and Don Gentry, Hugh Brittain and Edwin Barnett.

Joe Ray Warns Local Youths Likely To Receive Filth Through Mails

(ED. NOTE: This is the third article of a current series published in the public interest on the growth menace of obscene filth, and what can be done about it. A fourth article will follow in a few days.)

A million American boys and girls of high school and junior high school age may receive obscene literature and pictures in the mail this year, even though they neither wanted or solicited it, Postmaster Joe Ray said recently.

The Postal Inspection Service, he stated, on the basis of available facts has estimated that dealers in smut are sending such materials to children at a rate of 700,000 to 1,000,000 mailings a year.

"It is quite possible that children here in Murphy are unwittingly being carried on lists used by mail order pornography houses to solicit sales of their filthy materials," Mr. Ray said.

The local Post Office has joined in an intensive campaign launched nationally by Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield to stamp out what the Postmaster General has described as "a vile racket of huge proportions."

Using first class postage which protects the mail from inspection, filth peddlers send out low circulars by the hundreds of thousands, soliciting orders from youngsters for obscene movies, photographs, comic books, slides and similar material.

"It is shocking to realize," Mr. Ray said, "that sales of such trash amount to half a billion dollars a year, by Post Office estimates."

In a recent speech, he noted, Postmaster General Summerfield stated that police records and sociological studies show that a link exists between addiction to pornography and the increasing rate of sex crime.

The Postmaster General also pointed out that juvenile delinquency and the distribution of pornographic materials have been growing in parallel. A Senate committee has reported that one out of every

five boys in the nation, from ages 10 to 17, has been taken into court on a juvenile delinquency charge.

In investigations of armed robbery and forgery, authorities often find that those guilty were early collectors of obscene pictures and films, Mr. Ray said.

bbery, extortion, embezzlement, "And," he added, "it is well known that almost all sex criminals prove to have a long record of obsession with pornographic and sadistic material. Children who may never be exposed to this material could nevertheless be victims of these distorted criminals who have been exposed to it."

Congress, as far back as 1865, made it a federal offense to mail obscene matter. The Post Office has lent its fullest support to such legislation, but commercialized pornography has continued to grow. It has doubled in just the past five years, and the Post Office Department predicts that, unless a concerted nation-wide "war" is waged against it, it will double again over the next four years.

Until recently, the Post Office encountered great difficulty in bringing these racketeers to bay because the federal laws permitted prosecution only in the courts at the place of mailing. The pornography dealers concentrated—and still do—in New York and Los Angeles, where liberal court rulings over a period of time established virtual sanctuaries from which they could operate with impunity, Mr. Ray said.

The Post Office in recent years urged legislation which would permit prosecution not only at the point of mailing of obscene material, but in the communities where it is received—where, as Postmaster General Summerfield has put it, "the real damage is done, and where citizens have an opportunity to express their standards of morality and decency."

Such legislation was passed by the 85th Congress and signed by President Eisenhower last year.

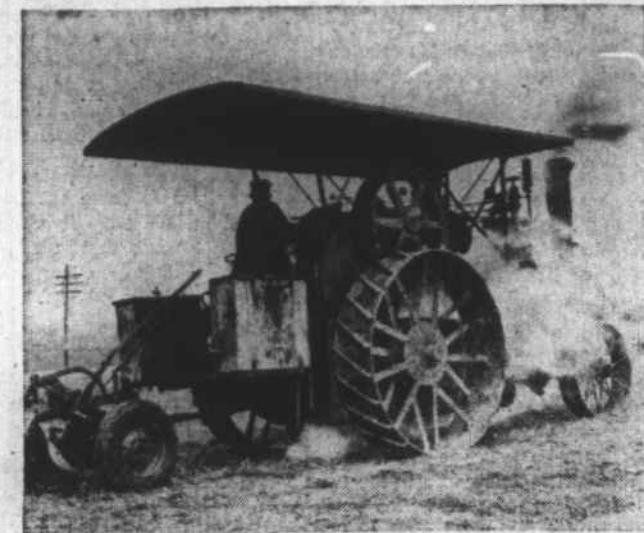
The Post Office Department, Mr. Ray said, is determined to use this new legal weapon to the fullest possible extent. It has already assisted in apprehending and prosecuting dealers in obscenity such as

Franklin McSwain Leaves On Summer Cruise

Midshipman Franklin L. McSwain, a rising Sophomore at the University of North Carolina will participate in the summer cruise for Naval ROTC students.

McSwain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Holland McSwain of Murphy embarked in the USS Northampton on June 3.

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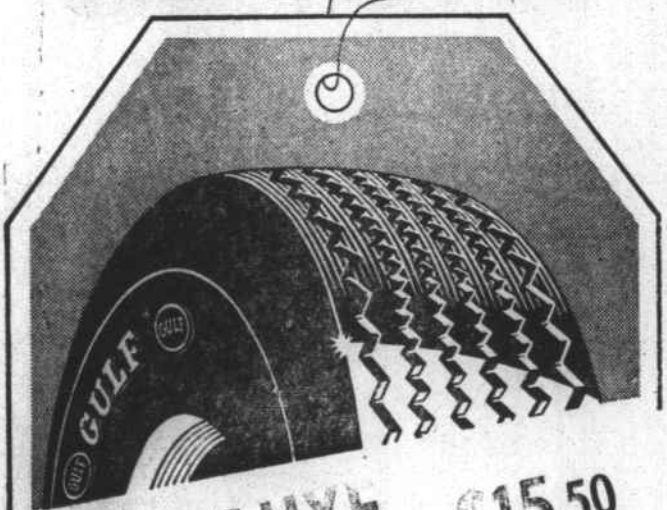
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