

Net farm income in 1948 is likely to be below the 1947 level. If so, the drop will be the first in 10 years.

Total agricultural exports for the year are expected to reach 3.4 billion dollars as compared with 3.9 billions in 1947.

Now Making Farm And Home Week Plans For Next Year

Plans for an outstanding North Carolina Farm and Home Week program for 1949 were made by State College officials and agricultural leaders of the State in a recent meeting at the College.

Date for the event was set as the second week in August, which is about two weeks earlier than usual. Beginning on Monday, August 8, and continuing through Thursday evening, August 11, the program will include general sessions and subject matter discussions each morning; tours, demonstrations, and visits to exhibits each afternoon; and addresses and recreational features each evening.

Several internationally known speakers will be invited to give addresses or lead discussions. Principal speakers at the last Farm and Home Week, held in 1947, were General Dwight Eisenhower and Columnist Dorothy Thompson.

On Thursday evening the principal features will be an educational program on farm and home mechanization during which several thousand dollars worth of prizes will be awarded. An effort will be made to have this program handled by personnel of a well-known national radio quiz show and possibly have it broadcast on a coast-to-coast hookup.

Farm and Home Week was not held in 1948 because of the polio epidemic. The event normally attracts more than 5,000 farmers and homemakers from all parts of the State.

The planning meeting held recently was presided over by Roy Lohr, of Lexington, president of the State Farmers Convention. John W. Goodman, assistant director of the State College Extension Service and secretary of Farm and Home Week, led the discussion of program plans. Among other persons attending were representatives of the College, the State Department of Agriculture, the State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, and other agencies.

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Much Family Fun In Group Games

"Make it a real family Christmas this year by having Santa pack a few hobby supplies or games into his pack that the whole family can enjoy together." This suggestion comes from E. H. Reznier, a recreation specialist at the University of Illinois.

There are many hobbies that can help build companionship between parents and children. Mothers and daughters like jewelry construction and tapestry weaving. Dad and Junior go in for model-making—airplanes, boats, trains and other items of special interest to the male population.

Everyone enjoys operating a printing press. Small presses turn out newspapers that have a real professional look. Shellercraft and woodburning are hobbies that produce genuinely useful articles. For family fun, rubber-tipped darts, indoor plastic horseshoes and marble games are excellent.

"Christmas is a time of 'togetherness,'" says Reznier. "Let's capitalize on the situation by starting a game or hobby that will encourage the same type of companionship the year around."

Santa Pictured By Thomas Nast

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Having qualified as administrators of the estates of C. L. Mash and Alice Mash, late of Ashe County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estates to exhibit them to the undersigned at Glendale Springs, North Carolina, on or before the 2nd day of December, 1949, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estates will please immediately pay their indebtedness to the undersigned, or either of them. This November 30, 1948.
H. C. MASH,
MRS. FORNEY MILLER,
Administrators of C. L. Mash and Alice Mash. 12-2-6tp

NOTICE OF SALE IN THE SUPERIOR COURT BEFORE THE CLERK NORTH CAROLINA ASHE COUNTY JOHN LITTLE VS MACK LITTLE AND WIFE—LITTLE, GEORGE FIELDS LITTLE AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS INTERESTED IN THIS PROCEEDING.

Under and by virtue of a judgement of the Superior Court of Ashe County in the above entitled proceeding, the same being a tax foreclosure proceeding, I, Ira T. Johnston, Commissioner, will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the Courthouse door in Jefferson, North Carolina, on the 27th day of December, 1948, at one o'clock, P. M., the following described tract of land, to-wit:

Containing 9 acres of land, more or less, known as the Mack Little land and lying and being in Jefferson Township, Ashe County, North Carolina, and being the identical tract of land listed for taxes in the name of Mack Little for the years 1946, 1947 and 1948, and the same being the interest of the said Mack Little in the tract of land known as the George Little tract in said Township, County and State.

This November 26, 1948.
Ira T. Johnston, Commissioner. 12-2-4tp

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See Greer Electric Appliance Company for bargains in refrigerators, pianos, percolators, Christmas lights and paper. Greer Electric Appliance Co., West Jefferson. 12-16-1tp

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Farm Production Costs Are Up

The nation's farmers will have spent a record-breaking 13 billion dollars to produce their 1948 crops by the end of the year, according to Charles E. Clark, farm management specialist for the State College Extension Service. Mr. Clark quotes these figures from a recent report by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Eighteen billion is three times the amount farmers spent each year before the war, Mr. Clark explains. It is greater than the gross farm income of the nation in any year before 1942.

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Farming News

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The suggested goal for 1949 milk production on farms is 129 billion pounds, an increase of about 3 per cent over 1948 estimated production. Achievement of the goal will require a further production increase over the record of more than 5,000 pounds per cow, expected to be reached in 1948 despite the short supply of corn which was available from the 1947 crop. Liberal feed supplies for the first part of 1949 are already assured by the large 1948 crop.

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