

Highlights On The Prospective Farm Fronts In Country

Exports Shrink But Domestic Market Expands To Boost Prospects

European War and National Defense hold the center of the farm scene this winter. Agricultural exports have shrunk, domestic market demand has expanded. Hard hit by the loss of exports are the producers of cotton, tobacco, wheat and fruits. Whatever the outcome of the war, the prospect is for small exports in the years ahead, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

In our own country efforts are being made by various agricultural agencies to increase the purchasing power of low-income producers and consumers, and to develop potential markets for larger quantities of foods and fibers. Prices received by farmers are slightly higher than at the outbreak of the European war, but costs of production also are tending to rise. Currently, the index of purchasing power of farm products is in the low 80's. (The period 1910-14 equals 100.)

Total crop production this year was the second largest on record. Largest on record was in 1937. Granaries and warehouses are full to overflowing, with prices on export commodities supported by Government commodity loans. Supplies of feed grains are reported as more than enough for the smaller number of livestock on farms this winter than last.

Wheat prices recently have been the highest since mid-summer, and cotton prices are higher than at this time last year. The higher prices are attributed principally to reductions in commercial stocks through the operations of the government loan programs. Cotton prices have been helped, too, by heavy consumption by U. S. cotton mills. Mill consumption recently has been running at the rate of 8 1/2 million bales a year—a new high record.

Farmers have been marketing their spring pig crop earlier than usual this season; the bureau said this indicates that marketings in the second quarter—January-March—of the current marketing year will be considerably smaller than in the like period of 1940. A greater-than-usual seasonal decrease in hog slaughter in late winter and early spring would be accompanied by a fairly sharp advance in hog prices.

Latest available figures show as many cattle on feed this season as last, and an increase in number of lambs on feed slaughter supplies of sheep and lambs will be larger this winter than last. Wool is reported in especially good demand as mills work day and night to fill large Army contracts. Prices of wool are higher than at this time last year.

Smaller supplies of apples but larger quantities of citrus fruits are

Rug Subs for Mothers of These Tiger Cubs



Three tiny tiger cubs, cuddle up to a tiger-skin rug in the Rockland Lake, N. Y., home of Captain Roman Proske, animal trainer. They are the survivors of two sets of twins born to two tigers on the captain's cat farm. Zoologists were amazed at the blessed events, for tigers seldom breed in captivity. The cubs were taken away from the mother tigers because they frequently eat their young.



Thirty-Nine Years Ago As Recorded In The Enterprise

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The meeting at the M. E. Church closed last Monday night.

The spring term of the Williamson Academy closes next Friday.

Last week's Enterprise stated that Mr. Dawson Bowen had been appointed superintendent of the County Home. It should have read Mr. Adolphus Bowen.

Prof. C. W. Wilson received a telegram Saturday from the school board of Rocky Mount, notifying him of his election as principal of the graded school.

Prof. Wilson has been the principal of Williamson Academy for three years, and under his excellent management the institution has made wonderful progress. The entire community will regret to see him and his estimable family leave our town, but the wishes of his many friends will be for his unbounded success wherever he goes.

Mr. J. B. Coffield was in town Tuesday.

Mr. W. S. Rhodes, of Hamilton, was in town Sunday.

Mr. George W. Newell went over to Washington last Friday.

Mrs. A. S. Richardson, of Whiteville, is visiting at Mr. William Slade.

Grover Hardison and Miss Annie Anderson spent Monday in Gold Point.

Miss Lizzie Slade, of Hamilton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Helen Rhodes.

Messrs. A. Hassell and Dennis S. Biggs drove to Washington Sunday evening.

The Rev. Mr. Reynolds, of Plymouth, spent several days in town this week.

Mrs. J. L. Ewell and Mrs. Emma Yarrell spent a part of last week in Jamesville.

Mr. J. W. Anderson and family left Sunday morning to visit relatives in Pictolus.

Not a Muscle in Johnston's Iron Countenance Changed.

Market System In N.Y. Is Out Of Date

Housewives served by New York City's "antiquated" market system—which in large measure sets food prices for the nation—are paying \$8-500,000 too much every year for their fresh fruits and vegetables, a special report by the Department of Agriculture shows. Costly and unnecessary handlings have inflated the produce bill to the point where the total costs of distribution—after fresh fruits and vegetables reach the city—are "almost as much as the costs of producing and transporting them to the city."

The village was small, having only a "few straggling houses." Nevertheless, it was the key to the semicircular position occupied by Johnston's troops. The Confederate army hospital was located there, and the only line of retreat for the outnumbered southern force was by way of this village.

For three days Johnston's soldiers held Bentonville against repeated assaults of a desperate character made by Sherman's larger army. While the outcome of the battle was still uncertain, a real test came to the southern general which revealed his mettle.

A hatless cavalryman brought the news, "Bentonville has been taken by the enemy." There was no doubt of the truth of the message for it was repeated by the general's own servant and by a member of Wade Hampton's staff. Defeat and destruction of his entire army faced General Johnston, yet it was reported that "not a muscle in his iron countenance changed."

Had the village been left in the hands of northern troops, Mower would have fortified the place, and the Confederate army would have been cut off from the bridge they needed for retreat. Such would have been "victory" for Sherman and "annihilation" for the southern soldiers.

Young Wade Hampton, aide-de-camp, was dispatched to his father to take Johnston's message, "Attack and drive the enemy from the town at all hazards." A brigade of infantry was pushed forward to support the cavalry.

The Confederate general's greatness had been challenged. Extreme danger had knocked at the door; but calmness in the trying hour made possible clear thinking. He had given orders which he thought would restore safety for the army.

A bystander said that he "could but marvel at the calm intrepidity with which the great captain viewed the probable annihilation of his whole army."

In one of the most desperate cavalry charges on record, the enemy was driven from the village, and the charge was one of glory for Baxter Smith and his brave brigade. From the "nettle of danger" Johnston "plucked safety."

Business Is Asking Different Question

Ordinarily around this time of year the business folk would be asking themselves, "Is business going to be good in the next year?" But a tip-off on the present situation is that this year the year-end question is different. It runs something like: "Are available capacity and manpower sufficient to meet the production burden of the defense program and expanding peacetime demands?" The answer to that is hard to dredge up, out of the welter of current production questions—about whether we can hang onto the five-day week; about how to train large numbers of workers for tasks requiring special skills; about whether to reward overtime workers by bonus, or by modified overtime, or by tarant wage increases, and so on and so forth. Main point, though, is that 1941 will start off on a new note, with businessmen not worrying so much about whether things will "hold up" as about whether they will be in position to handle the big production job that has to be done.

Mrs. William Slade and Miss Lillie Roberson returned from Kinston last Friday evening. Miss Mattie Bennett, the popular "Central Girl," who has been ill for a few days, is out again. Miss Mary Hassell, who has been attending school at Winston-Salem, returned last Saturday evening. Mr. Frank Gray and Mr. Burroughs, of Scotland Neck, attended "A Noble Outcast" Tuesday evening. John L. Rogerson, who attended the Oak Ridge Institute the past season, is in town for a few days.

Miss Nannie Smith has just returned from a two weeks' visit to Plymouth where she made a host of friends. Mrs. B. K. Mason returned Monday evening from Washington, N. C., where she had spent several days visiting friends and relatives. Dr. W. H. Harrell left Monday for the forty-eighth session of the North Carolina Medical Society, which convened in Durham Tuesday morning.

Sizable Increase In Wheat Acreage In Bladen County
Indications are that there is a sizable increase in the wheat acreage planted in Bladen County this year for home use, reports R. M. Williams, assistant farm agent. Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Peel and son, Billy Bob, visited in Raleigh yesterday.

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RAISINS, Muscat Layers	2 boxes		25c
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