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1937 Farm Income Jumps 13 Percent

North Carolina's principal farm crops brought \$196,387,000 in 1937, an increase of 13 per cent over 1936, according to Julian Mann, extension statistician at State College.

This increase of nearly \$26,000,000 was probably brought about by the above-average prices received for the bumper tobacco crop produced last year, Mann said.

Government payments for participation in the Agricultural Conservation program jumped sharply in 1937. In 1936 the payments amounted to \$4,308,000, while last year farmers received a total of \$12,217,000.

Receipts from the sale of livestock and livestock products showed a slight decline in 1937. In 1936 the figure was \$2,985,000; last year it dropped off to \$2,580,000.

Adding livestock, crops and government payments together, the 1937 total was \$23,800,000 over that of the previous year.

In all major geographical divisions of the country, except the northwestern group, increases in farm income were shown last year, Mann pointed out.

T. A. Turner and Co., Inc., Pink Hill, Begin Second Business Year, January

T. A. Turner & Co., Inc., of Pink Hill, one of the largest and strongest stores of its kind in this section of the state is beginning its second year under the new firm name.

The Turners have done business in Pink Hill for more than forty years. On January 1, 1937, the firm of T. A. Turner, and L. C. Turner and son were consolidated, under the firm name of T. A. Turner & Co., Inc.

Completing their first year of service to the farmers of this section under the new firm name, the firm is bringing a message to the farmers of Duplin County, in a large advertisement in another section of the TIMES today. Be sure to read it.

The new firm was incorporated a year ago with a paid-in capital of \$80,000 and an authorized capital of \$300,000. This gave the firm resources in excess of a quarter million dollars.

Officers of the firm are T. A. Turner, President; L. C. Turner, vice-president; C. C. Jones, secretary and Lynwood Turner, treasurer.

The history of the business houses of the Turners in Pink Hill dates back many years to George (Squire) Turner, father of T. A. and L. C. Turner. George Turner was the founder of the town of Pink Hill, and operated a business there more than forty years ago.

Branch Bank & Trust Co. Written Up Bank Daily

In a recent edition of the American Banker, which is one of the daily bank newspapers published in the Eastern States, the following news article appeared:

"Branch Banking & Trust Co. Showing Good Progress"
The Branch Banking & Trust Co., of East Carolina and Duplin County, is one of the Southern banks which is showing excellent progress. During 1937 its deposits increased \$2,212,173, and amounted on Dec. 31, 1937, to \$24,245,903. The Branch Banking & Trust Co. made one of the most sensational gains in the list of the country's largest banks, it now ranks as No. 566, compared with No. 595 at the end of 1936.

The statement of the Branch Banking & Trust Co. shows a condition of high liquidity. Cash and U. S. obligations amounted to \$14,977,278.23, compared with the deposits of \$20,263,502. In addition to the cash and Government bonds, it had on Dec. 31, 1937, Federal Land Bank bonds of \$314,005.52, F. I. C. and F. E. I. Bank debentures of \$1,228,796.53, U. S. bonds of \$367,653.87 and municipal and other marketable bonds of \$2,921,142.88. Thus, the bank had \$19,778,682 of highly liquid assets compared with deposits of \$20,263,502, showing very nearly 100 per cent liquid assets to cover its deposits.—American Banker."



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QUESTION: How much fertilizer should I use in my home garden?

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QUESTION: Does it pay to mate purebred birds to mongrel hens?

ANSWER: While this is quite a common practice in small farm flocks, the results are usually questionable as the mongrel hens are usually so cross bred or inbred that it is difficult to build good qualities in them. The best method is not to mate the mongrel birds. If they are good layers it might be well to keep them for egg production, but the new flock should be started with purebred baby chicks. As the old hens fall off in production they should be sold or used at home as food. All egg from this flock should be sold for consumption and not for hatching purposes.

A survey of farm birds in Alabama County shows a percentage of 100 per cent of the 1937 crop of chickens, turkeys and geese. This is a record for the State and is a result of the excellent care and attention given to the birds by the farmers.



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