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UNLESS SOMETHING IS DONE

Tenant Farmers Expected To Become Thing Of Past As Weed Merchanized

Some interesting facts concerning farm tenancy in North Carolina came out of North Carolina State College this week. The report says the number of tenant operated farms in North Carolina reached a peak between 1930 and 1935, and has declined ever since, but not as rapidly as in other Southern States. This is due to the fact that tobacco is one of the last unmechanized agricultural crops and requires a lot of manual labor.

The research report, prepared by Dr. Selz C. Mayo, who is professor of rural sociology at State College, states "When tobacco farming in North Carolina becomes fully mechanized we will witness the disappearance of practically all of the tenant operated farms in the State."

This means that many farmers who are not tenants will have to move completely out of agriculture or many of them will remain in rural communities and become hired hands.

The preliminary 1959 Census of

Agriculture shows that 31.4 per cent of the farms in North Carolina were tenant operated. This is 3 and one-half per cent lower than 1954. The national percentage of tenant operated farms in 1959 was 20.5 per cent.

A change in the definition of a farm accounts for 16,661 fewer farms in the State. For example, in 1959, each place operated as a unit sale of agricultural products totaled of 10 or more acres from which the \$50 or more, as well as each place operated as a unit of less than 10 acres from which the sale of agricultural products totaled \$250 or more, was counted as a farm.

There are now 190,567 farms in North Carolina taking the standard of determination into account.

In 1959, 18 counties in North Carolina still had over half their farms operated by tenants. It is interesting to note that these same counties are heavy producers of tobacco, with the exception of a few counties which also produce large quantities of cotton or peanuts.

In this immediate area, Counties with 50 per cent or more of the farms operated by tenants are: Wayne, Lenoir, Greene, Wilson,

Pitt, Edgecomb, Martin, Nash, Hertford, Bertie and Halifax.

Complete and workable mechanization of tobacco is not far off. Here, it can be said that soon many of the tenant farmers in this area will be looking for employment which are now employed. What will be done with this vast supply of labor which is trained only in the field of farming row crops is a problem of gigantic magnitude. And now is the time to begin making plans.

in New York Monday while on a business trip. He is survived by his wife, the former Mildred English; three sons, Ray of Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls, Tex., Harold and James Allen Mobley, both of the home; one brother, Tilton Mobley of Lyman; three sisters, Mrs. Oscar Brown of Beulaville, Mrs. L. M. Swinson of Richlands and Mrs. Hubert Brown of Wilmington.

WILLIAM T. MURPHY

William Thomas Murphy, 81, died early Friday morning at his home in the Charity Community near Rose Hill.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at the Bethel Wesleyan Methodist Church at Charity conducted by Rev. Sidney Loggins, pastor assisted by Rev. R. D. Rigbins, pastor of the Island Creek Baptist Church. Interment was in the Family Cemetery near the home.

He is survived by one daughter, Miss Sadie Murphy of the home. One brother Jimmie Murphy of Clinton, S. C., three sisters, Mrs. Leslie Teachey, Mrs. Leadie Teachey and Mrs. Willie Teachey all of Rose Hill.

HERMAN E. REGISTER

Herman Edward Register, 30, died Wednesday night at his home in Wallace after a few days illness. Funeral services were conducted at the Rose Hill Baptist Church Friday afternoon at 3:00 by Rev. Hugh Ross Williams, pastor. Burial followed in the Rose Hill Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, the former Hattie Gardner. Four brothers, Marvin of Wilson, Luther T. of Magnolia, Norman of Wallace and Jesse Lee Register of Wilmington. Seven sisters, Mrs. Berta Bishop and Mrs. Maybelle Brooks, Mrs. Thelma Knowles, Mrs. Lena

Merritt, Mrs. Karine Kissner and Mrs. Eloise Chestnut all of Magnolia and Mrs. Lucy Ritter of Holly Ridge. His father, J. T. Register of Rise Hill.

Eddie C. Taylor

Eddie C. Taylor, 53 died Wednesday night in Duplin General Hospital at Kenansville after a brief illness and several years of declining health.

Funeral services were conducted at the Warsaw Free Will Baptist Church Saturday afternoon at 3:00

o'clock by Rev. Lloyd Vernon. Burial followed in Pinecrest Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, the former Pearl Smith, three sons John, Alvin and Robert Taylor all of Warsaw, two daughters, Mrs. Robert Pope of Warsaw and Miss Inez Taylor of Nashville, Tenn. Five grand children. Three brothers Bruce of Kinston, Rufus of Richlands and Carl Taylor of Chingapin, four sisters, Mrs. Addie Sanderson, Mrs. Ethelene Babs and Mrs. Francis Holder all of Kinston and Mrs. W. I. Taylor of Richlands.

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Deaths

MRS. MATTIE C. HAMILTON ROCKY MOUNT — Mrs. Mattie Chambers Hamilton, 88, died Tuesday afternoon. She was married to the late Claud J. Hamilton, who died in 1954. She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. D. B. Powell and Mrs. H. F. Pierce, both of Rocky Mount and Mrs. J. Alvas Powell of Warsaw. She was a member of the Warsaw Presbyterian Church. Funeral services were held at 11 a. m. Wednesday at the Johnson Funeral Home with Dr. James M. McChesney, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Graveside rites were held in the Hamilton family cemetery near Warsaw at 3 p. m. Wednesday with the Rev. Norman Flowers officiating.

LESLIE R. MOBLEY WALLACE—Leslie Roscoe Mobley, 43, of Wallace, Rt. 2, died suddenly



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