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FARM INCOME AND PARITY

The 1946 income of American farmers is estimated to be higher than ever before in the history of the nation, topping the previous high of 1945 by more than one billion dollars.

The expert calculators figure that the farmers of this nation had gross receipts of more than -23,000,000,000, which is about twice as much as they had in pre-war years.

It is interesting to note that most of the statistics that come to public notice, in regard to the income of farmers, relate to their gross receipts. It is more difficult to ascertain the net, and practically impossible to figure the average return on the invested capital of agriculturalists.

It has been apparent, however, for many years, that the farmers of the United States, as a class, do not receive a share of the national income in proportion with that received by other groups. This fact is the basis of the parity payments. Parity is a formula designed to give to farmers the same percentage of the national income that they enjoyed in selected base years.

It should be recognized that the years selected for the purpose, when economists consider that there was a normal economic balance in the nation, did not give the farmers of the nation anything like a proportionate part of the national income upon a per capita basis. Inasmuch as a sound agriculture is vital to the welfare of any nation, it is entirely proper that government, as far as possible, should take action to give farmers a fair proportion of the national income.

A court ruled that a man was not insane because he married 15 times — he's just a glutton for punishment.

Thirty-three North Carolina 4-H club members have recently been awarded $950 in Savings Bonds for outstanding work in 1946.

The State Five-Acre Cotton Contest will be held again this year and farmers may file entries with county agents.

A man who wouldn't walk across the street to see his best customer will get out of bed at 2 a. m. to answer the telephone.

The largest acreage increase over 1946 of any commodity is suggested for cotton in 1947, by the USDA. The goal is based on the need for nearly 12 million bales of cotton.

BROWNIES

The Brownies met Wednesday in the home of Mrs. George Farr, counselor, with Mrs. Z. B. T. Cox, co-director in attendance. The group discussed the spring operetta with much enthusiasm evidenced and decided to send a Brownie box of toys to children of a local family who lost their playthings when a truck, in which they were being moved, ignited. Recordings of music and stories wer enjoyed.

Nancy Jane Carroll and Johnny Joyner were hostesses of the afternoon and served orange juice and cookies.

Ellen Norris Spencer was a special guest at this meeting.

A CORRECTION

In the account of the Turnage-Camp marriage, last week, we had the name of the bridegroom and his father as Thomas Carlyle Turnage, Sr. and Jr. This should have read Theodore Carlyle Turnage, Sr. and Jr. Our apologies.

Correction

The item which used the names of Mr. and Mrs. Ray West, Sr., in last week's paper should have read Mr. and Mrs. Ray West, Jr. Our apologies.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of F. M. Davis, Jr., deceased, late of Pitt County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of the said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Farmville, North Carolina, on or before the 10th day of January, 1948, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 3rd day of January, 1947.

M. O. JOHNSON, Executor of the Estate of F. M. Davis, Jr., deceased.

John D. Lewis, Atty. (J-10-6tc)

Activities Of Local Church Organizations

Episcopal
Altar Guild

The Altar Guild met with Miss Margaret Smith, Tuesday evening. Mrs. John D. Dixon, directress, opened the meeting with prayer and led in the repeating of the creed. Two new members, Mrs. Jack Lewis and Mrs. C. S. Edwards were welcomed.

Congealed fruit salad was served with peanuts, crackers and coffee in a social hour.

The meeting time of the Guild has been changed to the Fridays after second and fourth Sundays.

Presbyterian
Circle 1

Mrs. J. M. Mewborn used for her program at Circle 1, Monday afternoon, the topic, "An Old Command with a New Urgency." Mrs. J. M. Hobgood gave the devotional from the book of Isaiah.

Mrs. George B. Moore presided and Mrs. J. C. Corbett opened the meeting with prayer.

Announcement of the foreign mission night with Dr. J. W. Hassell, of Greenville, as speaker, was made. January 27 is the date for his talk.

Mrs. Frank Dupree, Jr., the hostess, served fruit gelatine topped with cream and cakes in the social hour.

Circle 2

Circle 2 met in the home of the chairman, Mrs. W. H. Moore, Jr., who presided, Monday evening. Miss Edna Robinson led in prayer; Mrs. Cherry Easley developed the devotional from the second half of Isaiah. Dr. Pagley's article, "Your Last Year," which dealt with stewardship was presented by Mrs. C. F. Baucom.

Hot tea, cookies, pickles and sandwiches were served after adjournment to the eleven members and two visitors.

Carraway's Chapel Circle

Mrs. Noah Allen and Miss Goldie Windham were joint hostesses to the Carraway's circle, Saturday afternoon. In the absence of the chairman, Mrs. Noah Bundy, vice chairman, presided.

Mrs. J. M. Hobgood, group adviser, gave the Bible study on "Isaiah Speaks to the Needs of Today, Calling the World to Righteouness." A talk on stewardship was made by Mrs. C. F. Beucom.

There were 15 members and 4 visitors in attendance.

Sweet cookies, salted pecans, chicken salad sandwiches and coca-colas were enjoyed in the social period.

Methodist
Circle 4

Circle 4 of the Methodist Society, met Monday afternoon with Mrs. C. H. Mozingo as hostess.

Mrs. J. H. Harris took her devotional from the book of Timothy with her missionary theme being "Stewardship of Prayer."

During the business session the members decided to have a special collection on May Day.

The hostess served fruit jello topped with cream, nuts, cake and coffee.

Workers' Council

The Workers' Council met Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. W. M. Willis with Mrs. G. M. Holden as joint hostess.

Reports were given by teachers and department heads on the progress, attendance and other activities of the Sunday School. Miss Anne Jones, youth fellowship counselor, was welcomed as a new member.

Refreshments, consisting of angel cake with heavenly hash, cheese straws, stuffed dates and coffee, were served.

Wesleyan Guild

The regular meeting of the Wesleyan Guild was held, Monday evening, at the home of Miss Lois Forbes with Mrs. G. M. Holden, chairman, presiding. Plans for the serving of supper to the young people on February 2 were made.

Mrs. J. H. Harris gave an inspiring devotional using as her topic, "Stewardship." A program on "The Children of the World," was given by Mrs. J. I. Morgan. Mrs. Curtis Flanagan thanked the members for their remembrances during her illness.

After adjournment, the hostess served a delicious sweet course and coffee. Guests were Mrs. James Yates, of Whiteville, a former member, Miss Anne Jones, Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Harris.

Farmville Fellowship

Robert Rollins had charge of the worship period at the Farmville Youth Fellowship, Sunday evening.

Miss Betsy Jones gave the program on Methodists in India.

Reports of the executive meeting were given by Miss Babs Williford and Jackie Willis. Plans for February 2, the date set for the group to be hosts at a supper for their parents, were discussed and a program was planned. feature of that evening will be the candlelight service at 7:30.

Lang's Fellowship

The Lang's Youth Fellowship met Friday evening in the Farmville Home Demonstration Clubhouse. Following the worship service, Mrs. A. Q. Rosbuck introduced the study of India, which is the theme for the programs of the next two months. She discussed the religions and habits of the Indians.

A social hour followed the adjournment.

FARMVILLE GIRL JOINS CONCORD CHURCH STAFF

Concord, Jan. 13.—Frances Winstead, of Farmville, has assumed the position of minister of education at the First Baptist Church of Concord, the Rev. E. S. Summers, pastor, has announced.

Miss Winstead is a graduate of the Woman's Missionary Union Training School at Louisville, Ky., and for the past 18 months has been connected with the Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church of Elizabeth City.

"Our church, after searching for two years for the right leadership in the field of religious education, feels that its search has been well rewarded," the Rev. Mr. Summers stated.

Ed. Note.—Miss Winstead, who is well known here, is the daughter of Mrs. J. W. Holmes, of Farmville, and the late G. Ashley Winstead, of Rocky Mount.

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BIRD NOTES

The Snowy Egret was the subject of the article read by Chandler Cox at the Bird Club, Saturday morning. Length—24 inches . . . Plumage—pure white . . . Bill and legs—black . . . feet—yellow . . . A long crest tops the crown; another grows from back and is composed of about 50 feathers and still another is on the lower back.

Nest—usually among mangroves or in swampy willow ponds, simple platform of sticks . . . Eggs—2 to 5, pale bluish green.

The snowy egret breeds in the United States from North Carolina to Louisana and winters from Florida southward. The Tar Heel State is the northern breeding limit of this bird.

The plume feathers, formerly much sought after, are much shorter and more delicate than those of the "Long White Egret" and are recurved at the end. Because of the protection afforded them from the millinery feather hunters by the Audubon Society Wardens, the Snowy Egrets are increasing in a few sections, notably around Charleston, S. C. The largest gathering of breeding birds is in a splendid Heron colony that has developed under the special care of E. A. Mellhenny at Avery Island, La. The rookery is in the trees and bushes of a small artifical pond near his home where his guests enjoy watching the Herons and Snowy Egrets coming home to roost or to relieve their mates on guard at the nests. The young are fed on small fish that are regurgiated into their throats by the parent bird.

Glenn Harris was welcomed as a new member and Billy Baker, who was visiting Bert Warren, was a guest.

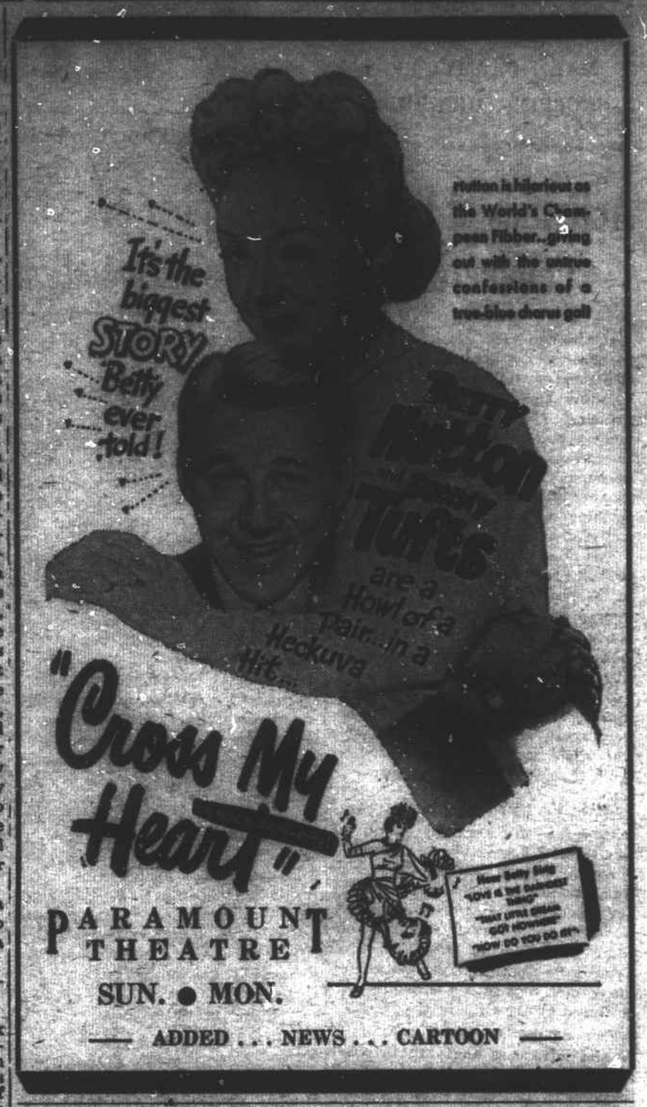
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Mrs. Sue May Sheppard, late of Pitt County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of the deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Farmville, North Carolina, on or before the 25th day of November, 1947, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said Estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 26th day of November, 1946.

TABITHA M. DEVISCONTI,
Admrx. of the Estate of Mrs. Sue May Sheppard.

John B. Lewis, Atty. (N-29-6t)



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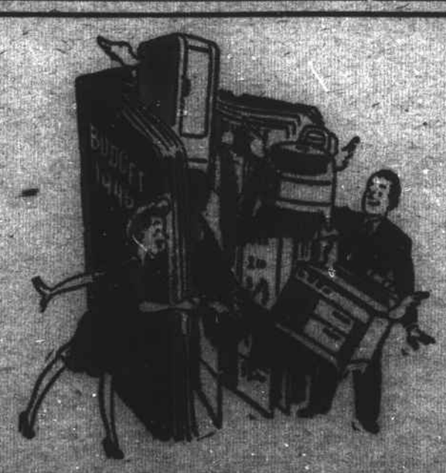

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