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Forest Owners Anticipate Rise In Timber Prices

The expanding forest industry is expected to continue its bullish ways in 1973, according to the foresters at North Carolina State University.

Although housing starts are expected to drop 10 percent, commercial building is expected to expand, resulting in a demand for lumber and plywood at about the same level as in 1972.

Prices for trees of all marketable species are expected to be steady to moderately higher,

depending on quality, size of tract, location and accessibility. The extension specialists believe a strong demand will continue in the Piedmont and the Coastal Plain with some strengthening likely in the Mountains.

Southern pine stands suitable for lumber and plywood products are most likely to be bringing higher prices, due to increased demand.

Demand for quality hardwood sawlogs and veneer-size timber stands is expected to increase moderately. Strong demand is indicated for quality oak, tupelo, yellow poplar, green ash and hackberry species. White pine demand will continue to grow due to a strong demand for furniture.

A moderate increase in pulpwood demand is anticipated for 1973.



March Of Dimes Poster Child

Having a fantastic time is living a fantasy. The wonders of a fantasy land amounts to meeting Mickey Mouse at Florida's Disney World for Paula Pfeifer. Paula, age 5, is the 1973 National Poster Child for the March of Dimes. She represents some 250,000 children born every year with birth defects in the United States. Afflicted at birth with open spine and club feet, Paula knows the importance of patience and perseverance. After nine operations she is a bright, active girl who walks well and can even run. This fall, Paula entered kindergarten in her home state of Oklahoma.

State Tax Law Change

Changes in the state tax laws passed by the 1971 General Assembly could be beneficial for many Tar Heel women.

When income tax time rolls around some married women will be able to claim "head of the household" exemptions, a privilege they have not had before, even when they had larger incomes than their husbands and truly supported the family.

The new law says "a husband living with his wife may by agreement with his wife allow her to claim the two thousand dollar head of household exemption."

The husband, in such a case, will be entitled to claim an exemption of only one thousand dollars.

This change in the law also concerns the claiming of dependents. Until the new law, a woman could not claim as exemptions any of her children or other persons she supported because she did not have the two thousand dollar exemption.

Now, if she claims "head of household," a married woman may also claim children as tax exemptions.

Although tax experts believe the state will lose several million dollars in tax revenue a year, these changes in the law have eliminated an economic discrimination against married women who are the main support of their families.

Mobile Home Is Destroyed

A mobile home located on Mitchell Branch, owned by Eula Mae Edwards, was destroyed by fire on Thursday, December 28th.

The fire was spotted from the Town Square at 1:50 p.m. by Floyd Hill and Burnsville Police Officer Horace Biggs.

Biggs said that by the time the fire department arrived the blaze had engulfed the trailer and it could not be saved. When Biggs and Hill arrived at the scene they did not know whether or not the house was occupied at the time.

Later it was learned that Mrs. Edwards and her six children were visiting relatives in the Cane River area when the fire occurred.

Mrs. Edwards said she and her family left their Mitchell Branch residence Tuesday afternoon about 3:00 and came back Thursday when she learned that her mobile home had burned the night before.

Ayers Is Re-elected For Three Year Term On Board

Luther Ayers was re-elected by a unanimous vote to serve a three year term on the Board of Supervisors of the Yancey County Soil and Water Conservation District.

The ballots, cast in four polling places in the County, were counted at the December meeting of the Supervisors. The

term of office of the elected supervisors is three years.

The Board of Supervisors consists of five members, two of whom are appointed by the County Commissioners, and three elected. The present board consists of Earl Young, who serves as chairman, Charlie Rice, Walter Edwards, Luther Ayers and Robert Helmle.

Since the retirement of Ned Jests, who has been administering the soil conservation work in Yancey County, Ray Bryant has been coming over from Mitchell County, part time, to handle the work.

The appointment of a replacement for Jests is uncertain at this time.

Farm Census Is Underway

The 1973 Farm Census enumeration is under way. The Census in Yancey is being taken by Mrs. Norris Deyton from 8 to 5 p.m. daily in the Grand Jury Room of the courthouse. The census is being taken at the same time and by the same person who lists taxes. It should be pointed out that census listings have no connection with tax listings and are not to be used for tax purposes.

It is very important to have an accurate and comprehensive annual Census of agriculture so that the interests of the farmers, agri-business, the consumer, and others may be served. The purpose of the Census is to obtain reliable information on land use, crops grown, and selected livestock numbers. It is important that farmers understand the need and work cooperatively with the Census enumerator.



Hi - 20
TEMPERATURE
OF THE WEEK
UPPER PORCH
COUNTRY STORE
Hi - 65°
Lo - 26°

Economists Predict Good Farm Year: High Prices, Increased Costs In 1973

The next farming year may not measure up to the one just completed, but 1973 could still be a good year for farmers.

This is the general tone of the annual agricultural outlook summary prepared by North Carolina State University extension economists.

They describe 1972 as an exceptionally good year and one that will be hard to duplicate. But they emphasize that this doesn't mean economic disaster in 1973 by any means.

In fact, there is expected to be a good bit of spillover effects from 1972 during the first half of the year. Prices are expected to remain strong for grains, soybeans, hogs and for beef.

Farmer's response to the bullish marketing conditions in 1972 will largely determine the course markets take in the latter half of the year. If production of any commodity

jumps sharply, there is a reasonable chance that prices for 1973 production may be down somewhat.

This is likely for North Carolina's No. 1 farm crop, tobacco. With a 10 percent quota increase, supplies should increase well above the 1972 levels. This, coupled with the fact that 1972 prices were unusually high, could mean a slightly lower average price for flue-cured next season.

Generally however, the signs look good, the economists say. They cite rising wage rates, growing employment and increased social security benefits as indications that the consumer income will be up. Therefore, the demand for food commodities should remain strong in 1973.

On the minus side, farmers will likely see costs increase faster than prices. One reason 1972 was so good for farmers

was that prices they received climbed faster than the prices they paid for inputs. This was a rare occurrence and it isn't likely to repeat itself in 1973. Among the higher cost items this year in 1973 will be feed, feeder livestock, wages, taxes and interest rates. Feed prices will probably lead the advance.

Agricultural policy could have an important economic effect. The present feed grain, wheat and cotton programs expire with the 1973 crops. Congress must adopt new programs or extend the present ones.

If new programs are written this year, they may reflect results of growing pressure to limit government payments.

Other areas that may have a bearing on agriculture in '73 include any successful efforts to extend price controls to the farm level and to substantially raise the minimum wage for agriculture.

Also, in light of recent developments in foreign exports of grain and soybeans, world production of these crops could have an impact on U.S. and North Carolina agriculture in the new year.

North Carolina fresh market fruit and vegetable growers may be tempted to increase acreage sharply in 1973 as a result of unusually good markets last year.

Many of the growers may profit more by increasing acreage moderately and sharply increasing efficiency of production, suggest North Carolina State University extension economists.

Reduction of labor requirements at the farm and processing and contracting for marketing services at the distribution stage are some of the suggestions for increasing the efficiency.

The economists believe increasing numbers of producers will see profits decrease unless they make provisions for assembly, processing and distribution services "which can effectively compete in the world trade channels."

On the planting side, with normal weather and market conditions, only slight increase in production of late summer tomatoes, fall cabbage, sweet potatoes and apples; no change in white potatoes and blueberries; and a sharp increase in pickle cucumbers will probably provide the most profitable results in 1973.

The emphasis should be on efficiency of production and marketing, high yields and high quality.

Series E And H Savings Bonds Sales Reach Highest Level In Recent Years

Sales of Series E and H Savings Bonds in Yancey County for November were \$10,814. January-November sales totaled \$76,649. This represents 104.8 percent of Yancey County's goal of \$73,134, according to Amey Fox, County Volunteer Chairman.

Sales of Series E and H Savings Bonds in North Carolina reached \$8,341,013 in November, almost \$2 million above November 1971. The sales were the highest for any month since January 1947 and the largest November sales since 1945.

Nationally, during November there were new purchases of E & H Bonds amounting to \$545 million, \$88 million over November 1971. Bond sales exceeded redemptions, at cost price, by \$207 million-- the

26th consecutive month they have done so. Total holdings of E & H Bonds rose to a record \$57.3 billion, more than \$3 billion above last November.

MHA Directors Meeting Set

The Directors of Yancey County Mental Health Association will meet at the Presbyterian Church Tuesday, Jan. 9 at noon. Bring your own sandwiches and drinks. Visitors are welcome.

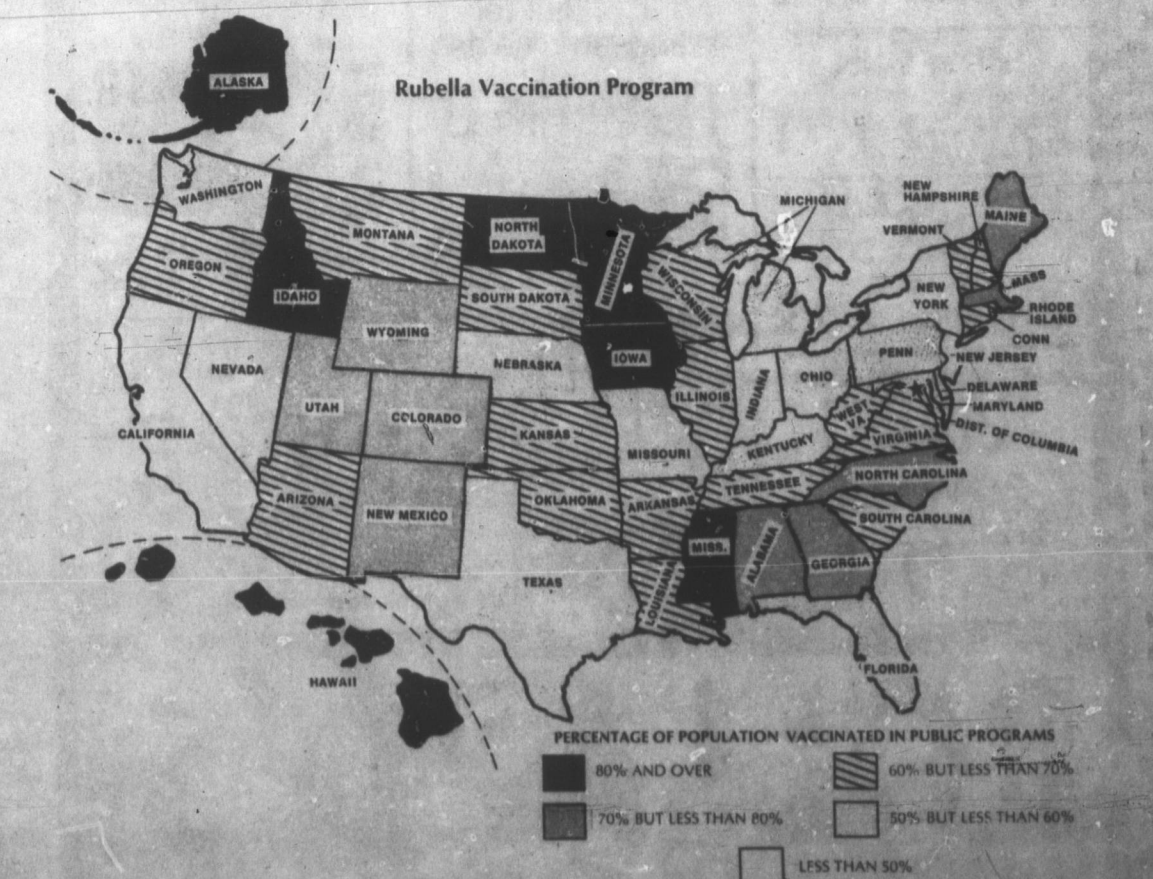
Students On Dean's List

Two students from Burnsville have been named to the fall quarter Dean's List for scholastic achievement at Berry College. They are Cathy and Linda Deyton, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Deyton of Burnsville. Cathy is a freshman at Berry majoring in home economics, and Linda is a junior majoring in music education. Both are graduates of East Yancey High School.

Berry College's campus adjoins Rome, Ga. The college is coeducational, accredited, and offers Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Music and Master of Education degrees.

Notice

The Presbyterian men of Mitchell County and Yancey County will meet at Newdale Presbyterian Church, Newdale, N.C., on January 8. Supper will be served by the ladies of the church at 7:00 p.m. Dr. H.C. Evans, president of Lees McRae College will be the guest speaker. All men are welcome.



March of Dimes volunteers are working with public health officials and medical authorities in many areas to encourage rubella (German measles) inoculation programs. Children aged one to 12, and particularly the preschooler, are main targets for vaccination. Youngsters are the major source of rubella infection, a threat to every pregnant woman because of the severe, even fatal damage it can cause an unborn child. With large-scale immunization, rubella infection can be sharply reduced. Birth Defects are Forever—Unless you help.

Yancey Health Dept.

On Monday mornings from 8:00 to 11:30 General Clinic is held at the Yancey Health Department.

- January 3, Wed. Eye Clinic, Dr. Powell, by appointment
- January 4, Thurs. Mental Health, Dr. Byron, by appointment
- January 5, Fri. Mental Health, Mr. Hutchison, appointment
- January 8, Mon. Child Health, Dr. Pope, by appointment
- January 9, Tues. Nurse Screening from 9:00 to 12:00
- January 11, Thurs. Family Planning, Dr. Webb 8:30 to 12:00
- January 12, Fri. Mental Health, Mr. Hutchison, appointment
- January 16, Tues. Nurse Screening from 9:00 to 12:00
- January 18, Thurs. X-Ray from 10:00 to 11:00
- January 19, Fri. Eye Clinic, Dr. Rogers, by appointment
- January 19, Fri. Mental Health, Mr. Hutchison, appointment
- January 22, Mon. Child Health, Dr. Pope, by appointment
- January 23, Tues. Nurse Screening from 9:00 to 12:00
- January 24, Wed. Orthopedic, Dr. Galloway, Bakerville. (Register before 11:00 a.m.)
- January 25, Thurs. Family Planning, Dr. Webb, 8:30 to 12
- January 26, Fri. Mental Health, Mr. Hutchison, appointment
- January 30, Tues. Nurse Screening from 9:00 to 12:00