

Farm Labor Pay Higher In N. C.

North Carolina farmers continue to pay farm labor on a raising scale, with the trend still pointed upward, according to a Federal-State Crop Reporting Service official who released current Bureau of Agricultural Economics figures in Raleigh.

As of July 1, North Carolina farm labor wages without board had risen 244 per cent since 1934 and with board they had risen a total of 263 per cent. From a low of \$14.25 a month with board in 1934, farm labor now receives \$51.75 a month; without board, the rise has been from \$21.25 a month to the present \$73.00 a month.

Day rates for farm labor in 1934 with board were 80 cents. As of July 1, 1946, they had increased to \$3.30 a day. Without board day rates had risen from \$1.00 in 1934 to \$3.75 a day in 1946. The increase in monthly farm labor wages just in the past year has increased 25 per cent, moving up from \$45.25 a month with board in 1945 to \$51.75 as of July 1, 1946.

California and Washington pay highest farm labor wages in the country, their help receiving \$191.00 and \$195.00 a month without board, respectively.

The three lowest states, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, are South Carolina, with a current rate of \$51.00 without board, Alabama paying \$53.00 and Georgia paying \$55.75 a month without board.

Total foreign farm workers employed in North Carolina as of June 28 were 612. These were all Bahamians.

While there was a total of 11,586,000 people employed in agricultural pursuits as of July 1, 1946, in the Nation, this is nearly a million less than the five-year average (1935-39) of 12,458,000 persons employed in farm work.

Homemade Rugs Can Brighten Up Homes

Braided and hooked rugs, made at home from materials that have already seen service, can be used to brighten rural homes. They add comfort, attractiveness and color to a room, and may be made at small cost.

Ruby Scholz, Extension economist in food conservation and marketing at State College, says that one of the most important factors in making these rugs is color arrangement.

She suggests that plans be made for a scheme which is pleasing to the eye and harmonious to the room, which the rug is to serve. The largest areas—such as backgrounds and borders—should harmonize with the general tones of the room in which the rug is to be used.

Consideration should also be given to such other furnishings as draperies, upholstery and pictures.

As a general rule, at least two-thirds of the rugs for the rug should be neutral or rather dark in color, says Miss Scholz. Tans, browns, grays and dull blues ordinarily make the most suitable backgrounds.

For example, one-fourth of the cloth for the background may be dyed a medium brown, one-fourth light tan, and one-half golden brown.

In a rug of the various tones of brown, the addition of touches of orange, crimson or bright green gives life or accent to the color scheme.

Conservation Office Aids With Drainage

Some headway has been made by farmers of the Perquimans Work Unit of the Albemarle Soil Conservation District in improving drainage of their land during the past six months. Thirty-two farmers during this period, bringing the total to 158, have drawn up soil and water conservation plans for their farms with assistance of Soil Conservation Technicians assigned to the local farmer's district by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Farmers have improved their drainage by sloping old ditches, constructing new ditches, either by hand or with dynamite.

New pasture seeding, liming, fertilizing, and other good pasture management practices have been established.

A small amount of Kudzu has been established on some ditch banks for the purpose of stabilizing the banks and field planting for hay, temporary grazing, and erosion control.

Another accomplishment by the District farmers was putting to use some of their land for wildlife borders. This was land around the edge of woods where trees were creeping out into the fields. The establishment of these narrow strips of service prevents further sprouting of trees and are placed on the area where there are poor crop yields due to tree roots sapping the land.

The landowners who have done this work are well satisfied with it. Other farmers who are interested should get in touch with the District through the local soil Conservationist or the County Agent.

Army Openings For Men With Specialties

Men who are qualified in a listed group of military occupational specialties are urgently needed by the Army.

Lieut. Robert M. Leavens, commanding officer of the local recruiting team, stated in an interview today that the Army recruiting service is making special effort to contact men who possess the needed qualifications, whether they are former service men or civilians, with no prior service.

Among those needed are photogrammetrist, automotive equipment mechanic, cameraman (motion picture), topographic draftsman, stenographer, typewriter mechanic, telegraph and telephone wire technician, classification specialist, investigator, clerk typist, radar operator, finance technical and medical and dental technicians.

A complete list of the needed skills is available at the U. S. Army recruiting station in Elizabeth City or at the Post Office in this city. See the recruiting sergeant for all the opportunities you will have in the United States Army.

Funeral Services Held Wednesday Afternoon

Funeral services for little Dorothy Jean Dail, 16-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alphonzo Dail of near Center Hill, who died early Tuesday morning in the Albemarle Hospital after a week's illness, were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the graveside in the family plot by the Rev. Mrs. F. C. White.

Surviving besides the parents are two brothers and one sister.

Health Department Announces Clinics

The Perquimans County Health Department today released a schedule of vaccination clinics to be conducted in the county beginning next week.

The clinics will provide vaccination for Typhoid fever, Diphtheria, Smallpox and Whooping Cough. The entire schedule will be found elsewhere in this issue and parents are urged to bring their children to the clinic nearest home.

Small Grain Yield Can Be Increased

Fifteen years of practical records at the Piedmont Branch Experiment Station at Statesville show that the most important factors in small grain production are (1) the preparation of a good seed bed; (2) the use of treated seed of high germination; (3) seeding the crop at the proper time; and (4) topdressing on time.

More than nine hundred acres of small grains were involved in these tests. The average yields over the fifteen years were as follows: wheat, 31 bushels; barley, 35 bushels; and oats, 63 bushels.

The seed bed should be pulverized, but yet be smooth and firmed by disking and dragging just preceding seeding.

A full list of recommended varieties for the various sections of the state may be obtained at the office of the county agent. As to seeding, drill 5 pecks of wheat and 3 bushels of oats or barley. If it is necessary to broadcast the crop, increase the seeding by one-half.

The season by free date should be observed in seeding wheat. For oats and barley, seed October 1 to 25 in the Piedmont; September 20 to October 10 in the Mountains; and October 10 to 20 in the Coastal Plain. These dates of seeding bring much

larger yields than when the crops are seeded later.

Maximum benefit is obtained from nitrogen topdressings when they are applied in time to increase the amount of stooling and the number of seed heads. The number of seed heads are already determined by the level of nitrogen fertilization in February and March.

About three hundred pounds of fertilizer per acre should be used when the crops are sown.

CHAPANOKE NEWS

Misses Carolyn Tuck and Lois Chesson and Jimmy Chesson of South Boston, Va., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Only this week, also Miss Evelyn Chesson of Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. Gerald Wood has returned to her home in Portlock, Va., after spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lewis. She was accompanied home by Mildred Ann Lewis, who will spend a week with her.

Bill Trueblood spent Monday in Norfolk with his brother, who is very ill in a hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Carey McNider of Newport News spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe McNider.

Leroy Nixon spent a couple of days at Wakefield, Va., last week.

Miss Louise Wilson spent the week-end at Chowan visiting Miss Frances Evans.

Miss Janet Quincy has returned home after spending several weeks in High Point. She was accompanied home by George Davis of High Point, who spent the week-end as guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Quincey and Janet.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Granford were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Nixon Sunday.

Mrs. J. C. Wilson spent Tuesday afternoon in Elizabeth City.

BELVIDERE NEWS

Miss Jean Chappell is spending this week at Nags Head.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray White and daughter, Mary Ellen, of Winston-Salem spent the week-end as guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. White.

Mrs. N. W. Chappell spent Tuesday in Raleigh.

Mrs. L. L. Chappell and Mrs. Mary Monds are visiting relatives in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Winslow and son, Arba Claire, of Whiteston, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Perry Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Raynel Bagwell and Mrs. Maria Gray of Elizabeth City were guests of Mrs. Estes Copeland Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Copeland and two children of Washington, D. C., were recent visitors with Mr. and

Mrs. J. M. Copeland. Ann Copeland remained for a longer visit with her grandparents.

Miss Zenova Chappell spent Sunday at Nags Head.

Mrs. L. J. Winslow, Mrs. Jerome Hurdle, Mrs. C. T. Rogerson, Mrs. B. W. Copeland, Mrs. T. C. Perry and son, Timothy Claire, attended a showing of "The Lost Colony" at Port Raleigh Wednesday night.

Mrs. P. L. Whedbee and Patricia Ugulton of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Howard Klenm and daughter of Baltimore, Mr. Mrs. T. G. Shannonhouse and son Gordon of Elizabeth City spent Thursday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Smith.

HONORED ON 75th BIRTHDAY WITH ROOK LUNCHEON

Mrs. H. C. Stokes entertained at a rook luncheon honoring her mother, Mrs. R. T. Clarke, on her seventy-fifth birthday at her home on Front Street Monday evening, July 15th. The house was beautifully decorated

with cut flowers. A delicious salad course was served, after which the birthday cake, set with 75 glowing candles was cut and served the guests with ice cream.

Those playing rook during the evening's entertainment were the honoree, Mrs. R. T. Clarke, Mesdames R. L. Knowles, Helen Douglas, Ance White, R. T. White, R. M. Riddick, Guy Newby, Tim Brinn, Rosser Brinn, Tommy Sumner, J. R. Jarvis, W. G. Wright, N. A. Relfe, J. C. Blanchard, Mrs. A. R. Patrick and Miss Kate Blanchard.

High score prize went to Mrs. R. L. Knowles and low score to Mrs. R. T. White.

The honoree received many lovely gifts which she opened and graciously acknowledged.

"This is the Employment Office, Mr. Jones. I've found a cook for you. Shall I ask her to bring you some references?"

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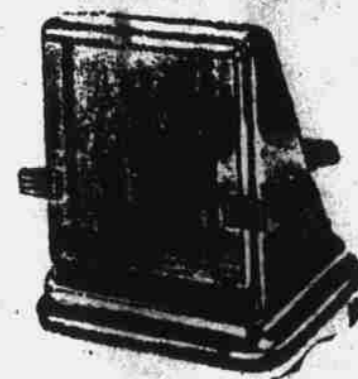
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- A reenlistment bonus of \$50 for each year of active service since such bonus was last paid, or since last entry into service, provided reenlistment is within 90 days after last honorable discharge.
- Up to 90 days' reenlistment furlough with pay, depending on length of service, with prescribed travel allowance paid to home and return, for men now in the Army who reenlist.
- Consult your Army Recruiting Officer for other furlough privileges.
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- Option to retire at half pay for the rest of your life after 20 years' service—increasing to three-quarters pay after 30 years' service. (Retirement income in grade of Master or First Sergeant up to \$185.63 per month for life.) All previous active federal military service counts toward retirement.
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