

Negroes Believed To Constitute 47 Per Cent Of Scotland County

LAURINBURG — It is interesting to look at the figures of the value of farm products in Scotland County, when one considers the fact that Negroes are believed to constitute 47 percent of the population.

Cotton is still considered the king and leads the field by a safe margin. Tobacco is number two on the list. It is rather surprising that wheat is number three. As one travels through the county on these hot July days and sees the promising yield of corn, he wonders how it would rate fourth. It is to be remembered, however, that the wheat is now in the bins or have been milled into flour and carted to Minneapolis or some other flour center, where it is waiting to be made into biscuits, pancakes and even chicken dumplings. Soybeans rank next to corn

and this can be accounted for due to the fact that this plant not only supplies oil, but the cattle get a big lift from the stalk and even the land is fertilized. The fact that the farmers have gone in for diversified finds broilers high up on the list. Even though they are only getting 15 cents per pound now, it is understood that some farmers still get a profit that is not frowned upon.

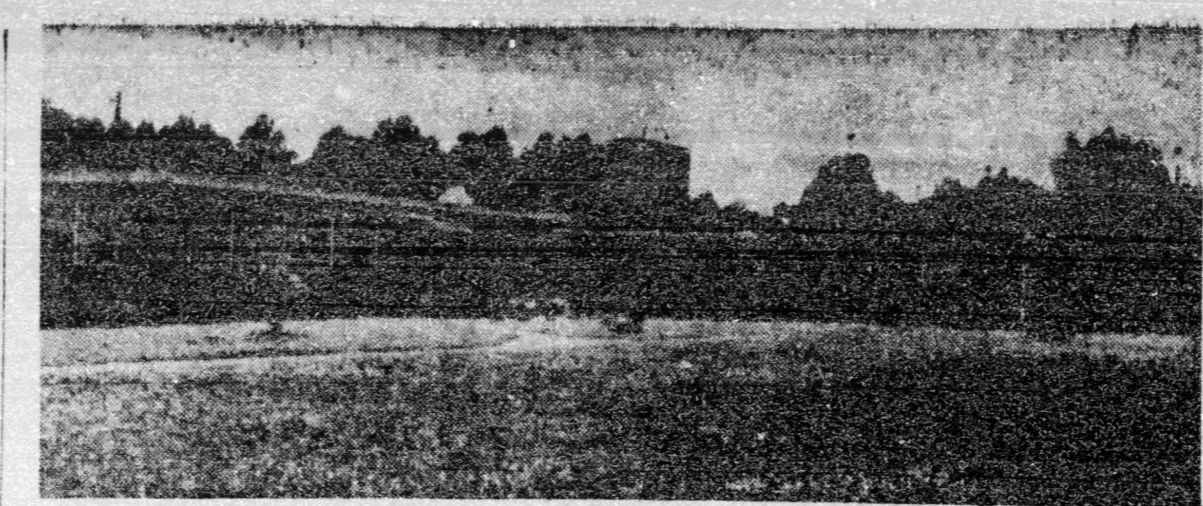
The broiler industry is rather unique and the small farmer—the tenant or share cropper—cannot figure in this process very much. The farmer who deals in chickens must build his brooder houses and see that they are well lighted and heated. This writer has often wondered why the chickens must have so much light at night. Perhaps the scientists or the smart brooders long since found out that if a chicken was made to believe that it is always day that he would never stop to sleep. This would mean that he would continue to eat and grow. The big idea is to get him ready for market as soon as possible. It was learned that a day old chick can be ready for market in from six to seven weeks if he is attended to properly. This industry ranks next to soybeans.

The brooder makes a contract with a processor, usually packing house people, and they supply the chicks and the food. They have the job down so fine now until they have automatic feeder systems, where the food is either blown through in a continuous stream, or syphoned thru, so that the chicks can continue to eat and never get hungry, they could get weary. When the flock reaches the point where he is filled out and the brooder feels that his time has come, the truck pulls up to the door of the brooder house and he is swished away where his body is prepared for the table. He is either frozen for a later day consumption, or shipped, in ice to some other climate, where the packer must vie with the smart boys as to how much he will get for the pleasing meat that six or seven weeks ago was only able to make a weak peek.

Beef cattle place seventh in Scotland County. The small farmer has not been able to crack this market too much. It is much like the chicken industry, in that the big packing companies make a deal with the cattle raiser and in many instances the cow has been bought even while in the embryonic stage. The Negro farmer in Scotland County still has the family cow, in many instances, and his offsprings can still have fresh milk daily, but the time when a yearling was killed and everybody in the community got a piece is a forgotten lore.

Oats rank eighth and the other small grain combined, hardly come up to the total of oats. It is believed that most of the oats are consumed in the county. The CAROLINIAN was not able to get a figure on the hogs raised, but practically every farm visited had a brood sow and a fresh litter of pigs.

It was interesting to note that the 1957 figures revealed that 10,027 tons of fertilizer was bought at an average price of \$55 per ton. It is also interesting to note that there were only 65,231 one acres cultivated. The fact that soil banks and tree propagation had put much of the land out of cultivation. The farm population of the county is said to have dwindled from 8,884 in 1950 to 7,606 in 1958. One farmer was complaining a-



SCHOOL BUILDINGS — These are two of the three buildings that have been built on the campus of Laurinburg Institute, in the past 18 months. President Frank McDuffie says that this is the beginning of a big building program for the school. The building on the left is the cafeteria and is modernly equipped. The other building is a well planned girl's dormitory which affords capable facilities for the girls.

Influence Of A School Reflects Contributions Of Its Graduates

LAURINBURG — The influence of a school, as it relates to the making of men, reflects in the contribution that its graduates make toward building a better world. Laurinburg Institute's alumni roll finds many outstanding names in practically every field.

In the field of sports, Wes Covington has established the school with his performance with the Milwaukee Braves. James McLean is on his way up the major league ladder. "Sad Sam" Jones has impressed the basketball world with the way he has aided the Boston Celtics.

There are a number of doctors, all over the nation, who are making great contributions in the field of medicine and dentistry. His graduates are well represented in the field of nursing. Mrs. Willa Douglas Hatcher is one of the officials of Community Hospital, Wilmington, working in a supervisory capacity. Dr. Lacy Caple, Lexington dentist, is a product of the school.

The school has given the legal profession many fellows. Judge Sam Polk, Jamaica, L. I., New York, heads an imposing list.

One of the most outstanding persons to attend the school is George Meares, 156 Willoughby Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. Meares is currently connected with the Welfare Department of New York City. He has had wide experience in the field of social service having graduated from the Atlanta University School of Social Work and New York University. He is probation officer for Kings County Court, Brooklyn, New York. He is now chairman of the Talent Hunt, for the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Like most private schools, quite a number of the graduates went into the teaching profession. Miss Gwendolyn McDuffie Ellis, Associate Professor, dept. of business, Grambling University, Grambling, La. She is happy over the fact that she attended Laurinburg Institute. She has had an extensive experience in teaching, having taught at some of the leading schools in the country.

Miss A. E. Murphy, Goldwater

Over Changes: I. H. Smith Alarmed In Scotland

LAURINBURG — I. H. Smith, vocational-agriculture dean of Scotland County, is much alarmed over the fact that things are changing in the county. Due to the fact that many of the citizens of the county are farmers, he is disturbed that not too many farmers have taken to his diversified program.

He made a survey in 1958 where he found that the cost of production exceeded the income that came from the products marketed by farmers. He attributed this to drought, too much wet weather at the wrong time and the Soil Bank. He came up with the idea, however, that the farmers should put more acreage in cantaloupes, tomatoes and beans. He even suggested that they seriously consider cattle raising, even though it meant a bigger outlay of capital.

It was shown by the survey that sweet potatoes might take up some of the slack. Smith urged the farmers to seriously consider raising sweet potatoes. He also turned to the production of feeder pigs, broilers and layers.

He came up with the idea that there was a big need for advertising the products that were being offered. He pointed out that the Scotland County farmers had the products, but needed the market. The survey ended by relating that the tables of American families have to be furnished from the farms and pointed out that farmers would always live if they produced the things that people wanted most and be placed food at the top of the list.

about the fact that the schools were turning out a large number of graduates, but that as soon as they got their education, they hied away to other climes. He said that this was even affecting the church life of the community. He bemoaned the fact that they must continue to train Sunday School officers and church leaders in order to take care of the replacements.

There are not too many adult farm workers. Most of the labor is performed by children. It is not unusual to see a boy, 8 or 10 years old, handling a big tractor, or even a combine. Even girls have learned how to manipulate farm machinery.

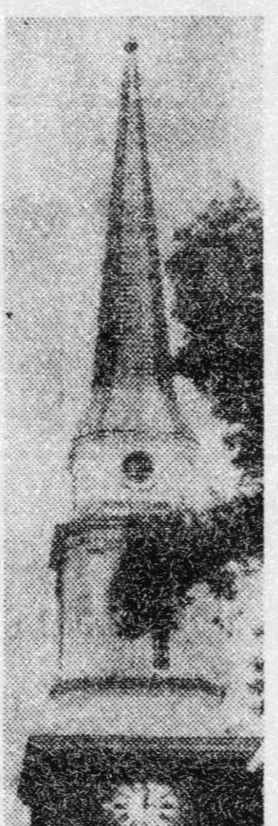
Memorial Hospital, Welfare Island, N. Y., is another who has made a remarkable record. She has been at her present post for twenty years.

All North Carolina regards Clarence M. Winchester, Greensboro realist, as not only a successful businessman, but as an outstanding churchman and civic leader. He has been very active in politics and has been a candidate for the City Council of the Gate City. He has also been active in

the fraternal world. He is District Lay Leader of the N. C. Conference, Methodist Church. Winston Willis has made an enviable record as a gospel singer, with the Solitaires. Dr. John Moore is with the Health Department of the State of Virginia, located in Alexandria. Other grads include Otto Watson, Jamaica, L. I.; Roy Daniels, 3976 French Rd., Detroit, Mich.; Kelly F. Hoskins, Jersey City, N. J.; and Mrs. Annie E. Patterson, New York City.

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