



NATURE'S OWN—Billy Benners was willing to risk his neck to get a close-up photo of icicles hanging from the eaves of Christ Episcopal church. He managed the assignment without mishap, and here readers of The Mirror are privileged to see the beautiful and unique results of his efforts.

Farm Cash Picture Brighter This Year

Governor Luther H. Hodges at his recent Farm Advisory Committee meeting made a cautious prediction that North Carolina's per capita income for 1958 will jump one or two places in the national ratings as a result of the state's expected farm income boost.

"I am going to make a cautious guess that we will move up from one to two places in the per capita income scale," he said after hearing several glowing reports from members representing various areas of the state. A sharp drop in tobacco income last year was principally responsible for a drop in Tar Heel per capita income that placed the state 45th in the nation.

The governor heard members of his farm advisory committee report that things generally are looking up, that morale of farm people generally is better than in several years. Tobacco income has risen sharply after last year's downward plunge. Income from poultry and livestock continues to advance.

Dr. D. W. Colvard, dean of the N. C. State College School of Agriculture and chairman of the advisory committee, told the governor that figures indicate the state's farm income has recovered most

of last year's drop and will be back close to \$1 billion again this year.

Hodges said he was very much encouraged by the state's economic condition—"more so than I was 90 days ago."

The encouraging reports on farm income, he added, made good news because "we here in North

Carolina are so terribly dependent on agriculture."

The governor also had praise for Colvard and other members of the State College School of Agriculture administration for their forward step in revamping the curricula of the school to meet rapidly changing conditions in the farm economy. The governor said the new curriculum plan is the "most encouraging thing I have seen happen."

Under the new educational program students may specialize in either agricultural science, agricultural business, or agricultural technology, with a major in any of the various specialties.



NO OFFENSE INTENDED—A cannon, even the historic one on East Front street, might seem out of place in this season of peace on earth and good will toward man. It makes a perfect perch for Nancy Ward, however, and her disarming smile gives assurance that she doesn't intend to blast away at anyone.—Photo by Billy Benners.



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