

North Carolina's 1952 Cash Farm Income Was 18 Million Dollars Less Than In 1951

According to statistics furnished by the University of North Carolina News Letter, total cash farm income for the nation in 1952 was \$33,125,399,000, the largest total amount for any one year in our history. It was around a half billion dollars in excess of the 1951 total, whereas in North Carolina, the 1952 cash farm income was some 18 million dollars less in 1952 than in 1951. This means that the decline of some seventy million dollars in income from tobacco in North Carolina was largely offset by increased income from other crops, along with an eight million dollar increase in income from livestock and livestock products.

The states range in cash income per farm from the fantastic and unbelievable amount of \$39,932 in Arizona to \$1,649 in West Virginia. In the case of Arizona, the per farm income from crops was \$28,552 and from livestock \$11,380.

North Carolina had a total cash farm income of \$929,948,000. This was second only to the 1951 income which, as finally revised, was \$947,296,000. The 1952 figure is subject to slight revision. When this total is divided by the number of farms we get an average cash income per farm of \$3,223. This is slightly under the 1951 income per farm by some \$60.00. This is not bad in view of the preliminary report that there was a drop of some seventy million dollars in income from tobacco last year, due to smaller production and lower prices.

North Carolina ranks 42nd in cash farm income per farm. Our rank in 1951 was fortieth. Again the drop in rank is due to the slightly off-year in tobacco. There has been very little change in the rank of North Carolina in farm income per farm for quite a number of years. Our fortunes rise and fall with the national trends. The annual changes in rank are due to local weather conditions and fluctuations in production, and price of individual commodities such as tobacco, year by year.

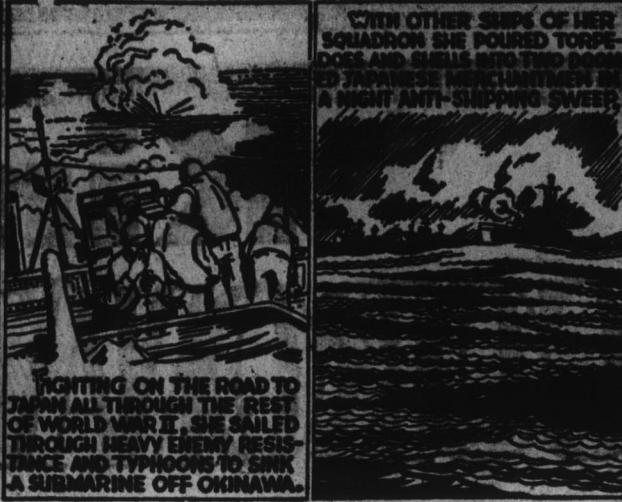
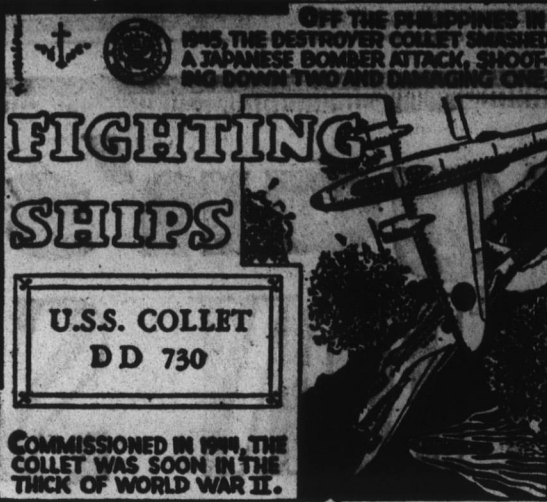
The per farm cash income in North Carolina has ranged during the last few years, from \$2,449 in 1949 to the revised figure of approximately \$3,290 in 1951.

North Carolina's cash farm income from crops in 1952 averaged \$2,518 per farm. This compares with a national average of \$2,718 per farm. North Carolina's cash income from the sale of livestock and livestock products averaged \$706 per farm as compared with the national average of \$3,437. The per farm income from livestock in 1952 was lower in only Mississippi and South Carolina. In percent of cash farm income derived from the sale of livestock and livestock products, North Carolina has moved out of last position by a very small fraction. South Carolina now enjoys that distinction. In North Carolina 21.89 per cent of cash farm income was from livestock, while in South Carolina it was 21.41 per cent. The slight gain in percent of income from livestock in North Carolina was due in part to an actual increase of eight million dollars from livestock. It was more due to the decrease of some seventy million dollars in income from tobacco. In other words, had the tobacco income not dropped, North Carolina would have ranked at the bottom in percent of farm income

from livestock and livestock products. The total income from livestock in North Carolina moved up from \$195,458,000 in 1951 to \$203,557,000 in 1952. All crops dropped from \$752 to \$726 million, in round numbers.

If the percent of farm income derived from the sale of livestock and livestock products is a measure of a balanced agriculture, then North Carolina cannot be considered a balanced agricultural state. We will miss by only a fraction of one percent of ranking last in this respect. One cannot get much solace from the increase of three points in percent of income from livestock when the increase is largely due to a decline in income from tobacco rather than to much increase in income from livestock. In bringing about a better balance in agriculture in North Carolina, it is to be hoped that it will not be achieved by a decline in tobacco. North Carolina is quite fortunate in the position it occupies as a tobacco producing state and it is to be hoped that 1953 will be an improvement over 1952. Also it is to be hoped that North Carolina will make fuller use of its excellent livestock resources. Too little of our land is in production and too much of our unsurpassed agricultural labor supply is seasonally underemployed. Underemployment is due to the highly seasonal nature of our leading crops which leaves producers of these crops with little or nothing to do after the crops have been sold. Underemployment of land resources and underemployment of farm population can probably best be cured or remedied by expansion of livestock production. Much of this underemployment in agriculture is ameliorated in some parts of the state by industrial employment. As a matter of fact, many thousands of farm families would find the going rough were it not for nonagricultural employment opportunities. However, there are large areas in the state where there is underemployment in agriculture and an absence of nonagricultural employment opportunities. The one crop regions are the ones shortest on nonagricultural employment. These regions are also shortest on livestock and probably have the largest amounts of idle or semi-idle land that can readily be put into production.

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This Week's Poem

By WILBORNE HARRELL

Note: Written during World War II when England stood defiant and almost alone against the Nazi air power, this poem is presented here as a fitting tribute during Coronation week to Elizabeth II. May Excalibur spring to her hand and give her strength to rule her people, as did King Arthur, wisely and well.

EXCALIBUR REGAINED

Excalibur—thou sword of fateful steel
Whose master plucked thee from the
anvil's stone,
That he who met the spell that wizards wield
Would wear the crown of England's mighty throne.
Excalibur—thou arm of Arthur's might
And strength of one whose strength lay not in swords,
But in the unity of hearts forthright
And in the fealty of loyal lords.
Excalibur—at peace by Arthur's side,
Quiescent in thy scabbard mute and dim,
Canst thou hear the conflict raging far and wide?
Then flash, O sword, into the sun for him.
Excalibur—spring thou to Arthur's hand
And strike a blow for they beleaguered land.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH SERVICES

Services at the First Christian Church have been announced as follows by the pastor, the Rev. E. C. Alexander:
Bible School, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock; morning service at 11 o'clock;

evening service at 7:30 o'clock. Wednesday Evening Bible Class meets at 7:30 o'clock. Everyone is welcome to young people's meeting at 6:30 P. M.; all services.

BAGS FOR BALL COWN



It's hard to believe, but this gown had been made almost completely of cotton material from food bags. Six pretty pastel pink bags were salvaged from the food bin for this attractive formal with a full, full skirt. A bit of glancing cotton stream was combined with the food sacks for the smart, stepless bodice.

Clarence Privott At Camp Stewart, Ga.

Clarence Privott has entered the service and been assigned to "A" Company of the 38th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion at Camp Stewart, Ga., the nation's second largest military installation.

Private Privott was a public worker before entering the service on April 29, 1953.

He is now taking basic training, and later will specialize in antiaircraft artillery. Camp Stewart is the Third

MEET THE PIRATE QUEEN CHINESE REDS HATE

Close-up of lovely Huang Pamei who commands 1,000 armed junks and 40,000 men sinking ships loaded with material bound for Communist China. Illustrated feature in the June 14th issue of

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Army Antiaircraft Artillery Training Center. Private Privott is the son of Mrs. Ella Privott, Route 1, Tynen.

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