

## Estimates Of N. C. Tobacco Crop Drops

Figures Show 4.0 Per Cent Less Than August 1st

The total 1953 flue-cured crop in North Carolina is estimated at 799,995,000 pounds as of August 15. This is 33,265,000 pounds or 4.0 per cent less than the August 1 estimate of 833,260,000 pounds. Current estimates are based on the results of a special mid-month survey made by the Federal-State Cooperative Crop Reporting Service. The survey was made in order to determine the extent of crop damage from the drought which existed over much of the State on August 1 and continued in most areas as of mid-month.

The next estimate of tobacco production will be released on the regularly scheduled date of September 10. A Tar Heel flue-cured crop of 799,995,000 pounds, if realized, would be 98,095,000 pounds or 11 per cent below last year's production of 898,090,000 pounds, but would still exceed 1942-51 average production of 775,291,000 pounds by 3.1 per cent.

A North Carolina flue-cured crop of 799,995,000 pounds this year from 684,000 acres would be the smallest crop since 1949 when 781,530,000 pounds were produced on 621,000 acres.

The average North Carolina flue-cured yield per acre, based on August 15 production, would be 1,170 pounds. An average yield of 1,170 pounds would be the lowest since 1947 when yields averaged 1,139 pounds and is 52 pounds less than last year's yield of 1,222 pounds.

## More Accidents Occur 25 Miles From Home

The first 25 miles away from home are the most hazardous when you're driving an automobile.

"Accident Facts," the National Safety Council's new statistical yearbook, shows that 61 per cent of the drivers involved in the 33,000 fatal motor vehicle accidents last year lived within 25 miles of where the accident occurred, 21 per cent lived elsewhere in the state, and 18 per cent out of the state.

Seventy-three per cent of the drivers involved in all motor vehicle accidents also lived within 25 miles of where the accident occurred. Seventeen per cent lived elsewhere in the state, and 10 per cent outside the state.



ROLL OUT THE BARREL—a preview of its performance at Detroit's Sixth International Aviation Exposition July 9-12 is given by an Army H-13 helicopter at Fort Sill, Okla. The 'copter tips over fuel drum, rolls it, and again stands it on end.

## State's Per Capita Income Drops

Proud and loyal North Carolinians who might have had hopes that their State would make a better comparative showing in 1952 in that most important of all economic barometers—incomes of individuals—are doomed to a bitter disappointment.

With a 1952 per capita income of \$1,049, North Carolina dropped from forty-fourth to forty-fifth rank among the states, a new all-time low.

These and many other significant items of information were contained in new 1952 figures on per capita and total income payments which were released here today for the first time by North Carolina Research Institute through the current issue of its official publication, North Carolina Facts. In releasing the information, Felix A. Grisette, Executive Director of the Institute, pointed out that North Carolina also declined in 1952 in the State's share of the National per capita income, in rank in total income payments, and in the rate of increase in all categories of individual income in 1952 as compared with 1951.

As though these reverses might not be sufficient, Grisette added a final blow by pointing out that for the first time in the recorded history of such statistics, North Carolina dropped below South Carolina in rank among the states! Only Alabama, Arkansas and Mississippi had per capita incomes less than North Carolina, thus giving North Carolina a rank of eighth place among the 11 Southeastern states, another all-time low.

North Carolina's 1952 per capita income of \$1,049 compared with \$1,639 for the United States as a whole and \$1,121 for the Southeast as a group. Thus the North Carolina figure was only 64 per cent of the National Average, whereas it has been about 66 per cent in recent years, a

drop of about three per cent. The percentage for the Southeast as a group was 68.

The North Carolina figure of \$1,049 was an increase of only \$14 per capita over the 1951 figure of \$1,035, which is approximately one per cent. During the same period the comparable increase for the Southeast and for the United States was four per cent, or 400 per cent better than in North Carolina. While North Carolina was increasing \$14 per capi-

ta, the Southeast increased from \$1,077 to \$1,121, or \$44 per capita, and the United States as a whole increased from \$1,581 to \$1,639, or \$58 per capita.

The current weekly issue of North Carolina Facts is packed with tables and charts containing these and many additional statistical facts on the subject of income payments, an economic indicator which is eagerly awaited each year by thousands of people who are interested in business conditions and economics generally.

In total income payments as distinguished from per capita income, Grisette pointed out that North Carolina also dropped behind in rank, in the rate of increase during the year, and in North Carolina's share of the total. Total income received by North Carolina people during the year was \$4,383 million as compared with \$4,290 million in 1950, an increase of \$93 million, or two per cent. In rank in total income, North Carolina was fifteenth as compared with fourteenth in 1951. North Carolina's peak in population among all the states is tenth.

The Southeast as a whole increased from \$34,272 million in 1951 to \$36,160 million in 1952, an increase of six per cent, which is 300 per cent better than North Carolina's increase of two per cent. In the country as a whole, total income payments increased from \$243,000 million in 1951 to \$255,000 million in 1952, or five per cent.

A year ago, North Carolina's share of total National income payments was 1.77 per cent. In 1952 it had

dropped to 1.71 per cent. The State's share of the total population is about 2.70 per cent.

## Travel To Hatteras Is Now Much Easier

Once inaccessible Hatteras Island on North Carolina's fabulous Outer Banks is now relatively easy to drive to. The hard-surface highway, completed the entire 60 miles from Nags Head to Hatteras village last year, is getting finishing touches. The Highway Commission has announced that construction activities should be completed by the end of August and local sand detours now encountered will be ended. On August 7 a new 22-passenger ferry was added to the Oregon Inlet fleet for sunrise to sunset shuttle service, thus breaking the bottleneck existing when only one 12-car capacity ferry was in operation.

As crowds increase along the new Outer Banks Highway, progress is being made on the establishment of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore which includes parts of Hatteras, Ocracoke and Bodie islands. There has been a sharp increase in accommodations on Hatteras Island in the last year, and the popularity of "Gamefish Junction" continues to grow as more anglers are able to reach it.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Webb of Richmond, Michigan, announce the birth of a 9-pound 2-ounce son, Carson James, born Saturday, August 15.  
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