

Farm Population Continues To Drop In North Carolina

Less Farm Land and Fewer People on Farms In 1953 Than 1952

North Carolina had less land in farms and fewer people on farms in 1953 than in 1952, according to the annual County Farm Census Summary released recently by the Statistics Division of the State Department of Agriculture.

Total land in farms declined 73,146 acres, but harvested cropland increased about 2,000 acres, improved pastures gained 55,387 acres, other pastures increased by more than 218,197 acres, and idle cropland decreased by 4,530 acres.

People of all ages living on Tar Heel farms in 1953 totaled 1,426,798, a decrease of 40,690 or 2.7 per cent. from the previous year. This downward trend in farm population has been under way for some years.

Percentage-wise, utilization of farm land was about the same in 1953 as in 1952. Harvested acreage at 29 per cent, idle cropland at five per cent, and improved pasture at four per cent were the same for both years. Unimproved pastures rose from six to seven per cent.

Similarly there was little change in the proportions of harvested cropland. Cotton represented 12 per cent, tobacco 11 per cent, sorghum 10 per cent, peanuts three per cent, wheat six per cent and soybeans four per cent in 1952 and 1953. Corn at 31 per cent and oats at seven per cent were up only one percentage point as compared with 1952.

Total tobacco and peanut acreages declined in 1953. Tobacco acreage at 648,636 was down about 56,000 acres from 1952. A drop of nearly 14,000 acres brought the total for peanuts down to 184,694 acres.

Cotton was harvested from 788,131 acres, a gain of 28,412 over the 1952 harvested acreage. The 2,209,373 acres of corn reported in 1953 represented a very slight increase over the previous year.

The summary shows a sharp gain in the total number of beef cows and heifers on farms as of January 1, 1954. This figure at 250,429 compares with 231,940 on the same date a year earlier, representing an increase of 18 percent. Milk cows and heifers, two years old and over, totaled 313,863, an increase of only 1,412 over the January 1, 1953, inventory.

Head and millets of laying age on North Carolina farms totaled 7,192,281 in 1953, the first of this year which showed a decline of almost five percent from the number on farms a year earlier. Sows and gilts for European breeds showed a slight decrease, 12,297, compared with 123,400 a year ago.

Statistics on other farm animals, such as sheep, swine, downy hen chickens, and turkeys, were reported by districts. Copies can be obtained by writing to the Statistics Division, N. C. Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C.

Edenton Police Arrest 45 Persons In October

Chowan County Police George I. Dail reports that during October Edenton police made a total of 46 arrests, with miscellaneous traffic violations leading the list at 17. Next in order were eight arrests for driving an automobile without a driver's license. During the month there were only two ar-



America by 1975 will have a college-age population in excess of 14,000,000, according to a report from the National Association of Manufacturers.

The NAM cites a study published by the Committee on Special Projects for the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers titled "College Age Population Trends: 1940-1970."

This study shows that the total college-age population climbed from 8,635,096 in 1940 to 8,076,411 in 1952. By 1960 the total is expected to reach 9,273,157.

And by 1970, the study shows, the total of college-age persons will be 13,609,831.

Of those arrested 43 were found guilty as charged. Twenty-seven were white males, two white females, 15 colored males and two colored females.

Fines amounted to \$715, costs \$307.73 or a total of \$1,022.73, of which \$322.15 was returned to the

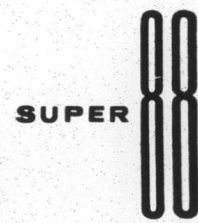


Jane Powell, determined to make gentlemen out of her husband's rowdy and unkempt brothers, gives them an ultimatum—"No cleanliness, no chow!" Howard Keel, her husband, does not appear in the scene with "brothers" Jacques d'Amboise, Jeff Richards, Russ Tamblin and Tommy Rall. It's from M-G-M's boisterous new musical "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers", filmed in CinemaScope and Anacolor at Taylor Theatre, Edenton, four days Tuesday through Thursday, November 23-26.

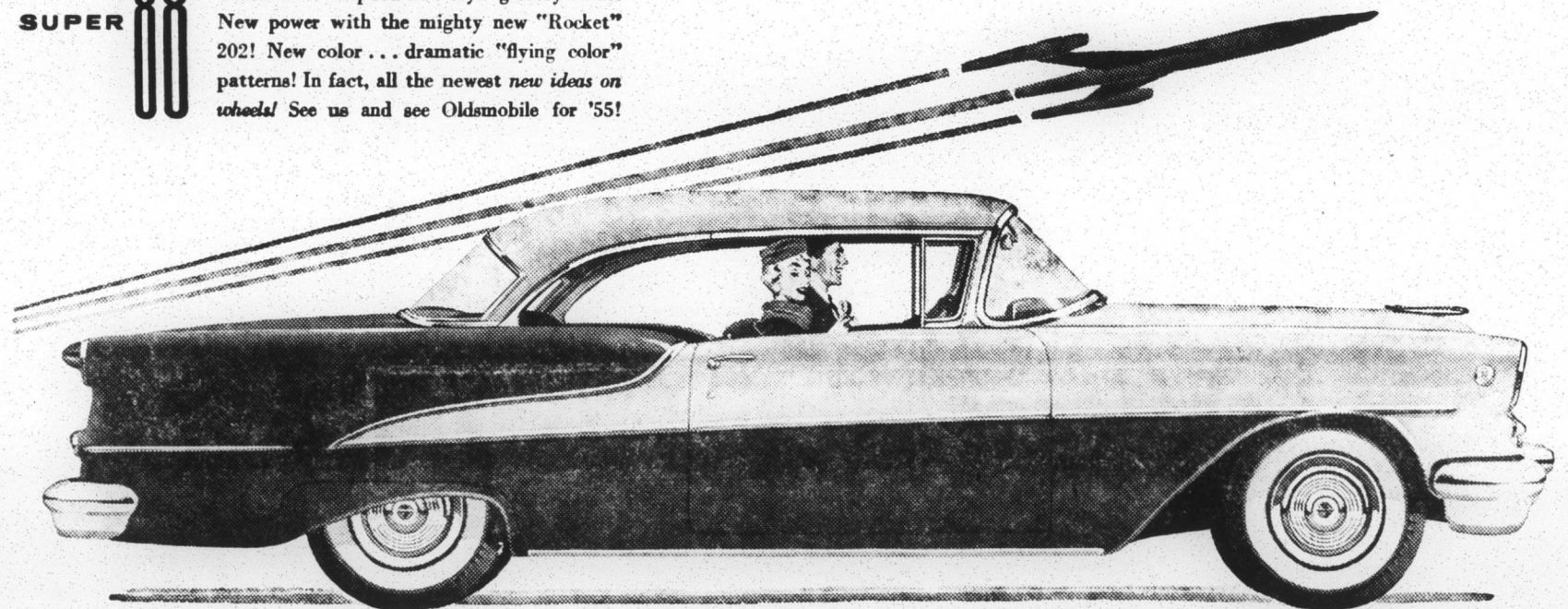
80 investigators, answered two fire calls and issued 674 citations. The police made 786 radio calls and were on the air one hour, five minutes and 30 seconds.

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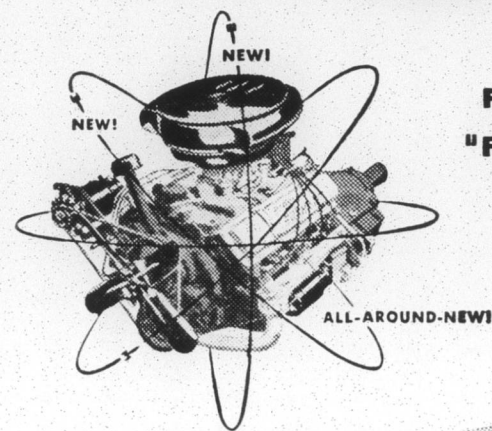
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