

State's Corn Crop Lowest Since 1942

Severe Drought Materially Cuts Down Production

The severe drought which prevailed throughout the summer reduced North Carolina's corn production to the lowest figure since 1942. The drought was, of course, more severe in some areas than others, with the tier of counties making up the Piedmont section of the State being the hardest hit.

Production of all corn in 1954 totaled 50,784,000 bushels from 2,116,000 acres, with an average yield per acre of 24 bushels. This compares with 1953 production of 58,293,000 bushels from 2,159,000 acres, with an average yield per acre of 27 bushels.

The average yield per acre of corn for grain decreased from 27.5 bushels last year to 25.0 bushels this year.

The acreage of corn harvested for grain decreased from 2,001,000 acres last year to 1,904,000 acres this year. Owing to the severe drought grain yield prospects were practically nil on thousands of farms and a considerable portion of this acreage was diverted to silage and forage. Corn utilized as silage increased from 82,000 acres last year to 106,000 acres this year. The acreage harvested for forage increased from 76,000 acres in 1953 to 106,000 acres in 1954.

Miss Betty Salisbury Weds Wm. B. Sewell

Miss Betty Salisbury, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Salisbury of Morehead City and William B. Sewell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sewell of Beaufort, were united in marriage Thursday night, December 23, at 8 o'clock in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church at Morehead City. The Rev. E. Guthrie Brown, rector of the church, officiated in the presence of members of the immediate families.

The couple was unattended. The bride wore a Dior blue dress with white accessories and a purple orchid.

The bride is a first grade teacher in the Edenton Elementary School and has resumed her duties following the Christmas holidays and a short wedding trip. The bridegroom returned to Ocracoke, where he is engaged in fishing this winter.

Health For All

At this season of the year when the newspapers, radio, and TV are recalling the events of the year just ending, the trends are analyzed and predictions are made. In a smaller way, families are going through the same process which came to a head on New Year's Eve with resolutions for the coming year.

While resolutions are still being considered, may we enter a plea for the forgotten man, Father. Plenty of attention is paid to the health of the very young and the very old, but the man in the middle—the man who does the world's work and pays the bills—is too often forgotten. He's a pretty important guy. If he doesn't keep well, we're all in trouble.

Let's do a little analyzing to find out whether he is keeping well. One study made in industrial plants this past year indicates that a good many fathers aren't eating a healthy diet. It was found that the majority were having coffee and a roll for breakfast, eating mid-morning hunger with high calorie snacks like candy bars, grabbing a sandwich and coffee for lunch. Malnutrition and obesity were entirely too common. Only one square meal a day, a diet low in protective foods, such as milk, fruits and green vegetables—it's an invitation to trouble.

And Father is having trouble, too. Statistics show that there is more serious illness, more deaths among men of middle years than among women. They have more tuberculosis, for instance. Yet we know that a healthy, well-nourished person can usually fight TB germs to a standstill.

If Father isn't taking proper care of his health, isn't eating right or getting enough sleep, rest, and recreation, we can resolve to do something about it. It may take some managing to help him take reasonable care of his health and get him to the doctor's office for the physical examination and chest X-ray he should have regularly. Possibly, however, if Father is made to realize that he is appreciated more than just one day a year, he'll cooperate.

True, My Friend!

It takes a lot of jack to keep a car up.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED



MISS NANCY MAE BOSWELL

Mr. and Mrs. William Lewis Boswell announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Mae Boswell, to 1st Lieut. Kenneth Raymond Ingram, USMCR, son of Mrs. May E. Ingram of Riverside, California, and the late Paul E. Ingram. Lieut. Ingram is a graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles. Upon his graduation he received a commission in the Marine Corps. Miss Boswell, after graduating at Edenton High School, graduated as a registered nurse at the Norfolk General Hospital School of Nursing and is now a nurse at Chowan Hospital. The wedding will take place in the Edenton Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, March 6, at 5 o'clock.

HAYSEED

By UNCLE SAM

The Years Ahead

I have finished with all the years in the past. Whatever they may have brought is forever gone. It is only the years ahead that count.

I have finished with all the years in the old and dead past. It is only the years ahead that count.

I have finished with all the years of the past, their joys and their sorrows. It is only the years ahead that count.

I have finished with all the years of the past, their successes and their failures. It is only the years ahead that count.

I have finished with all the years of the past, their gains and their losses. It is only the years ahead that count.

I have finished with all the years of the past, for time will never turn back. It is only the years ahead that count.

Then march on future years. I hope I am ready for you. For it is only the years ahead that count.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. John Edward Parker of Colerain announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mary Viola Parker of Ahsokie to John Bruce Hughes, son of Mrs. Charlie P. Hughes and the late Mr. Hughes of Edenton. The wedding will take place Sunday, January 16.

Take all the swift advantage of the hours. —Shakespeare.

PUFFED UP!



Here's something to get all puffed up about! It's the biggest cotton powder puff ever made. The huge two-foot powder puff was made by the Hygienic Company to mark the manufacture of its billionth puff. The company estimates that in the last fifty years it has used about four million pounds of cotton to keep the ladies and babies in powder puffs. At first goose down was used, but in 1906 cotton velour was introduced and immediately became popular.

Special Messages At Presbyterian Church During Coming Year

Sunday School at 10 A. M., with classes for all ages. Morning worship at 11, with a sermon by the pastor. Everyone is invited to attend these and all services at the Presbyterian Church.

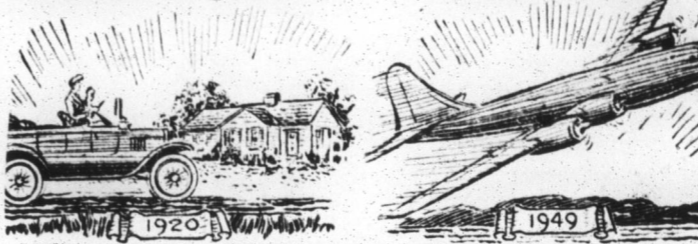
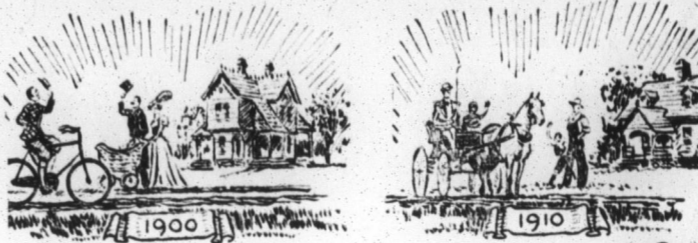
Beginning last Sunday, and continuing through the year, the pastor, the Rev. James MacKenzie, is preaching a series of expository messages from the Gospel of John. More in the nature of teaching than preaching, he feels these services will be of great help in seeking to understand the Word of God and ascertain His will for our lives. The Gospel of John was written by "the disciple whom Jesus loved;" perhaps the most intimate friend our Lord had while He was here on earth. It was to John He entrusted the care of His mother as He hung in agony upon the cross. Writing from personal experience, John presents Jesus as the eternal Son of God, and teaches that eternal life is to be had through faith in Him. "If you have no church home, and desire to fellowship with Christian people and study the Word," says Mr. MacKenzie, "you are cordially invited to bring your Bible and meet with us on Sunday mornings."

During the year 1954 the active membership of the Edenton Presbyterian Church more than doubled, as did our Sunday School attendance.

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat



WHEN THE 20th CENTURY OPENED, A CHILD BORN IN AMERICA COULD LOOK FORWARD TO AN AVERAGE OF 49 YEARS OF LIFE.



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Holiday "Planned-Overs"

By MARTHA STILLEY Virginia Electric & Power Co. Home Economist

After the holiday means good eating time, too, with dishes such as these.

- Baked Turkey Loaf**
2 cups hot turkey broth
or
2 cups hot water mixed with 2 chicken bouillon cubes
3 eggs, beaten slightly
1 1/2 cup soft bread crumbs
1 1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon paprika
2 drops tobacco sauce
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
4 cups finely diced turkey
1/4 cup chopped green pepper
1/2 cup minced celery
1 teaspoon grated onion
1 1/2 tablespoon lemon juice.
Pour broth over eggs. Add remaining ingredients and mix well. Pour into greased loaf pan. Bake at 300 deg. for 1 1/2 hour or until inserted knife comes out clean. Or bake in a shallow pan (or in muffin pan for individual serving) for 50 minutes.

Serve hot one day, and cold with warm herb-flavored cream sauce the next. Makes 8-10 servings. Here's a treat from the electric frypan:

- Skillet Ham Loaf**
1/4 cup butter
2 tablespoon brown sugar
9 slices (No. 2 can) pineapple
9 maraschino cherries
3 cups (about 1 # 2 oz.) ground cooked ham
1/4 cup crushed corn flakes
3 eggs
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon onion salt

Melt butter in electric fry pan set at 220 deg. Mix in sugar. Arrange pineapple slices in sugar. Place cherry in center of each. Beat eggs; add ham, corn flakes and seasonings. Place in a layer over pineapple. Press down with back of wooden spoon. Cover and simmer (220 deg) for 30 minutes. Serve upside down on platter.

(This may be prepared on surface unit of range, using a corresponding low heat). Makes 9 servings.

- Turkey Salad**
2 cups chopped cooked turkey
2 cups cooked rice
1 cup chopped celery
1/4 cup chopped green pepper
1/4 cup french dressing
1 boiled egg, diced
lemon juice, to taste
mayonnaise, to taste
Mix well. Place on lettuce. Gar-

nish with cranberry sauce slice cut with turkey cutter.

- Skillet Turkey Stew**
2 cups turkey broth
or
2 cups hot water mixed with 2 chicken bouillon cubes
1 cup canned tomatoes
1 No. 2 can (2 1/2 cups) whole kernel corn
1 No. 2 can (2 1/2 cups) lima beans
1 medium onion, chopped
2 cups coarsely chopped cooked turkey
1/4 teaspoon ginger
salt and pepper to taste

Combine all ingredients in a large saucepan. Heat on high heat until boiling. Turn to simmer and cook for one hour. Serve with crackers, toast or assorted breads. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Prepare this in frypan by starting at 300 deg. When boiling, set at 220 deg. for remainder of cooking time.

TRY A HERALD CLASSIFIED

RECORD EGG PRODUCTION
Laying flocks in North Carolina produced an estimated 102 million eggs during November—the highest production of record for that month, being 12 percent above the previous record of 91 million in 1953.

There were an estimated 8,944,000 layers on hand during November compared to 8,972,000 a year earlier. The rate of lay during November 1954 of 1,140 eggs per 100 layers was 12 percent above the rate for November 1953 of 1,014 eggs per 100 layers.

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FANCY DISHES FOR YOUR TABLE

Treat the family with homemade foods that are easy to prepare and easy on the budget. Look for recipes of seven unique dishes including Boeuf Bourguignon, Chicken Cacciatore, American Bouillabaisse, and Peche Melba in the January 16th issue of

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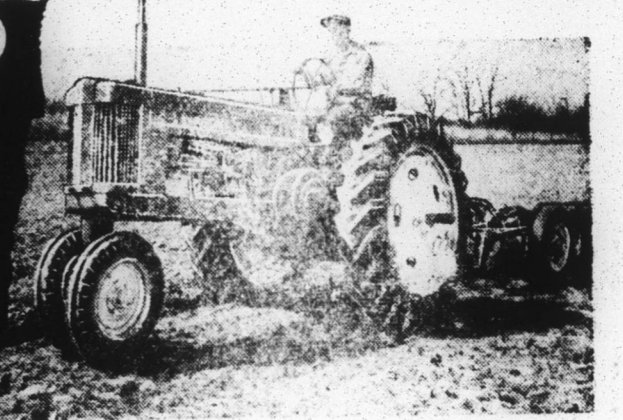
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