

Cotton Production In North Carolina Is 20% Less Than '53

Also Reduction of 30 Per Cent In Acres Harvested

The 1954 North Carolina cotton crop is now estimated at 300,000 (500-pound gross weight) bales. The 360,000 bales produced this year is 20 percent for 89,000 bales under 1953 production and 20 percent or 145,000 bales below the 10-year (1943-52) average crop.

It is estimated that 543,000 acres of cotton was harvested this year—a reduction of 30 percent from 1953 and 23 percent under the 10-year average.

North Carolina growers had 558,000 acres under cultivation July 1, 1953, compared with 782,000 acres in 1953 and the average of 748,000 acres.

The State average yield per acre is estimated at 316 pounds of 28 pounds above the average yield from last year's crop but still 24 pounds under the average.

The 1954 crop in southern Piedmont and some southeastern producing counties was reduced sharply by drought conditions. However, throughout most of the Coastal region, the crop turned out good.

It is estimated that cottonseed production from this year's crop will amount to 151,000 tons, compared with 185,000 tons last year and the average of 208,000 tons.

The United States cotton crop for 1954 is estimated at 13,500,000 bales—18 percent less than production in 1953 but 9 percent above the 10-year average. Growers harvested 19,187,000 acres this year—21 percent less than the average harvested a year ago and 12 percent under the 10-year average.

Jessie Lee Downing Becomes Bride Of Lt. Aubrey E. Harrell

Ceremony Took Place In Rocky Hook Baptist Church Dec. 12

On Sunday afternoon, December 12, at 4 o'clock the Rocky Hook Baptist Church was a lovely setting for the wedding of Miss Jessie Lee Downing to Lieutenant Aubrey Evans Harrell. Palms and arrangements of white poinsettias, gladioli and seven branched candelabras made a beautiful background for the candlelight ceremony performed by the Rev. B. L. Raines. The double ring ceremony was used.

Miss Agnes Chappell, organist, presented a program of musical music prior to the ceremony and accompanied Mrs. Eunice Ann Caraway, who sang "Sweetest Story Ever Told" and "O Promise Me" and "O Perfect Love" as the bride's selection.

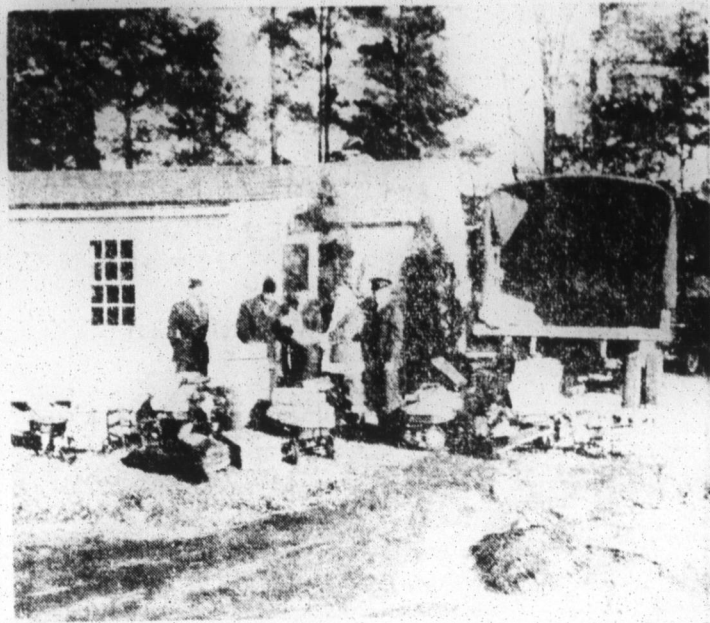
The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a floor-length gown, fashioned of white net. The bodice, which was closely fitted, was softly draped in folds of net which extended over the shoulders for a portrait effect. The skirt was extremely bouffant, with miniature ruffles set on at hip level in a deep diamond pointed pattern. Her headpiece was a halo of starched lace, worked in seed pearl trim, and veiled in imported illusion to fingertip length. She carried a white prayer book topped with a purple throned orchid, and satin streamers. Her only ornament was a single strand of pearls, gift of the bridegroom.

Miss Magdalene Downing attended her sister as maid of honor. Mrs. Thurman Ashley, sister of the bridegroom, was matron of honor. They wore matching floor-length gowns of red taffeta styled with a princess bodice with a sweetheart neckline and three-quarter crush sleeves. The skirt was full with unpressed pleats. Their bonnets were of red taffeta trimmed with white velvet and they carried white velvet muffs showered with red carnations.

Bridesmaids were: Miss Virginia Downing, sister of the bride, Miss Vivian Alexander, cousin of the bride, Miss Neldia Haste, all of Edenton, and Miss Cynthia Ambrose of Bethesda, Maryland. They wore gowns identical to those of the honor attendants.

Billy Gray Leary of Chapel Hill served as best man. Mrs. Percy L. Smith acted as mistress of ceremonies. Honorary bridesmaids were: Mrs.

MARINES HELP NEEDY CHILDREN



Shown above are 2nd Lieut. Stanley G. Radhuber, Chaplain Dean K. Veltman, Cpl. J. E. O'Rourke, T-Sgt. W. J. Brady (Santa Claus) and Cpl. G. E. Horner, who helped distribute over \$300 worth of games, food and clothing to five needy Edenton families on Christmas. Chaplain Veltman started the drive and had little trouble collecting \$279 in cash, plus generous donations of clothing and food from the appreciative Marines. The money was used to purchase toys and games for the children. All told, the gifts were valued at over \$500.00. The names of the five needy families were given to the Chaplain by the local welfare department.

Record Of Motorboats Unclaimed By Owners

The Coast Guard has announced that it has thousands of unclaimed and obsolete motorboat records on file in the Fifth Coast Guard District which may be furnished to owners of the boats upon request.

Records are on outboard motorboats under 16 feet in length which formerly had to meet certain requirements of the Motorboat Registration Act pertaining to ownership, construction and registration. This requirement was cancelled for boats of this type in 1952 and the Coast Guard does not desire to keep the records on file.

Any owner of one of these boats in the states of Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, or the District of Columbia who wishes to obtain the records on his boat may do so by requesting them from the Motorboat Registration Section, Fifth Coast Guard District, Post Office Box 540, Norfolk, Virginia. Records not requested within the next thirty days will be destroyed.

MIDDLE GROUND UNION MEETING JANUARY 29-30

A session of the Middle Ground Union meeting will be held at the New Middle Baptist Church near Sunbury, Saturday and Sunday, January 29 and 30. The Rev. Chester Hart is pastor of the church and the Rev. W. H. Davis will serve as moderator.

Sessions will be held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Saturday night at 8 o'clock, Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock and Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with interesting programs scheduled for each session.

N. C. Business Firms Receive Forms For 1954 Census Report

Report forms of the 1954 Census of Business are being mailed to North Carolina retail, wholesale and service businesses, theaters and other amusement places, hotels and tourist courts, early in January by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. The report forms are adapted to the various kinds of business and smaller firms need answer only a minimum of basic inquiries.

Approximately three million business firms throughout the United States will receive the 1954 census forms. Information collected in the census is confidential and will be used by the Bureau of the Census in compiling new statistics on business activities for the nation, states and smaller areas for the first time since the results of the 1948 Census of Business were published.

Selected figures for North Carolina from the 1948 Census of Business follow:

Retail Trade, 1948	
No. of stores.....	40,880
Sales for year.....	\$2,248,660,000
Payroll for year.....	\$ 212,626,000
Wholesale Trade, 1948	
No. establishments.....	3,962
Sales for year.....	\$3,129,686,000
Payroll for year.....	\$ 107,716,000

RECORD MILK PRODUCTION

Estimated November milk production in North Carolina totaled 141 million pounds—a record high for the month. The November flow showed a seasonal decline of 11 million pounds from the October output but was 8 million pounds higher than production during November 1953 and 27 million pounds above the 1943-52 average for the month.

U. S. milk production during November, estimated at 8.4 pounds, was only a little above last year's previous record for the month.

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Cheaper
 Boy—How much for these colars?
 Man—Two for 25 cents.
 Boy—How much for one?
 Man—Fifteen cents.
 Boy—I'll take the other one.

Kidney Slow-Down May Bring Restless Nights

When kidney function slows down, many folks complain of nagging backache, headaches, dizziness and loss of pep and energy. Don't suffer restless nights with these discomforts if reduced kidney function is getting you down—due to such common causes as stress and strain, over-exertion or exposure to cold. Minor bladder irritations due to cold, dampness or wrong diet may cause getting up nights or frequent passages. Don't neglect your kidneys if these conditions bother you. Try Doan's Pills—a mild diuretic. Used successfully by millions for over 60 years. While often otherwise caused, it's amazing how many times Doan's give happy relief from these discomforts—help the 15 miles of kidney tubes and filters wash out waste. Get Doan's Pills today!

DOAN'S PILLS

Wooden Hog Feeder Proving Satisfactory

A well-built wooden self feeder is more durable than the metal self-feeder for hogs, it is the belief of Cam Byrum. Mr. Byrum often has beef cattle running with his hogs and finds that the metal feeders become bent up and believes that the home-made wooden feeder will be more durable for his purpose. He is using treated lumber for the floor and lower portion of the feeder. The feeders are being built according to the Extension plans but Mr. Byrum is adding a compartment for feeding minerals. County Agent C. W. Overman believes that this mineral compartment will be a great improvement because so often when additional feeders are provided for hogs this feature is overlooked and the hogs just don't get the minerals.

Yet No Protection
 "Why are you standing there throwing stones at that poor little boy?"
 "Because I daren't go any closer, miss. He's got whooping cough."

SOYBEANS ABOVE LAST YEAR

North Carolina's 1954 soybean crop of 4,720,000 bushels is 16 percent above the 1953 crop of 4,076,000 bushels. There were 295,000 acres harvested for beans with an average yield per acre of 16 bushels. This compares with 263,000 acres harvested last year with average yield per acre of 15 bushels.

BILLY GRAHAM TELLS HIS LIFE STORY

For the first time, famous evangelist Billy Graham tells of his boyhood and relives Bible college days. He reveals how he met and courted his wife, Ruth, and how he decided to devote himself to helping others find the way. Get the unusual facts in the January 16th issue of

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 Saturday Continuous From 1:30
 Sunday, 2:15, 4:15 and 8:15

Thursday and Friday, January 6-7—

Elizabeth Taylor and Van Johnson in **"THE LAST TIME I SAW PARIS"**
 DUS SPRUILL

Saturday, January 8—
 The Bowery Boys in **"JUNGLE GENTS"**
 Also 5 Cartoons
 MRS. CLYDE SLADE

Sunday and Monday, January 9-10—
 Doris Day and Frank Sinatra in **"YOUNG AT HEART"**
 HAYWOOD BUNCH

W. C. HOLLOWELL
 Tuesday and Wednesday, January 11-12—
 Double Feature
 Dan O'Herlihy in **"THE ADVENTURES OF ROBINSON CRUSOE"**
 J. R. PEELE

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 Friday and Saturday, January 7-8—
 Double Feature
"MESA OF LOST WOMEN"
 —also—
"WELLS FARGO DAYS"
 MRS. HORACE WHITE

NOTE: If your name appears in this ad, bring it to the Taylor Theatre box office and receive a free pass to see one of the pictures.

NOTICE!

To Chowan County TAXPAYERS

The Tax Books for the year 1954 are now in my hands for the collection of taxes. We urge you to pay your taxes now and thus avoid the penalty which will begin on February 1.

A PENALTY OF 1% WILL BE ADDED ON 1954 TAXES NOT PAID BEFORE FEBRUARY 2. ANOTHER 1% WILL BE ADDED MARCH 2 AND AN ADDITIONAL 1/2 OF 1% WILL BE ADDED FOR EACH ADDITIONAL MONTH TAXES ARE UNPAID.

J. A. BUNCH

SHERIFF OF CHOWAN COUNTY

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