

Around Chowan Farms

By C. W. OVERMAN
Farm Production and Gross Income 1968: Even with the extremely dry and hot weather conditions last summer, our crop production did very well. As you read this article please remember that we are talking about gross income from crops and livestock sold. The cost of production will amount to 75 per cent or more of the gross. We will compare 1968 figures with those of 1967.

The peanut yield was up 522 pounds per acre, from 2,087 to 2,609. The gross income from peanuts was up \$636,550. The cotton income was up \$191,733, from \$19,085 to \$208,808. Income from tobacco was down \$38,236, \$487,080 from \$525,316 in 1967. The soybean income was down \$79,080, \$667,920 from \$747,000 in 1967 due to lower yield and seven cents per bushel lower price. Income from vegetable crops were up \$475,525 from \$961,320, to \$1,436,845. In livestock, income from swine was up \$79,500, \$1,070,500 from \$991,000. Income from beef cattle was slightly up, \$124,000 from \$114,200. Sales of turkeys was up. Our estimated gross sales of crops in 1968 was \$5,478,789 as compared with \$4,174,823 in 1967. Income from livestock, poultry and products in 1968 was \$2,212,565 as compared with \$1,984,680 in 1967. Estimated gross sales from all crops, livestock, poultry and forestry in 1968 was \$7,781,354 as compared with \$6,249,703 in 1967, giving us an increase of \$1,531,651. Last year was a good year after all, but the farmer's net income was not high. Seven farmer community committees that met with me over the county gave their estimates on figures not available at the ASCS office. They also estimated that cost of production was 75 to 80 per cent of the gross. Using the lower figure of 75 per cent cost, the net farm income in Chowan County for 1968 would be \$1,945,338. Based on the 1965 farm census, Chowan County had 448 farms. In 1968 we had 440 or less. Based on 440 farms the average net farm income was about \$4,421. One hundred sixty-four farms contained less than 58 acres each, 38 of which was less than 10 acres each. There were 284 farms with 50 acres and up. We may assume that most of the 264 larger farms had net incomes average or better. The income of the 164 small farms most likely is well under the average. However, many of our small farm operators work part time off the farm to supplement their income. I congratulate our farmers and agribusiness on the good results of 1968. Let's join together and make 1969 much better.



BROAD STREET BULLETIN

— by —
KATE

The old fashioned practice of remembering a friend,
With a cake, a flower or a book,
Might just be the thing she needed
To make her day have a brighter look.

So take time out to remember
A friend who is worried or ill;
It will not only make her feel better;
Your day will be brighter still.

Friendship cannot be bought; it must be earned!

Another sign of Spring! Each Spring about this time, a World Day of Prayer is observed by most of the churches in our community. This year at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Friday, March 7, at 4 o'clock, with eight churches participating, the worship service will be held, the theme being "Growing Together In Christ." Twelve of our local high school girls will serve as a choir. Do take this hour of your day, Friday, March 7, for fellowship in prayer.

Last Wednesday night our local Byrd Home Demonstration Club held its annual husbands' supper at the home of Ruth and Charlie Overman. We all enjoyed it a lot and especially the excellent food. There was only one thing bad about it. Yours truly is on a no-sweets diet and that coconut and lemon pie sure looked good. However, BUT is NOT on a diet.

From where I'm sitting, I can see the glorious sun setting and it almost seems to say, "All is well."

We had a piano tuner here this week to check on swollen keys and to also tune the piano. After the gentleman was finished, he ran a series of trills up and down the keyboard and he really could play. When he was finished, he called me in the room and asked if I would play a tune or two. Well—my accomplishment on the piano is limited to a few hymns—and easy-to-play pieces—so I had to be coaxed and then threatened almost to see if the tuning met with my satisfaction. After one piece, I think he got the message, as he didn't encourage me to play again. But after he was gone, I had a good time playing tunes, just for me.

Many women, on rainy days, take their frustration out on cooking and I'm one of them. This weekend I cooked a concoction of dried apricots, prunes, chopped dates and chopped dried figs—no sugar added, and it was delicious. Try it sometime—makes a good wintertime dessert.

Our Methodist minister's wife, Delores Earnhardt, makes a delicious baked Lasagna. I asked her to share her recipe and here it is:

1 lb. Lasagna.
2 tbs. olive oil.
1 lb. ground beef.
1 lb. round steak (cut in small pieces).
1 minced onion.
1 clove garlic, chopped.
3/4 lb. cottage cheese.
Two 6-oz. cans tomato paste.
2 cups water.
1/2 tsp. salt.
1/2 tsp. pepper.
3/4 lb. Mozzarella cheese.
2 eggs.
1 tsp. parsley and grated Parmesan cheese.

Cook Lasagna and drain. In olive oil, brown onion, ground beef, chopped steak. Add garlic, tomato paste, water, salt and pepper. Cook one hour. Mix raw egg with parsley and cottage cheese. In a baking dish, arrange layer of Lasagna, sauce, cottage cheese mixture and repeat. Finish with sauce on top and sprinkle with grated Parmesan cheese and grated Mozzarella cheese. Bake in 375 degree oven about 20 minutes or until hot through.

Helpful Hints

Cook dried lima beans in an open kettle and they will be easier to digest. Fill the bottom of your broiler pan with water before broiling meat and the grease will not splatter. A small spoonful of molasses added to your pancake batter will make them a tempting golden brown.

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Activities Set By Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts in the Edenton area will launch the annual observance of Girl Scout Week here Sunday by attending church in a group.

Some 50 Girl Scouts are expected to join other worshippers at Edenton Baptist Church for the 11 A. M. service.

Wednesday is considered the birthday of Girl Scouting and on this day all local troop members will wear their uniform to school to draw attention to the program.

Also, a display is being arranged in Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library under the direction of Mrs. Larry Williams.

FHA NEWS

By Jane George

The John A. Holmes High School Chapter of FHA had a business meeting Wednesday, February 26. It was decided to continue selling cookbooks. These books are the favorite recipes from home economics teachers.

The seven cookbooks offered are as follows: Our Favorite Meats, Our Favorite Salads, Our Favorite Desserts, Our Favorite Vegetables, Our Favorite Casseroles, Quick and Easy and Foreign Foods.

The cookbooks may be obtained for \$2.95 each from any FHA member or Mrs. Edna Reaves.

Plans for the upcoming Mother-Daughter Banquet and National FHA Week were also discussed.

D. F. Walker High School News

By Francine Sutton and Prince Jernigan, Reporters

Last Thursday the North-eastern Drama Festival was held in the Walker gymnasium. Our critique judge, Prof. Edith Larson, of Chowan College, announced "Parole" as the winning play.

The cast consisted of: Karin, Francine Sutton;

Dave, Sidward Boyce; Cathy, Mattie Knight; Joe, Prince Jernigan; Linda, Mary White; Mrs. Lowell, Diana Jones; Joe Strathseth, Sr., Melvin Riddick.

Recognition went to Francine Sutton as best actress, and Prince Jernigan as the best actor. The cast will travel to Raleigh March 20 to compete in

the State Festival.

The "top ten" students of the senior class have been revealed. They are as follows: Diana Jones, Doris Blount Francine Sutton are tied for second place. Joyce Tillett, Kenneth Sutton, Barbara Jerkins, Diann Welch, Ernest Wills, Janice Wright and Barbara Boyce.

The junior class has started making preparations for the Junior Senior Prom. They are determined to make it a smashing success for the outgoing seniors.

To live is to function. That is all there is in living.

—O. W. Holmes, II.

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