

## 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 swine was up \$79,500, \$1,000 was up \$191,733, \$70,500 from \$991,000. Income from tobacco was down \$38,236, \$487,080 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.

### Non-Credit Class Slated At College

A non-credit class in basic accounting will begin at the College of the Albemarle March 11. Registration can be made any night the rest of this week from 6:30 to 9:30 by contacting the evening director at the college during these hours, in person.

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### Activities Set By Girl Scouts

### 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 Scout Week here Sunday continue selling cookbooks by attending church in books. These books are the favorite recipes from home economics teachers.

Some 50 Girl Scouts are expected to join other worshipers 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-Prunder Memorial Library under the direction of Mrs. Larry Williams.

### D. F. Walker High School News

By Francine Sutton and the State Festival. Prince Jernigan, Reporter

Last Thursday the North-eastern Drama Festival was held in the Walker gymnasium. Our critique judge, Prof. Edith Larson, ton are tied for second place. Joyce Tillett, Kenneth Sutton, Barbara Jenkins, Dianne Welch, Ernest Wills, Janice Wright and Barbara Boyce.

The cast consisted of: Karin, Francine Sutton; Dave, Sidward Boyce; Cathy, Mattie Knight; Joe, Prince Jernigan; Linda, Mary White; Mrs. Lowell, Diana Jones; Joe Stratheth, Sr., Melvin Riddick.

Recognition went to Mrs. Edna Reaves. Plans for the upcoming Mother-Daughter Banquet and National FHA Week were also discussed.

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March 20 to compete in —O. W. Holmes, II.

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