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In last week's column, we released the farm income estimates for total cash sales of farm commodities in Robeson County. Those sales amounted to \$122,336,216 in 1981. When total government payments are added to this figure, the Extension Service has estimated that the total farm income in 1981 amounted to \$122,958,596. This compares to a total farm income figure in 1980 of \$117,637,095.

As I indicated in last week's column, if tobacco income had not increased more than \$11 million in 1981, we would have actually suffered a net loss of over \$6 million in income to our farmers in 1981.

The significance of this becomes very great when one considers that a large number of our farmers grow little or no tobacco and depend on other commodities for their livelihood.

Certainly, we will recall the dry spring that was experienced and then the searing heat during June that played havoc with the corn crop in the northern and western parts of the county. The weather patterns coupled with lower prices for practically all commodities accounted for much of the decrease in farm sales from most commodities within the county.

Cotton gained 20 percent in total sales even though cotton

prices had declined from an average of 82 cents per pound in 1980 to 58 cents per pound in 1981. While we saw an increase of 225 acres above the 10,000 acres that was grown in 1980, an excellent crop accounted for the increasing income in cotton. Per acre yield was estimated at 375 pounds in 1980 as compared to 650 pounds per acre in 1981. Thus, if prices had remained anywhere close to the 1981 level, cotton income would have grown dramatically from the previous year.

Wheat is another example of more acreage but lower prices. In 1980 we had 12,000 acres of wheat grown with an average price of \$4.05 per

bushel. Yet, in 1981 with a slightly reduced yield, we had 16,000 acres of wheat grown but at an average price of only \$3.25 per bushel. Therefore, even though total production amounted to 608,000 bushels compared to 540,000 bushels in 1980, we saw wheat income decline almost \$200,000 from the previous year.

Soybeans experienced much the same fate as cotton and wheat in the price arena. With an estimated total acreage of 112,500 acres grown in 1981, at 21 bushels per acre, we saw an increase in production from the 2,070,000 bushels grown in 1980 to 2,362,000 grown in 1981. Yet, the average price in 1980 for soybeans was \$8.40 per bushel compared to the average price in 1981 of \$6.35. Thus, it is very easy to account for the 13.7 percent decline in soybean income.

While corn suffered severely under the erratic weather that existed in 1981, we did observe a slight increase in production from 60 bushels per acre in 1980 to an estimated 68 bushels per acre in 1981. From the 91,000 acres grown, farmers har-

vested a total of 6,120,000 bushels. Yet, the average price for this much larger corn crop, was only \$2.65 per bushel compared to the 1980 price of \$3.60 per bushel. Therein lies the explanation for the 16.6 percent decline in income from corn from the \$19,440,000 figure in 1980 to \$16,218,000 in 1981.

While overall horticultural income was down 20.7 percent to \$4,079,637, most of this decline can be attributed to a 40.3 percent reduction in income from pickling cucumbers. While prices were up significantly from 1980, acreage declined by 650 to a total of 2,700 acres. This resulted in income from processing cucumbers of \$1,728,600 compared to \$2,897,950 in 1980.

Our pork producers continued to suffer from below break-even prices that have existed for the past two years. Since this situation has existed for an extended period of time, hog growers both locally and nationwide have cut back significantly on their production levels. Thus, with an estimated decrease in numbers of 20 percent locally, and coupled with a slight increase

in average prices, we have estimated that total income from our major livestock enterprise in this area is down \$1.2 million from the \$12,479,213 of the previous year.

In terms of a dramatic decline in farm income, forestry suffered the greatest in 1981. Certainly, the recessionary status of the economy, which has resulted in lower demand for wood products, and the resulting lower prices accounts for the 32.3 percent decline in forestry income from \$7,830,200 in 1980 to \$5,304,119 in 1981.

Another area of farm income that deserve mention is the 26.9 percent increase in government payments for 1981. The major bulk of government payments was directed to conservation programs and disaster payments. One of the most satisfying increases in government payments was an almost three-fold increase in payments made to improve forestry stands. The total forestry stand improvement program payments were slightly more than \$15,000 in 1980 but jumped to more than \$43,000 in 1981. These figures under-

score the importance that both the government and local individuals are placing on improving forestry and a recognition of the importance that forest management can have on the total economy.

Should anyone need additional information regarding the farm income estimates, this information is available at the Extension Office in Lumberton.

**National
Football
League
to assist
CARE**

The National Football League Players Association Executive Director, Edward Garvey announced today that his staff and membership are volunteering their services to assist CARE, the international aid and development organization in its 1982 campaign to aid the world's needy people. Mr. Garvey pointed out that "the goal of the project is to provide knowledgeable, eye-witness reports by our football players who bring a high degree of credibility to appeals for support of CARE's humanitarian services around the world."

With transportation being contributed through Eastern Airlines and Braniff International, and hotel accommodations donated by Sheraton International Hotels, the first group of football players will visit CARE development projects in Latin America during April of this year. Upon their return to the United States, NFL Players Association members are scheduled to make personal appearances at special events where they will report on the self-help needs of people in developing countries. Gene Upshaw of the Oakland Raiders and president of the NFLPA considers this, "a unique opportunity for football players to demonstrate their concern for world wide human development problems."

Dr. Philip Johnston, Executive Director of CARE expressed his appreciation of the NFLPA effort by noting that "these men can make a valuable contribution by enlisting their fans to join in our continuing battle to help ease poverty, hunger and disease for so many people who live on the very edge of survival." Information is available at NFLPA Headquarters, 1330 Connecticut Avenue, North West, Washington, D.C. and CARE World Headquarters, 660 First Avenue, New York 10016.

**YOUTH FOR CHRIST
CHURCH NEWS**

by Violet Rose Wilkins
Pastor: Elder Larue Barton.
Assistant Pastor: Elder W.T. Lowery.

We praise the Lord for the wonderful service He gave us Sunday. We praise him for the three souls who accepted him as their savior. There has been eleven souls saved, one healed and many blessed. God is a great God.. He loves to bless his children.

Rev. Daniel Locklear preached a wonderful sermon Monday night from Acts 20:18.

We want to invite you to attend our revival beginning Monday Feb. 22-26. We will have different speakers and singers each night. Come expecting a blessing from the Lord.

Don't forget the gospel sing at Maxton High School on March 12 at 7:30 p.m. The special singers will be "Heaven Bound" from Kinston.

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**Oxendine
School
Honor
Roll**

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A
Deborah Cooper
Brian Emanuel
Julie Pierce
Tracey Tetterton
Tony Clark
Shirley Locklear
Susan Brewer
Stephanie Cooper

B
Wanda Barton
Denise Bostick
Anita Knight
Debbie Locklear
Rhett Locklear
Julian Pierce
Dale Godwin
Cleopatra Locklear
Angeline Barton
Cindy Bullard
Chris Chavis
Marcus Cummings
Ann Jacobs
Ken Dale Jacobs
Georgette Johnson
Anita Locklear
Iris Locklear
Don Scott
Frances Jacobs

NC, "The Shannonaire." Felix Deal and wife and "The Gospelaire." You can get a ticket from the members of the church.

Elder W.T. Lowery will be the guest speaker Friday night at St. Pauls Holiness Church. The bus will be leaving the church around 6:30 p.m.

Tune into Bro. Jesse's radio program each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. on WEWO.

Remember to pray for all sick and shut-ins. Especially pray for the sinners for Christ is soon to come. Pray for our church that we will stay in the Lord's will.

If you don't have a Sunday School of your choice, we invite you to come and worship with us. Bro. Jesse is teaching on the Life of St. Paul. We are in I Cor. 2nd Chapter.

We invite you to any or all of our services.

- SCOTTISH LIVER PUDDING..... 10-LB. BOX **\$5.00**
- SCOTTISH LINK PORK SAUSAGE..... 10-LBS. **\$13.99**
- SMOKED SAUSAGE..... 5-LB. BAG **\$5.99**
- SHORT RIBS BEEF STEW..... LB. **\$1.39**
- THIN CUT SANDWICH STEAK..... LB. **\$2.59**
- SHOULDER ROUND STEAK..... LB. **\$1.89**

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- CUT UP FRYERS..... LB. **59¢**
- 3-BREAST, 3 DRUMSTICKS, 3 THIGHS COMBINATION..... LB. **99¢**
- CHICKEN BACKS..... LB. **29¢**
- SPECIAL CHICKEN THIGHS..... LB. **79¢**
- CHICKEN DRUMSTICKS..... LB. **99¢**
- SPECIAL CHICKEN BREAST..... LB. **\$1.19**

MEAT DEPARTMENT

- BONE IN SHLD. ROAST **\$1.79**
- BONELESS STEW BEEF **\$1.89**
- BONELESS SIRLOIN TIP ROAST **\$2.39**
- BONELESS RUMP ROAST **\$2.39**
- CUBE STEAK **\$2.59**
- HEAVY WESTERN T-BONE STEAK **\$2.79**
- HEAVY WESTERN SIRLOIN STEAK **\$2.49**
- LINKS PORK SAUSAGE **\$1.39**
- HEAVY WESTERN BONE IN CHUCK STEAK **\$1.59**
- HEAVY WESTERN FULL CUT ROUND STEAK **\$1.99**
- FRESH GROUND BEEF 3-LBS. OR MORE **\$1.19**
- NECK BONES **49¢**
- PIG FEET
- HOG MAWS
- PORK LIVER
- BONE IN BEEF STEW **99¢**
- SMOKED SAUSAGE **\$1.39**
- SCOTTISH LIVER PUDDING **59¢**
- MARKET STYLE BACK BONE **\$1.69**
- 3-LBS. OR MORE FAT BACK **49¢**
- WHOLE - SLICED FREE RIB EYES **\$3.19**
- WHOLE OR HALF SM. HAM **\$1.19**

- MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE REG., ELEC. DRIP..... 1-LB. CAN **\$2.59**
- (ALL GRINDS) FOLGER'S COFFEE..... 1-LB. BAG **\$2.39**
- LUZIANNE RT COFFEE..... 1-LB. BAG **\$1.59**
- SPECIAL MR. COFFEE FILTERS..... 50 **49¢**
- SANKA INSTANT COFFEE..... 4-OZ. **\$2.39**

- (ALL FLAVORS) SHASTA DRINKS..... 12-OZ. **6/1.69**
- ARMOUR VIENNA SAUSAGE..... 5-OZ. **49¢**
- HANOVER PINTO BEANS..... 14-OZ. **3/89¢**
- HANOVER PORK & BEANS..... 14-OZ. **3/79¢**
- SPECIAL FROSTY MORN LARD..... 4-LB. **\$1.59**

- QUAKER INSTANT GRITS..... 36-OZ. **\$1.39**
- STAR-KIST TUNA LIGHT CHUNK..... 6-OZ. **89¢**
- SPECIAL JEWEL SHORTENING..... 42-OZ. **\$1.69**
- CAMPBELL'S TOMATO SOUP..... NO. 1 **4/1.00**
- SPECIAL HEINZ KETCHUP..... 32-OZ. **\$1.29**

HI-DRY PAPER TOWELS

JUMBO **59¢**

SHAWNEE SELF-RISING FLOUR

5-LB. **79¢**

(ALL FLAVORS) SHASTA DRINKS

2-LTR. **79¢**

- JIFFY CORN MUFFIN MIX..... 8 1/4-OZ. **27¢**
- BUSH GREEN BEANS..... 14-OZ. CAN **3/1**
- BUSH PINTO BEANS..... 14-OZ. **3/1**

- BANQUET (ALL FLAVORS) POT PIES..... 8-OZ. **2/79¢**
- CARNATION MILK..... 13-OZ. **2/99¢**

- PEAK ANTI-FREEZE..... GAL. JUG **\$3.99**
- MARK RITE IODIZED SALT..... 26-OZ. BOX **4/1**
- 30 WT. QUAKER STATE MOTOR OIL..... QT. **99¢**

WHITE POTATOES

20-LB. BAG **\$2.19**

QUAKER QUICK GRITS

5-LB. BAG **\$1.49**

KRAFT DELUXE MAC. & CHEESE DINNERS

14-OZ. **99¢**

- SPECIAL LUX SOAP..... BATH SIZE **3/1.00**
- CLOREX LIQUID BLEACH..... 1/2-GAL. **69¢**
- WASH LIQUID DETERGENT..... QT. **\$1.79**
- DAWA LIQUID DETERGENT..... 22-OZ. **\$1.29**

- SPECIAL WESSON OIL..... 16-OZ. **87¢**
- SPECIAL PURITAN OIL..... 32-OZ. **\$1.79**
- SPECIAL MAZOLA OIL..... 48-OZ. **\$2.79**
- SPECIAL CRISCO OIL..... 38-OZ. **\$1.89**

- MINE LIVES CAT FOOD (ALL FLAVORS)..... 8 1/2-OZ. **33¢**
- ALPO DOG FOOD (ALL FLAVORS)..... 14-OZ. **39¢**
- CHATHAM DOG FOOD..... 25-LB. **\$3.00**
- FIELD TRIAL CHUNK DOG FOOD..... 25-LB. **\$3.00**