

Net Farm Income 17.4 Billion Dollars

Although the nation's gross farm income last year was 3 per cent greater than in 1947, production costs were 8 per cent higher and net profits were therefore lower than in the previous year, says Moyle S. Williams, farm management specialist for the State College Extension Service.

Latest estimates by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics

place the 1948 net farm income at 17.4 billion dollars, about 2 per cent less than in 1947. The decline is the first in 10 years.

At the present time, says Williams, indications are that farm prices will decline further but production costs will remain high. The result is that the average farmer can look forward to a favorable year in 1949, but less favorable than in 1948. Net farm income, the specialist adds, will be small this year unless increased efficiency and better management are employed to hold down costs.

Average prices received by farmers in January of this year were about 13 per cent below the record set in January, 1948. The index of wholesale commodity prices has continued down and in early January was 6 per cent below mid-August. Nearly all of the decline in wholesale prices has been on farm products and food; non-farm commodities have changed little.

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Older Men, Women To Play Cage Game At Millers Creek

Friday night, April 1st, by popular request, the old men, or men from 35 years up, will play a basketball game in the Millers Creek gymnasium. Since the old men have drunk from the fountain of youth and slipped the calendar back many moons the middle aged ladies see no reason why they can't call back a few years and play just as well if not better, than the old men.

Three weeks ago when we had the Father and Son Ball game, men like John Vannoy, Rom Church, Olate Bumgarner, Don Snider, Edg Pierce and Paul Delp entertained the crowd so thoroughly that the people in the community have asked that a game be scheduled between the older men and women with both games being played strictly according to rules. The winner of the men's game will challenge the Kiwanis Club of North Wilkesboro, that is if the Kiwanis Club feels that it can provide suitable competition.

Even though far passed their prime, old men, like Van Caudill, Gwyn Nichols and Duck Vannoy, are trying at least to get their name in the lineup for Friday night. Sam Osborne, being only twenty-one, is not eligible for competition.

The ladies lineup will include such personalities as Mrs. Tom Wake Hayes, Mrs. Van Caudill, Mrs. Don Snider, Mrs. Grant Whittington, Mrs. Rachel Bishop, Mrs. Paul Delp and many others.

The proceeds will go toward paying for the football equipment and the admission will be one cent for each inch of the waistline.

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BOYETTE
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ship to Duke and he spent the 1944 season with the Blue Devils. He was a member of the team that topped Alabama in the 1945 Sugar Bowl.

Coming to Appalachian in the fall of '45 Boyette became a 60-minute performer for the then resuming Appalachian Mountaineers. His kicking that season gave his team a 7-6 win over Guilford and a 7-7 tie with Davidson.

When Flucie Stewart came to Appalachian in '46, bringing a whole new squad with him, Boyette was one of two men remaining from the preceding years team to make this new football machine.

In the encounter with Erskine that season, Boyette broke through the enemy line so fast that an Erskine back handed him the ball on a reverse and he scooted forty yards for a touchdown before anyone else knew where the ball was. All this despite his "handicap."

Three times in his last three years at Appalachian he helped pull his team's chestnuts out of the fire with true-toed field goals. In the specialized football of today his kicking prowess is enough to assure him a team berth without so much as ruffling his hair. The one-armed Boyette is not that type of performer. He has been four years of the most bruising type of football. Coach E. C. Duggins, Mountaineer mentor, has stated that "a team with Boyette's spirit and ability would enable the coach to take a seat in the press box and take things easy for an undefeated season." Coach Gordon Kirkland, Catawba mastermind has said, "He has always played superlative ball against us. Boyette is a great football player."

Besides being adept in the playing department, Boyette is also a wizard in the coaching department. His work with the Appalachian varsity in their spring drills this year has shown that he is able to get more than just "enough" out of his charges, and his coaching ability is unquestioned. His knowledge of the game runs through many years of acquaintance with some of the finest coaches in the land.

In addition to being a football star, Boyette is well versed in basketball and baseball. He lettered in all three sports at Children's Home and at Appalachian during the past year directed the high school basketball team, which was runner-up in the Highlands Conference tournament at Wilkesboro.

The entry of Tom Boyette into the athletic arena in North Wilkesboro heralds a new era of athletics.

Miss McLean Entertained

Mrs. Gwyn Miller and Mrs. Hunter Church entertained at a delightful party Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Miller, honoring Miss Winnie Sue McLean, bride-elect of May. Guests included teachers of the Cricket elementary school and members of the wedding party.

The home was decorated with spring flowers throughout, using the traditional bridal colors of green and white.

Miss McLean, the honoree, was presented a corsage of white carnations, and a gift of china in her chosen pattern by the hostesses.

After a number of interesting games and contests were enjoyed, the members of the party were invited into the dining room. The table, which was covered by a lace cloth, was centered with a huge, artificial wedding cake, topped with a miniature bride and groom.

When Miss McLean cut the first piece of "cake", a one-place setting of silver in her pattern, a gift from the faculty of Cricket school, was found under the wedding cake.

The hostesses served tempting refreshments at the close of the party. — Reported.

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Chicken Supper At Mulberry Saturday

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