

# Major Adjustments Urged In Tar Heel Agriculture

RALEIGH — Major adjustments are needed in North Carolina's agriculture if the State's rural citizens are to make full use of the resources which they have available, David S. Weaver, director of the State College Extension Service, told a Farm and Home Week audience in Riddick Stadium here Wednesday night.

The average Tar Heel farmer, Weaver asserted, has an annual income only half as large as that of the average U. S. farmer, and he farms only about one-third as many acres.

The State produces only two-thirds as much milk as it needs. It produces less than one egg per person each day and less than a nickel's worth of beef per person each day.

On three-fourths of his cleared land, the Tar Heel farmer earns less than \$30 per acre per year.

"With an automobile for every 10 feet of paved road, we have many farm people sleeping on floors with no mattresses," the extension director said. "We spend more per car out less per child at the schoolhouse than all but three states."

These facts, Weaver declared, underscore the need for adjustments on North Carolina's farms and in its farm homes.

**BALANCE IS NEEDED**

The State's farm problems, he said, consist chiefly of balancing

farm production to make the best use of land and labor; increasing labor efficiency, mainly through mechanization; improving the quality of farm products and packaging them properly; better marketing, and using increased individual incomes for better living.

"North Carolina has almost unlimited opportunities in agricultural production," Director Weaver told the group. "We have the land, although 75 per cent of our cleared acres are yielding only 25 per cent of our farm income. We have the labor, but unbalanced use of this labor is resulting in low income.

"We also have the know-how to produce good crops and livestock," he continued. "For example, our corn and tobacco yields have almost been doubled in the past few years.

"Finally," he asserted, "we have a favorable climate, we have an abundance of rainfall well distributed throughout the year and in all parts of the State, we have good soils, and we are close to a market of 60,000,000 potential customers in the East."

"But if we are to make the most of our opportunities," Weaver declared, "we need an educated, aggressive, thrifty, intelligent people who will use technical skills and scientific knowledge to put all their resources and advantages into use."

## Cleared on Security



John Paton Davies Jr.

BACK AT his desk in his Washington office is John Paton Davies Jr., 43, after he was cleared of all charges of security violations and disloyalty by the State Department's Loyalty Board. The veteran of nearly 20 years of foreign service has been restored to duty "without prejudice and with full confidence" in the Department as a member of its staff.

## MUST WIN ALLIES

Nine of every 20 persons in the world live in "undeveloped" countries where hunger, poverty, and misery make them easy prey for Communist propaganda and methods. Winning these people, he asserted, is a problem of major importance for the United States and its allies.

The need for increased efficiency in production, Weaver said, is emphasized by the fact that the world's 2.2 billion population, fed from 4 billion acres of land, is increasing by 55,000 every day and will double in 90 years, leaving only three-fourths acre for food production per person.

An indication of what Americans are able to do, he said, is shown by the fact that although agriculture requires most of the labor in nine-tenths of the world, it requires only 13 per cent in the United States. In the past 100 years, he added, we have been able to release seven of every eight farm workers for employment in industry.

Following Director Weaver's talk, Governor Scott introduced North Carolina's 1951 Master Farm Families who have just been selected. The families are:

Gilbert B. Bell, Iredell County; C. S. Bunn, Nash; S. W. Butler, Robeson; Edward A. Cox, Currituck; J. F. Fritts, Davidson; Floyd Osborne, Henderson; James A. Parker, Sampson; J. T. Rooker, Warren.

**THE GOOD EARTH**  
WAMPUM, Pa. — (UP) — Albert Harper, a Chewton farmer lost his wallet containing \$214 in bills while plowing his fields last September. The other day while plowing the same strip of land, Harper's plow turned up the wallet full of money.

China kept the secret of making silk from the rest of the world for 3,000 years.

## Nipponese Lovely



ATTIRED in her native dress, Japanese film star Shirley Yamaguchi leaves plane at LaGuardia Field, N. Y., following flight from Hollywood. The actress, who recently completed her first American motion picture, is in the city for brief visit. (International)

## Keeping Fence Costs Down Is Major Problem

Keeping down fence costs is a problem that more and more Tar Heel farmers are facing as fencing needs grow to keep pace with the State's expanding livestock industry.

The answer to the problem, says N. C. Teter of the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station, lies in using native materials whenever possible and building sturdy fences that will last.

The State College agricultural engineer asserts that the winter season, when other work is slack, is a good time for farmers to plan their fencing for 1951 and the years ahead.

"It costs no more to put up a good strong fence than to erect a shoddy, poorly stretched fence that has to be repaired constantly," says Teter. "If fences are well planned and carefully built, they will last last season. Geri was home in Philadelphia to 20 years without too much attention—and that's where the farmer saves money."

**POSTS LIMITING FACTOR**

Posts are the limiting factor in fence-building, since they usually are the first part to break down. However, Teter says the Tar Heel State is fortunate in having available plenty of native materials, which can be used for making long-lasting posts.

Poles obtained by thinning a pine posts when properly treated, says the agricultural engineer. Of the untreated woods used for posts, black locust has the longest life. Because of the plentiful supply and ease of traveling, however, pine poles probably are the most natural for use in North Carolina.

## Professional Football Teams Usher In New Gridiron Year

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SARANAC LAKE, N. Y. — (UP) — The New York football Giants are training in a picture postcard setting and coach Steve Owen thinks they will have something to write home about this fall.

Owen has more than the picturesque lakes, trees and clear air to make him happy. He has the backbone of the team that twice whipped the champion Cleveland Browns and he has a jack-of-all trades rookie named Kyle Rote.

Rote isn't the only promising Giant rookie and he wasn't even in camp today. He's in Chicago with Herman Hickman's college all-star squad but he's Owen's favorite subject.

"He's just terrific," Owen said as his men began jogging around the field before beginning practice. "He's an All American boy and I don't mean he's just a good football player. I think the kid could do anything."

"He certainly can do just about anything with a football. He can run. He can cut and he can pass and kick. When he runs, he has perfect balance. He reminds me of Tuffy Leemans."

That's high praise. Leemans, who retired in 1943, was one of the Giants' and the National Football League's all-time greats.

The boy can play fullback, left or right half in the T formation, and fullback or wingback in the A formation," Owen said, indicating he already is planning the offensive tricks that cost his fellow NFL coaches so much sleep last season.

Rote will be a triple threat in the attack that probably will consist mainly of the T but may turn up as the A with all of Owen's pet variations at any time in a game.

"We've been working with the T so far," Owen said, "but we may use the A some just as we did last year. I think the offense of the future will be a combination of the two."

ed his second lineup shift when he moved fullback John Hoffman to end at the Chicago Bears camp at Rensselaer, Ind. Halas previously moved halfback George Gulyanics, the team's leading ground gainer last year, to fullback.

At Bowling Green, O., place kicker Rex Grossman followed quarterback Stan Heath and center Gene Huebner out of the Cleveland training quarters. Grossman had hoped to replace Lou "The Toe" Groza as the Browns' place kicker.

With Red Strader out as head coach of the New York Yanks, assistant Shelby Calhoun continued two-a-day practice sessions pending owner Ted Collins' selection of a new boss for the club.

At Cambridge Springs, Pa., the Pittsburgh Steelers worked, without

## Sou. Association Stars

The Southern Association All-Star Game is scheduled for tonight in Little Rock. The league leading Little Rock Travelers take on the rest of the league. Usually serving as a rug for the Southern Association the Travelers are out in front of the pack by 3 1/2 games at present.

## NICE FOR FIREMEN

LENOX, Mass. — (UP) — Lenox firemen hope they have to answer a lot of alarms like this one. The Red Cross Canteen Corps decided to see what it could cook up in the way of disaster rations. As "victims" it invited the town's firemen to sit down to a meal of fish chowder and strawberry shortcake.

Joe Geri, an all-league halfback, enixville, Pa., with a pencil and paper trying to decide whether the salary increase offered by Steel president Art Rooney was large enough.

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