Production, Farm Values Reported Harnett

NEW YORK, Nov. 28 — The lot of the average Harnett County farmer is found to be better than that of his counterpart in most other sections of the United States and to be improving steadily.

That is the conclusion drawn from official figures of the Bureau of the Census, based on the 1950 agricultural tabulation.

The local farmer, it is shown, received more for his labors, in dollars per acre, than did the average farmer elsewhere. His gross production for 1949, the year covered by the census, amounted to \$122 per acre.

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This compares favorably with the average farm returns for the country as a whole, approximately \$25 an acre. The national figure is based on data tabulated for most, but not all, of the 3,000 counties. For the State of North Carolina the yield was \$96 per acre.

The total yield of farms in Harnett County in the five-year period showed a marked dollar increase, going from \$11, 161,201 in 1944 to \$13,528,186 in 1949.

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Farm values locally rose proportionately. The years compared here are 1945 and 1950. The census figures show that the value of farm lands and buildings locally went from \$77 per acre to \$135 per acre in the five years.

This was more than the value placed on such property in the United States generally, an average of \$56 an acre. Farm land in North Carolina is set at \$99 per acre.

AVERAGE VALUE \$6,953

The average value of the 5,331 farms in Harnett County in 1950, exclusive of livestock and *uipment, is given as \$6,953 per farm. This is a marked rise over 1945, when the valuation was \$4,225 per farm. Most farmers locally conducted their operations in 1950 with more mechanical aids than they had previously. The tabulation shows that there were \$40 motor trucks on Harnett County farms in 1950 as compared with 350 in 1945. The count on tractors in use showed a total of 1,185 as against 370 recorded five years earlier.

The census data indicates that American farms had an output of about \$31 billion in the year, or about a third total worth, including land, buildings, equipment and livestock.

Fort Bragg Soldier Acquitted In Wreck

Cpl. Bobby L. Stidham, Ft. Bragg soldier attached to the 82nd Airborne Division, was acquitted yestesday in Harnett Recorder's Court of two charges arising out of an accident Armstice Day in which the three-years of son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Banni was seriously injured on the road between Lillington and Angier.

Stidham was accused of speeding in excess of 60 miles an hour and assault with a deadly weanon inflicting serious bodily injuries. The sidder was represented by J. R. Hood, while the counsel for the private prosecution was Duncan Williams.

FATHER TESTIFIES

The father, John A. Ennis testified that the accident happened around 5 p. m. while it was yet light. He said he and hts wife and two children, a daughter, 9, and the little boy, John A. Ennis. Jr., 3. had just driven into the yard of their home when the smaller child ran across the road for a ball. His testimony was that the coldier's car never made any effort to avoid hitting the child, and that the road was straight and the view clear for about a half a mile.

After the child was struck. Ennis said he picked up the child, who was unconscious; hastened in his car to Angler to a doctor's office and was ordered to take the child are the child and that the Rex Hospital He said the soldier's car travelled 70 feet before stopping and that he did not see the driver set out, but admitted in cross examination that the soldier went to Rex Hospital that night.

Mrs. Ennis corroborated her hushand's testimony. She said her son, is still in bed and that physicians have told her that the pelyic and head injuries he suffered may be permanent.

SANTA:

Dec. 3, 1961

Dear Santa Claus,

I am writing you a letter to let
you, know what I want you to
bring me for Christmas. Please
bring me a bracelet and necklace
set, a blackboard and a ring. Also
bring me a surprise.

Bye, Bye Santa Claus
From Mabel Sue Barefoot.

Pear Santa,

I want a private Mack army truck and a cap pistol. Santa, please remember all the other little boys and girls.

Thank you,
Charles Strickland.

PMA Election Will Be Held December 12th

Polls will be open from 9:00 to 8:00 p. m. on December 13. Voting places are as follows:

Anderson Creek, Hills Garage; Averasboro 1, Charles Lee's Store in Highway 301; Averasboro 2, J. W. Alphin's Store; Barbecue, Mick-ey's Place; Black River, Angler Town Hall; Buckhorn, Spence Harringtons' Store.

Duke, Keever Moore's Store; Grove, Coats Town Hall; Hector's Creek, Reid Smith's Store; John-sonville, Community Building; Lil-lington, Agriculture Building.

Neill's Creek, Cleveland John-son's Store; Stewart's Creek, Joe Strickland's Store; Upper Little River 1, O'Quinn's Store; Upper Little River 2, Thomas Farm Ser-vice.

ELIGIBILITY RULES

Any farmer is eligible to vote who is an owner, operator, tenant, or sharecropper on a farm that is participating in any program administered during the current calendar year by the county and community PMA committees.

At each of these community elections, farmers will vote for three farmers to serve as a community committee during 1952, and a delegate to the county convention where a county committee will be elected.

Even though the farmers in some communities may be perfectly assisfied with the administration of the committeemen now in office, they should vote anyway. Failure to vote may be interpreted as a lack of interest in the program and in the democratic method of operation.

Farmers Voting For Supervisor

A district supervisor of the Soil Conservation Service will be elect-ed in Harnett County this week Ballot boxes have been set up in the Agriculture Building at Lilling-ton, Albert Autrey's store on the Johnsonville Road and at Clarence Adams' store at Currin's Cross-roads.

Sole candidate to be nominated in R. A. Adams, of Route I. Burinlevel, whose term expires. There are three supervisors in Harnett, each elected for a three year term, with the terms staggered so one expires each year.

The remaining supervisors are J. Sherill Stephenson, whose term expires in two more years, Both of these supervisors live on Route 2 Angier.

PLAN PROGRAMS

The supervisors are charsed with the responsibility of planning and mutting into effect a program of local policies in soil conservation, desired by the people of the county. Candidates are nominated by the petition of 25 or more persons in the country. Any person qualified to vote in a regular election, is qualified to vote for the supervisor. Although Mr. Adams' name is the only one that appears on the present ballot, a space has been provided so that the voter can write in the name of any other candidate if he chooses.

J.O. West Is Named Discussion On To Republican Post

J. O. West, prominent Dunn attorney, has been named as chairman of a three man committee to make arrangements for the Eastern Carolina Republican Lincoln Day Rinner, it was announced today:

Assisting Mr. West in making the arrangements are Al Butler, prominent Ciniton Republican leader and Sam Morris, leader of a Raleigh Republican organization.

Date of the meeting has not yet been set, but the dinner will be held in Goldsboro. The eastern Carolina district includes all of the territory east of Durham, West said.

"The date will be fixed to suit the convenience of the speaker whom we obtain," Mr. West said. He said he had contacted several top Republicans, including Representative Dirksen.

West predicts that this will be the most successful year for the Republicans since 1928. "I feel," he said, "that the general public is pretty well fed up with the actions of the party currently in power, and is ready for a complete change of administration."



Chamber Is Seeking **Additional Members**

The Board of Directors of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce at yesterday afternoon to study the completed audit of the organization.

The study showed the need for an enlarged and expanded book keeping system to keep pace with the growth of activities by the Chamber of Commerce.

It showed that the present membership was not sufficiently large by the cast of the expanded activities and the need for a larger membership was indicated. A permanent membership committee is to be appointed to bring in three or four new members each month.

On the nominating committee are Earl Westbrook, Henry Tyler and Ralph Hanna. Membership

WASHINGTON.—(I)—Four American airmen held in Hungary may be freed as soon as they have served their purpose as Communist propaganda, U. S. officials said.

LONDON.—(P)—A Russian secret warplane has been spotted over Northern Europe, apparently flying reconnaissance missions, the authoritative "All the World's Aircraft" said today.

LONDON.—IP—Scotland Yard's Frederika fell down on her biggest assignment. She went absent without leave while patrolling the grounds of King George's Buckingham Palace. The "Yard" sent out an alarm for the German shepherd dog Wednesday.

8TH ARMY HO., Korea.—(P—United Nations jet planes destroyed or damaged 10 Russian-made iets Wed-nesday in a series of blazing battles over North Korea.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.—(P)—The president of the University of Virginia, Colgate W. Darden. Jr., Wednesday urged abandonment of compulsory public education beyond grammar school because "in our enthusiasm for mass education in America we have overdone it."

ALTOONA, Pa.—(P—Daniel Lamont, a rags to riches character who once startled the horse-racing world with

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War Prisoners Blocked Again

PANMUNJOM, Korea — IP.— The Communists Wednesday suggested two Communist and three non-Communist countires to supply "neutral observers" for a Korean armistice. Red representatives told U. N. delegates in a subcommittee metaling that observers from Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland and Czechosovakia would be acceptable to them.

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The Communists said there would be "no boss" of the inspection group "except the terms of the armistice itself", the U. N. briefing officer reported.

The Communists had suggested that observers from neutral states visit "ports of entry" behind both lines to see that neither side briught in fresh troops or supplies during an armistice.

Until Wednesday, however, the Reds had refused to name the countries they considered "neutral" and thereby eligible to supply observers. There seemed more question whether the U. N. would accept either Communist Poland or Czechoslovakia as truly "neutral" in the Korean war.

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When the Allies Wednesday asked the Reis for examples of countries which could qualify as "neutral" for supplying observers, the Red said they would agree to invite representatives "of those nations not directly taking part in the fighting."

SAMPLE OF THINKING

It was emphasized that the five nations were in no sense nominations for a neutral inspection communist thinking on the subject. The U. N. has not in fact accepted or rejected the principle of neutral insection.

The Communists blocked at immediate discussion of an exchange of war prisoners in Korea.

Jurors Drawn At Board Meeting

criminal court include the following:

John Thomas, Bunnlevel, Stewarts Creek; O. D. Allgood, Bunnievel, Anderson Creek; John B. Ennis, Coats, Route 1, Grove; W. B. Olive, Olivia, Berbecue; A. M. Jackson, Dunn, Route 3, Averasboro; Sam Fleishman, Dunn, Averasboro; Mosea W. Warren, Dunn, Averasboro; Isaac J. Williamson, Jr., Dunn, Averasboro; Joseph A. Palmer, Dunn, Averasboro; W. R. Jernigan, Dunn, Route 3, Averasboro; J. H. Stancil, Dunn, Route 4, Averasboro; Preston Moneill, Jonesboro Heights, Route 6, Barbecue; Jesse W. Tart, Dunn, Averasboro; John Coleman, Lillington, Lillington, And Floyd Whittenton, Dunn



BERT ALABASTER

Local Masons Name Officers For New Year

Bert Alabaster, prominent Dunn businessman was elected Master of Palmyra Masonic Lodge last night, to serve during the coming year. He succeeds Retiring Master Vic Lee of Coats.

Alabaster, who came to Dunn in 1934, is a native of Harnett County, and moved here from Overhills to take over the position of manager of the Western Auto Stores here. Mr. Alabaster is active in the Dunn Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce and various other organizations of the city.

Other offlicers elected at the meeting last night were: Fred Byerly, Senior Warden; Earl Jones, Junior Warden; Charles Storey, Secretary; R. L. Cromartie, Jr., Tressurer; and Thad Pope, Trustee. The latter three were re-elected to their offices.

APPOINTIVE OFFICEES
Appointive offices filled are: Senior Deacon, J. I. Thomas,; Junior
Deacon, Nathan Johnson, Jr.; Senior Steward, Howard Johnson; Junior Steward, J. Edwin Williams; and
Tyler, L. R. Norris.
The new officers will be installed
at the first meeting in January.

CHARLOTTE — (P.— Troy White-head, whose federal income tax troubles made headlines last week from testimony before a congressional investigating committee, had another tax bill Wednesday. A judgement of \$82,560 was filed yesterday against the Charlotte machinery masufacturer with the Mecklenburg County Court by State of Highway 15-4 (Continued On Fage Three) (Continued O





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