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Around Capitol Square

FARM CENSUS—The preliminary report on the farm census survey taken in January of this year for all of North Carolina has been released by the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service. The compilation of this survey is based on actual figures from 97 counties and "includes allowances" for Burke, Dare and Hoke, which for some reason did not report. The Farm Census is taken by township enumerators in January and February, at the same time property is listed for county taxes. Through cooperative agreement among County Commissioners, State and Federal Departments of Agriculture information on individual farms loses identity as soon as forwarded by the township enumerator to County and State offices where it becomes statistics for compilation. The State-Federal crop reporting office makes up county totals and then translates these into State totals for final publication. The "farm lands" definition used includes all and only tracts of three acres and above upon which people live and engage in farming operations.

AREA—The total land area of North Carolina, for example, does not vary from year to year but the

acreage included in the "farm lands" definition was 21,113,421 acres in 1951. At the same time the number of people living on these farms increased from 1,475,428 to 1,649. These figures mean that more than one-third, approximately 36 per cent, of the people in North Carolina live on "farms."

CONFUSING—There is some confusion due to census bureau policy of classifying residence of the people. Residents of municipalities with less than 2,500 population are classed as rural, but only those living on tracts of three acres or more are classified as farmers. Analysis of the 1950 census indicates that North Carolina population is pretty evenly divided in three segments—urban (meaning towns and cities of 2,500 and over); farm (meaning residents on tracts of three acres and over); and non-farm rural, meaning everybody else—including those in towns of less than 2,500.

HARVESTED—The composite report shows that crops were harvested from 6,161,504 acres or nearly 29 per cent of the total farm land; that 1,185,059 acres or about 5.6 per cent was listed as idle crop lands; that slightly more than two million acres was in pasture, of which 808,947 acres or 3.8 per cent of the total acreage was classed as improved pasture and 1,211,954 acres or 5.7 per cent of the total acreage was classed as improved pasture and 1,211,954 acres or 5.7 per cent of the total was listed as other types of pasture, exclusive of woodlands. The remaining 11,915,614 11,915,614 acres, 56 per cent of all farm lands, was classified in the several categories of wooded, waste, home, sites, etc. It is interesting to note that as compared with 1950 there was a decrease in acreage from which crops were harvested, less pasture lands and less wooded and wastelands, while there was a very substantial increase in acreage devoted to pasture. Increases also were noted in number of swine, poultry and cattle kept on these farms, with a decrease in number of dairy cows and an increase in beef type cows and heifers.

CROPS—The breakdown in number of acreage from which various crops were harvested shows corn far in the lead with 34 per cent of the total or 2,182,915 acres. Corn was grown in every county and in most of them represented the largest acreage and tobacco was a close third with 707,231 acres, each of these being credited with 11 per cent of total harvested acreage. Les-

SANTA SIGNALS 'HAPPY LANDING'



WITH THE CHRISTMAS season at hand, a signal officer aboard a U.S. aircraft carrier "somewhere at sea" wears a Santa Claus outfit as he waves in landing planes. His sack holds gifts for pilots. (International)

pedeza, including that grown for hay and for seed, accounted for 9 per cent of harvested land; wheat and oats for 6 per cent each; soybeans and peanuts for 4 per cent each, and all other crops including hay, vegetables, orchards, fruits, miscellaneous small grains, flowers, etc., for the remaining 15 per cent.

UNIVERSAL—Corn, oats, soybeans and hay crops were grown in every county reporting, and presumably in the three non-reporting counties. Tobacco was grown in 90 of the counties, although in a few the acreage was insignificant—Polk listing one acre, Gaston two, Hyde three and Currituck five.

VOTES—That unpredicted million and a quarter votes cast in North Carolina still affords subject matter for speculation, boasting and alibi. Republicans are bragging that they got more votes in North Carolina than ever before, and attempting to argue that fact that they are increasing their potential as a real opposition party. Democrats argue, just as glibly that because their candidates got more votes this year than in any other election, they are in stronger position. A staunch friend of Secretary of State Thad Eure was pointing out that Eure led the ticket for all offices except Governor, and therefore was proven the most popular

official. Somebody then recalled that Eure's Republican opponent also got more votes than any other candidate of his party below Governor—which proved that Eure was the least popular of all Democrats.

MAJORITIES—Further proof that statisticians can make figures say what they want them to say may be found in comparing total and percentage majorities in several races. It is discovered that Charles Carroll for Superintendent of Public Instruction, while getting fewer votes than several other candidates, still received the biggest numerical majority; and that Judge Hunt Parker for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court led all candidates in percentage majority. He got a slightly bigger percentage margin over Herbert Seawell for Governor, just a little under 68 percent. Another item in the comparison column is that Hamilton C. Jones got more votes in the tenth district than any candidate for Congress had ever received in that district before—but still was defeated by about 23,000.

INADEQUATE—These record-breaking totals which still resulted in loss of the election remind again of the oft-quoted wisecrack by the late Governor Broughton when he was asked what he thought about

GIFTS OF FRAGRANCE, SURE TO RATE WITH CHRISTMAS BELLES

A gift of perfume or cologne is a gift that bespeaks your thoughtfulness, and consideration of a woman's femininity!

This year's fragrance collections are chock-full of wonderful excitement! There are gay and lovely containers . . . beautifully fashioned boxes in novelty designs . . . assorted perfume and cologne and dusting powder or sachet. Yes, from all the famous toiletry houses and perfumeries in the world, come a bright assortment of dainty and sultry fragrances.

One popular toiletry house has packaged a wonderful treasury of

seven fragrances in one handsome box! Another has four dainty flacons of its fine perfumes at a price far less than you'd pay for just one bottle.

Remember to choose floral scents for the most feminine types . . . mixed bouquets for the tailored gal . . . exotic, heavier blends for the ultra sophisticate! And, for the gal who is a happy combination of all types, and most are — be right with one of the fragrances that combines the woody charm, and pert interest of the sandalwoods or spicetoned odors.

A VERITABLE TOY WONDERLAND IS SHOWN FOR KIDS, THIS YEAR

From Santa's workshop to the under-the-tree excitement of Christmas morning, come a host of wonderful toys for boys and girls of all ages!

There are toys, games and wearables for young cowboys and interplanetary adventures!

Chaps, guns, hats, "real" Western shirts and ride 'em cowboy hobby horses to thrill all the "Hop-along-Tagalongs".

Influenced by Space Patrol, Buck Rogers and all the other outer-space heroes and tales of T. V. and comic books, come a host of space helmets, "ray-guns", "official" uniforms, "gravity belts" and others.

Entire Western villages, interplanetary communities, gas stations, farms, ranches and others can be set up on a table top, complete with buildings and all!

Young craftsmen, can experiment with chemistry . . . build workable airplane, auto and boat models . . . enjoy woodcraft . . . leather tooling . . . plastic making, and others.

There are plastic and metal model toys that are tractors, dump trucks, road scrapers, toy cars and racers. These can be towed or pushed by

the Wendell Willkie vote for President in 1940. The Governor's cryptic comment was: "Highly complimentary, but utterly inadequate."

hand . . . operated by battery . . . powered by fuel and are guaranteed to give any action-minded youngsters hours of fun!

The newest trains blow authentic whistles . . . and are powered by real action. They can be accessorized with everything from a road gang to animated station (complete with waiting passengers).

Of course, no boys' list of toys would be complete without a round-up of wheel toys: bikes, trikes and others . . . sporting goods: bats, balls, basketballs, footballs, archery sets and so on down the line — something for every young athlete.

The girls are not forgotten this year for there's everything to make "little women" as happy as can be. DOLLS . . . DOLLS . . . DOLLS . . . They walk, they talk, they drink milk and water; they wet their dummies, they cry real tears. Their outfits are as gay and lovely as the world's finest designers can make them. Their hair can be curled, tinted and some even carry their own chignon!

Little ladies will be enthralled with real electric irons, miniature replicas of all the kitchenwares, laundry equipment, toy cutlery, cook and bake sets and other domestic toys.

There's everything from traditional to modern in the way of doll furniture. Boys and girls, both — no mat-

ter what their age — will find enjoyment in a gay book — picture puzzles — games — musical toys — and the many other gift items to be found in all the toylands 'round town.

over 2,000,000,000 Christmas cards this year.

Bright Centerpiece Can Be Easily Made

A striking centerpiece for your Christmas table can be easily made. Heap blue and silver balls on an oblong platter. Scatter the base of 2 white candles and stick them at each end of the platter.

Dip sprays of evergreen in white paint, dust with artificial snow, and arrange around the base of the balls, being sure to hide the dish completely. Let the pointed spray extend several inches at each end of the arrangement for a graceful effect.

Home Ec Class At Dunn High Adopts Project

The Home Economics Class of Dunn High School, under the leadership of Mrs. Al Compton, teacher, has adopted as their project for this year, redecorating the old band room and turning it into a recreation room for the students.

A sum of money has been donated by the Student Council of the school to help with costs, such as painting, but additional items will be needed. Some of these are: a sofa, easy chairs, floor and table lamps, card tables, rugs, record player and radio.

Anyone having any of these things who would like to donate them for this project should call Martha Anne Butler at 3422 or Anne Byerly at 3884, and they will call for them.

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