

Plenty Of Space Still Open In Nation For Development

America is still a land of wide open spaces, whatever contrary impression may be given by the big growth in population over the past decade and our rapidly-spreading urbanization and industrialization.

Figures compiled by the U. S. Department of Agriculture on major uses of land in the United States show that all urbanized areas together take up less than 20 million acres, or just about one per cent of the nation's entire land area of 1.9 billion acres. Urban areas are towns and cities of 1,000 population and over.

About 25 million more acres are involved in such necessities of modern civilization as highways and roads, railroads and airports. To this can be added an estimated 10 million acres occupied by rural villages and towns with populations of 100 to 1,000.

Thus all the land involved in populated places and in the working and living space of our urbanized and industrialized society adds up to about 55 million acres, or less than 3 per cent of the country's land area.

This is not to say that the physical appearance of the United States has not changed. It has to a marked degree, and particularly in the East and other built-up sections of the country. Suburbs, factories, shopping centers, and other essentials for today's living have spread out beyond former city and metropolitan fringes into once rural and farm areas. Over the last decade, in fact, new communities have sprung up so fast alongside each other as to link up cities and suburbs into vast interurban areas.

This trend is certain to continue, with more changes in the future. It is estimated that urban areas, highways, airports, and reservoirs are increasing at an average of well over 800,000 acres a year, an area greater than the size of Rhode Island. So vast is the United States land area, however, that this holds no foreseeable threat to our overall land needs to feed a growing population and to provide raw materials for our factories and machines.

In at least one respect, the country is more open today than it has been in years. This is the case in agriculture, where there is more land in farms than at any time before. Though the number of farms has been showing a big decline due to consolidation and economic factors, figures recently made public on the results of the 1954 Census of Agriculture show 1,160 million acres in farms, the highest on record.

As against this trend, the farm population has declined by about 10 million since the mid-Thirties, adding up to around 22 1/2 million persons in 1956. As a result, the number of persons living on farms today represents little more than one out of every eight persons in the entire U. S. population, the smallest proportion as far back as figures go.

The following table shows the major uses of all land (in millions of acres) in the continental United States in 1954:

Land Use	Acres Total	Pct. of Total
Cropland	399,210	21.0
Pasture & Grazing	699,366	36.6
Woodland & Forest	615,323	32.3
Special use	110,588	5.8
Urban	19,100	1.0
Transportation areas (a)	24,130	1.3
All others (b)	87,350	4.6
Miscellaneous (c)	81,430	4.3
Total	1,904,100.0	100.0

(a) Highways and roads, railroads, and airports.
(b) Largely parks and wildlife and national defense areas.
(c) Rock, desert, swamp, sand dunes.

Source: U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

North Carolina Irish potato growers report acreage for harvest at 25,000, or 7 per cent above 1956.

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A nol pros was taken on the latter count, and in the first case he was taxed with \$10 fine and costs.

Allen Goins waived appearance and pleaded guilty to charges of speeding and was taxed with costs and a fine of \$14.95.

Dennis Clayton Heafner waived appearance and pleaded to charges of speeding. He was fined \$10 and costs.

Charles David Lewis pleaded guilty to charges of allowing an unlicensed person to drive a car and was taxed with costs.

Charles F. Lange was charged with drunk driving, possession and speeding. He waived appearance and pleaded guilty to the drunk driving charge and was fined \$100 and costs.

Samuel Morris was found not guilty of driving without a license.

Marion Marlowe pleaded guilty to charges of public drunkenness and was fined \$25 and costs.

Willie J. Mack pleaded guilty to charges of reckless operation and was fined \$25 and costs.

O'Neal Stanley was given a preliminary hearing for assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and was bound over to Superior court under \$500 bond.

Charles A. Thompson pleaded guilty to speeding and was fined \$50 and costs.

Helyard Lonnie Hewett waived appearance and pleaded guilty to charges of being drunk on the highway and was fined \$25 and costs.

George Thomas Mack pleaded guilty to charges of operating with improper equipment and was fined \$10 and costs, the fine being remitted.

Billy Wayne Norris pleaded guilty to speeding and was fined \$10 and costs.

Willie Sloan pleaded guilty to driving with no operator's license. Sentence of 30 days on the roads was suspended upon payment of fine of \$25 and costs.

Identical action was taken against Jacob Shaw on the same count.

Collie Stackhouse pleaded guilty to charges of aiding and abetting in driving with no operator's license and was fined \$10 and costs.

James Marshall Wallace pleaded guilty to charges of driving too fast for conditions and was fined \$15 and costs.

Vincent Wiuder waived appearance and pleaded guilty to charges of speeding and was fined \$15 and costs.

Willie Sloan was convicted on another charge of driving without license, with \$25 added to his previous fine.

W. Fred E. Lesh waived appearance and pleaded guilty to charges of speeding and was fined \$15 and costs.

William H. Floyd pleaded guilty to charges of speeding and was fined \$10 and costs.

John C. Brown pleaded guilty to charges of speeding and was fined \$25 and costs.

The case charging William Smith with driving without chauffeur's license was not prosed with leave.

Willie E. Osborne pleaded guilty on a similar count and was fined \$10 and cost.

Walter J. Cooper was charged with speeding and driving with improper equipment. The case was not prosed with leave.

Bernice Odom pleaded guilty to driving with improper registration and was fined \$9.95 and costs.

Hog Prices Up In General Rise

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following is a summary of market price information for the week ending May 24, 1957 as gathered and edited by the Market News Service of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

Hogs, cattle and poultry prices advanced at North Carolina markets in line with the trend at most other markets throughout the southeast. Reflecting lighter receipts on most of the major terminal markets, hog prices moved up in some instances and remained about steady at other points. In North Carolina this week, the price for top hogs advanced 50 cents per hundred and closing tops were reported at 17.50 to 18.50.

Cattle prices were fully steady during the week on the Rocky Mount and Rich Square auctions. Good and choice steers brought 20.00 to 21.75; while good heifers were quoted at 17.50 to 19.50. Good and choice vealers sold for 24.00 to 26.00; and commercial cows for 15.00 to 16.25. Commercial bulls auctioned at 14.00 to 15.50.

In Chicago, high choice and prime steers and heifers closed strong to 50 cents higher while lower grades wound up mostly steady. Cows rose rather sharply early, and finished strong to mostly 50 higher. Bulls were reported along the same line and also closed stronger. High choice and prime steers ranged from 24.50 to 26.50; while good to low choice brought 20.00 to 23.00. Most good and choice heifers were quoted at 21.00 to 23.50. Utility and commercial cows ranged from 14.50 to 16.00; and utility and commercial bulls from 15.50 to 17.75. Good and choice vealers brought 22.00 to 26.00.

Fryers and broilers continued to advance at most southeastern markets as prices moved up generally one cent per pound. Friday's sales in North Carolina ranged from 19 to 20 cents, but most sales were at 20. Closing

sales in the North Georgia area were confirmed at 20 to 20 1/2 cents, which also represents an advance of one cent. The Shenandoah Valley reported prices at 20 to 20 1/2, and Delmarva at 20 1/2 to 21 1/2.

Eggs were steady in Raleigh and Durham. In Raleigh, A, large brought 28 to 31 cents per dozen; and A, mediums 26 to 29. Durham reported A, large at 28 cents per dozen.

Shelled corn prices were fully steady at leading state markets. No. 2 yellow corn brought 1.30 to 1.41 per bushel in the eastern area; and 1.40 to 1.50, mostly 1.45 to 1.50 in the piedmont. White corn was quoted at 1.10 to 1.35, and mostly 1.20 to 1.30; wheat 2.00 to 2.15; and oats .64 to .65 cents per bushel. Milo was reported at 2.25 to 2.40 per hundred pounds; and No. 2 yellow soybeans at 2.10 to 2.22 per bushel.

Strawberries were about steady during the week in Chadbourn and on Friday, 24-quart crates brought mostly 6.75 to 7.75.

The New York wholesale market reported 1 1/2 bushel crates of domestic round type cabbage from North Carolina at 1.50 to 2.00; while Porto Rican sweet potatoes brought 5.50 per bushel on Friday. Bushel hampers of Valentine snapbeans from this state wholesaled for 5.00 to 5.50 per bushel hamper. Half bushel baskets of squash sold for 1.50 to 1.75.

Spot cotton prices were 6 points higher this week in Charlotte. On Friday, Middling 1 1/32 inch was quoted at 35.15 cents per pound; strict low middling at 31.80; and low middling at 28.65.

4-H PROGRAM
The evening service at Trinity Methodist Church Sunday was in charge of members of the 4-H Club. Participating in the program were Steve Piner, Joyce Jorgensen, Tommy Helms, Diane Peters, Joan Piner, Danny Frink and Harvey Privette.

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TV Program Schedule

WMTD-TV CHANNEL 6	WILMINGTON, N. C.
Thursday, May 30	12:00 Bowling
10:00 Price Is Right	12:55 Baseball
10:30 Strike It Rich	1:30 Wrestling
11:00 Message	4:30 Bill Corey
11:30 News	4:45 Sunday School
12:00 Closeup	5:00 Safari
12:30 Club 60	5:30 News
1:00 Cooking can be fun	5:45 Winters
1:30 Tenn. Ernie	6:00 Ozark Jubilee
2:00 Matinee	6:30 People
3:00 Brighter Day	7:00 Perry Como
3:15 Secret Storm	8:00 Four Stars
3:30 Edge of Night	9:00 George Gobel
4:00 Comedy Time	9:30 Hit Parade
4:30 Kiddie Time	10:00 Weather
5:00 Margie	10:05 Theatre
5:30 Mark Saber	Sunday, June 2
6:00 Weather, News	12:00 Christophers
6:15 Doug Enois	1:30 Frontiers
6:30 Dinah Shore	1:00 Oral Roberts
6:45 Quartet	1:30 Wizard
7:00 Youth	2:00 Youth
7:30 Zoo Parade	2:30 Zoo Parade
8:00 Playhouse	3:00 Golf
8:30 Ernie Ford	4:30 Outlook
9:00 Video Theater	5:00 The Press
10:00 Weather, News	5:30 Theatre
10:15 Newsworld	6:30 Navy Log
10:30 Theatre	7:00 Steve Allen
Friday, May 31	8:00 Show
10:00 Price Is Right	9:00 Young
10:30 Strike It Rich	9:30 Secret Journal
11:00 Message	10:00 Gleason
11:30 News	11:00 This is The Life
12:00 Closeup	11:30 Late News
12:30 Club 60	Monday, June 3
1:00 Cooking can be fun	7:00 Today
1:30 Tenn. Ernie	9:00 Home
2:00 Theatre	10:00 Price
3:00 Brighter Day	10:30 Strike It
3:15 Secret Storm	11:00 Message
3:30 Edge of Night	11:30 News
4:00 Comedy Time	12:00 Cox and Jinx
4:30 Kiddie Time	12:30 Club 60
5:00 Margie	1:00 Cooking
5:30 Mark Saber	1:30 Tenn. Ernie
6:00 Weather, News	2:00 Matinee
6:15 Doug Edwards	3:00 Brighter Day
6:30 Hickok	3:15 Secret Storm
7:00 Blondie	3:30 Secret Storm
7:30 Story	4:00 Comedy
8:00 Story	4:30 Edge of Night
8:30 Billy Milland	5:00 Kiddie Time
9:00 Fights	5:30 Margie
10:00 Weather, News	6:00 Mark Saber
10:15 Theatre	6:30 Weather, News
Saturday, June 1	6:45 Edwards News
9:00 TBA	6:30 Disneyland
9:30 TBA	6:30 Secyhouse
10:00 Theatre	8:00 Millionaire
11:00 Big Top	8:30 Secret
	9:00 Steel Hour
	10:00 Weather, News
	10:05 Theatre

he tried to point out that there are many ways of working one's way through school and that future results in advancement in a chosen field will justify any personal sacrifice on their part in being subjected to the rigors of obtaining their education through their personal efforts.

The speaker called upon the parents to assist in every way possible to bring industry to this county to the end that their boys and girls may remain here and obtain work. "These students, if they remain here, are the basic nucleus of our future growth and prosperity," he declared. "Without them, all that will be left in the county—if they are forced to leave to obtain gainful employment—will be those of us who in time and because of ever-increasing years will not have the energy nor the ambition, even though we have the foresight, to press for the advancement of our county to the end that our people may have the benefit of the better things in life." He spoke about prospects for the bringing of industry to this county and asked the parents to take an interest in this regard.

Representative Bowman expressed the hope that each community will put aside any feeling of jealousy that they may have

insofar as any other community in the county is concerned; that any good thing that might happen to one community will enure to the benefit of the whole county. He extended this theory to cover the surrounding counties so that "In the end we might consider our whole southeastern North Carolina as an area rather than to look upon successes in other counties with an attitude of jealousy." He warned against becoming so provincial or localized in thinking that citizens will be of less assistance to movements in the realm of progress which would benefit all of people in the area, including Brunswick county.

Representative Bowman stressed the importance of the education of all children in the county without regard to race, creed, or color to the end that the education of all people will be of benefit to this county.

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to always "say something that really means something when talking to yourself. Talk sense, for you are not likely to talk of things you wouldn't say to yourself. Talk wisdom, nothing to be ashamed of."

He listed several things among the most important in the world

today in asking "What Do You Want?", and in answering it. Among this he asked if the senators wanted to help in aiding the poverty-stricken of the world, the sick and diseased, those ignorant of Christ and the great juvenile delinquency problem of today.

A major bit of advice was given them in his closing words: "Pray before entering out into the Tomorrow. Let your God speak to you. Then, make yourself willing to obey and to do what he tells you to do."

After the traditional procession-ally opened the program, the audience sang "Faith Of Our Fathers", with the Rev. J. E. Lanier being heard afterward in the invocation. The Rev. Bert Bennett read the scripture and the high school glee club sang "The 23rd Psalm".

Ray Walton, Southport attorney and former State senator who is a graduate of Waccamaw, introduced Gen. Bennett. Following the sermon, the seniors sang "Follow the Gleam". The recessional, "Onward Christian Soldiers" followed the benediction.

On Monday evening the commencement address was delivered by James W. Butler, alumni secretary at East Carolina College.

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lected go into the relief fund and all Justices of the Peace or other court officers willfully failing to report or falsely reporting collections of these costs will be held to be guilty of a misdemeanor. The county auditor is the treasurer of the fund and funds may be invested in bonds of the county, State of North Carolina, and the United States or deposited in any bank, building an loan, or savings and loan association to the extent that the same are covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation. Benefits not exceeding the sum of \$600 per year may be paid, in the sole discretion of the executive board, to peace officers or their dependents upon death, injury, or sickness contracted in the discharge of their duty. In addition, the executive board is given authority to insure peace officers who are members of the association against death or disability during their employment and all persons are eligible for benefits unless they have failed to apply for membership in the association within 30 days after they become eligible for such membership. The act provides that this proposed law is not intended to create a retirement system.

The above bill, was reported favorably in the committee and on May 24th passed the second reading in the House. It should pass the third reading in the House Monday night, May 27, and go to the Senate for approval by that body.

I know that the duties of a law enforcement officer are not only exacting but are terrifically

University of North Carolina, State College, and North Carolina Woman's College.

The bill introduced by your representative to make the citizens of the State of North Carolina eligible to receive the benefits under the Federal Flood Insurance Act passed the House during this last week and has been favorably reported in the Senate and should become law during this week, following its passage by the Senate.

The bill introduced on May 17 by your representative to amend Chapter 113 of the North Carolina General Statutes, to provide for the development and protection of the navigable waters of this State; to create an effective system of flood control; to establish inland ports and safe harbors; to prevent shore erosion in all its phases; to dredge small inlets and streams and to utilize the navigable water resources of the State to the greater benefit of its citizens, received a favorable report in the House Committee and should pass the House during this week.

By this time, the number of statewide bills has reached such terrific numbers that it is impossible for your representative to comment thereon in this column. However, if there are any persons who desire information with regard to any bill presently before the General Assembly or any bill which has been passed, I shall be most happy to supply any information with regard thereto upon request for such information.

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will be in charge of music; ticket sales will be handled by Philip King.

The musical version of Booth Tarkington's play and novel of the same name was opened on Broadway in June, 1951, and received excellent reviews. The hit enjoyed a long and successful run and for weeks remained among the top ten longest-run plays in the city.

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when they themselves become parents and are similarly situated.

Representative Bowman dwelt to a great extent on the necessity for further post high school studies or, in short, a college education. To those whose families can afford to send their children to college he exhorted them to make the best use of their time. To those who can not afford to do

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