

County Forestry Group Meets, Tours Farms

annual forestry tour Nov. 27. harvest approach.

Company hardwood timber.

on Bill Long's farm in carefully managed logging may need to be cleared out Occoneechee Neck. At this operation. location a selective harvest logging operation was being at a hardwood site that had conducted. Jasper Eley, a been clearcut with the aid of also pointed out the representative of Morris the chip harvester. As a result importance of upgrading your representative of Morris the chip harvester. As a result Lumber Company, discussed of observing this entirely timber stand at all times. the advantages of using this different type of woodland The fourth and final stop management tool on a management, much before lunch was on Morris' hardwood stand of this type. discussion developed as to farm. At this location the

JACKSON — The Eley pointed out the potential what method the private Northampton County Forestry Association held its fifth now, by using the selective pointed out by Ed Jones,

tour was centered around the was selectively cut eight years on a prescription basis, taking harvest and management of ago. This stop gave the into consideration the

nnual forestry tour Nov. 27. harvest approach. W. P. Morris Lumber The second stop was on the and other professional ompany of Jackson Jessie Wheeler tract on High- foresters in attendance, that sponsored the event. The 1973 way 305. The Wheeler tract each tract should be managed

ardwood timber. The tour began with a stop actually see the results of a In other words, some sites

and regenerated while others Next on schedule was a stop may need a different type of management approach. Jones

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thirty years ago. The results increase for a 12-month were certainly evident that period. prescription management paid off. After lunch the association held a short business session. Elbert Long introduced a guest, Grover special Dobbins, district extension chairman, of the North Central District. The first item of business was the discussion of membership

Survey Set Here On

Hired Farm Workers

survey

the Bureau for the U.S.

Department of Labor.

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CHARLOTTE — A sample migratory farm work

the week of December 10-15. employment

Farm Workers survey during monthly

Economic Statistics provides

Norwood,

the Bureau of the Census, part

of the U.S. Department of

Commerce's Social and

said that information will be

obtained about farm work

done for pay during the past five years and about

was cut to a 10 inch diameter

Administration.

Joseph R.

C. C. Howell moved the secretary mail notices at the households in this area is Mrs. beginning of each year indicating the membership Ahoskie. status of members. The motion was seconded and approved by the association to adopt this procedure. The main item of business was the recognition of members who made forestry accomplishments on their farms.

Those members receiving 1973 certificates were Z. L. Taylor, Fletcher Bryant, P. A. Bullock, Joseph Long and Henry Ricks.

After the business session the group visited a young hardwood stand along the river. The final stop was a tour of the Morris Mill in Jackson. Mr. Morris pointed out key points of the mill operation and discussed various hardwood species, grades and uses of the lumber at the mill. This stop put the final touch on a very interesting and enjoyable day for the Northampton County Forestry Association.

Farm Bureau

Convention Next Week

RALEIGH With membership at an all-time ша га

Crop Report

Soil Moisture

of households in this area will The farm work questions Soil moisture supplies be interviewed in the Federal are in addition to the ones improved slightly during the Government's annual Hired asked regularly in the week. The Mountains with mostly adequate supplies are and faring much better than other The survey is conducted by unemployment conducted by areas. Supplies in the Piedmont were generally short, while the majority of ongoing survey reports from the Coastal a continuous Plains describe supplies as measure of conditions in very short.

America's labor force. The Conditions continued Director of the Bureau's Data Labor Department's report on favorable for harvesting fall Collection Center in Charlotte, results of the October survey crops and much progress was states that unemployment made. Farmers were able to spend an average of 4.4 days dropped to 4.5 per cent, the lowest level since March 1970. Employment grew by 570,000 Mountains and Piedmont to 5.0 to a total of 85.7 million, days in the Coastal Plains. group observed an excellent seasonally adjusted. This was young stand of quality 3.2 million more employed hardwoods. The Morris tract persons than in October a year During the comparable period last year, harvesting was at a standstill due to the cold rainy ago, an unusually large weather and resulting surplus moisture.

> Corn About 50,000 households Harvest of the State's corn across the country, scientifically selected to crop is nearing completion. At week's end about 96 per cent of represent a cross section of U. southeast states. the Tar Heel crop had been picked compared to 90 per cent last year and the ten-year average of 79 per cent. Acreage remaining for harvest continues in good shape as winds and rain which usually cause damage have

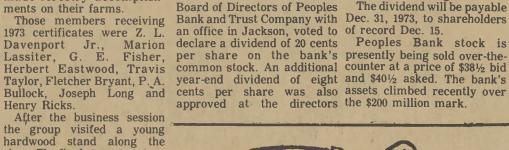
Declares Dividend

ROCKY MOUNT — The November meeting. Board of Directors of Peoples The dividend will be payable Bank and Trust Company with Dec. 31, 1973, to shareholders

year-end dividend of eight and \$401/2 asked. The bank's cents per share was also assets climbed recently over

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the ten-year average. Seeding areas

are now generally fair.

crop into good shape before which is 23 per cent above a winter arrives. Sorghum Grain

indicates that more acres have

already been harvested this

fall than during the entire 1972

Cotton

and good progress was made.

At week's end about 88 per

70 per cent last year and the ten-

Small Grains

season.

cotton fields.

the final stages as producers now have almost 95 per cent of 83 per cent harvested by this ahead of the 60 per cent time last year.

unequaled in recent years. By the weekend, about 82 per cent Soybean of the State's crop had been combined compared with 70 per cent a week earlier. At this time last fall only about half of **Prospects** the State's crop had been combined. The ten-year Unchanged average of 60 per cent falls far

behind this year's progress. The reported 82 per cent harvested coupled with the current acreage for harvest estimate of 1,460,000 acres growers around November 1, November 1, North Carolina soybean production is forecast at 35,040,000 bushels. This is unchanged from the October 1 forecast and is 27 per cent Weather remained above the previous record set favorable for cotton picking last year. A yield of 24 bushels per acre is forecast - 1 bushel below last year's average. cent of this year's crop had Beans are expected to be been picked. This compares to harvested from 1,460,000 acres -33 per cent more than in

year average of 80 per cent. 1972. Dry weather continued Several growers are making throughout October and their third trip through the harvest got underway in fine fashion. By November 1, North Carolina cotton, thus about 30 per cent of the crop far this season. is tops in breaking strength and per cent had been harvested, white, tied for longest compared to less than 10 per staple length and second in cent at the same time last per cent desirable mike year. The beans are small in a compared to six other lot of fields but this is partially

offset by a large number of pods. By the end of the week about U. S. soybean production is 84 per cent of the State's expected to total a record high 1,575 million bushels, down 1 per cent from the October

forecast but 23 per cent above the 1972 crop. The slight decrease from October 1 in the southern Piedmont and decrease from October 1 southern Coastal Plains shows forecast but 23 per cent above less progress than other the 1972 crop. The slight decrease from October 1 is The condition of growing mainly due to continued late small grains improved season dry weather in Iowa slightly during the week and and three States in the Southeast. The sharp increase over last year is due to However, additional over last year is due to moisture is needed to get the expanded acreage for harvest year ago. Expected average

yield for 1973, at 28.0 bushels. Sorghum grain harvest is in equals the previous record high set last year. By November 4, 73 per cent this year's crop out of the of the Nation's soybean crop field. This compares to about had been harvested, well

harvested a year earlier and the normal. 64 per cent.

Extra \$1 Million From Peanut Sales In Northampton In 1973

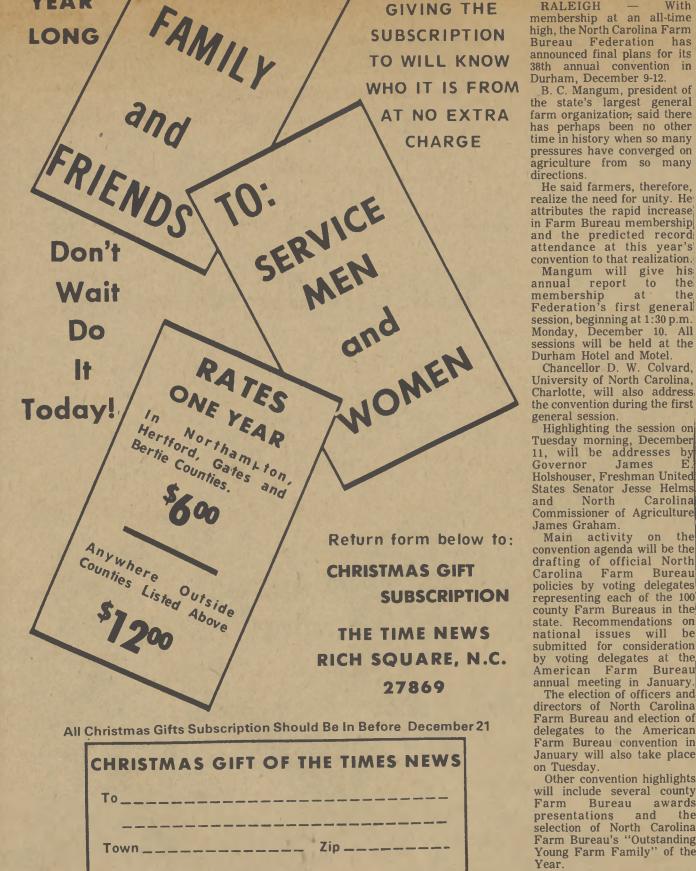
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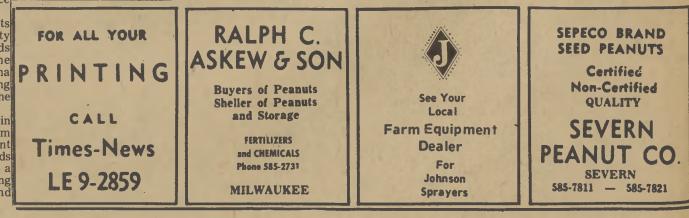
maturing dates in order to hedge against weather conditions. (12) Prepare spray equipment and other equipment for winter storage.

(a) Remove pump from sprayer, clean, fill with oil or antifreeze, make sure all parts move freely, and store in a dry place.

(b) Remove all strainers and tips, clean thoroughly, and store in light oil.

(c) Clean barrel and cut-off valves. Apply a light application of oil before putting in storage.

(d) Make sure all water cooled engines are provided with enough antifreeze to avoid freezing.



Cut costs by using profit producing practices.

(1) Plan your peanint program in units of 75 acres if possible to maximize efficiency of machinery, labor and management. (2) Select soil suitable for peanut production.

(3) Omit unproductive areas.

(4) Avoid fields that were in soybeans last year.

(5) Test soil for lime and fertilizer needs.

(6) Apply needed lime and fertilizer early. (Peanuts respond to residual in the soil.)

(8) Use a chisel plow to break land. This piece of equipment

will eliminate traffic pans if operated at the proper depth.

(9) Bed land soon after chiseling. This will increase the capillary

(7) Check fields for nematodes.



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CERTIFIED SEED The election of officers and PEANUTS GREENVILLE, N. C.

Farm Bureau convention in January will also take place on Tuesday. Other convention highlights will include several county Farm Bureau awards

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presentations and the selection of North Carolina Farm Bureau's "Outstanding Young Farm Family" of the

Also, for the first time in several years, the farm organization will present **Distinguished Service** Awards for agricultural reporting in a number of categories covering newspapers, radio and television.