

Record-Breaking \$8,500,000 Farm Income Seen In Hertford County

Agent Ballentine Says Crops In 1948 Are Most Expensive To Produce

WINTON.—Hertford County's farm income for 1948 is expected to reach an all-time high of nearly eight and a half million dollars, County Agent J. W. Ballentine said here yesterday.

"While I believe our crops this year will bring in more than ever in history, I know that the 1948 crops were the most expensive ones Hertford County ever produced," Ballentine added. He said he felt certain there was more money being paid in to farmers of the county, but he said he had his doubts whether the net income would be as high as it had been at times in the past.

"A good price for tobacco saved a lot of people over here this year," he said. "First there was the acreage allotment cut with which to contend, then we found that our yield per acre on tobacco was slightly below the 1947 level. However, most of the Hertford County farmers sold their tobacco on the local markets where the crop average was a little more than \$51.00 per hundred pounds."

"Actually our total farm income outlook is like that of many of our neighboring counties," the County Agent said. "For that reason our estimates are based on the five chief money-producers—peanuts, tobacco, cotton, corn and hogs. Of course, we are hoping to diversify our farming and have gone in for some soy bean production, but small grains, livestock and other sources of income are still negligible over here."

Peanuts Biggest

Peanuts will account for the biggest part of the Hertford County record-breaking crop, bringing in an estimated \$3,850,000. Ballentine said the peanut figures for the present crop are strictly a guess, since the majority of the peanuts grown are still in the fields unharvested because of the unusually wet fall. However he said there were about 25,000 acres of peanuts grown in the county on which the yield was approximately 1,400 pounds to the acre. If too many of the nuts are not ruined by water damage, it is estimated they will sell for about eleven cents a pound, the estimated figures given by the County Agent.

Following peanuts in monetary importance came tobacco in Hertford County, Ballentine said, he pointed out that the acreage allotments for the county came to 3,947.9 acres and that each acre produced approximately 1,200 pounds of tobacco. Based on the 51-cent market average for the sales season the estimated tobacco income would be \$2,417,400.

Nearly at the million-dollar mark for Hertford County for 1948 was cotton, where the County Agent pointed out the yield had increased and said cotton production was well over the 1947 mark. He said about 6,500 acres of cotton were under cultivation and estimated the average yield per acre at 450 pounds of lint cotton or about 9 bales to the acre. Cotton sold for around \$150 per bale for the cotton and \$20 for seed during the year, and the estimated income from the cotton crop was \$994,500, which Ballentine said was a conservative estimate of the money realized from cotton.

Corn was planted on 17,000 acres in the county during the year, and County Agent said results were "excellent." He made particular mention of the number of farmers who entered the cotton contests and pointed out that the county winner had 128.4 bushels on one test acre, while the county as a whole produced an average of 32 bushels to the acre. Based on the government support price of \$1.61 per bushel the estimated corn gross income would be \$875,840. Ballentine, however, said a number of farmers are selling their corn now to get ready cash and are selling under the support price.

He said he figures hogs would account for about \$200,000 of the county's gross income, and said he figured what soy beans were sold commercially would bring in about \$20,000. All these products figured together would give Hertford County an estimated gross farm income of \$8,357,740 for the largest money total ever.

By crops the figures show:
Peanuts—\$3,850,000
Tobacco—2,417,400
Cotton—994,500
Corn—875,840
Hogs—200,000
Soy Beans—20,000

ECA Suspends Funds To Dutch Indonesia

BULLETIN
Washington, Dec. 22—(AP)—The United States today halted all Marshall Plan aid to the Netherlands East Indies pending settlement of hostilities between the Dutch and the republic of Indonesia.

The Hague, the Netherlands, Dec. 22—(AP)—An authoritative source said here today the Economic Cooperation Administration (ECA) had suspended authorizations for Dutch Indonesia under the Marshall plan. The Dutch homeland and Indonesia combined have been allotted more than \$300,000,000 by the ECA this year.

An Indonesian envoy, Dr. D. Sometro, said in Washington yesterday he had urged under Secretary of State Lovett to give "serious consideration" to cutting off ECA dollars as a means of persuading the Dutch to stop their military campaign in Indonesia.

The authoritative source here said the action was taken with the complete concurrence of the U. S. State Department.

Episcopal Christmas Rites Tonight

The Service League of the All Saints Episcopal Church will present a tableau depicting the Nativity and Santa Claus will distribute gifts at the annual Christmas program to be held at the church to night at seven o'clock.

Every child in the Sunday School and their parents are invited to attend the Christmas program.

Santa Claus will distribute gifts to the members of the Sunday School.

Final Rites For Sgt. Jones Are Thursday

The body of S/Sgt. Melbourne Barry Jones, U. S. M. C. R. arrived yesterday afternoon, accompanied by a military escort. S/Sgt. Jones, a member of the 1st Marine Division, enlisted in the Marine Corps in October 1942 at Norfolk, Virginia and received basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina. Later he was stationed at Camp Lejeune and Camp Pendleton, California. On January 12, 1943, he left the United States for the Pacific Theatre of War. He landed with the invasion troops on the Marshall Islands, and later on Iwojima, where he was fatally wounded on February 21, 1945. At the time of his death, he was 28 years old.

S/Sgt. Jones, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Jones of 1005 Jackson street, was born in Norfolk, Virginia, however his family brought him to Roanoke Rapids during his early childhood. He was graduated from the Roanoke Rapids High School and prior to his enlistment in the armed forces he was assistant superintendent of construction for the Byrn Organization in Norfolk, Virginia. He was married to the former Miss Virginia Conner of Roanoke Rapids.

Funeral services will be conducted from the home of his parents, Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Reverend Lewis Styon, pastor of the First Christian Church, will officiate. Full military rites will be given by the local Veterans of Foreign War Post, at the graveside in Cedarwood Cemetery. Surviving in addition to his parents and wife is one half-sister Mrs. Bess Umphalene of Richmond, Virginia.

Slash Slated In AMG Work In Germany

Berlin, Dec. 22—(AP)—A drastic slash in American military government operations in Germany is planned for 1949 to cut payrolls by 60 per cent. The cutback has been drafted in Washington by the Army department and Col. J. T. Duke, representing Gen. Lucius D. Clay, the U. S. military governor in Germany.

(This does not mean troops on occupation duty are being reduced. The AMG staff handles governmental administrative affairs gradually being turned back to the Germans.) A responsible source said Duke, who is expected to return to Berlin by plane late today, is bringing with him final details of the 1949 plan.

It is known to call for a 30 per cent reduction of AMG personnel in the spring and another 30 per cent later in the year.

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The Christmas Story

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Now the Roman masters proclaimed a tax and Joseph, being of the House of David, must go to Bethlehem to register. It was hard on a young girl in Mary's condition; through the rain and snow of winter from far Nazareth to the Jordan and down the tortuous valley, down a thousand feet below the level of the sea; then up the valley of the Kedron, past Jerusalem to Bethlehem. But Mary was happy and even sang to herself; for was it not foretold that the Messiah would be of the House of David and appear first in Bethlehem?

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ROANOKE RAMBLINGS

By PAT NANTZ

Pvt. Jerry Kidd, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Kidd, arrived at his home yesterday afternoon, to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents and family. Jerry will probably leave Saturday in order to report to his base in Tampa, Florida on time...

Another who is home on leave is James W. Medlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Medlin of Jefferson street... he is spending a twelve day leave here after having served fourteen months in New Foundland. He will return on December 29, to his ship...

"What a delightful place heaven must be, when its wrong side is so beautiful..." Eugene Massey observed his birthday yesterday and today Marie Wilson will celebrate her's... both are students in an elementary school here. Here's hoping you have a very enjoyable day...

LOST: One sailor - about 20 years old - short - has black hair - was lost some time between Friday afternoon and Tuesday evening... that is just the type of advertising Mr. and Mrs. Perry Smith were almost ready to put in the paper last night when Frank Nantz and Earl Glover arrived at their homes and Buddy Smith wasn't with them. It

seems he was put on a bus in San Diego which left thirty minutes before the others did... but he certainly didn't come in that much earlier. In fact, he arrived five and a half hours later than the other two... so now you may be sure the Smith family is breathing easier...

Happy birthday wishes are in order for Mrs. J. C. McDowell Jr., who today is celebrating her seventy - second birthday. Mrs. McDowell plans to spend a quiet day at her home with her three children and their families. Her two sons, Malcolm and Jody, both of Greensboro, arrived yesterday and her daughter, Mrs. J. L. King of Danville, Virginia, arrived Monday... she is the former Miss Louise McDowell. Here's wishing you a very happy birthday Mrs. McDowell, and may you have many, many more just as nice...

There isn't much to be said about those games last night, except that Bethel beat our local Jay-vee team 19-15 and their varsity walked away with the score at 68-33...

Mother—"Another bite like that young man and you will have to leave the table..." Hungry Boy - "Another bite like that, Moms, and I'll be through..."

Man Returned On Forgery Charge

Chief of Police T. J. Davis said this morning A. C. Eddenfield of Cairo, Ga., wanted here for forgery, was returned to Roanoke Rapids yesterday and is being held in jail in default of a \$500 bond awaiting a preliminary hearing here on January 3.

Davis said Eddenfield is alleged to have forged the name of Mrs. G. A. Northington to a check in the amount of \$50. He cashed the check at a local bank and left for his home about 700 miles away about a week ago, the chief said.

Cairo police notified the local officers that Eddenfield has returned to Georgia and Chief Davis went to Cairo over the weekend to return him to Roanoke Rapids for trial. Davis said Eddenfield lived in Roanoke Rapids for some time as a construction worker and had a room in the home of Mrs. Northington prior to the alleged offense with which he is charged.

Pentecostal Holiness Christmas Program To Be Given Thursday

A Christmas Cantata and Christmas program will be held Thursday night at 7:00 P.M. at the Pentecostal Holiness Church. The cantata will include a Manger scene. Following the cantata gifts and bags of fruit and candy will be distributed among the children of the Sunday School.

Eight Injured In Two Auto Crashes Near Here Today

Eight people were injured in two automobile accidents this morning on U. S. highway 301 less than six miles and three hours apart.

Six of the victims were admitted to the Roanoke Rapids Hospital for treatment of their injuries and two others were given out-patient treatment but were not admitted.

Service men were involved in both accidents, one a carload of soldiers from Fort Bragg and in the other a load of Marines from Parris Island, S. C.

The first accident occurred shortly before seven o'clock this morning just north of the Roanoke River bridge outside Weldon, when a car driven by Charles Orenstein of New York City collided with a car in which four soldiers were riding. State Highway Patrolman George Medlin, who investigated the crash, said the Orenstein car was travelling north and had hit the sedan in which the soldiers were going south. The patrolman said he had not ascertained who was driving the car carrying the soldiers, adding that he had not completed his investigation of the wreck. Both cars, he said, were demolished.

Medlin said when he arrived at the scene the victims had been taken by ambulance to the Roanoke Rapids Hospital. Attendees at the hospital said Orenstein suffered a broken nose but was not admitted for treatment. His wife, who incurred severe bruises and lacerations, was still a patient at the hospital late today.

Sergeant Lacy Hendricks and Pvt. Frank Sedillo, both of Fort Bragg, were hospitalized and hospital attendants said both were painfully injured, however the extent of their injuries was not reported. Two other unidentified soldiers were brought to the hospital but were found to be uninjured.

Shortly after nine o'clock, Patrolman Medlin said he was called to investigate another accident about five miles north of Garysburg on 301, when a car carrying six Marines from the Parris Island Marine Base struck the rear end of a truck driven by M. R. Stephenson of Garysburg and turned over, injuring four of the occupants of the car.

Medlin said both vehicles were traveling north at the time of the accident which he said occurred when Stephenson started to make a left turn off the highway as the carload of Marines was about to pass. He said the car swung back and attempted to pass the truck on the right - hand side of the highway but the automobile struck the right rear corner of the truck and plunged out of control.

The patrolman said he did not know who was driving the car, having the crash still under investigation. He said the car was damaged to the extent of \$700-\$800 and said damage to the truck was negligible. Stephenson was uninjured.

Admitted to the Roanoke Rapids Hospital in the second crash were Pfc. Anthony Paola, who suffered a back injury and severe bruises, Pfc. J. S. Nagry, suffering from severe facial lacerations and an injured shoulder, and Cpl. Charles O. Wilson, who suffered a broken collarbone and possible internal injuries. Hospital attendants said none of the three appeared to be in serious condition, however all were painfully injured. A fourth Marine, whose name was not released, was treated for cuts and bruises but not admitted for treatment.

The Marines were starting north to their homes on Christmas furloughs.

Weather

North Carolina—Considerable cloudiness, scattered light showers and not quite so warm tonight. Partly cloudy and slightly cooler tonight and Thursday.

Single Package Labor Bill Is Predicted

Washington, Dec. 22—(AP)—Democratic Chairman J. Howard McGrath predicted today the new Congress will pass a "single package" labor bill. He said it will provide for:

1. Outright repeal of the Taft-Hartley law.
2. Reinstatement of the Wagner Act.
3. Revision of the Wagner measure, mainly along the lines President Truman outlined in his 1947 state of the union message.

McGrath told a reporter that while he has not discussed the matter with Mr. Truman, there is no basis for reports that the administration may decide against asking complete elimination of the Taft-Hartley Law.

Of course we are going to press for outright repeal," said the Rhode Island Senator. "How can there be any doubt about that? The party platform calls for repeal and the President campaigned for it."

McGrath said he looks for repeal, restoration of the Wagner Act and revision of the latter measure to be handled simultaneously.

The Senator added that he is not ruling out Wagner Act changes in addition to those Mr. Truman urged two years ago.

The Wagner Act was the basic labor law prior to enactment of the Taft-Hartley Act. The latter law actually is a Wagner Act revision designed, according to its backers, to put labor and management on an equal basis.

First Christian Church To Present Christmas Cantata Thursday Night

The First Christian Church will present a Christmas cantata and a dramatic production of "They Found the Child" at the church tomorrow night at 7:30.

The Christmas Endeavor of the church will put on the play, which is a drama concerned with the Birth of Christ, a candlelight devotional service by the juniors and intermediates of the Bible School will precede the play and special music will be provided by the senior choir under the direction of George Baird.

Twenty-one members of the Christian Endeavor will take parts in the impressive religious drama to be given on the night before Christmas Eve, a program to which the public has been issued a cordial invitation to attend and at which an offering will be taken for the benefit of an orphan's home.

Mrs. D. L. Finch will be in charge of costumes for the production of "They Found the Child" and William E. Peede will handle the lighting. George Baird will be musical director for the entire program. Taking roles in the play will be Troy Hasty, Margaret Page, Barbara C. Connell, Bobby Waters, Shirley Reaves, Patricia Topping, Alton Little, Gene Waters, Tom Topping, Julian Armstrong, Betty Jean DeLoatch, William Speight, Walter Gray, Lloyd Cullom, Robert Little, Gene Bland, Shirley Baggett, Donald Reaves and Raymond Edwards.

As a further part of the annual Christmas observance at the church, individual gifts for each member of the Bible School has been provided by the church. These gifts will be distributed by Santa Claus Thursday evening in the assembly room in the basement of the church.

Tojo, Other Jap Warlords Are Hanged

Tokyo, Thursday, Dec. 23—(AP)—Hideki Tojo and six other Japanese warlords were hanged today.

The Army announced the hangings took place in grim Sugamo prison between one minute after midnight and 35 minutes after midnight today (Tokyo time).

Utmost secrecy surrounded the execution at the prison on strict orders from General MacArthur.

In addition to wartime Premier Tojo, the other six hanged were:

Gen. Kenji Doihara, the Manchurian plotter. Koki Hirota, former premier. Gen. Seishiro Itagaki, former war minister.

Gen. Heitaro Kumura, chief of the Japanese armies in Manchuria.

Gen. Iwane Matsu, who commanded at the rape of Nanking.

Lt. Gen. Akira Muto, chief of staff in the Philippines.

The brief announcement gave no other details.

The army promised, however, that details of the last minutes of the seven warlords would be made public as soon as witnesses could be interviewed at the prison.

Newspapermen were not allowed to attend.

Scotland Neck Christmas Program To Be Held Tonight

Scotland Neck — The community sing and Christmas tree program will begin Wednesday evening around the tree on the lot between the Josey Bldg. and the Roanoke Hotel. The Rev. John W. Drake, acting chairman of the Recreation Commission, will preside at the program which is being arranged jointly by this Commission and the Junior Woman's Club.

Mayo B. Bracy will present the awards for the best decorated store and the most attractively decorated home.

The Jaycees are giving \$25.00 prize for the merchant, the Junior Woman's Club 10.00 and the Woman's Club 5.00 for the home decorations.

There will be singing by everyone of the familiar carols and special music by the Brawley High School.

The Rev. W. E. Goode will speak briefly on Christmas and its significance and Rev. M. W. Warren will close the program with a benediction.

There will be a silve offering taken for the Christmas opportunities and need cases, and all are urged to attend.

Young Lawyer Wins Important First Case, Mother Is Defendant

Chicago, Dec. 22—(AP)—Lemoyne Stitt won his first case as a lawyer yesterday and his mother, Mrs. Martha Stitt, 43, said she was very happy. Mrs. Stitt was the defendant.

She was in safety court charged with running a stop light and ramming into a truck. Mrs. Stitt denied the charge.

"I think you ought to win your first case," Judge Irwin B. Clorfene told Stitt, "particularly since your client is your mother."

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