

# Five-County Area Has Total Farm Income Of \$54 Million For The Greatest In History, According To County Agents

Farm incomes for 1948 in five of the counties surrounding Roanoke Rapids—Halifax, Northampton, Warren, Hertford and Greensville Counties—will amount to a record-breaking total of \$54,076,100, it has been estimated by county agents in the various counties.

According to the agents' estimates, the 1948 incomes will be the greatest ever to come into the five-county area on gross farm products alone, an estimate which is borne out by recently-released U. S. Department of Agriculture figures in which the entire United States will hit an all-time high in farm production.

Most of the income, it is figured will be spent in this area for the production of crops, cost-of-living items on the farm people involved, building repairs, farm equipment and other items. The increased income promises bigger incomes in retail outlets throughout the

area and highlights the fact that the section is predominantly agricultural in nature in spite of recent industrialization parts of the five-county area.

## Peanut Is King

Figures from the five counties indicate that peanuts account for the largest slice of the income—\$17,103,000—and also use the biggest proportion of the land under cultivation—128,500 acres. Northampton County can rightfully lay claim to the title of "peanut capital" of the area, with an estimated farm income this year of \$5,670,000 from peanuts alone, according to County Agent W. O. Jameson.

Many of the peanut figures for 1948 are, of necessity, estimates because of the unusually late harvest season this year. An extremely wet fall has kept peanuts stacked in the fields awaiting dry weather so they can be threshed

and marketed, however most of the county agents have agreed that there should be little loss of the crop itself

expected from the growing of cotton on 73,500 acres in five counties. Most agents have reported an increased yield in

**Tobacco Prices Good**  
Ranging from 9,000 acres in Halifax to 450 acres in Northampton County, bright leaf to

prices which ranged as high as an average of 51 cents a pound for the crop. Markets flourished and farmers were generally pleased with the prices brought by their offerings.

Tobacco accounted for the largest slice of income in Warren County, according to Agent Frank W. Reams, bringing in about \$4,500,000 this year. Tobacco lead the field in income in Warren County alone, running behind peanuts or cotton in the other four counties.

**Corn up this Year**  
Due to intensive cultivation and new methods of growing, corn production moved into a front-line position in the five-county area this year to total an income of \$6,153,200, and in accounting for 125,000 acres of cultivated land the corn crop was the second most widely-grown crop in the area. Yields were reported increased in every section, ranging from about 30 bushels to the

acre in some of the counties to as high as 42 bushels to the acre across the Virginia in Greensville County, according to a report from Agent Stanford L. Vassa.

Halifax County, which the five-county area in income, held the lead in production, with an estimated income of \$1,920,000 from 40,000 acres. On the farm of R. Hunter Pope near a field a test acre of corn yielded over 142 bushels of Dixie 17 hybrid variety for what may be a high yield in the state for the year.

**Swine Still Important**  
Livestock production, while not a major source of income in any of the counties reporting, was found to be on the increase in the area. Estimated income from swine ran to \$3,300,000 and some income was reported on other livestock sources. Dairying was given as a source of income in Warren and Greensville

counties and other stock raising is being encouraged in all the counties. An income of \$1,500,000 from swine is estimated for Halifax County.

Small grains, soy beans and me truck crops accounted the balance of the estimated incomes in the counties. In 1948 crop, it was pointed out by County Agent J. W. Dineen of Hertford County, "the most expensive in 'to produce', but Ballentine and other agents said the same should make this one of the most prosperous farm years ever known in this section. None of the agents said they would agree willingly to a return of 1932 farm price levels.

Farmers generally throughout the section said they were pleased with the prices their crops had brought during the year, and many of them said they intended to try for even bigger and better crops in the days ahead.

## 1948 Farm Estimates And Leading Income Crops

	Halifax	Northampton	Warren	Hertford	Greensville
Peanuts	\$5,040,000	\$5,600,000	\$ 63,000	\$3,850,000	\$2,480,000
Cotton	5,300,000	3,740,000	2,805,000	994,500	850,000
Tobacco	4,050,000	243,000	4,500,000	2,417,400	480,000
Corn	1,920,000	1,880,000	927,380	875,840	750,000
Swine	1,500,000	1,250,000	50,000	200,000	300,000
Others			1,075,000	20,000	1,000,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$17,810,000</b>	<b>\$12,513,000</b>	<b>\$9,420,380</b>	<b>\$8,357,740</b>	<b>\$5,860,000</b>

because of the unusual weather conditions.

**Cotton Next in Line**  
Once the areas leading crop, cotton has in recent years slipped from its position of dominance, however it promises to be on of the chief money crops in this section during 1948, with a gross of \$13,689,500

all cotton grown in their counties.

Halifax County, with an estimated cotton income of \$5,300,000, leads the field, according to County Agent W. O. Davis. In yield per acre, also, Halifax has a reported 1.25 bales-per-acre on 25,000 acres of land.

bacco continued to be a good source of farm income in the five-county area by accounting for \$11,690,400 this year on the 21,700 acres under cultivation. In spite of a reduction in acreage allotments among tobacco growers, the total income this year was high because of increased yields and

## Egypt's Prime Minister Is Victim Of Assassin Disguised As Policeman

Cairo, Dec. 28—(AP)—Prime Minister Mahmoud Fahmy Nokrashy Pasha was assassinated this morning.

Police said he was shot by a student disguised as a police officer.

The slaying occurred in the ministry of interior where the Prime Minister was on the way to his office. Witnesses said the assassin emptied his revolver at Nokrashy Pasha and that five bullets struck him. One went wild. He died five minutes later without uttering a word.

Other persons in the building at the time said the assailant approached Nokrashy Pasha and shook hands with him before drawing the gun.

The killer was arrested immediately.

Nokrashy Pasha had been Prime Minister most of the time since the end of World War two. Last year year he went to the United Nations session in New York to plead Egypt's case for evacuation of British troops from the Suez Canal zone.

He sent Egyptian troops into Palestine when the British mandate over the Holy Land ended to combat what he called aggression by "Terrorist Zionist The Moslem brotherhood accused him recently of weakness in prosecuting the Palestine campaign.

## Slowly Rising Temperatures Ending Cold Wave

By the Associated Press  
Slowly rising temperatures today broke winter's first freezing spell in the Carolinas.

At least five deaths were attributed to the after Christmas cold snap. Three were in North Carolina, at Charlotte, near Newton and near Tryon, and two in Charleston County, South Carolina.

The forecast called for cloudy weather today and tomorrow, with occasional rain beginning in the west portion tonight and spread over the states tomorrow.

## Weather

North Carolina—Increasing cloudiness today; cloudy tonight and Wednesday; occasional rain Wednesday beginning in west portion tonight; slowly rising temperatures.

## Britain Calls For Immediate Cease Fire In Palestine And Withdrawal Of Israeli Forces

Paris, Dec. 28—(AP)—Britain called today for an immediate cease fire in southern Palestine and withdrawal of Israeli forces in the Negev.

British Delegate Harold Beeley submitted a resolution proposing the cease fire and Israeli withdrawal as the Security Council debated Egypt's charge that Israel had violated the truce with attacks Dec. 22 against Egyptian coastal positions in Southern Palestine.

Britain sought American support for the measure, and for a proposed resolution declaring Israel the aggressor. The text of the latter proposal as sent to the State Department in Washington last night.

Beeley urged that the Security Council's truce supervision committee be instructed to meet at Lake Success to report on compliance with the cease fire and withdrawal orders.

## Truman Blasts Soviet Again In Address

Kansas City, Dec. 28—(AP)—President Truman declined to elaborate today on his disclosure that "certain leaders" behind the Russian iron curtain are anxious to send the "cold war."

Presidential Press Secretary Charles G. Ross told reporters Mr. Truman does not intend to name the men within the Soviet Government advocating an "understanding" with the United States.

The President's surprise revelation in a luncheon speech yesterday and his new indictment of the Russian government for blocking peace efforts spawned widespread speculation as to whether it heralded new moves on the diplomatic front.

Ross said the President told him he had nothing to add to his off-the-cuff luncheon address before approximately 200 Missourians gathered to honor Eddie Jacobson, former partner of Mr. Truman in a haberdashery store.

The press secretary turned a deaf ear to all inquiries as to whether there was any information indicating a "revolt" within the top ranks of the Russian leadership.

Without a prepared manuscript and in the absence of an official white house stenographer, Mr. Truman fired a straight-from-the-hip indictment of the Soviet government for:

1. Refusing to keep the agreement Premier Stalin made a Yalta and Potsdam.
2. Using a "system of morals that are not moral."
3. Opposing agreements which might pave the way for preserving the peace in troubled spots everywhere.
4. Making it clear that "contracts are not sacred" in its dealings with the United States and the western powers.

## An Indication Of Chinese War End

Peiping, Dec. 28—(AP)—Many government soldiers are among the shoppers at Peiping's famed open air market these days. They are buying civilian clothes.

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These proposals would be based on the Security Council's truce orders of Nov. 4, which Beeley said must be enforced. Under that resolution, Israeli forces were to withdraw to positions occupied before their Oct. 14 advance and acting Mediator Ralph J. Bunche was authorized to fix no-man's-land to prevent contact between Egyptian and Israeli troops.

"This would be the first step," Beeley said, "in restoring the authority of the Security Council and of the United Nations itself in Palestine."

Britain was willing in the past to apply sanctions under the U.N. charter against aggressors in Palestine and can be again in the future, Beeley said. M. Fawzi Bey, Egyptian delegate, charged Israeli actions in the Negev displayed a "premeditated, most systematic and carefully synchronized" defiance of the council.

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JOE, VETERAN CHIMPANZEE ACTOR of the films, looks down his nose at Jimmy Stewart, Frank Jenks and Eddie Albert as he is rolled to Joan Fontaine by his trainer for a movie scene. Joe (for story purposes) has flown in from New York and is supposed to be air sick.

## Services For Mrs. Foreman Are Tomorrow

Weldon—Mrs. Martha Rudolph Foreman, a native and lifelong resident of Roanoke Rapids Township, died yesterday morning about 12:30 a.m.

She was the wife of the late Edward Lee Foreman.

Mrs. Foreman was born in Roanoke Rapids Township on June 27, 1904 the daughter of Dr. Charles R. Gurkins and Martha E. Simmons Gurkins.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Martha Pate of Roanoke Rapids, one granddaughter, Libbie M. McDonald, and one adopted son, Charles G. Lester.

Funeral services will be conducted from the home Wednesday at 11 a.m. by the Rev. Edmund E. Berkeley, rector of the All Saints Episcopal Church of which Mrs. Foreman was a member.

## Brought Names Women To Staff

Raleigh, Dec. 28—(AP)—Senator-Elect J. Melville Broughton announced today the appointment of two women to his staff.

Mrs. Edna G. Denson of Rocky Mount is his research assistant, Broughton stated, and Miss Evelyn Covington, a native of Alamance County now residing in Raleigh, has been added to his secretarial staff.

Mrs. Denson, a graduate of Brenau College, has served since 1946 on the staff of Senator O. Daniel of Texas.

## ROANOKE RAMBLINGS

By PAT NANTZ

Eugene Lehman, Jr., a student at Presbyterian Junior College, Maxton, is visiting in his home during the holidays. Gene is a '47 graduate of the local high school.

It has been announced that there will be a practice game in the armory, Thursday night at 8 o'clock between the high school Jax and the town team. I haven't found out yet which team will be doing the practicing since both of them need it. The Jax have lost the last two games they played by a large margin; and the Independents will be playing their first game of the season...so both teams could stand the practice.

Just a reminder that the Art Club will meet tomorrow evening in the home of Mrs. Shirley Pierce, 436 Cedar Street, at 7:45.

This club, started about three weeks ago by E. C. Langford, has been showing encouraging progress. When it was begun practically no one understood exactly what type of club it would be, since it went under the name of the Art Club. It seems that most people thought it would be merely the study of a lot of art and artists which they couldn't understand...but now almost everyone knows that it is an informal get-together of citizens who like to sketch, paint with oil and water colors, or draw with charcoal...and there are considerably more members. Membership is still open to anyone who wishes to join and improve or practice his knowledge of art.

I don't know how it happened to get started, but a lot of people here were looking the town over for Bill Allgood, a former and

very popular citizen of our fair city...even I was doing it. Some how it got out that Bill was visiting with Mrs. Robert King over the Christmas holidays and quite a few people tried to locate him...just goes to show what a little popularity can do for you whenever you return to your home town. The only catch is that Bill was made of the stuff! For the information of those of you who happened to have moved here since 1943, Bill was a designer for the Rosemary Manufacturing Company, the recreation director of that mill, a columnist for the Herald (he wrote that column called "Rosemary Recreation...By Bill") he formed the Romano softball team, which by the way has done pretty well so far in keeping up the record they made when he was here, and he also was rated one of the best cartoonists around this part of our little world...so you may gather your own opinion from this just the kind of man he was. In 1943, however, he left to make his home in Mount Holly, where he became personnel manager of the mills there and recreation director of the same. So, to those who have looked for him since Friday, you may stop now...but maybe he will find time to come down some time for a visit. And for the information of those who remember that he left here with his wife and one little girl, I'll let you in on something...he has another daughter just a few months old...just in case you want to send your congratulations to him... Mr. and Mrs. John C. Billups of South Rosemary have returned to their home here after having spent some time in West Virginia with their daughter, Mrs. Josie Matkins...

## Airmen Are Rescued From Greenland

Washington, Dec. 28—(AP)—Air Force headquarters announced today the rescue of 13 airmen who had been stranded on the Greenland icecap.

They were picked up by a C-47 from an air base 270 miles northwest of the crash scene, the Air Force said.

The C-47, which was specially equipped with skis for the landing, is returning to its base, Blue West Eight. It is due about 12:10 P.M. (EST).

The C-47, which was equipped with jet-assist take-off apparatus, presumably will refuel at Blue West Eight and take the rescued men to Labrador.

It was not immediately certain how many men were rescued. The Air Force's count has been 13. An official said today, however, that the number may be only 12.

## Funeral For Mrs. Sykes Is Held Today

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary E. Sykes, 73, will be held at her home in Weldon, Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Burial will be in the Cedarwood Cemetery, Roanoke Rapids.

Mrs. Sykes passed away at her home in Weldon, Sunday night. She is survived by two sons, Ernest of Roanoke Rapids and Roy of Weldon; one brother, T. Davis of Elizabethtown; four sisters, Mrs. O. J. Harris of Hope Mills, Mrs. Ella Johnson of St. Paul; Mrs. Mandy Davis of Elizabethtown; and Mrs. T. F. Norris of Lumberton; one grandchild.

## Mrs. Elliott Roosevelt Slashes Her Wrist

Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Dec. 28—(AP)—Faye Emerson Roosevelt, beautiful actress wife of Elliott Roosevelt, slashed her left wrist with a razor early today in the couple's Hyde Park home, Sheriff C. Fred Close said last night.

The sheriff quoted Dr. H. Sherman Hirst, who treated the 31-year-old Mrs. Roosevelt, as saying he understood the wound was self-inflicted and that she had to be restrained from injuring herself further.

But Roosevelt, reached by telephone, said the injury resulted from an accident.

## Institute Reports Wholesale Meat Prices Are Down

Chicago, Dec. 28—(AP)—The American Meat Institute says the general wholesale price of all meat in the nation has dropped about 19 per cent since the mid-September peak.

The Institute said the retail price of meat declined 13 per cent since the mid-September peak.

## Western Powers Set Up Controls To Bar War Production In The Ruhr

## New Peace Rumors Are Heard In China

Nanking, China, Dec. 28—(AP)—A new crop of peace rumors blossomed strongly in China's capital today.

Several highly placed sources hinted on plans to reorganize the government as a preliminary to a negotiated peace with the Chinese Communists. Top officials vehemently denied the reports.

Despite denials, usually well informed sources insisted they were "very certain" that important developments looking toward a new national leadership and probably peace could be expected before New Year's day.

This is a reversal of the view that was generally accepted yesterday. Then almost everyone felt communist publication of a list of "war criminals" to be punished by a "peoples court" knocked out possibility of peace talk.

Today, the only thing that appeared fairly certain was that the decision of fight on or permit peace talks rests with President Chiang Kai-Shek, whose name headed the Communists list of "war criminals."

Chiang is under strong pressure to stepdown, probably under the excuse of physical ailments. This would permit Vice President Li Tsung-Jen to take over and explore the possibility of peace talks. Similar rumors have arisen periodically for the last six months.

## BPW Spokesman Urges Merchants To Have Floor Show Ready

Mrs. Mary G. Mills, chairman for the Business and Professional Woman's Club's New Year's Eve dance today urged all local businesses who wish to participate in the floor show to be held in conjunction with the dance to have their participants present at the Army on Thursday evening at 7:30 for a rehearsal.

She said any merchant or business in Roanoke Rapids who has not previously signified an intention of participating in the floor show may still enter by having participants present for Thursday's rehearsal. She said a number of businesses will join in presenting the show of good wishes for 1949 at the Club's dance Friday evening.

## Military Court Convicts Woman Of Killing Soldier Husband During Quarrel

Marburg, Germany, Dec. 28—(AP)—Mrs. Wilma Ybarbo of Malden, Mass., today was sentenced to 20 years in prison for killing her American soldier husband in a bedroom quarrel.

The U. S. Military government court of three American Judges convicted Mrs. Ybarbo of killing Sgt. John Ybarbo of Gold, Tex., "with malice aforethought."

The 23-year-old defendant hardly changed the expression on her pale face as she heard the verdict.

The court rejected her plea that she shot her husband in self defense. The judges also rejected the possibility she was overcome by passion that she was beyond self control when she pumped three pistol bullets into her husband after a quarrel.

## Western Powers Set Up Controls To Bar War Production In The Ruhr

London, Dec. 28—(AP)—The Western powers set up today a strict international control system to bar German's industrial Ruhr V (alley from war production).

The Ruhr was ordered to produce solely for peace.

Their decision was announced in a formal communique as the climax of a six-week conference here attended by representatives of the United States, Britain, France, the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg.

It contained no admission of Russia as a partner in the international control board to be known as the "Ruhr Authority."

An American spokesman told a news conference at the embassy the agreement probably will go into operation in two or three months. He said a military security board provided for in the agreement also will begin functioning within that time. The spokesman said the Americans regard the pact as an executive agreement which will not need congressional approval, as a formal treaty would.

The agreement offered Germany a place on the board as soon as it develops a legal government. The Germans will have three votes—the same as the United States, Britain and France will have and two more than each of the Benelux countries which they overran in World War two.

It set up an international system of inspection—the framework of an industrial police—to keep the Ruhr from becoming once again a war-making industrial machine as it did under Hitler and Kaiser Wilhelm.

It left unsettled the dynamite-laden question of ultimate ownership of the Ruhr's industries—a plain concession to France. The French want international ownership. Britain prefers German public ownership. The United States favors private enterprise.

## Seven Earthquakes Hit Reno, Nevada

Reno, Nev., Dec. 28—(AP)—Seven earthquakes hit Reno within four and a half hours last night—the third one causing "a good deal of jiggling" in Reno's 42-year-old City Hall and bringing prompt adjournment of a city council session. There were no reports of damage.

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The court's lengthy opinion did not specify the degree of the crime for which she was convicted. It held her guilty of the rough equivalent of manslaughter under German law or second degree murder in the U. S. code.

The court overruled her claim "She had only to call for help or go into the next room for aid. In the circumstances she was not justified in taking a human life."

The verdict was announced by Judge Dewitt White of Morgan-town, W. Va., the presiding judge of the three-man tribunal.

The other judges were John C. Campbell, Alhambra, Calif., and Eldon V. Soper of Glendale, Calif.

The deliberated six days, having announced a deadlock just before Christmas.