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'59 Crop Income Up But Livestock Down Says County Report

One million and a half more dollars were realized by Columbus County farmers in 1959 for their crops than in the previous year. Whereas farmers total crop income reached a \$24,037,372 figure last year compared to \$22,495,983 of 1958, peanut and sweet potato income took a downward dive.

Figures released by County Agent C. D. Raper's office showed that 5,250 acres of sweet potatoes brought farmers \$1,300,000, a decrease of about \$500,000 from 1958. Peanut acreage of 3,800 yielded \$500,000—\$20,000 less than was grossed in 1958.

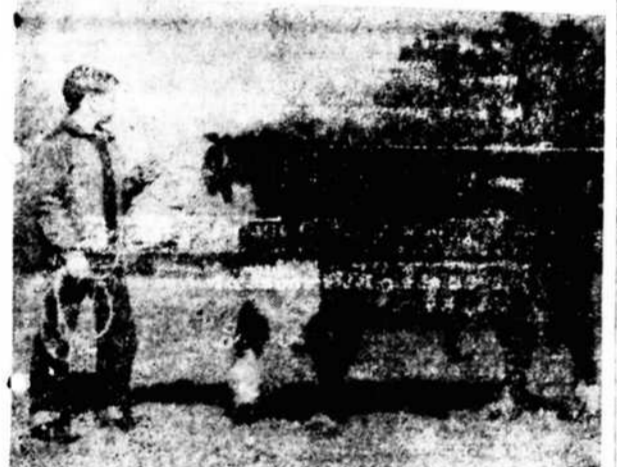
Tobacco, with 16,127.08 acres grown, brought farmers \$19,281,924 in 1959; in 1958 they sold \$18,059,383 in the leaf.

Said Raper, "It should be noted that the 1959 average was 1,941 pounds per acre and the price was \$61.60 per 100 pounds. In 1958 the yield figure was 1,883 and the unit price was \$61.60 per 100 pounds." He explained, "That will account for some of the difference in tobacco income."

"Another note that should be made is that in 1959 we had 2,209.3 acres of cotton compared to 1,200 in 1958." One reason for the increased acreage was the lack of soil bank payments in 1959 as there were the previous year, the county agent conjectured.

The income picture as a whole was outlined by Raper as follows:

Item	1958	1959
Tobacco	19,281,924	18,059,383
Cotton	269,198	138,600
Peanuts	500,000	520,000
Sweet Potatoes	1,300,000	1,800,000
Other Crops	2,686,250	1,976,000
Total Farm Sales (Crop)	24,037,372	23,493,983
Forestry	5,225,000	6,030,944
Livestock	5,088,072	5,342,717
Total	34,350,444	33,867,644
Government Payments		
ACP	159,174	116,843
Conservation Reserve	16,751	10,503
Total Government Payments	175,925	568,900
GRAND TOTAL	34,526,369	34,436,544
Livestock		
Hogs	33,230,800	3,234,000
Beef Cattle	505,000	440,000
Sheep	1,100	1,200
Poultry (broilers, turkey & hens)	297,000	430,000
Milk	342,647	340,992
Eggs	701,250	898,000
Other livestock products	11,075	3,525
Total Livestock	5,088,072	5,342,717



CRAIL BEAU MIXER, recently purchased Hertford bull for the members of Tabor City's FFA chapter. The two-year old was auctioned off at a sale in Raleigh Saturday and his purchase was sponsored by the Sears Better Livestock Breeding Program of N. C. Shown with the 2-year old animal is FFA member Sammy Jacobs. The bull came from the Crain Farm at Hendersonville.

FFA Club Buys Bull

Meet Crail Beau Mixer. Tabor City Future Farmers Club now claim ownership of the two-year old white-face Hertford bull bought Saturday for the club by the Sears Better Livestock Breeding Program of the state.

With the club's delegation at the N. C. Hertford Breeders Bull Sale in Raleigh were several farmers of the area. Lennox Gore, FFA member, of Tabor City, Route 2, bought 2 of the registered animals, and Horace and Everett Miller of Route 2 bought one bull. Although the final bids for the four bulls was not revealed, approximately \$4,000 was spent by the group on the prize stock.

Accompanying the FFA members and farmers were advisors Sam L. Jackson and Fred Lay. Tabor City FFAs have owned three other Sears sponsored bulls since the Sears program began nine years ago. Members of the club have access to the bull for breeding their cows.

Clark, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Grainger, is a patient at Babies Hospital, Wrightsville Sound. He is expected to be released from the hospital tomorrow.

Negro Gunman Is Still At Large, Shot 2 Monday

The Black and Tan Club, located approximately one mile west of Whiteville, was the scene Monday night of a double-shooting and assault activity. Still at large is Curtis Shaw who—according to Deputy Auty Godwin who investigated the activity—hit Rudolph Shaw on the head with a piece of wood, shot Lester Gore in the left side of the face, and shot Floyd Davis in the right arm. The four men are all Negroes.

According to the deputy the fracas followed a drinking party at the establishment. The weapon was a pistol and Shaw is still believed to be armed. Three warrants charging him with assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill will be served Shaw when he is found, Deputy Godwin said. The Black and Tan Club has often been the scene of such incidents, according to the Sheriff's Department.



TOP FEDERATION DEBATERS — Named top debating team of the Waccamaw Federation, composed of the Columbus, Bladen and Brunswick County Future Farmers of America chapters, were six young men of the Nakina chapter Thursday Feb. 4. At the contest, after which Tabor City's team was named second-place winners, six teams competed. Members of the winning Nakina team were (1st row, l-r) Douglas Skipper, vice-president of the chapter; Ronald Hayes, sentinel; Billy Best, reporter; Thomas Jenrett, treasurer; Clyde Moore, secretary; and John Richardson, president.

Nakina FFA Debate Sextette Is Waccamaw Fed. Top Debate Team

Nakina's FFA officers won first place in a parliamentary procedure contest, sponsored by the Waccamaw Federation, held at Waccamaw school Thursday, Feb. 4. Taking the second place honors were members of the Tabor City FFA debating team.

Debating the subject "Attending State FFA Conventions" were Nakina's John Richardson, president; Douglass Skipper, vice-president; Ronald Hayes, sentinel; Billy Best, reporter; Thomas Jenrett, treasurer; and Clyde Moore, secretary. Neither of the six attending debate-teams was aware of the subject on which they were to debate before the meeting began. Judges chose three subjects pertaining to FFA work and the presiding secretary drew subjects for the participating teams. Included subjects were "FFA Camps" and "Father-Son Banquet."

Last year Tabor City's team won the first-place honors. Joining Tabor City and Nakina for the session last week were teams from Evergreen, Bladenboro, Fair Bluff and Hallsboro. The Waccamaw Federation is composed of FFA membership of Columbus, Bladen and Brunswick Counties.

Judges for the contest were R. J. Peeler, Executive Secretary of the N. C. Association of FFA; N. B. Chestnut, District Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture; and Neal Singletary, principal of the Waccamaw schools.

Fathers-Sons Banquet Feb. 26

Members of the Nakina Future Farmers of America will be joined by their fathers Friday night, Feb. 26, for the organization's annual Father-Son Banquet. The Nakina FFA chapter is 90-strong, according to their advisor, James W. Gore. Highlight of the Banquet, to be held in the school cafeteria, will be the awarding of Chapter Farmer Degrees. Those winning the local degrees will be eligible for State Farmer degrees, from which candidates for American Farmer degrees will be named later.

Possibility of a keynote speaker are yet to be confirmed, according to Gore.

ADOPTION METHOD

What is the safe way to adopt a child? This is a question which will be answered Monday, Feb. 15 in Wilmington at a meeting sponsored by the Children's Home Society of N. C. Location of the meeting will be the Parish House of St. James Church. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p. m. The Children's Home Society, the only state-wide adoption agency completely supported by voluntary contribution, has aided over 7,000 children throughout the state since 1902.

Station Broken In Tuesday PM.

Norris Shell Service, operated by Elder Norris, was the scene of a break-in Tuesday night. The station is located on the Green Sea road. Stolen was over 10.00 from the cash register and quantities of cigarettes, candy and chewing gum. The culprit or culprits made entry through a broken pane of a garage door which adjoins the service station. Norris said he closed the station at 7 p. m. Tuesday night and did not know of the burglary until he opened up this (Wednesday) morning.

Beside the glass pane which was broken out there was a section which was covered with a sheet of cardboard, that pane having been broken out earlier. "I don't know why in the world they (the rogues) didn't just push out that cardboard instead of breaking out another pane and saved a lot of trouble," said Norris. Police are still investigating the case.

Tag Deadline

February 15 is the final day for Tabor City residents to display their 1960 town tags, according to Mrs. Marian Garrell, town clerk. \$1.00 each for 1960. Beginning Feb. 16 police officers have been ordered by town authorities to issue citations to those residents of Tabor City whose vehicles are lacking the necessary license plate.

IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mrs. Howard C. Garrell and children, Mark and Tony Sue, went to Washington, D. C. Friday to join Sgt. Garrell upon his return from foreign service. Driving there with her for the weekend were Mrs. J. T. Harrelson and son, Mike, also Judy Fowler, Don Fowler and Mrs. June Prince.

HEWETT CHILDREN

Winnie Lee and Meta Kay, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ruy Hewett were at Babies Hospital, Monday, for examinations. Meta Kay is in with an ear and throat infection and Winnie Lee is back in school.

Two Programs Commemorate 50th Scouting Anniversary Worst Flu Epidemic In Forty Two Years Plagues Tabor City

Few homes of the Tabor City area have missed being stricken two weeks. The local high school reports that absences are presently 50 percent above normal, and that eleven members of the staff had their classes interrupted by the illness.

Noted was the grade school division report was better than the high school, suggesting that older persons are more susceptible to flu than are young ones. The county picture is similar, Superintendent T. Ward Guy reports. Schools which were hit first by the sickness are now returning to attendance normalcy. Secretarial employees of the Board of Education have all been absent from their duties because of flu.

Dr. Philip Zulick, Tabor City physician, temporarily identifies the illness as Q-virus which medical authorities believe emanated in California. Dr. Zulick also observed that the "Bug" frequents different areas at different times. "In other words," he explained, "it might be in the Green Sea road area this week, and in the Clarendon area next week."

He affirmed that the current epidemic is the worst to strike since 1918. In that year more people died of flu than were killed during WWI. Of the sickness Dr. Charles Simpson says, "I would not say

that there is or has been an outright epidemic of influenza but the incidence of endemic occurrence has been greater than I have experienced in my practice thus far. Approximately all cases have responded to treatment; although recovery has certainly not been spontaneous. In my opinion, there has been no epidemic of types A & B on the more common types as the Asian, which has been inter-esting to note is the incidence in those patients previously given the polyvalent influenza virus vaccine has been almost nil."

GRAND CHAPTER MEET Mrs. Pearl Wright, member of the O. E. S. Send the Light Fund; Mrs. Alene Long, Committee for Easter Egg; and Mrs. Mae S. Young, Worthy Matron of the local chapter, O. E. S., are planning to attend a meeting of District 4 in Wilmington tomorrow (Thursday) evening. The occasion will honor members of the Grand Chapter with the main program getting underway at 8:00. A covered dish supper is slated for 6:30.

NOTICE TO PARENTS Parents of children who will enter school next year for the first time are asked to turn the names of the children into the school, either by telephoning Principal Randall Burleson, or by sending the names by other means. (Continued on Page 10)



MOUNTAINS OF PULPWOOD being loaded in the local wood yard to be shipped to Riegel where they will end up as a paper product. Last year local pulp men shipped enough wood to fashion approximately 90,000 tons of paper.

Pulp Industry Aids Tabor City Economy

The wood industry has long been dependable source of revenue for landowners of Columbus and Horry counties, and with the growth of the paper industry, pulpwood is sharing the economic importance with lumber and other wood derivatives. Punctuating this progress locally was the establishment of a Cape Fear Wood Corporation yard in Tabor City two years ago. The local pulpwood yard, although owned by Riegel Paper Corp., is co-operated by Tabor City Lumber Co. and Cape Fear Wood Corp.

All pulpwood shipped from Tabor City is routed to Riegel Wood Corp., according to James Brice, manager of operations. Brice, a Pender County native, has been in the timber business all of his adult life and has lived in Tabor City for 22 years. Ronald Hammond, a Nichols, S. C., resident, joined the Cape Fear Wood staff in October, 1959. He is a graduate of the State Forest Ranger School of the University of Florida. His duties include cruising, marking and negotiations. Neither the County Agent nor Brice think that the supply of pulpwood will ever be exhausted, although approximately 20,000 more cords are cut each year in the county. Both men endorse the government's efforts to get landowners to plant more trees to replace those which have been cut away. Trees may be ordered through Raper's Whiteville office for \$4.25 per thousand. According to a Riegel spokesman, the 15,000 cords of pulpwood furnished from Tabor City in 1959 probably yielded nine thousand tons of paper. Riegel purchases about 1300 cords of wood daily, of which approximately two-thirds is pine and the remainder hardwood. The Acme industry buys about \$7 million dollars worth of pulpwood annually.

Mrs. R. M. Garrell Leacy Passes At Home; Funeral Thursday P.M.

Mrs. R. M. Garrell Leacy, 71, beloved Tabor City resident, died at her home this morning (Wednesday) at 7:40 after an illness of one year. Born in Horry County June 9, 1888 she was a daughter of the late Edward Harrelson and Nola Clemmons Harrelson. She had resided in Tabor City for 54 years. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 3 p. m. in the Tabor City Baptist Church, of which she was an active member, with the Rev. P. C. Gant, and the Rev. P. H. Layfield officiating. Burial will be in the Forest Lawn Cemetery. The body will remain at the Inman Funeral Home until one hour prior to the service. Pallbearers will be James Garrell, R. C. Soles, Jr., Willard Garrell, Linwood Garrell, Joe Coleman, Kenneth Ray, Howard Harrelson and William Shelley. She is survived by her husband, Alfred Leacy; one son, Billy B. Garrell, Tabor City; three daughters, Mrs. Lester Lowe of Fairmont, Mrs. Fred M. Jernigan, Sr. and Mrs. Elbert Shelley of Tabor City; also surviving are eight grandchildren.

Mrs. Nellie Spivey

Mrs. Nellie Spivey is much improved in Rex Hospital where she has been a patient for some time. The cast has been removed from her leg following surgery and reports indicate that the operation was successful.

Lynwood Wilson Wright, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynwood Wilson Wright announce the birth of a son, Lynwood Wilson, Jr., Tuesday, January 19, Loris Community Hospital.