## Little Stone Age People Hide In Darkest Africa

one of the world's most in Society says. hospitable places.

with almost no surface water. there. Extending from South-West Few outsiders had ever seen my heart."

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WASHINGTON-A race of trackless expanses of red sand, in dance. little Stone Age people hides tough grass, shrubs, and thorn He speaks a curious click out in Africa's Kalahari Desert, trees, the National Geographic language. But he can express

Years ago, the Bushmen Kalahari offered privacy—a chose to lose themselves in an most important attraction. No oppressively hot wasteland one else could or would live wish in my heart-and as old

and South Africa deep into a Bushman until a few years Bechuanaland, and covering ago, and little was known an area about the size of New about their lives. However, a Mexico, the Kalahari contains number of scientfic and photographic expeditions have now trekked into the desert in search of the nomads, and an extensive study of them will be made in the next five years age. The men are rarely tallby South Africa's University of er than 5 feet. Witwatersrand,

Sensitive Primitives The Bushman has been found to be an extraordinary blend of savagery and sensitivity. He digs with a stick for grubs to eat, yet he plays haunting tunes on his crude musical instruments. He re-

cords his myths, traditions,

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people, yellowish-copper color, neatly built and well featured in youth but as wrinkled as walnuts in old Home is beneath a thorn tree, at best a tiny but of grass. One possessės only what one can make and carry: bow and arrows; rope and

The Bushmen travel, search-

water, in tightly knit family

groups. They are a handsome

Warrenton, North Carolina

brittle ostrich shell. As sheer survival depends on cooperation, Bushmen share all their food and possessions. They have no conception of personal property. They do not steal.

Work is divided. Men hunt game, often fruitlessly because it is scarce in the dry season when no fissh rains come to fill the desert pans. Women market price of grain." and children forage for anything edible: roots and wild vegetables; seeds, the juicy tsamma melon and eland cucumber; insects and reptiles. Living so close to thirst and hunger, the Bushmen cannot afford to be finicky about their

Exists By His Wits

In wastes where an outsider would swiftly die of thirst and starvation, the Bushman exists by the sign-up of cooperators," by his wits. A withered leaf, half-hidden in sand, betrays the presence of a tuber. In dry soil he knows where to sink a long reed and extract principal commodities moisture by the suction-pump of his mouth.

A supero botanist and organic chemist, the Bushman knows every plant, bush, and tree in his domain. He concocts deadly poison to smear changed, the loan rates on on his arrowheads. But he most grades will be higher can't count above three.

are among its oldest aborigi- Pugh.

## North Carolina Farmers' Income Is Rising, Agricutural Report Shows the short run—particularly if in feed deficit areas. "This reasoning assumes that a control like other southern states, prob-

"This year's figure is estion grain, and the Fed Grain fect may be a reduction in already ahead of last year, will his emotions in poetry. Asked about his age, a gnaried old mated at \$193,794,000, compared to \$175,181,000 for the first feet the volume of livestock price."

on grain, and the red Grain leet may be improved further by increased acreage of cotton and soyed acreage of cotton acreage acreage of cotton and soyed acreage of cotton acreage acreage of cotton acreage acreage of cotton acreage Charles Pugh, specialist in agricultural policy for the State as all the unfilled longings of College Agricultural Extension

Pugh believes that the coming endlessly for food and bination of the Feed Grain Program and higher support prices on several commodities this year should boost farm income further in the latter half of the year.

"Cooperators in the Feed Grain Program in North Carolina agreed to divert almost 544,000 acres of corn and sorghum," says Pugh. "For these farmers, cash operating ex-penses will be smaller on the remaining acreage, and consersnares; ostrich-egg containers vative payments will be refor water; scanty hide clothing; simple tools; ornaments ceived.

made painstakingly from the Total payments to coopera ors, he says, are expected to be at least twice the \$7,536,610 authorized in advance payments this spring.

"There are also indirect of fects of the program," he notes. "Price support on corn and sorghum, while available only to cooperators, were raised This action, plus the prospects of reduced grain production. would be expected to raise the

Pugh says that persons not participating in the Feed Grain Program have responded to the likelihood of higher prices by increasing their acreage both in North Carolina and tle nation. "The net effect (in North Carolina) is that acreage of corn and sorghum has declined by only 384,000 acres from 1960-or less than indicated he says

Here are summarles of other effects on North Carolina farm income for 1961, by the state's

TOBACCO - Flue-cured production in the state is forecast at 2.4 per cent less than the 1960 crop.

"Although the average price support is unthan last year to account for The Bushman once lived the anticipated grade composi-over vast areas of Africa and tion of the 1961 crop," says

COTTON-Planting in North Carolina is up 4 per cent to 425,000 acres

SOYBEANS - Planting of beans has increased from 529,-000 acres in 1960 to 596,000

nes. Being small, shy, and vulnerable to bigger men with stronger weapons, they were ruthlessly oppressed and driven by both Africans and European settlers.

Perhaps 50,000 survive.

### Hedgepeth Family Holds Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hedgepeth entertained at a reunion anday when Brunswick stew, barbecue, ham biscuit and a picnic dinner was served on the lawn. Places were laid for 33 and the blessing was said by the Rev. Troy Barrett.

Others attending were Mrs. Troy Barrett and sons of War-renton, Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Hedgepeth and family of Pinetops, Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Daly and family of New Bern, Mr. and Mrs. James Hedgepeth of Conway, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Hedgepeth of South Hill, Va., Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Smith of Lynchburg, Va., Mrs. Thad Holloman of Ahoskie, Miss Lillian Hedgepeth of Martinsville Va., Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hedgepeth and son and Miss Linda Walters of Richmond Va., and Miss Deborah Neal of Hampton, Va.

A watermelon cutting follow ed later in the afternoon.

The mothered ordered her three-year-old boy to carry all the cloth animals in his room to the washing machine in the basement so that she could give them the cleaning they hadly needed. While she was busy in the laundry room, the

"Yes, she is," the youngster replied, "but she can't come to the phone right now. She's husy putting an elephant into the washing machine."

Natchez Trace, the wilder-ess trail in Mississippi that ras bedeviled by Indians and

than the same period in 1960. LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY grain above the level of re- says.

"However, since feed is an says Pugh, that the Feed Grain ports on some commodities-

producers can be effected in petitive position of feed users about the same as last year," the price of livestock and program to raise national aver- ably will gain less from Cash receipts from farm marketings in North Carolina for the first five months of 1961 were 10 per cent higher LIVESTOCK AND POLICERY grain above the level of receipts from farm this year. This may be attributed by the price of livestock and program to raise national average grain prices would increase feed costs by a greater proportion in feed surplus areas," he

There is some speculation, beans, and higher price sup-

important cost item, profits of Program will improve the com- while the tobacco program is

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