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Lower Net Farm Income Predicted In Wake County

If Zebulon farmers expect to keep their net income at present levels during the expected decline in farm prices in 1950, it will be necessary for them to plan their operations carefully and keep production costs as low as possible, says Moyle S. Williams, farm management specialist for the State College Extension Service.

A 10 per cent drop in farm prices has been predicted for 1950 by the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Williams said. This is about the same as the decrease in the 1948-49 crop year. Not only will prices be lower, but it is likely that farmers will sell less next year, he adds, pointing out that acreage allotments have been announced for wheat and cotton and are probable for other crops.

For the individual farmer, says Williams, all of this will mean a reduction in gross income and probably an even greater reduction in realized net income. As was the case this year, production costs will probably decline less than gross income. Such costs, which include items like fertilizer and farm machinery, are expected to remain high.

Williams asserts that better farm planning will be needed for 1950. Individual farmers, he says, should strive to be better farm managers, keep costs as low as possible, and produce quality products which will bring premium prices to help keep income at present levels. Use of improved practices will bring about higher crop yields at lower unit costs, but poor farmers who follow inefficient practices will have difficulty breaking even.

New Officers Named By Local Woodmen

The Little River Camp of the Woodmen of the World, meeting in the Masonic Hall Wednesday night, December 14, made plans for a Christmas party for members of the Middlesex Orphanage and elected officers for 1950.

Thurman Hepler, proprietor of the local Western Auto Associate Store, was named consul commander. Other officers are Barrie Davis, past consul commander; Wilbur Debnam, adviser lieutenant; Joseph Price, banker; Link Cox, escort; John Clark, Jr., watchman; Dayton Parrish, sentry; and D. R. Lucas, auditor.

The camp will hold its annual ladies' night Wednesday, January 11, at which time the new officers will be installed.

Joint Club Meeting

The Junior and Senior Clubs will meet jointly for their annual Christmas meeting on Tuesday night, December 20th, at eight o'clock. The Senior Club will be hostesses, and the Junior Club will be in charge of the program. It is hoped that every member will be present.

New Clinic Date

The December clinic for mothers and babies, held each month in the room next to the town office, will be held at 1:00 p.m. next Tuesday, December 20, instead of the usual fourth Tuesday, Mrs. Ida H. Hall, clinic nurse, has announced.

CHOIR OF THE ZEBULON BAPTIST CHURCH



Front Row: Mrs. Inez Pitts McNabb, pianist, Mrs. Carlton T. Mitchell, Mrs. James M. Alford, Mrs. Nellie Bryant Kemp, Mrs. L. M. Massey, Miss Ruby Dawson.
Second Row: Mrs. Elwood Perry, Mrs. Hardin Hinton, Miss Helen Wall, Mrs. Armstrong Cannady, Mrs. Haywood Jones, Mrs. E. D. Ellington.
Third Row: Rev. Carlton T. Mitchell, pastor, Mr. Wallace Temple, Mr. E. D. Ellington, Mr. Johnsey Arnold, Mr. Elwood Perry, Mr. Wilber Conn, Mr. Claude K. Cook, conductor.

National Guard Sets Up Sections At Last Pay Session Held in 1949

Faced with the possibility of being limited to only 50 men, the local National Guard battery has begun a new campaign for men with the goal set for 20 enlistments by January 15. Word from the National Guard Bureau states that budget limitations will limit units to the strength attained when the authorized strength of the whole Guard is reached.

Sgt. 1c Clifford Gilliam states that he and Sgt. J. P. Arnold will be at the armory five days a week to talk with interested men.

He urged that applicants enlist immediately in order to take part in specialized training beginning in January.

Under the direction of Lt. Philip Pearce and First Sergeant Sidney Holmes, the firing sections are being trained with Sgts. Frank Massey and Vonnie Gay as section chiefs.

Sgt. 1c Percy Parrish is training the mess section, and Sgt. J. P. Arnold is instructing the drivers. Cpl. Wesley Pearce and Cpl. John Clark will organize the communications section in January.

Sgt. Bob Sawyer takes care of supply and will train an assistant and Sgt. 1c Gilliam is training Pvt. Jimmy Spivey as battery clerk.

First Sgt. Holmes emphasized that there are still many openings in the local battery, and promotions are sure to be rapid for some time to come, with training for summer maneuvers being carried on. Lt. Pearce said as fast as men qualify for a position, they are promoted. "Advancement," he stated, "is made as rapidly as the individual soldier merits it."

Spotty Stands of Seeding Noted

G. L. Winchester and S. W. Holleman

We have observed some rather "spotty" stands of new seedings of pastures this fall due principally to the dry weather. Recently we were on the farm of Woodrow Smith of Knightdale and he called our attention to better stands of grass and clover where there was some grass or other type of mulch on top of the ground. Mr. Smith is planning to sow additional pas-

ture next fall so he is sowing lespedeza or small grain in the spring. Next fall he will disc the lespedeza leaving most of it on top of the ground to hold moisture for the tender pasture plants and to protect them from the hot sun rays.

Mr. John T. Adcock of Varina is starting in time to prevent erosion next year. First, Mr. Adcock has a very good winter cover of oats and rye on much of his land at present. Much of his corn

has a reasonably good volunteer stand of crotalaria. These two crops are good and will conserve soil and moisture but they will not do the entire job. S. W. Holleman, Soil Conservationist, has already staked some terrace lines that Mr. Adcock will plow up soon so they will be well-firmed before the hard spring rains. Meadows have been laid out and will be established soon. Contour cultivation will further conserve moisture and soil.

Farm Bureau Selects New Officers

The Zebulon Farm Bureau had its regular meeting on Monday night, December 12th, at which time the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Robert Ed Horton; secretary, R. C. McNabb; treasurer, Robert Ed Horton; president emeritus, E. H. Moser; executive vice president, Ed Ellington; vice presidents: Raymond L. Averette, Steven J. Blackley, John Broughton,

Percy Brown, Graham Bunn, Heber Creech, J. B. Croom, Philmore Dunn, Claude Farrington, Sprite Ferrell, F. D. Gay, Presley Gay, Wilson Gay, W. C. Honeycutt, Billy Hopkins, Cecil Hopkins, M. L. Hagwood, Jack Mitchell, E. T. Jones, Joe Pulley, Leamon Pearce, H. M. Perry, Austin Perry, Wade Privette, Rex Tippet, Harold Taylor, Garland Richardson.

The next scheduled meeting is set for January 9th, 1950. Plans are now being made to insure that this will be a very interesting and worthwhile meeting for every farmer who will attend. It is planned to have a good speaker from State College.

It is strongly urged that more farmers avail themselves of the benefits to be had from these meetings. So, remember the date! Wives are invited.

LOCAL BAPTIST CHOIR TO PRESENT "THE MESSIAH"

The Adult Choir of the Zebulon Baptist Church will present Handel's *Messiah* at the local church on Sunday evening, December 18, at 7:30. Mr. Claude F. Cook, minister of music, will conduct the choir in its presentation. Mr. Charles Horton, graduate student at the Westminster Choir College, will be organist, and Mrs. Inez Pitts McNabb will be pianist.

Soloists are Mrs. Nellie Bryant Kemp and Mrs. L. M. Massey, sopranos, Mrs. Carlton T. Mitchell, contralto, Mr. Wilber Conn, tenor, and Mrs. Elwood Perry, bass.

The service of sacred music will include five of the choruses from the well-known oratorio and ten of its recitatives. This marks the second year in which the Zebulon choir has presented this outstanding program of Christmas music.

The invocation will be offered by the pastor, Carlton T. Mitchell, the Rev. S. E. Mercer, pastor of the Zebulon Methodist Church, and the Rev. Kermit Combs, pastor of the Wakefield Baptist Church, will also participate in the service.

At the morning worship service the pastor will use as the sermon topic, "The World Prepares for a King." The choir will sing the anthem, "O Love the Lord."

Gould Declares Past Year Best In Bank History

The Smithfield National Farm Loan Association has received a dividend on its stock in The Federal Land Bank of Columbia, according to announcement by Mr. Ira C. Whitley, president of the association. This is carrying out the cooperative principle of returning savings to owners, which in this case are the 79 national farm loan associations in the Columbia Land Bank district.

Check for the dividend amounting to \$4,255.50 was received by Mr. Ira C. Whitley with a letter from the president of the bank, Julian H. Scarborough. "It is a great satisfaction to all of us to bring the bank to a dividend paying position," Mr. Scarborough said. "This objective has been reached with the splendid cooperation and assistance of officers and directors of the national farm loan associations in the district. They have played an important part in bringing the bank to the strongest financial position in its 33-year history."

Dividend Paid

"The dividend will substantially strengthen the operating and reserve position of the association," Mr. L. M. Gould, secretary-treasurer of the association, said. "Capital, reserves and surplus now amount to more than \$113,000," he reported. The association is owned by the 725 farmer members in Wake, Johnston and Wayne Counties.

Officers and directors in addition to Mr. Ira C. Whitley and Mr. L. M. Gould are George D. Richardson, vice president, of Wake County; M. W. Bunnet, director, of Wake County; W. J. Woodard, director, of Wayne County and Mrs. Ruby S. Coats, assistant secretary treasurer. Mr. Gould lived in Zebulon for several years, serving as a local bank official.

Methodists Announce Services for Sunday

In order that the members of the Zebulon Methodist Church may have the privilege of attending the presentation of the "Messiah" at the Baptist Church on next Sunday night, Rev. S. E. Mercer will not hold his regular evening service. He will make a brief pre-Christmas talk at the opening of Sunday School in place of the evening message. It is hoped that a large group will assemble promptly at 9:45 for this message and for the Sunday School lesson immediately following.

Realizing that Christmas Day will not be an easy day on which to hold the regular service at 11 a. m., Mr. Mercer will preach a brief Christmas sermon at the close of Sunday School at 10:45 a. m. on Christmas Day. All interested people are most cordially invited to these and all other services.

Emma Sue Barham Succumbs at Hospital

Emma Sue Barham, two day old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barham, Route 4, Zebulon died in Mary Elizabeth Hospital Wednesday morning. Funeral services were held from the grave at Hopkins Chapel Thursday afternoon, conducted by Rev. A. W. Icard. Surviving in addition to her parents is her maternal grandmother, Mrs. M. K. King.