

Local News Items

Mrs. Nellie Kemp recently attended the annual Music Seminar at the Myers Park Baptist Church in Charlotte. Dr. and Mrs. John Williamson of Westminster Choir College were speakers.

The Methodist Church chimes will be played every afternoon during Holy Week from 5:30 to 6:00 o'clock.

Members of the Wakelon boys' basketball team, accompanied by Herbert Appenzeller and Ed Ellington, returned Sunday from a trip to Washington and New York, where they saw the NCAA basketball game between N. C. State College and City College of New York. Making the trip, in addition to Baxter Hopkins, Hilliard Greene and Randolph MacSwain who furnished transportation, were Sonny Rowe, Jimmie Greene, Bobbie McGee, George Massey, Ned Moss, Bobby Murray, Bobby Kitchings, Henry Kitchings, Reuben MacSwain, Ben Allen Rhodes, Donald Fowler, K. D. Lloyd, Billy Joe Bailey and Warren Greene.

Jommy Spivey spent the weekend in Norfolk, Va.

Miss Elizabeth Salmon of Westminster Choir College and Harrisburg, Va., visited the Carlton Mitchells last week for a few days. Grace and Betty Mitchell recently spent several days in Rocky Mount.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Mitchell spent yesterday at Campbell College.

Bill Brantley is home for spring holidays from Wake Forest.

Soil Contest Lauded

"North Carolina farmers are just as poor as their soil is, and bankers, being sensitive to economic conditions, encourage conserving the soil and giving it an opportunity to achieve full production," G. Harold Myrick, Lincoln banker and chairman of the North Carolina Bankers Association, said this week.

Explaining why the Bankers Association sponsors an annual soil conservation speaking contest for high school students, Myrick said bankers are "keenly aware of the value of agriculture to the State as it relates to the whole economy and recognize that agriculture is the major base in such economy."

"In the speaking contests," he asserted, "we have stressed the techniques of soil conservation, its economic values to the State, and this year we emphasized soil wastage and its social aspects. The bankers of North Carolina will continue to boost every phase of economic development to the end that our great State will rate second to none in economic stability, prosperity, and financial leader-

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ship. This can be accomplished only through better farming, the very foundation of our economy."

Myrick pointed out that more than 4,500 students in 80 counties participated in this year's contest. In addition, Negro students in 16 counties were given an opportunity to complete in a special division for the first time. The Negro contest, he added, will be enlarged gradually until it covers the whole State.

Myrick praised the bankers of the State, county farm and home agents, Extension Service personnel of State College and A. and T. College, principals and teachers, and the students themselves for cooperating so wholeheartedly in carrying out the program.

Farm Census Begins All Over United States

A copy of the Agricultural Census Questionnaire for 1950 is being placed in every rural mail box in the nation this month. Later a census enumerator will call for the form, check the information, and help complete it if necessary.

D. S. Weaver, assistant director of the State College Extension Service, says North Carolina farm families can help save considerable time and money by having information ready when the census representative calls.

Weaver points out that many decisions and policies, both public and private, depend on accurate census information. Such information, he adds, is used in the apportionment of funds for education, including agricultural extension work; and in decisions as to size and location of business establishments, to mention only a few of the more important uses of it.

Although the questionnaire is a formidable looking document, with a total of 181 separate questions, it really isn't as difficult as it looks, says Weaver. Many items will not apply to all farmers. Many others require only a "yes" or "no" answer.

Acts of Congress provide that individual information given to census enumerators must be held in confidence and cannot be used for taxation, investigation, or regulation; and that census questions must be answered truthfully.

The census, Weaver points out, is one of the oldest of American institutions. The first one was taken in 1790, and others have been taken every 10th year since then. Since 1920, an agricultural census has been taken every five years.

Tar Heel Farm Facts

The 10th annual Coastal Plain Fat Stock Show and Sale will be held in Kinston on April 12 and 13.

A Surry County farmer, James Cook, fed more hay last winter to one cow and one mule than he has fed this winter to eight cows and two mules. The reason: Last spring he seeded a five-acre

permanent pasture of Ladino clover and orchard grass which has given excellent grazing.

Franklin Ward, Route 1, Denton, says he makes more clear money from sheep than from any other type of livestock.

Neighborhood farm and home outlook meeting held each January in Tyrell County have increased greatly in popularity during the past few years. Total attendance at the meetings this year was 462.

The Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Farm and Home Improvement Contest in both Nash and Edgecombe Counties this year. First prize of \$1,000 will be given to the community showing the most improvement during the year.

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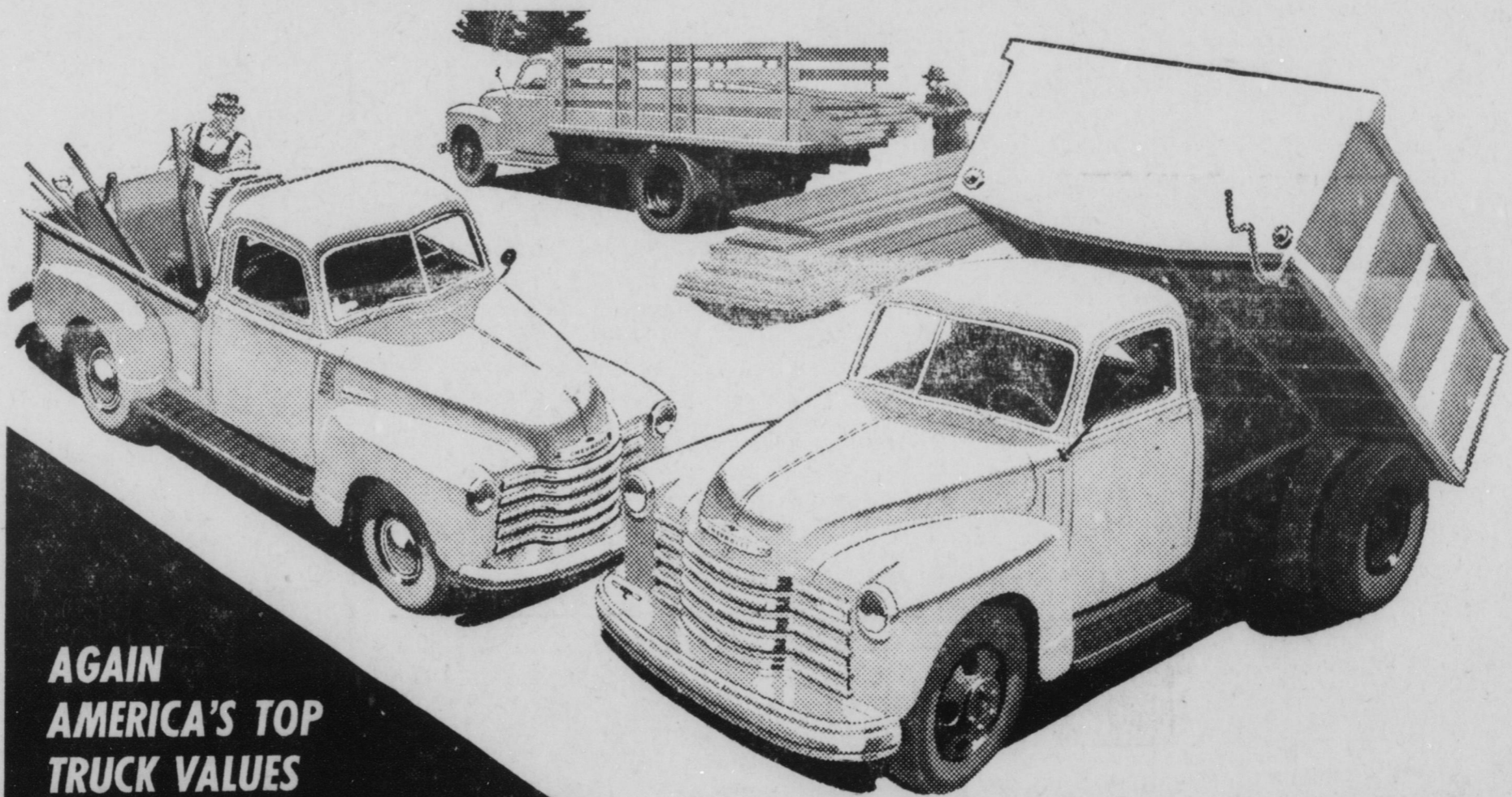
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