

## Increased Acreage in Feed Grains Seen in Federal Crop Reports

### Farmers Plan to Plant More Corn and Potatoes, Less Rice and Beans

The Farmers' Intentions to Plant Report recently issued by the Crop Reporting Board provided some new facts bearing on the outlook for several major crops this year. They indicate generally that farmers are planning to plant larger acreages of feed grains, potatoes, sweet potatoes, and peanuts than were harvested last season but smaller acreages of rice, beans, and tobacco in the South.

Farmers generally are reporting an intention to increase their corn acreage this year nearly 5 per cent over last year. If the usual relationship between intentions and actual plantings is carried out this spring the areas planted to corn this year will be greater than last year's harvested acreage by about 4.2 per cent. In all areas it is planned to plant at least equal to last year with the greatest increases occurring in the spring wheat area, the far, western and southern states, and in most of the states where the drouth was especially severe last summer. Should these intentions be carried out, and should yields equal to the average of the past ten years be obtained, a crop of about 2,935,000,000 bushels would be produced. This would be about 41 per cent larger than last year's short crop and the largest crop since 1923. Increased acreage of other feed grains is also intended in 1931 and this, together with the present favorable prospects for the winter wheat crop is likely to result in a large production of other grains which will compete with corn. Corn grown for sale in the United States therefore is likely to find a somewhat less favorable market during the 1931-32 season than during the present season.

### More Sweet Potatoes

Reports from potato growers on March 1 disclose an intention to plant an acreage 10.7 per cent larger than the acreage actually harvested last year or about 8.7 per cent larger than the acreage planted last year. Even after allowing for average loss of planting from drouth, floods, blight and other causes the probable acreage for harvest in 1931 is indicated to be about 8.4 per cent larger than that harvested in 1930 and only about 4 per cent less than the 1923 acreage which was the largest in recent years.

Farmers in all parts of the country are preparing to make a sharp increase in the acreage of sweet potatoes. Even though allowance is made for the average extent to which adverse weather conditions at planting time and subsequent loss of acreage from drouth and other causes have in the past prevented farmers from raising the full acreage reported as intended, the March reports from growers would seem to indicate the acreage available for harvest will be somewhere around 20 or 25 per cent above the acreage harvested last season. Unless growers change their plans, the most probable acreage is placed at 1,034,000 acres. If this acreage is grown and the yield equals the 10-year average of 93.2 bushels per acre, the crop would be above 96,000,000 bushels. Last year a fairly large acreage was grown but the yield was less than 85 bushels per acre, giving a production of 71,000,000 bushels compared with 85,000,000 bushels in 1929.

The points of greatest interest in the tobacco outlook pertain to the flue-cured and burley types. The intended decrease of 10 per cent in flue-cured acreage in 1931 compared with the acreage harvested in 1930 seems inadequate in view of the enormous production of last year, the slackened foreign and the stationary domestic demand, and the great increase in stocks by next July that is certain to result from all these factors.

### GOVERNOR TO NAME NEW BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

The bill to reorganize the Department of Agriculture has been passed by the General Assembly, requiring a new board of six members, to include the Commissioner of Agriculture and five farmers representing different divisions, one each for livestock, tobacco, cotton, truck and general farming. Governor Gardner is authorized to name the five members, approved by the Senate.

The State Fair Board is abolished, the Board of Agriculture to take over and operate or lease the State Fair, as it sees fit. The test farms are to remain under the direction of the Board of Agriculture, instead of being placed under State College of A. and E., as considered in the original bill.

## Court House News

### Real Estate Transfers

The following real estate transfers have been recorded in the office of the Register of Deds of Moor county: J. T. Finchum and wife, M. C. Finchum, to Brady G. Finchum: property in Carthage township. W. M. McCain, Assignee, to E. W. Bost: property in Bensalem township. F. O. Bell and wife, Zora M. Bell, to A. L. Burney and wife, Mary Ola Burney: property in Aberdeen. P. L. Gardner and wife and S. J. Gardner and wife to George Hilliard: property in McNeill township. The Paddock, Inc. to Webster Knight, 2nd: property in Sandhills township. E. D. Street and wife, Susanna Street, to Hugh J. Betterly: property in Southern Pines. L. H. Cherry, Jr., and wife to V. L. Johnson and wife: property in McNeill township. John Daniel Cameron to Frankie Cameron: property in Mineral Springs township.

### Recorder's Court

Nearly half of the cases tried in Recorder's Court on Monday were larceny cases, and sentences aggregating thirty-two months were given this class of offenders.

Ed Taylor, colored, of the Carthage community was charged with entering the house of B. Q. Benjamin and stealing a watch. He was bound to Superior court under \$300 bond.

Gloyd Glover, colored, pleaded guilty to the larceny of an overcoat and cap and was given six months.

Robert Kelly, white, said to be a dope addict, was given 60 days for the larceny of a fountain pen and some casting gold from the office of Dr. Henderson, a dentist of Pinehurst.

Walter Leake, colored, charged with breaking and entering and larceny, was found guilty and sentenced to the roads for a year. He claimed that a man for whom he had worked owed him, but the judge thought that this did not justify him in entering the man's house and taking a flash light, a lantern and other articles. The goods were restored to the owner.

Prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of the costs and a fine of \$50 in the case of A. W. Whitby, a merchant of Jackson Springs. A colored man became impudent, it is said, and following some words, Mr. Whitby, it is alleged, shot. It was just too bad for the Negro that the shot took effect in his one good leg; he had lost the other as a result of an accident.

Roy Matthews, colored, of Addor drew a total of eight months on charges of carrying a concealed weapon, assault with a deadly weapon, and discharging fire arms in a public house, namely, a colored dance hall in Jackson hamlet, a Negro settlement.

### POSTPONE ADVERTISING LAND FOR COUNTY TAXES

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roads and schools is known. That will come up next week.

The chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and the clerk of the Board were authorized to borrow \$40,000 and to execute two notes for the aggregate amount of \$40,000 bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from date of execution in anticipation of taxes or other revenue applicable thereto for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1931 and prior years, said notes to be payable six months from date and the funds derived therefrom to be deposited to the credit of the general school fund, one note to bear date of May 12, 1931 for the sum of \$27,500 and the second note for the sum of \$12,500 to bear date of June 12, 1931, and an application is to be executed by this Board to the Local Government Commission of North Carolina for their approval of the proposed issue of notes aforesaid.

The time for listing all property in the county was extended to June 1, 1931 without penalty.

It was moved and seconded and unanimously carried that the county pay 50 per cent of the fire warden work for the remainder of the fiscal year not to exceed \$200 over and above the present appropriation, same to be put in the budget for 1931-32.

The Board voted to pay the Moore County Hospital at Pinehurst \$600 for charity cases, and it was ordered that E. M. Bullard of Aberdeen be allowed \$17.10 for meals for some deserted children from Cabbage Hill near Aberdeen and also \$6.00 to be paid by Mr. Bullard to John Steadman for caring for said children at night.

## LAKEVIEW

Miss Vivian Matthews of Durham is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Warner returned Monday from Whiteville, where they spent the week-end with friends.

Mrs. Eugene F. Pugh of Jersey City is the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. H. Williams.

Mrs. A. A. Moore returned Sunday from Smithfield where she has been with Mr. Moore, who is recovering from an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Upchurch and family of Apex spent Sunday in Lakeview, the guests of Miss Jennie McCrimmon.

Mrs. J. C. Warner of Raeford spent the week-end with her son's family here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ballard, Miss Mary Ballard, Miss Cavie Brown and Miss Hazel Johnson of Lillington spent Sunday with relatives here.

Miss Helene Dougherty of Sanford was a week-end visitor in Lakeview.

Mrs. M. T. Driggers, who has been visiting her relatives here, returned to her home at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Gardner and family went to Angier Sunday, returning by way of Dunn for a brief visit with Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Andrews.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Lakeview Church had a good representation at the meeting of Fayetteville Presbyterial which convened in Pinehurst Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Those in attendance were Mrs. Dan S. Ray, Mrs. P. L. Gardner, Miss Jennie McCrimmon, Mrs. W. H. Richardson, Mrs. Henry Graves, Mrs. Worth Miller, Mrs. J. R. McQueen, Mrs. J. B. Eastwood, Mrs. F. L. Taylor and Miss Johnnie Eastwood.

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Gibbon have gone to Charlotte for a few days' visit with Mr. Gibbon's mother.

The annual picnic of the Lakeview Community Club will be held in the park Saturday evening, May 9th at six o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited to come with a basket of good things to eat.

## PINEBLUFF

Mrs. G. Abbott and daughter, Gertrude, of Boston are visiting Mrs. Abbott's mother, Mrs. G. W. Haywood. W. Combs and Mrs. W. Herrod left Wednesday for Linbrook, L. I.

Mr. Cheshir and family, who have been staying in the Butterfield cottage, have returned to their home at Raleigh.

Mrs. P. Melton spent Sunday with Mrs. R. Lamplay.

Miss Ruth Wallace entertained Misses Rosser, Grady and Messrs. Fautz and Wright at the Jefferson Inn Saturday evening.

Mrs. M. A. Nichols has returned to her home at Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Jackson entertained Capt. and Mrs. Lewis, Miss Anna Paine, Miss Wright, Mrs. Douglas, Mrs. Hazel Allison, Miss Sally Allison, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Miller and Mires Zett at a "Fireplace Picnic" luncheon on Friday evening, May 1 in honor of Capt. and Mrs. Lewis, who are stopping at Miss Paine's on their way north from Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin James entertained the Baptist Ladies Aid on Wednesday.

Dr. and Mrs. Royce and Mires Zett spent Thursday in Charlotte.

Dr. and Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. M. W. Miller, Mires Zett, Miss Paine and Mrs. Wright attended the Greenwood and Plummer service at Carthage Sunday evening and were delightfully entertained at dinner at the home of Mrs. Jennings.

Dr. Royce is in New York City this week.

Mrs. M. Folley and Mrs. H. Royce are spending the week in Asheville.

Mrs. R. W. McMullin and daughter, Jane attended the Warrenton Gold Cup race at Warrenton, Va., last week.

Miss Pauline Little and sister, Mrs. Nan Graham of New York City arrived Saturday evening.

Edward MacGlaughlin, brother of the late D. MacGlaughlin of Pinebluff, passed away at his home at Stevens Point, Wis. He was the dean of Wisconsin newspaper men and the father of Major General E. F. MacGlaughlin of Stevens Point.

Mrs. Howard, who has been spending the winter at Aiken, S. C., is visiting Mrs. Folley.

### Painting at Reduced Cost

White painters in need of work in the Sandhills are now available on reasonable terms.

### Wilson

Signs and House Painting, Plain or Fancy. Address Care The Pilot, Aberdeen, N. C.

## Theatre

At Southern Pines

A page from the Blue Book of Hollywood comedians, a Who's Who list of the leading laugh-makers of the film industry, has been placed by Paramount in "Dude Ranch," the new comedy of what happens when moderns try to ape the old west, which is the attraction at the Southern Pines Theatre this Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Jack Oakie, Mitzi Green, June Collyer, Stuart Erwin and Eugene Pallette head the cast, each featured in a part hand-tailored to respective talents. Additional comedy is provided by Charles Sellon, the dour-faced comedian in many Paramount pictures of the past. "Dude Ranch" is a rousing comedy based on the humorous novel, "The Lone Rider of the Mojave" by Milton Krims. The setting is the familiar "wide open spaces" where men are men and women also chew terbacery. In this rough-shod environment Stuart Erwin is the owner of a ranch-hotel where gullible folks from the East come to get a load of the local color. The story concerns the humorous happenings at this Western ranch when a traveling troupe of actors consisting of Oakie, Pallette, Mitzi Green and Cecil Weston, visits the place and attempt to give the Eastern guests a close-up of real life in the wild and woolly west. The comedy effects from this situation are boundless and the entire cast gets double laugh value out of all of them.

An added attraction is the latest "Our Gang" comedy, "Fly My Kite."

"The Millionaire" with George Arliss, which made such a hit at Pinehurst a short time ago, has been booked for a return engagement at Southern Pines Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, by popular request. It is doubtful if any single attraction this season has met with such universal approval as has this modern comedy in which George Arliss portrays so delightful a character. "The Millionaire" is based on the story, "Idle Hands," by Earl Derr Diggers and the clever dialogue is the work of no less a personage than Booth Tarkinton. Everyone will receive with hearty approval the shrewd, lovable and waggish character, so absolutely different from any of Mr. Arliss' other

talking picture roles. Truly, "The Millionaire" is a picture the entire family can thoroughly enjoy to the limit.

MR. McQUEEN IN WASHINGTON

J. R. McQueen left Monday on a business trip to Washington, D. C.

# CAROLINA Theatre

## Southern Pines



Jack Oakie, Stewart Erwin, Eugene Pallette, Mitzi Green and June Collyer, in "DUDE RANCH"

At Southern Pines  
Thu., Fri., and Sat., May 7-8-9—8:15 P. M.  
Matinee Saturday at 3:00 P. M.



GEORGE ARLISS  
IN THE Millionaire

At Southern Pines  
Mon., Tue., and Wed., May 11-12-13—8:15  
Matinee Tuesday at 3:00 P. M.

# NOTICE

## To Taxpayers

The advertising of property for delinquent taxes in Aberdeen has been postponed from May 1st to June 1st, 1931.

All delinquents will be charged a penalty of One Per cent for payments made in May, and Two Per Cent plus Cost of Advertising for payments made in June.

# PAY NOW

and avoid further penalty

J. T. HARRINGTON,  
Town Tax Collector