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Farmers' Income Hits Record High Mark During War

Increase of Two Hundred Percent Reported; Future Bright

War brought America's farmers their most prosperous years in history, increasing their net income 200 per cent and piling up a \$10,000,000,000 backlog in cash and government bonds, the Commerce Department said recently.

Looking ahead, the department declared that "farm prosperity should continue at least until into 1948, but after that there is no assurance that the old farm problem-lack of adequate markets and hidden farm unemployment -may not again appear."

The department said present farm prosperity "is due directly to high wartime earnings of American labor that enabled millions of persons for the first time to enjoy something like an adequate diet and to dress satisfactorily."

It added in an anaysis of postwar farm markets that the net income of farmers increased from \$5,600,000,000 to \$14,800,000,000 in the 1940-45 period.

This boost came about despite the fact that 5,000,000 persons left the farm during that period.

In 1940, it said, there were 30,-000,000 people living on farms, or 23 percent of the total population. In 1945, the number decreased to 25,000,000 or 18 percent of popu-

So far, the Department said, there is "no evidence of any extensive back to the farm movement even on the part of veterans drafted from farm areas. Despite a small increase in farm population figures for January this year over 1944 and 1945, the farm population is still 4,600,000 below

January, 1940. The Department said the "ef fective size" of the postwar farm market will depend in part upon whether farm savings go into purchase of goods or into speculation in farm properties, where, it observed, the situation is "reminiscent of the speculative boom following World War One.'

Last March 1, the Department's index of farm land prices was 69 percent above the 1939 index figure, compared with a 70 percent increase in the index from 1913 to

"However, per acre farm land prices have not yet reached the level of 1920 and one relatively favorable factor in the present of sales has been a minor factor,' the Department said, adding that more than half of all 1945 farm land sales were for cash.

The analysis included these ob-

1. "The best insurance of conness and industry for the excess can continue to buy farm pro-

2. About half of the nation's farms produce some nine tenths farms "furnish only a meager subsistence and a very little cash income to their operation."

3. "The birth rate on the farms and larger farms, means that inwill be seeking industrial employ-

Churches To Hold **Union Wednesday**

Members of the Disciple Church will hold a one-day union meeting turned over in the swamp. in Plymouth on Wednesday of this week with Rev. John L. Goff, local minister, presiding.

The program will feature an address by Thomas P. Inabinett, director of religious education for the denomination in this state.

The opening session will be held at 10:30 o'clock in the host church. Lunch will be served at 12:30 and the program will be brought to a close at 3:10 that afternoon. All churches in the dis- ited Miss Josephine Andrews, trict are invited to send represen- nurse in the local hospital, recent-

HOUSING SHORTAGE CAVEMAN' VISITED BY FAMILY Crop Losses Are Urge Farmers to Take Part Prices Rise From



BLAMING IT ON THE HOUSING SHORTAGE and the crowded quariers at his in-laws, Chester Gillette, Heidelberg, Pa., is pictured in his cave-home on Bowman's Hill. Gillette, who has been living in the cave since the housing shortage, is shown as he was visited by his wife, Eileen, and their daughter. The "caveman," who is

Series Of Accidents More Farmers In Reported In County Excess Acreages | curings already, including one that was partly damaged by fire inside the barn, and the quality is unusually good." Mr. Harrison

ROUND-UP

Despite the Fourth of July holiday and a long week-end, arrests held to about a normal figure in this county during the period, according to fairly complete reports coming from various law-enforcement officers and agencies.

Seven persons were arrested and placed in the county jail during the period, four for public drunkenness, two for drunken driving and one for operating a motor vehicle

without a driver's license. Two of the seven were white and the ages of the group ranged from 20 to 57

Two Persons Are **Treated Locally**

Accidents Reported In Few Days

Two persons were painfully but of court. situation is that credit financing not seriously injured when the Saturday morning near Par- urements. But he is required to car in which they were riding mele three persons, Marshall Tay- make a deposit to support the turned over on the Roanoke River lor, colored, of Philadelphia, and cost. If the checker finds that leaf. fill near heré last Sunday morn- "Poor" John Williams and the farmer is within his allotment ing at 3:00 o'clock. The injured, Queenie Clark, both of Ports-Miss Patricia Lampman and mouth, were painfully but not Floyd Hicks, both of Newport badly hurt when their 1938 Ford News, were removed a short time coupe went out of control and tinued farm prosperity lies in an later to Brown's Community hosadequate number of jobs in busi- pital for treatment. No official received an eight-stitch cut on report on the victims' condition her hip, Williams' arm was cut farm population and continued could be had immediately, but it and his shoulder sprained and business prosperity and a high was believed late yesterday that Taylor's leg was hurt. Investigatlevel of wages so that the people both of them would be able to ing the accident, Patrolman W. E. return to their homes shortly unless complications resulted.

of all farm output, and many lady were accompanying Charles boarded a bus in Bethel for the ers in 1947 but will also largely Gaston to South Carolina where return trip to Portsmouth. The he was to be married.

Driving down on U. S. Highway No. 17 in a 1940 super deluxe is larger than that in the cities Buick sedan, the wedding party and this, coupled with the trend decided to travel the alternate towards increased mechanization route from a point near Edenton across Albemarle Sound. When creasing numbers of farm people they reached Washington the driver picked the wrong end of No. 17 and was traveling north

when the accident happened. could not be had, but one report Rudge of Philadelphia and Jerostated that the driver of the car dine Humble of Williamston. was blinded by the lights of another car, that he ran onto the shoulder and lost control, that the machine continued off the fill and

Investigating the accident, Patrolman W. E. Saunders stated that the damage to the car would approximate \$500.

His plans interrupted for the present at least, Gaston was reported to have returned to his home in Newport News.

Here From Fayetteville Miss Doris Hall, nurse in Fayetteville's Highsmith hospital, vis-

Five Persons Are Hurt In Week-End Wrecks In County

Party When Big Car Turns Over

Five persons were injured, none seriously, and a property damage estimated at \$820, resulted in a series of automobile accidents on ed about three weeks ago. town streets and highways in this county during the past several measured in the county, and 182

Company plowed into the rear of cording to one unofficial esti- today, but some sections reported Saturday afternoon. an automobile on the Jamesville mate. For Wreck Injury Highway just outside of Williamston's town limits last Wedbe differing with the reported nesday afternoon. The car swerv- findings, but as far as it could be Four Highway and Street ed and struck aonther, causing learned Monday few have made about \$270 damage to both cars. deposits to support the cost of re-No damage resulted to the truck, checks. It has been pointed out and the damages were settled out that a farmer may appeal from

turned over. The colored woman fled from the scene of the acci-

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Marriage Licenses Issued In the County Last Week

Two marriage licenses were is sued in this county by the register of deeds last week to:

Charles Ernest Jones and Catherine Bullock, both of RFD 3, Complete details of the accident Williamston, and to Rowland

LICENSE TAGS

During the first six months of 1946 the local state automobile license bureau of the Carolina Motor Club sold 6,545 motor vehicle tags as compared with 6,295 tags sold in the first six months of 1945.

Prices have been reduced fifty percent and the bureau, beaded by Messrs. Harrison and Carstarphen in their offices in the Geo. Reynolds Hotel building, anticipate an increase in sales during the next few weeks and months.

County Reporting

Said To Have Exceeded Their Allotments

from the office of the farm agent's office this week, approximately one out of every five to-Group On Way to Wedding bacco farmers in this county has exceeded his tobacco acreage allotments for the current crop. The third or one-half of the farms, but the trend has been maintained almost in that proportion since the

So far, 878 farms have been days. All of the victims were able of them were found with excess to continue on their respective acreages. The excess ranges from ways following treatment in doc- a low of about one-tenth an acre to as much as 8.2 acres in one Its brakes impaired temporari- case. The average for the excess ly by heavy rain, a truck owned acreage could not be had immeby the G and H Builders' Supply diately, but it is not so great, ac-

the supervisor's reported meas-

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Scott Declares In Favor Of Quotas

Raleigh.-In the opinion of Agriculture Commissioner Kerr Saunders stated that Williams Scott, the outcome of the forthcoming tobacco quota election, Miss Lampman and Hicks with dent that the man without re- Friday, July 12, "will not only aftwo other young men and a young ceiving medical attention had fect the welfare of tobacco farmdetermine their economic position in the post-war era."

Here are some of the rather obvious reasons the Commissioner lists for continuance of the quota

1. In North Carolina we pro duce 70 percent of the Nation's supply of flue-cured tobacco. Without quotas it is quite probable we should lose our com-

manding position. 2. Tobacco represents better to reduce this income for North farms.

Carolina. 3. Tobacco has been successfully grown under the quota system could not be had, but the labor administered by the A. A. A. without harm to any other crop area or segment of our economy

4. The efficiency of production County Farmer Returns and the improvement of quality plus the cooperation of growers and handlers of tobacco, improved under the quota system.

Of Record Rains

Fields To Save Part Of The Crop

eports have been released but of 1939 when quotas were killed county: ndividual farmers declare that stances, entire crops have just

obacco in this county, some armers declare they have unus ually good crops. Farmer Joseph Harrison of Poplar Point said Monday that he was certain his poys have one of the best crops they have ever had, that if no more rains fall, they will harvest right close to 2,000 pounds per "They have finished three is unusually good," Mr. Harrison Locally In Years said. As for his corn crop, the Nearly One Out Of Five farmer declared that the prospects were the best he had ever known. "Counting two suckers, there were five silks on right

According to a report coming mank stalks," the farmer said. According to the reports, tobacco on reasonably stiff and black cept in those centers where the rainfall has been heaviest. But even in those places, the heavy rain Sunday and the hot sun Monday dealt the crop a heavy blow. servers saw one of the best crops ever produced on the Perry farm. Yesterday, the outlook was next family and friendly gatherings to dismal there.

While the rainfall locally has et no new record, tremendous works accidents in this county on showers have been reported to July 4, but several were reported the south and southeast of here during the week-end. No persons during the past several days. Only were arrested and jailed on the about four inches of rain had Roanoke River Bridge up until that the ole hoosegow was empty from Thursday noon until late Draft Officials nearly that much in a day or day and a half. In the Hardison mill ped to a volume far below normal section a cloudburst forced the owners to cut the mill dam twice week, the almost continuous rain to save the mill house Sunday that day and the preceding days

In addition to the water damage in the field, tobacco is proving a were seen on the streets and with problem in the barns, many farmers declaring they are experiencing great difficulty in curing the this section.

Reports on the condition of other crops are not so discouraging, but grass is gaining as a result of the recent rains. The corn crop 's holding up still and looks

In the Bath section of Beaufort County farmers are stripping all the Fourth and left for the weekis so far gone that only by im- of the beaches. mediately harvesting it will the farmers save any part of it. In one instance where a farmer had New York's Coney Island report harvested a barn, the heavy rains Sunday flooded the barn and left Beach houses were forced to close aminations. Most of them had the burners under several feet of when the crowds filled them to made the trip before and were in

Reports received here yesterday declared that the prospects for tobacco in Halifax County were the poorest in ten years.

Farmers Pay \$62,288 For Prisoner Labor

Martin County farmers paid \$62,288.01 for prisoner of war labor during the time the War than 50 percent of our gross in- Department maintained a camp in come from agriculture. The loss this county. The prisoners worked of the quota system would tend a total of 207,593 hours on the

> A record of the amount paid by industry for prisoner of war labor bill ran into several hundred thousands of dollars.

Home From Hospital

Ill for several months, Mr. Hugh Bennett, Martin County far-5. The quota system is not only mer, has returned to his home needed for protection of capital near Oak City after undergoing invested on farms and in towns special treatment in Duke Hosbut also to assure the continuance pital for weeks. His condition reof a fair wage to labor and farmer mains little changed, last reports reaching here stated.

Mounting In Wake In Leaf Referendum Friday 8 to 20 Percent

Accidents In County

Farmers Stripping Tobacco co farmers are again urged to or farms he owns and operates take part in the referendum on he may vote but one time. Friday of this week and support morning. July 12, at 7:00 allow marketing quotas for the next and close that night at 9:00 o'cloc No official or even semi-official three years. They are reminded in the following places in this

teen cents a pound.

Observance One of

way Travel To Volume

Below Normal

were just about rained out.

Travel on the highways drop-

reported on most any day of the

heavy rains, quite a few farmers

Their Fourth of July plans dis

accidents has not been officially

announced, but first reports stat-

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WAR BRIDE

Mrs. Edison Moore and in-

fant son are scheduled to ar-

rive in New York today on

the SS Zebulon Vance from

their former home in Bridge-

Mrs. Moore, the former

Miss Hilda Smith, is one of

several war brides who have

arrived already or are en

route to this county to make

In accordance with ar-

rangements made by Mrs. Ed-

na Laughinghouse, home ser-

vice director of the Martin

County Red Cross Chapter,

and the Wakefield Home Service (NY) Red Cross, Mr.

Moore will meet his war

bride and their sen in Rocky

Mount possibly the latter

part of this week.

water, England.

their homes.

co crops.

overflowing.

The polls will open Friday

by indifference on the part of Bear Grass Township in Bear farmers and tobacco price aver- Grass School, Cross Roads at Evages went down to around four-eretts, Goose Nest 1 and 2 at Ayers' Store in Oak City; Griffins It is generally believed that a at Manning's store in the Piney majority of tobacco growers in Grove Community. Hamilton at this belt favor the continuance of Hamilton, Hassell at Hassell quotas, but unless they show in- Jamesville 1 and 2 at Jamesville terest and get out and vote on Fri- Town House, Poplar Point and day, the proposal can and will be Williamston at agricultural build-

ing in Williamston, Robersonville Every person having equity or 1 in Robersonvile (regular voting a claim to part of the proceeds place), Robersonville 2 at Gold from tobacco is eligible to vote, Point, Williams at County House

Without the OPA

Delayed Passage of Bill Is Certain To Be Felt In

At the close of the first OPAless week, the following report was prepared by a New York consum-

If there was ever any doubt about it, what happened to comhermore, the dike restraining prices on clothing and household

oods is crumbling fast. Il-important in the cost of living John Consumer and family step up to the counter to pay the new oill, they will shell out at least 20 to 30 percent more for these

That's for the gouge that took place this week on corn, flour,

timates will be in men's wear, with prices going 20 percent high-

tron, Inc., has already announced

the finer qualities will be priced at from \$1.75 to \$2 a pair, as and \$1.55.

A clear picture of what will imnediately happen to prices of

Group of Twenty-four Pass Examinations

In the nation, as a whole, record been additions to their families. Last month the draft board in crowds thronged the beaches, this county sent 24 white men to ing 1,300,000 there for the Fourth. Fort Bragg for pre-induction ex-4-F, but sixteen of them were accepted, it was officially learned A complete tabulation of fatal this week. Eleven of the sixteen accepted were designated for limited service. When the war was in progress most of the men were rejected. Now, when there is no

So far this month only one call

It isn't likely that any white men will be called for preinduction examinations this month, and there is some doubt if any will be

Continues Quite Ill In

three weeks, continues quite ill, were killed in the war. In greatreports reaching here Monday er Hesse, which had 11,069 Evanstated. Mr. Frank Haislip was gelical clergymen before denazicalled from Hamilton yesterday fication, the dispatch said, many to go to the hospital to give her are taking care of as many as

PRESIDENT



Hildreth P. Mobley, local insurance man, was recently installed as president of the Williamston Lions Club.

Mark Time Under **New Instructions**

causing many to cancel reserva- Sixteen Out of The Last tions at the resorts. Few people one or two exceptions business

When it comes to supplying the was at a complete standstill in nation's armed forces with per-Their crops ruining under the sonnel, the selective service boards are doing little more than worked in an effort to save some marking time, but arrangements of the lower leaves in their tobac- are being made to call upon single men and non-fathers nineteen to forty-four years of age, inclusive. rupted, quite a few vacationists The questionnaires are being worked at their individual jobs on studied again to pick out available men in that group, and marobacco from the stalks as far as end just to run into heavy rains ried men, regardless of their clasparnroom will permit. The crop and 60-mile-an-hour gales at some sifications even 4-F ratings should notify the board if there have

war, most of the men are accept-

for men has been received. The board has been instructed to send down to Fort Bragg five colored men for pre-induction tests. Only two are available for the trip whey they are to make Wednes-

called for final induction,

a blood transfusion.

No Serious Holiday

and other much-wanted major ap-

pliances is now available. Prices for these will be hiked time," according to companies polled by Retailing authoritative trade journal in that industry. That means prices 35 percent

higher than in 1941. In other home furnishings goods, such as upholstery fabrics, jobbers and manufacturers anticipate increases up to 25 percent. The success of Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., O.), Kenneth Wherry (R., Neb.) and W. Lee O'Daniel (D., Tex.) and the rest of the anti-OPA crowd in delaying passage of new legislation has also boom-

ed prices of lumber and other

building materials urgently need-

ed in the nationwide housing

Controls were off only three days when pine was selling at \$5 above the former black-market toll. Other woods were selling at retail yards at from \$2 to \$10 per thousand feet more than the old ceilings. The building industry also looked for sharp rises in plumbing and other metal fixtures for dwellings as zine and lead broke through the OPA

But the rise was most shocking on the scarce food commodities. Cash wheat brought \$2.18 at the end of the week, not only 21 cents over the OPA ceiling, but the nighest price since November,

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Germany Reports Parson Shortage

A special dispatch from Frankfort on the Main to the New York Times reveals that the problems of reconstruction of the Protestant Churches in Germany are greatly complicated by the acute Rocky Mount Hospital shortage of clergymen. The report says that it is estimated that Miss Effie Waldo, a patient in not less than 16.5 percent of Ger-Rocky Mount hospital for about many's Protestant clergymen three parishes.