

Houses, Business And Agriculture In Haywood Compare Favorably

State Planning Board Issues Book With Basic County Data

Haywood county's physical, population and housing characteristics, its taxation and income, manufacturing, finance and trade, and agricultural characteristics are shown in comparison to those of North Carolina and the United States in a recently compiled book, "North Carolina Basic County Data," which the State Planning Board has published.

All 100 counties are included in the digest of basic information which is being distributed to local planning boards, county and municipal officials, libraries, chambers of commerce and newspapers. Felix A. Grisette, managing director of the state planning board, explains that "its compilation was motivated by a desire to provide essential information for those who are concerned with planning the growth and development of a greater North Carolina."

The information is listed in chart form. Part of it, of course, is obvious to residents of the county concerned. Nevertheless, there is much one can learn about his home county with comparison at the finger tips between the state and country, that is both interesting and useful. A summary of each category is given as follows:

Physical Characteristics
Haywood county contains 543 square miles or 347,520 acres of land. (N. C. 49,142 square miles.) The growing season runs from May 2, to October 7.

Population
The county grew from 23,496 in

1920 (N. C. 2,559,123 to 34,804 in 1940) (N. C. 3,571,623) and fell off during the war years of 1943 to a civilian population of 30,249. The 1940 population per square mile averaged 64.1 in Haywood as compared to 72.7 in N. C. and 44.2 in the U. S. At the same time the native whites made up 97.2 per cent of those residing in the county, 2.6 per cent being negro and 2.2 foreign born—a considerably higher native white percentage than either the state or nation. The farm population increased from 40.3 per cent to 44.3 per cent between 1930 and 1940.

Of the 23,556 Haywood persons over 14 years old, 11,191 were considered eligible for the labor force and 9,325 were employed. Adults having completed the median school years were over the N. C. and under the U. S. averages.

Housing
The homes in Haywood compare favorably in the percentage of new homes, 34.6 per cent of the 1940 units having been constructed since 1929, and in the portion in need of major repairs, 23.5 per cent. However, the modern conveniences are distributed over the nation fairly. Haywood county homes below the average. Fifty per cent of Haywood homes have electricity to 70.7 per cent in the U. S.; 41.3 per cent with running water to the nation's 69.6 per cent; 32.1 per cent with interior private toilet to 50.7 per cent; only 5.3 per cent with private bath facilities to a national average of 56.2 per cent of the homes.

More people live in the average Haywood dwelling (4.55) than in the average for the U. S. (3.73), the same per cent (5.4) cook with electricity, but a much larger portion (64.4 per cent) cook with wood than throughout the country (23.6 per cent). Of the Haywood homes, 27.9 per cent have mechanical refrigerators and 59.9 per cent have radios, about the same as the N. C. average but much below that of the U. S.

These statistics show that plumbers and furniture dealers have a considerable market in Haywood county. One explanation lies in the distribution of population, only 9.6 per cent being urban (living in the major towns) and the remainder residing in rural areas where the conveniences are not as readily available.

Taxation and Income
Between 1921 and 1939 the assessed valuation of property in Haywood county increased \$6 million and fell off nearly half of that by 1940 when the total valuation was placed at \$23,574,257. The county tax rate per \$100 worth of

property increased from 75c in 1921 to \$1.57 in 1940, and dropped to \$1.30 in 1944, where it remains to date. In 1944 Haywood residents paid \$135,246.18 in state sales tax and \$70,274.94 in state income tax.

Manufacturing (1939)
Haywood's 26 manufacturing establishments in 1939 employed 2,152 wage earners and paid \$2,369,491 in wages. The average yearly wages in the county were \$1,101 which is roughly the same as the national average of \$1,153 and larger than the N. C. average, \$737. That year the value of manufactured products in the county totaled \$16,664,107. During the war period, June 1940 to April 1945, the county firms received \$6,146,000 in direct war supply and facility contracts.

Finance and Trade (1939)
These figures, as those for manufacturing, are subject to improvement since seven years ago when they were compiled. However, in 1939 there were 14 wholesale, 275 retail and 125 service trade establishments in the county. The 64 employees of wholesale firms received \$1,000 each in annual wages, 303 retail workers averaged \$752 yearly (\$995 for the nation), and the 177 service trade employees were paid an average of \$600, the national average \$619.

The sales management magazine index for 1944, however, reveals that Haywood county has an effective buying income of \$38,660,000, or an average family income of \$2,628. The market quality index is 67.

In 1940 Haywood had 3,119 farms covering 45.7 per cent of the county acreage. The average farm contained 50.9 acres (national average, 174; N. C. average, 67.7) and its value was \$2,725, slightly higher than the state and half that of the U. S. average. The Haywood farm has \$112 worth of machinery, one-fourth of the total have autos, nine per cent have trucks, and one per cent have tractors. However, a favorable comparison is given in the amount of farm tenancy (28.9 per cent for county to the U. S.'s 33.7 per cent) and the proportion of farms mortgaged (21.1 per cent to 24.9 per cent).

The average Haywood farm consumes 49.1 per cent of its own produce, receives 16.6 per cent of its income from the sale of livestock, 16 per cent from the sale of field crops, 6.2 per cent from the sale of dairy products, 5.3 per cent from fruits and nuts, 4.2 per cent from poultry, 1.2 per cent from forestry products, and 9 per cent from the sale of vegetables.

Jewelled Ensemble



NAME IT and Hollywood has it. Here is a woman wearing a \$12,000 jewelled ensemble. Gold, diamonds and rubies make up the crown, necklace and earrings. The crown makes Yvonne five inches taller. (International)

Lost Colony Cast Converts Air Base Into Actor's Home

MANTHO.—Where Uncle Sam's naval pilots once roosted at this Atlantic outpost, and fought off Hitler's submarine packs, scores of actors and actresses now make their home while producing Paul Green's THE LOST COLONY, which is presented every summer here in a waterside theatre.

The million-dollar base recently was abandoned by the Navy and has been taken over by Dare County. The officers quarters have been divided into men's and women's dormitories, the old Navy cafeteria provides meals, and the seaplane anchorage on Croatan Sound is now the cast's swimming pool. When the case came down this summer to resume presentations of the historical play, it was faced with a housing shortage. The old barracks were quickly adapted to their use, and now around a hundred of the cast of 200 are snugly installed.

Furnishings were meagre, but talented cast members salvaged Navy equipment, or patrolled the beach for driftwood to get material for tables, stools, lamps, and other equipment.

The concrete runway and aprons became playgrounds, and sheds which once housed terrible weapons of war were invaded by costumers

Britain Withdraws Part Of \$3,750,000,000 Loan

WASHINGTON.—Great Britain made an initial withdrawal of \$300,000,000 on its new \$3,750,000,000 loan from this country, Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder announced.

He said part of the fund would be used by the British to buy food for improving the diet of its people and that probably some will be spent on heavy industrial machinery. He added that he was sure the British would use the money "cautiously."

The British have until 1951 to draw on the huge credit, and 50 years thereafter to repay at two per cent interest.

Snyder had no comment on London reports that the British were increasing the value of the pound sterling. He added, however, that the Treasury did have prior information on Canada's decision to increase the dollar value of its currency.

He was asked whether the absence of price controls in this country might discourage British purchases here.

"I hope prices will not get out of hand," he replied. "But I can't see any real inflationary tendencies in the loan."

The play, a symphonic drama employing music and dance, is now in its sixth season.

Man With Broken Leg Catches Six From Fire

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.—James Hines, 35, of Hudson, standing on a broken leg injured while he was escaping from a burning house, caught six children thrown to him from a third-story building by two axmen.

Caught in a third-floor apartment by the fire, Hines leaped to a nearby garage, breaking his leg in the jump. Undaunted by his injury, Hines then jumped to the ground.

The children, ranging in age from one to 10, were dropped to him from the third floor by Mrs. Muriel Sanders and Helen Bruns who then fled to the second story roof from which firemen rescued them with ladders.

From the sale of corn the county income in 1940 was \$321,232, from livestock, \$235,512, and from vegetables, \$210,513.

In 1944 Haywood county enrolled 6,629 pupils in its grade schools and 1,250 in high schools. There were 231 white teachers and five for negro students. The cost was \$481,961.47 for whites and \$7,251.52 for colored, averaging \$62.40 per white and \$44.22 per colored student of the 164 attending school.

The county hospital with its 75 beds furnishes an average of 2.21 per thousand population, and the negro population has six beds for medical care, a higher average of 6.73 per thousand.

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