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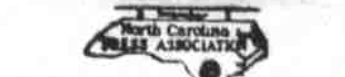
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Farm Income In North Carolina

The University News Letter presents an interesting study on farm income in North Carolina for the year 1949. Farm income is derived from three sources, crops and livestock, and government payments. North Carolina's farm income comes in the main from cash crops, with only 20.5 per cent of the total coming from livestock and livestock products.

Total cash farm income in the State last year was 713 million dollars, counting crops and livestock. Over half of the total, or 359 million dollars, is accounted for by the State's tobacco crop. And total income from all crops was 560 million dollars. Income from livestock was \$145,985,000.

North Carolina was in the 14th place in total cash farm income. It was in 29th place in income from livestock, and in fourth place in income from cash crops. Without the big tobacco crop and the good prices our showing would be much less favorable.

Most of the States with huge farm income derived a large percentage of it from livestock, but North Carolina had the lowest per cent of livestock income of all the States, and South Carolina with 22.2 per cent of its farm income coming from livestock and livestock products makes a better showing than we do.

Now in fourth place in crop income, we could move up near the top in total farm income if we had a larger livestock industry. It is quite apparent that we are mining our soil for the cash crops and are using more commercial fertilizer than any other state. However, it was only a few years ago that only about 10 per cent of farm income in the State was derived from livestock, and we are making great strides in that phase of successful and profitable agriculture.

The Legislature And School Boards

Many citizens could not understand why the school board as nominated last May, and voted upon again in November were not sworn into office on Monday, along with other officers.

The people merely nominate by their votes the members of the school board. The Legislature appoints the board. As a rule the Legislature appoints the men, or women, nominated by the popular vote.

However, that is not always the case. The Legislature can disregard the recommendations of the people, and appoint an entirely new board.

Such was the case in Columbus county not so many years ago, and also in several other counties of the state.

This procedure has been the subject of much controversy throughout the years. The principal argument is that it takes home rule away and puts the power in the hands of the legislature. Those who favor the procedure point out that since the schools are operated by the state, that the law-making body of the state should have the power and authority to name the men to head the county governing board of the schools. In other words, the county school board is in one sense of the word, an agency of the state.

There are some citizens who would like to see this method changed. There are others who are satisfied with the law as it now stands.

When, and if the law is changed, the Legislature will be the group to make such changes.

Another Tax Suggestion

Since it is only a matter of a few weeks until the North Carolina General Assembly meets, it is only natural that citizens begin thinking of the gathering, and work of the lawmakers.

One cannot think long on this line without the subject of additional state income coming to the forefront.

It was this which prompted The Transylvania Times to come forth with an editorial last week setting forth the need of taxing diesel fuel oil, which is used in motor trucks.

The Times reasoned the subject in this manner:

One thing the next North Carolina General Assembly should get around to doing is enactment of a law which will either put a per gallon tax on diesel fuel oil used in trucks or charge a higher license-plate tax rate for trucks powered by diesel motors.

Never a day passes but that an observer may see a dozen or more of these huge, box-car commercial trucks, powered with diesel motors, going up and down the highways.

Diesel motor fuel costs only from one-third to one half as much as gasoline. These great, traffic-blocking vehicles are using and destroying the state highways without paying the usual gasoline tax that even a passenger car pays! Fuel oil is tax-free. The only contribution these trucks are making to the upkeep and construction of highways is the paltry sum spent for the license plate.

With the state faced with a need for more and more highway revenue, and engineers reporting that North Carolina's primary road system is in the worst condition it has been in since the start of the good roads program, we think 1951 would be an appropriate time for the General Assembly to make some provision for getting an equitable road-use tax from these hulking tractor-trucks using fuel oil.

Remember when folks used to chew each mouthful of food a certain number of times to aid digestion? Now they do it to get their money's worth.

They'll Do It Every Time



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO: Frederick Nichols is winner of reading contest in the high school.
10 YEARS AGO: No fireworks will be allowed in Haywood this year.
5 YEARS AGO: Haywood County is digging out of devastating snow storm.



THE DEACON PASSES—E. C. (Deacon) Greene, the man who called the political signals in the land of the sky for a quarter of a century, died last week after an illness of about four years.

and find plenty of money to pay back the loan. Cities and counties which pay local supplements to teachers and employ extra teachers out of local funds are not finding it so easy.

WARNING TO FARMERS—The State Revenue Department is trying to find some way to force farmers into filing income tax returns. Although 500,000 Tar Heels filed returns last year, only about 10,000 of this half-million were farmers.

BUREAU AND GRANGE—North Carolina has the largest population of any Southern state except Texas. It is still an agricultural, nevertheless, for only the Lone Star State leads us in the number of farms.

Farmers in North Carolina have strength—as was shown two years ago when they promoted their agriculture commissioner to the Governor's office. They make news too.

LICENSE PLATES—You have from now until the last of January to get your beautiful license plates. We have been parading the Wake Forest colors of gold and black for some time now.

BONUS—It is almost impossible to predict what the present State administration is going to do next. We hit it right three weeks ago when it was predicted here that the State would have to borrow \$10,000,000 to pay the teachers their bonus.

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RAIN ON THE ROOF: A 10-year Army veteran, Edwards served with the 30th Division during the War and landed on Normandy four days after D-Day. His unit was involved in five major battles.

Edwards arrived in the European Command in September 1948.

Rambling 'Round

Bits Of Human Interest News
By Frances Gilbert Frazier

Why we should be thinking of roses right now, there is no telling unless it is wishful thinking. But, somehow, Marshal Neil roses, rich in their glorious golden-yellow splendor, come sidling into our memory today.

The capital I is such a step up-and-down letter it is to it has to be so over-worked. A lady visitor this summer delighted with her trip to Waynesville, and enjoyed everything everybody to the very point.

Habit and routine see only one path. Little Johnny had been carefully raised in a family who always said grace before meals. So it was a bit of a shock when Johnny went to visit a nearby neighbor, to have the meal start off without any formality.

Easy-to-Fix Main Dishes: By ALICE DENHOFF. So much to do now, what with holiday and gift shopping, we thought that you might be in the market for some dishes that are easily and quickly prepared.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK: By R. J. SCOTT. MAUNA KEA, THE WHITE MOUNTAIN OF THE ISLAND OF HAWAII, IS THE HIGHEST PEAK IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN—13,679 FEET.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE: ACROSS 1. Milponds. 5. Branches of learning. 9. Legitimate. 10. Beetle. 13. Smoothing tool. 14. To get back. 16. Speak imperfectly. 17. Least whole number (Math).

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND: Is forgetfulness based on fear? Answer: Very often, directly or indirectly. You may forget an appointment with the dentist because you're afraid that he will hurt you, or forget childish experiences because they are too frightening to recall.

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist: been developed tend to destroy any natural taste or talent he may have. "The time to provide music lessons is when the child asks for them, or responds to your suggestion with pleasure."

Should you "make" a child take music lessons? Answer: Not if you expect him to win success as a musician, or even find pleasure in music, writes Joan Barlow.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE: DOWN 1. Township (Attica). 2. An Amalekite king. 3. One who plunders. 4. Killed. 5. Viper. 6. Little brook. 7. Characteristic. 8. Reasonable. 9. Roman house god. 11. Spreads out in line of battle. 15. Pinch. 18. Apex. 20. Ornamental. candle-holding brackets. 21. Parts of freight trains. 22. Biblical city. 24. Light muffins. 27. Little girl. 29. Measure. (Chin.). 32. June-bug. 35. Tie again. 37. Celerity.

