nual Haywood Farm Census Shows Increases In Crop Production

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in harvested crop land of a number of crops County during 1954 as ith 1953 are shown in farm census summary the Crop Reporting the North Carolina and rtments of Agriculture,

crop land in 1954 was s and in 1953 was 19,-

were reported in: corn, s for grain, other small grain, soybeans for a, Irish potatoes, sweet mmercial fertilizer us- s and pullets of laying

were shown in: im- ure, dairy cows, beef and in farms, and the people living on farm

reported included (list- gures first and those parentheses):

pasture, 10,586 acres, improved pasture, 61,- 71,910); all other land, e, etc., 78,202 acres,

9, (7,088); wheat for 33); oats for grain, 1,- other small grains for (248); alfalfa, 1,209, her hays, 5,282, (5,264). toes, 273, (241); sweet (27); other vegetables mostly for sale, 230, (350).

Commercial fertilizer, 4,109 tons, (3,913 tons); all silage made, 21,-384 (total for 1953 not listed), and all pulpwood cut, 7,397 tons, (1953 total not listed).

Sows and gilts for breeding, 176, (124); dairy cows, 4,440, (5,026); beef cattle, 7,807, (8,436); hens and pullets of laying age, 67,046, (60,-873).

All people living on farm tracts, 12,943, (13,077).

Comments made in the annual report on the farm census were:

"According to the January, 1955 Farm Census Survey, no noticeable changes were reported over the previous year in the 173,936 acres of farm land, except the transfer of about 11,000 acres of wood land from unimproved open pasture to all other land such as: woods, waste and non-farm land.

"A slight increase in harvested acreage was reported in corn, oats, lespedeza, alfalfa and other crops, including orchards, vineyards and home gardens. A decreae in the number of milk and beef cows was reported on farms as of January 1, 1955 compared to a year ago. Other items listed by farmers of the county were: 7,397 cords of pulpwood cut and 21,384 tons of silage made in 1954. The number of people reported living on farms were 12,943."

Information on the farm census was contributed by county farmers to county commissioners Farady C. Green, chairman; Floyd W. Woody, and Frank R. Medford.

About one American in 12 is over 64 years old.

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Mrs. Ezra Benson Offers To Make Political Speeches

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON — Republican women leaders, lining up top-notch speakers for the 1956 political campaign, have a real clincher in one of the Cabinet wives, Mrs. Ezra Taft Benson, wife of the Secretary of Agriculture.

"If they ask me, I will do all I can to help," Mrs. Benson told me. "Surely, my heart's there, back of the team."

Up until now, Mrs. Benson says she's been tied down with family responsibilities and raising her six children, but her husband has always encouraged her to speak.

For years, she says, he has urged her to get up at church affairs and say what's on her mind. What's more, she's had plenty of platform experience in the past.

Before her marriage, she went on a mission for the Mormon Church in Hawaii, and on a number of occasions, took the lead in locally - produced Shakespearian plays. "Now that my children are older, I can do more of that sort of thing," she said.

"However, I still believe a woman's first responsibility is in the home . . . if we're to build leaders. No nation is stronger than its homes. I've always encouraged my husband to be the front man. I listen to all his speeches. Also, I've tried to teach my children to be at ease in public. My son Reed is an excellent speaker."

Reed was on a Mormon mission in England and worked with the Republican National Committee during 1954 before going to work for the party's Congressional Committee. During the war he was an Air Force chaplain. Son Mark, in Seattle, Wash., married and the father of two, lectured on a Mormon mission in Eastern states. Barbara, the eldest daughter, a senior at Brigham Young University in Utah, has starred in college operas and as member of the school's famed Madrigal Singers. Right now the entire family is engaged in preparations for her marriage to Dr. Robert Harris Walker of Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Secertary Benson, a member of the Council of Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons), will officiate at the ceremonies at the Salt Lake City (Utah) Temple. Beverly, the 18-year-old, will enter BYU this Fall. Bonnie, 15, enters first year high school, and Flora Beth, 11, the sixth grade.

Marriage Licenses

Elbert Hoglen and Betty Jo Wines, both of Canton.

Gilbert R. Inman, Jr. and Peggy J. Reeves, both of Waynesville.

Turner Christopher and Gladys Warren, both of Candler.

James M. Henson and Sarah B. Roberts, both of Waynesville.

Plott D. Smith, Gastonia and Hattie Palmer Irvine, Charlotte.

State Home Agent Offers Table Tips

By RUTH CURRENT
State Home Demonstration Agent

ABOUT FINGER FOODS—Place relishes like carrot curls, olives, celery and pickles on your bread and butter plate if you have one, otherwise on your dinner plate.

Olives, carrot strips, pickles and hard cheese may be eaten with your fingers.

Always break your bread or roll before spreading it.

Chicken may not be picked up except after you have cut away all of the meat you can with your knife and fork.

ABOUT SILVER — A knife is used only for cutting foods that cannot be cut with a fork.

Custom says that when a fork is used for eating, it is held in the right hand with the handle between the first finger and the thumb.

For cutting food, the knife is held in the right hand, the fork in the left. The end of the knife handle rests in the center of the palm with the forefinger on the lower side of the knife handle.

When you've used a spoon to stir sugar into coffee or tea, place the spoon on the saucer before drinking.

After using your knife and fork, place them across the upper part of the plate and parallel to the table's edge.

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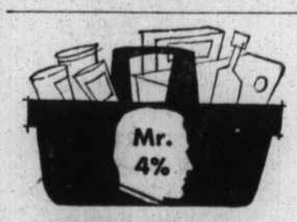

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