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1955 WAS A GOOD YEAR

Investment - wise as well as job-wise, 1955 was a better year for industrial development in North Carolina than was 1954, the Department of Conservation and Development announced today.

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conducted throughout the year by the Department's Commerce and Industry Division with the aid of industrialists, local development organizations, Chambers of Commerce throughout the State, and nationally recognized reporting organizations.

New plants announced for the State during 1955 totaled 122, with investments of \$48,868,000, employment of 8,681, and a potential annual payroll of \$24,119,000. Expansions totaled 287, with investments of \$68,512,000, employment of 10,831, and a potential annual payroll of \$27,742,000.

In 1954, there were 131 new plants announced, with investments of \$66,812,000, employment of 11,544, and a potential annual payroll of \$28,323,000. Expansions totaled 146, with investments of \$48,270,000, employment of 5,956, and a potential annual payroll of \$12,888,000.

Analyses of the reports show the Piedmont area again led other sections of the State in new industries, but not by the overwhelming majority noted in previous years. Sixty three per cent of the new plants for 1955 are in the Piedmont, 24 per cent in the eastern section, and 13 per cent in the western area.

POWER COMPANY PROJECTS

The four major electric utility companies operating in North Carolina spent substantial sums in 1955 to expand their facilities to meet the increased demand for electric power in the State.

Duke Power Company stated installation of two 175,000 KW generating units near Belmont, the cost of which, when completed, will approximate \$40 million. Duke also placed in operation a 150,000 KW unit near Leaksville during the year.

Virginia Electric and Power Co., which operates largely in north-eastern North Carolina, spent an additional \$11,700,000 on its Roanoke Rapids hydro plant.

Nantahala Power and Light Co., which operates largely in the western section of the State, completed a 10,800 KW capacity plant in Jackson county at a cost of \$4,107,000 and also spent \$150,000 on other projects within the State.

Carolina Power and Light Company spent \$22 million for expansions and improvements. Brought into service during the year was the 180,000 horsepower unit near Wilmington and the company is continuing construction of its 180,000 horsepower unit near Moore.

The Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company started a \$1 million wheel and axle shop at Hamlet, planning its completion in 1956. It is near the company's \$7,500,000 freight classification yard put into service in November, 1954.

Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company spent approximately \$21 million in expanding and improving its North Carolina facilities. Altogether, telephone companies operating in the State spent almost \$35 million in 1955.

DIVERSIFIED PLANTS

While textile plants continued to lead the procession in industrial development in North Carolina during 1955 with approximately 26 per cent of the new plants, they accounted for only about 16 per cent of the total new plant investments and only about 22 per cent of the potential new employment.

Saunders said further analyses of the preliminary reports indicated that efforts to bring about more dispersion of plants and diversification of products manufactured are bringing good results.

During the year new plants manufacturing products in 16 different classifications started operations, began construction or have definitely committed themselves to locate plants in North Carolina.

Emphasis placed on development of locally-owned and constructed small industries during the year also brought pleasing results, Saunders said, with some 20 such plants being announced for construction in the State.

Service agency that is the Department of Conservation and Development, Saunders emphasized, is always ready to assist industrialists, local development groups, Chambers of Commerce and all others in making it easier for industry to find suitable sites for plant locations in the State.

Inquest To Be Held Into Shot Gun Death Of Joseph Cowan, 7 Springs Teacher

An inquest will be held into the shotgun death of Joseph William Cowan, 26, vocational agriculture instructor at Seven Springs school, Wayne County, on Monday.

Wayne County Coroner L. T. Seymour said "there are some aspects of the death which I think can be settled by having an inquest."

At the inquest Tuesday, Cowan's death was ruled accidental suicide.

Cowan was found at the rear of his home Friday afternoon by his step-father, A. Done Cromartie.

Investigation into the death reveals that Cowan had been listening to the Dixie Classic with his family. He finished eating a piece of fruit cake and left the house during the game.

Seymour said Cowan took his 12 gauge shotgun with him and went out the backdoor of his house, located on the school campus at Seven Springs. His step-father informs that he and Mrs. Cowan heard a shotgun blast after a few minutes after Cowan left the house, but did not think anything about it.

About 10 minutes later, Cromartie left the house and discovered young Cowan's body lying beside the back steps.

Seymour said the load struck Cowan on the left side of his face. There were powder burns on his

left temple.

Further investigation will seek to determine if the death was accidental or intentional suicide. Mrs. Cowan has informed officers that her husband had seemed a "little worried lately", but she did not think it was serious.

Cowan came to Seven Springs July 1, as vocational agriculture instructor, replacing Bill Bryant. He was a 1935 graduate of North Carolina State College in Agriculture Education. He was a native of Garland.

He served in the United States Navy from 1948 through 1952. Before entering service, he graduated from high school at Maxton Junior

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The egg producing strains should return an average of 200 or more eggs per bird, Andrews says. In order to attain this production and get the highest monetary return, the time of year the pullets are hatched is very important. January and February have proved to be two good months to start day-old pullets. They should begin lay during the summer months and continue in good production through the high priced egg season.

In 1953, on 65 farms that kept records of their laying flocks, there were 25,380 birds involved and these produced an average of 203 eggs per bird. During the 12-month period, \$5.29 worth of eggs; the flock owners received a labor income of \$4.63 per bird. Depreciation, taxes, etc., were deducted from this income.

Such results necessitated good feeding practices, beginning when the chicks were hatched and continuing until they were sold as matured hens, Andrews points out.

Succulent grazing for the growing pullets offers one possibility of reducing replacement pullet cost. The use of whole grain in the scratch ration likewise reduces feeding cost, and this uncracked grain can be

produced economically on a number of farms in North Carolina and marketed through the poultry flock, Andrews says.

The free-choice, or cafeteria-style, feeding program has given very satisfactory results at the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station. This system of feeding employs the use of a 25 per cent protein concentrate, whole grain oats and corn. One eight-foot hopper for each of the above should be provided for 100 hens. This ration should be fed from the time the birds are 10

to 15 weeks of age. By starting at this age the adaptations and adjustments are made by the individual bird, and when she starts producing eggs there is no upset in her diet.

During the growing period from 10 weeks until the birds are 24 weeks, or when they start laying a minimum amount of mash will be consumed. When production begins, the mash consumption will increase and the grain intake will be lowered. This system offers the

advantage of feeding home-grown grains; you will have to purchase only the concentrates. It simplifies the feeding program and should prove to be a step forward in commercial egg production, according to Andrews.

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College, where both high school and college subjects are taught. Funeral services for Cowan were held Saturday at 3:30 p.m. from the home of his parents, in Garland.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Marianna Elliott Cowan; two sons, Joseph William, Jr., and Doane Elliott Cowan of the home; one sister, Mrs. R. D. Connell, Albemarle; his parents and stepfather.

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