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Duplin County Will Lead State In Turkey Output

650,000 Turkeys To Be Produced During 1957; Grain Is Local Secret

BY PAUL BARWICK

Turkey production in North Carolina will reach an all-time high for the State in 1957 as 'in excess of one and a half million turkeys' are expected to be grown in the State for marketing.

Bill Mills, turkey specialist with North Carolina State College Extension Service, said the turkey expansion is brought about primarily by farmers in Eastern North Carolina who are seeking new methods of income.

With the cut in tobacco acreage and thus the income of North Carolina's tobacco land, turkey production for some of the farmers, who are financially able to sponsor such programs, seems a good means for adding to the area income.

Duplin County, which is expected to produce more than one-third of the State's total estimate, has jumped from a 1956 production of 200,000 to an estimated 650,000 for 1957.

This also means that Duplin County will replace Union County as the number one turkey producing county in North Carolina.

Mills said that Duplin's fast expansion will 'definitely exceed Union County's estimated production of 250,000 turkeys in 1957.'

It is well planned and calculated move. Most of the production is by 10 producers. The largest single turkey grower is Johnson's Turkey Farms near Rose Hill. They expect to grow approximately 350,000 birds.

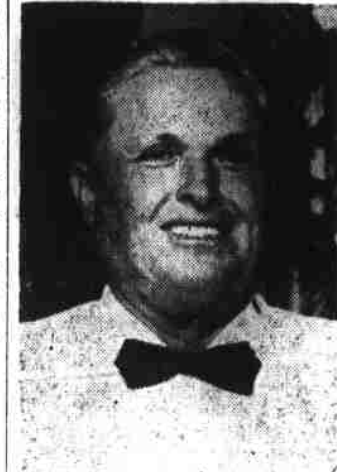
Whether a turkey producer is growing 20,000 or 350,000 turkeys annually, the important factors which determine success or failure are feed and good management.

Most of the grain used in feeding the birds is grown locally, in a three or four county area, Duplin, Wayne, Sampson and Pender.

This locally grown grain is probably the biggest single reason that growers in Duplin County are able to expand turkey production. It means that feed costs can be kept to an absolute minimum. When the market 'gets rough', this is more important than ever.

For example, the grower's for Johnson's Turkey Farms are allowed to use their own grain. Thus, the bulk of the grain used for feeding the birds is grown by the tur-

Turkey Pioneer



NASH JOHNSON

of Rose Hill Township is Duplin's pioneer turkey breeder and developer. Mr. Johnson first began hatching turkey poults on his farm west of Rose Hill about 20 years ago. He estimates that since the beginning he has hatched and distributed at least a million and a half turkeys. Today, with his two sons he hatches and places turkey poults with farmers throughout Duplin County. Mr. Johnson manages his large farming interests and he and his son Bizzell manage the Nash Johnson and Sons Milling Company located on highway 117 between Rose Hill and Magnolia. Another son, Marvin manages the turkey hatcheries and hauling turkeys to market.

Mr. Johnson is only 35 years old, the son of the late Fletcher and Mary Johnson. He was born in the house he lives in now. In recent years he has remodeled the old home. He married the former Mary Sue Cowan of Pender County. They have five children, Marvin of Rose Hill; Mrs. Miles Caswell, Elizabeth town; Mrs. Ralph Warren Norman, Rock Hill, S. C.; Bizzell Johnson, Magnolia and Mrs. Earl Davis, Warsaw.

Part of the management program, another factor for success, is having a good strain of poults with

Like Father



BIZZELL JOHNSON

26 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Nash Johnson is following in his father's footsteps in the turkey industry in Duplin. A little over a year ago, he, his father and brother Marvin opened the Nash Johnson & Sons Milling Co., near Rose Hill. Bizzell devotes most of his time to running the mill. He was born at the old Johnson homestead near Rose Hill, attended and graduated from Rose Hill high school and attended Wake Forest College. He spent three years in the U. S. Air Corp. He is married to the former Crystal Wells, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wells of Teachey. They have one daughter, Crystal Wells Johnson, who is 15 months old. They now live in a newly constructed home in Warsaw township near Magnolia, just off highway 117.

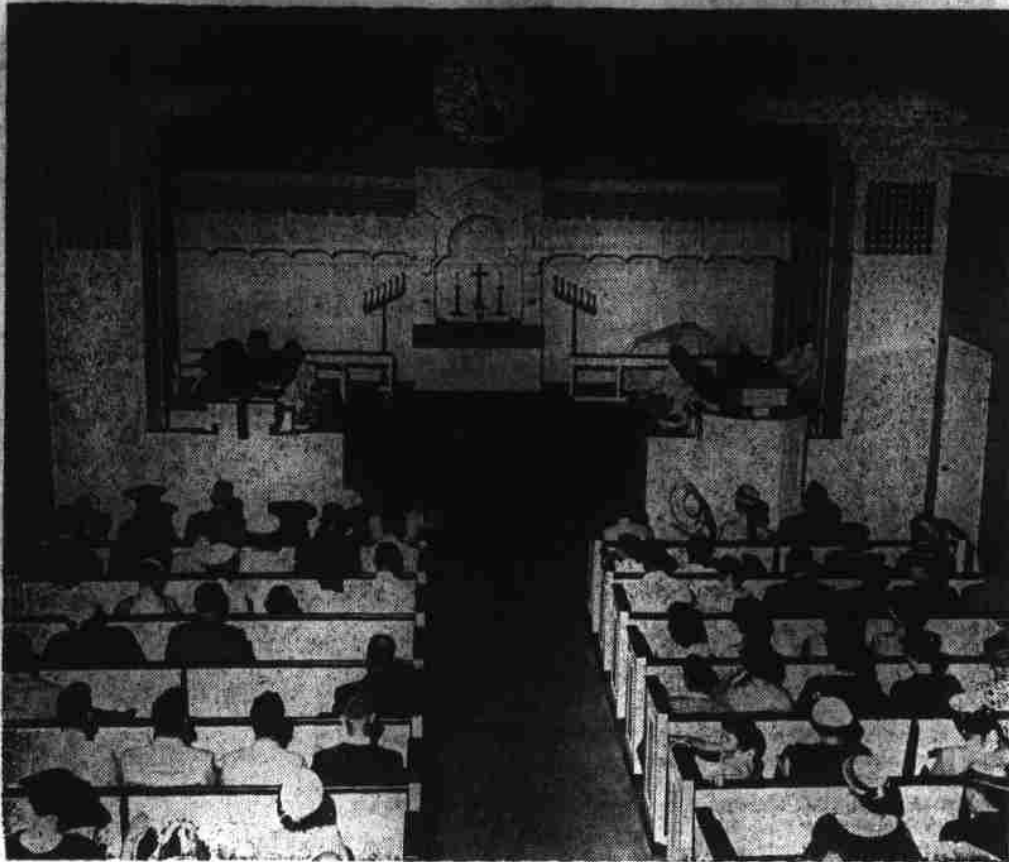
which to begin the turkey flocks. Each flock usually consists of 2,500 turkeys for each house, which is 200 feet long and 30 feet wide.

Broad breasted bronze turkey is the primary bird being grown. However, the broad breasted white is becoming more and more popular. At Johnson's Hatchery, which hatches approximately 650,000 turkey eggs annually, and is one of the largest in the South, a new strain is being developed.

What turkey growers want is (1) a turkey which makes rapid gains

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Interior of Warsaw's New Methodist Church



ELABORATE SIMPLICITY is what the new Warsaw Methodist Church has been called. Loyal members of that church, not as strong in numbers as some other Methodist churches in Duplin County, have rolled up their sleeves, opened their pocket books and come out with what is without exception the most beautiful small church interior in Duplin County if not Eastern North Carolina. The outside is very attractive also. There is an interesting story behind this church and the Times hopes to have a history of it for publication shortly. Words can hardly describe the church.

The main sanctuary has been enlarged with thirteen new pews on

each side of the middle aisle, velvet cushions in each pew. A deep carpet covers the floor. Every window is new stained glass. The ceiling is rounded overhead with indirect lighting. A beautiful chancel strikes the eye on entering. It is divided with two choir lofts, a lectern on the left and pulpit on the right. An electric organ is in one choir. In the rear the altar is flanked on each side with two brass floor candelabra. An alcove in the rear wall holds the altar accessories, which include a brass cross and two brass candle holders. Over the altar is an oval stained glass window depicting Christ in Gethsemane. The church has a balcony with several pews. In cold weather it is

heated with circulating hot air. In addition to the front entrance, two doors enter the main sanctuary from the sides and two enter the chancel. Last Sunday the first service, a communion service, was held in the new Methodist Church. Note to members of the church: The photographer said he would be glad to make prints like the one above at a charge of \$1.50 each. Anyone interested may give their order to Mrs. Belton Minshaw or mail it direct to Mr. Vaden Brock, the photographer, Mt. Olive, N. C. (Editors Note: This is not intended as an advertisement but a service to members of the church.)

Johnson Cotton Company Well Pleased At Friday Night Opening Response

Johnson Cotton Co., of Wallace, is well pleased with the response of area residents who responded to the store's first Friday Night opening.

G. T. Matkins, Sales Manager, said the purpose behind the new Friday night opening is to 'give the working people of Wallace and surrounding communities additional shopping opportunities.'

He further added that 'we feel this is especially important this time of year when farmers and other employees have to work so late and are unable to do their shopping during the day.'

Under the new hours, Johnson Cotton Co., remains open until 9 o'clock each Friday night through the summer months.

Many summer specials are being offered in every department, including furniture and appliances.

Matkins points out that with the purchase of any major Natheane appliance, such as a range, washing machine or refrigerator, a small

sunbeam appliance such as a toaster, or iron, will be given absolutely free. With the purchase of a bedroom suite or living room suite or any major purchase of furniture, an electric fan or radio will be given free.

'In fact, free gifts will be the byword during these Friday night get-togethers,' Matkins said. 'Every person who visits the store is in line for a free gift.'

Some of the prizes given last Friday night were won by: Phyllis Mae White, of Route 1, Teachey, a certificate worth \$25.00 toward the purchase of any Natheane range in the store; Danny Peterson, route 1, Rose Hill, won a \$25.00 certificate toward the purchase of any Natheane freezer; Mrs. Lorena Mainos, of Harrell's Store, won the door prize, an eight-cup Sunbeam automatic percolator.

There were many other small prizes given away.

Included in the Friday night ac-

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'Croaker' Smith Of Kenansville Shoots Two Men At Wilson Home, Beulaville

In an early morning spree at the home of a Mrs. O'Neil Wilson near Beulaville one Kenansville man and one Pink Hill man were shot by a Kenansville man, Lester J. (Croaker) Smith, age 40, operator of the Kenansville pool room shot Horace Grady, age 24, of near Pink Hill and Hubert Houston of Kenansville. Smith received bruises on the chin, neck and head inflicted by Grady. Smith and Grady were hospitalized here about three A.M. and Houston came in a few hours later. Grady was shot in the side of one hip, the bullet penetrating nearly all the way through, lodging in the other hip. It barely missed his spine. Houston was shot in the arm, the bullet lodging against the bone. Doctors removed the bullet from Houston but did not remove the one in Grady. The bullets were fired from a 25 calibre pistol. Three shots were fired by Smith. They were aimed at Grady. One hit and two missed. One of the missing bullets hit Houston who was standing nearby. Grady also received heavy blows on his forehead and head. He said Smith struck him on the fore-

head with his fist and hit him on the head with something he thought to be the but of a pistol, but he wasn't sure.

Grady told the Times that he and Smith got into a fight in the house and fought their way onto the back porch where he hit Smith under the chin, knocking him off the porch. He thought Smith received a cut on the chin in a fall. He said he did not wield a knife any of the time. They then ran around the house where Smith crowned him with something then he heard one shot fired. He did not hear the other two, he said. Grady said he was drinking heavily.

All three were released from the hospital Tuesday. Grady was asked if he was going to indict Smith and he replied 'no, I have no hard feelings.' He also said that Smith went to his room Monday in a very friendly attitude. Sheriff Ralph Miller served warrants on Smith and Grady. Smith charged with the shooting and Grady charged with assault with a deadly weapon, a knife.

Jaycees Sponsored Rat Control Program In Warsaw Is Successful

The Warsaw Jaycee - sponsored Rat Control Program has been termed 'a big success' by the citizens of the community.

J. B. Herring, chairman, said that he would 'like to express my appreciation for the complete cooperation of everybody in Warsaw.'

Among those giving a big assist in helping with the program were: Clarence Warren and his vocational agriculture students; the Boy Scouts under the leadership of Larry McCullen and Bill Straughan; and in the Negro sections W. L. Pierce, W. E. Foster, J. E. Foster, J. E. Belton, J. B. Francis and the Negro Boy

Scout Troop.

The Town of Warsaw financed the program which cost approximately \$200.

During the three-week rat control program, over 500 pounds of rat bait was distributed in areas which have been 'over-run by rats for several years.' It is estimated by Herring that the program killed about 75 per cent of the rats in Warsaw.

'We are sure the program was a success and want to thank everybody for giving of their time and cooperation as they did,' Herring said.

Three Wrecks Hospitalize Four People In Local Hospital Last Saturday

BY MARGARET TUCKER

Saturday proved to be a busy day for Patrolman Willie Rogers, who investigated three wrecks that hospitalized four persons.

Saturday morning at 8:25 Patrolman Rogers was called to a wreck between Jackson Cross Roads and Lyman. A 1952 Chevrolet driven by Vernice Lee Lanier, 27, year old white man of Route 1, Chinquasin, had overturned injuring four persons.

The car left the right side of the road to the left and traveled down a ditch, hitting a stump and overturning, a distance of 267 feet.

Injured were Mrs. Evelyn Lanier, the driver's wife, who suffered a broken arm and lacerations of the face; Shelia Davis, 5 - year - old child of Route 1, Wallace, broken left leg and Ervin Mobley, broken left leg, the driver sustained lacerations of the face. The fourth passenger, a baby was found not injured at the hospital.

The victims were brought to Duplin General Hospital.

Lanier is being charged with driving on the left side of the road. Approximately \$300 damage was done to the car.

In the early afternoon a 1951 Chevrolet driven by Carson David Bryant of Route 1, Beulaville homestead on back road

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Duplin General Hospital Leads County Establishments In Sanitary Ratings

County Sanitarian Joe Coston has just completed his rounds of inspections of food handling establishments, school lunch rooms, meat markets, dairy farms, motels, courts and tourist homes, abattoirs, frozen food lockers, hospital, poultry processing plants and the jail in Duplin County. Duplin General Hospital topped the list with a rating of 96.5 while the Duplin jail rated very poor. His report as of June 3rd is as follows:

FOOD HANDLING ESTABLISHMENTS

Listed in following order, Business, Location and Rating, respectively:

Air Port Grill, Wallace, Permit Issued; Ammons Grill, Kenansville, 74.0; Beulaville Soda Shop, Beulaville, 77.5; Bland's Grill, Kenans-

ville, 90.0; Brickhouse Cafe, Wallace, 70.0; Brinson's Grill, Beulaville, Rt. 2, 80.0; Bus Station Grill, Wallace, Permit Issued; Bryant's Grill, Warsaw, 72.0; Calypso Grill, Calypso, 83.5; Carroll's Grill, Wallace, 80.5; Circle Dr. Inn, Wallace, Rt. 2, 84.0; City Sandwich Shop, Wallace, 88.0; Cleo's Place, Beulaville, 80.0; Clyde's Cafe, Chinquasin, 94.0; Coffee Shop, Warsaw, 92.5; Cooper's Hot Dog Stand, Faison, 80.5; Cottle's Cafe, Wallace, 91.0; Corbett's Grill, Wallace, 76.5; Dail's Grill, Mt. Olive, Rt. 2, 92.0; Circle Dr. Inn, Faison, Re-open; Dairi-o-Grill, Wallace, 92.0; Deluxe Food Bar, Wallace, Permit Revoked; Dot's Grill, Beulaville, 85.5; Drive Inn Luncheonette, Rose Hill, Rt. 2, Permit Issued; Effie's Restaurant, Rose Hill, 90.5; Esso Grill,

Wallace, Permit Revoked; Faison Restaurant, Faison, 80.5; Fannie's Cafe, Rose Hill, 94.0; Fussell's Barbecue, Rose Hill, 84.0; Gowan's Drug Store, Wallace, 90.0; Henry's Grill, Wallace, Permit Revoked; Hut-

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Market Reports

POULTRY

RALEIGH, June 5 — (NCDA)—North Carolina fryers and broilers, steady today, farm price 20.

Raleigh eggs steady. A large 27 to 31; Durham eggs steady, A large 27 to 30; Charlotte eggs steady, A large 28; Asheville eggs steady, A large 30 to 32.

PRODUCE

June 5 — Little demand for squash and beans was reported on the Faison Produce Market today. Sales too few to quote.

Cucumbers — \$5.50 to \$6.30, mostly \$5.80 to \$6.

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1957 Graduating Class of Mount Olive Junior College



Members of Mount Olive College's third graduating class, their home towns, and the degree or certificate, are left to right, front row: Lena Tighman, New Bern, business education; Kathryn Alphin, Mount Olive, business education; Shirley Warren, Robersonville, business education; Treva Jeanne, Sims, business education; Peggy Grady, Mount Olive, business education; Marie Barnett, Pantego, Associate in Arts. Second row: Peggy Blount, Middlesex, Associate in Arts; Myra We-

ster, Pantego, business education; Willie Huber, Snow Hill, Associate in Arts; Eloise Best, Newton Grove, business education; Genevieve McLamb, Smithfield, Associate in Arts. Third row: Melvin Everington, New Bern, Associate in Arts; Eugene Tyson, Middlesex, Associate in Arts; Hilda Boykin, Wilson, Associate in Arts; Alton Worley, Princeton, business education; and Billy Norris, Princeton, business education.

Notice

All residents of Duplin County who know of any water problems are urged to write complete details of such problems and mail them to Emmott Kelly Kenansville, as soon as possible.

The information is being used to compile all known water problems in Duplin, regardless of the nature.

The County Committee heard Bill Johnson, publicity director with the Board of Water Commissioners, explain the program at a meeting last Friday night in the County Agriculture Building.

These problems are wanted and needed in order that the full picture in Duplin can be shown and evaluated.

Many do with opportunities as children do at the seashore; they fill their little hands with sand, and then let the grains fall through one by one, till all are gone.



WHERE THE TURKEYS LIVE — Here are a group of poult growing houses where turkeys receive their infancy care. After being cared for here for about eight weeks, they are allowed to 'roam the range.' These houses are 110 feet by 30 feet and house 2,500 poults each. These houses are located on Murray Brothers Farm near Kenansville. (Barwick Photo.)



TURKEYS A-PLenty — Turkey production in Duplin County will reach an all-time high this year as approximately 650,000 turkeys are to be grown. This also represents the highest total for any one county in North Carolina. These turkeys are on the Murray Brothers farm near Kenansville. (Barwick Photo.)