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Farm Census Data Vital To Planning

Orange County's farm landowners, as are others throughout the State, are asked to cooperate during January in the state's 1958 Township Farm Census.

The annual census will be taken as farmers list their 1958 taxes. Tax lists cooperate in the undertaking so that needed data may be obtained concerning North Carolina agriculture.

The census is required by law and the state Department of Agriculture and boards of county commissioners are charged with the responsibility of carrying it out. All agricultural agencies cooperate in the statewide survey.

The information obtained is held in confidence and used only for the purpose of compiling accurate statistics on land use, crop acreages and livestock numbers.

David S. Weaver, director of the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service, advised farmers not to confuse the annual North Carolina Township Farm Census with the Federal government's general agricultural census every five years. "Through the annual North Carolina Farm Census said Weaver, we have the machinery for obtaining vital statistical data that helps keep this state on the right road, agriculturally."

Weaver is but one of the state's leading agricultural figures who has cited the importance of the annual farm census. Others include L. Y. Ballentine, state commissioner of agriculture; D. W. Colvard, dean of agriculture at N. C. State College; A. G. Bullard, state supervisor of vocational agriculture education; Horace Godfrey, state ASC administrator; H. J. Isenhour, state director of the Farmers Home Administration; Harry B. Caldwell, state Grange master; R. Flike Shaw, late executive vice president of the N. C. Farm Bureau.

Farmers will be asked such questions as total acreage for each tract over three acres, number of acres from which crops were harvested in 1957, number acres of idle crop land, improved pasture, data on individual crops, cattle, hogs and chickens.

The reliable, factual information provided at the county and township levels by the yearly survey is of great help to local farm leaders in working out plans for county and community agricultural programs, declared Ballentine.



A SAFER YEAR—STATISTICALLY—One of Orange County's last traffic accidents in 1957, a year in which the deaths in auto accidents were halved and the wrecks reduced by a total of 19—was this unusual Chapel Hill smash-up on Monday morning, in which the station wagon, driven by Mrs. Marvin Matheson of Chapel Hill, was struck by a pick-up truck entering E. Rosemary St., and careened into the parked milk truck as shown above.

Quiet Prevails During Holidays

The Christmas and New Year holidays were observed throughout Orange County in generally quiet and staid fashion, according to law enforcement officers.

The holiday period was marked by the absence of any serious accidents on the highways, and personal violence appeared at a minimum.

One man, an Efland, Route 1 resident, Dallas Bean, was charged with hitting his 16-year-old son, Tommy, on the head with a hammer during a family tussle on Christmas eve. The assault wound required eight stitches and Bean was released under \$500 bond.

A Highway 86 man, Marvin Harris, according to officers, slapped his wife on Friday after Christmas, but he apparently got the

worst of it when she belted him back with a chair, opening a 4-stitch gash on his head and sending him to jail on a charge of assaulting a female. He's still there in default of bond.

One break-in was reported to the Sheriff's department. William McCulley, 26-year-old Efland Negro, has been arrested and charged with breaking into Forrest & Forrest Store at Efland and stealing change from the cash register and coke machine. Entrance was made on Christmas night by breaking the glass on a door.

Chief George Hunt of Hillsboro said he was particularly pleased with the behavior of all during the holiday season, said he saw "not a single drunk" on local streets throughout the period.

Three Changes In Rules For Getting Auto Tags

Three changes in the procedure for obtaining automobile license plates this year are described in a pamphlet issued by the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles.

The pamphlet, which is being sent with registration cards to motor vehicle owners, lists three new requirements that must be met before you can get 1958 license plates. These are:

1. The Department of Motor Vehicles is required to collect a \$1 Driver Education Fee for every license costing \$10 or more.
2. When you apply for license plates you must specify the county in which your vehicle is subject to property tax.
3. When you submit your application for license plates you must also submit a certificate (Form FS-1) showing that you have automobile liability insurance, or else provide proof that you are complying otherwise with the 1957 Vehicle Financial Responsibility Act.

\$1 Has Been Added

The \$1 Driver Education Fee is turned over to the State Board of Education for the Driver Education program being carried out in the state's high schools. The \$1 is in addition to your license fee.

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licants are provided a renewal card by the Department of Motor Vehicles. This card will have a designated section where applicants must write in the name of the county where their vehicle is subject to property tax as of Jan. 1, 1958.

This must be done before you apply for license plates. If you are not a resident of North Carolina, you are to show the county in which the vehicle is principally used or kept when not in use.

Must Have Certificate

The Certificate of Insurance, Form FS-1, is also important because you will not be able to get license plates by showing an insurance policy or any other sort of document except Form FS-1.

Insurance companies were to mail these certificates to their policy holders in North Carolina before Jan. 1. But if for some reason you did not get yours, you should ask your insurance agent to see that it's sent to you at once.

There are two other ways of complying with the Vehicle Financial Responsibility Act if you don't have insurance. You may deposit a \$15,000 bond or \$11,000 in cash with the Department of Motor Vehicles, or you may qualify as a self-insurer if you own more than 25 vehicles.

Seal Sale Lagging

Returns in the annual Christmas Seal sale conducted by the Orange County Tuberculosis Association, although running slightly ahead of last year, are most disappointing, according to Chairman J. G. Goodwin.

The reason: seals were mailed to two and a half times as many people, thus making the per capita return in relation to seals allotted much less. Until yesterday, according to Goodwin something over \$550 had been sent in. Only about 300 returns have come in of the 4,300 letters with seals enclosed sent out. He appealed to all persons sent the seals to send in their contributions at once, noting the urgency of the need, what with 100,000 new cases of TB being reported annually throughout the country.

YDC Event Invitations Are Extended

Orange County Young Democrats, and older ones too, are being extended a cordial invitation to attend a state-wide YDC rally in Durham on January 11.

Miss Betty June Hayes, Hillsboro, State YDC national committeewoman, will be installed, along with other State YDC officers, in her second term in this post.

Over 200 persons, including leading state officials, are expected to attend the event at the Washington Duke Hotel.

The keynote address will be given by Idaho's Sen. Frank Church. Church's acceptance of the invitation and arrangements for the rally were announced by Ralph Strayhorn, president of the Durham YDC. The Durham unit is cooperating with the state YDC officers in setting up the meeting.

Senator Church, who at 32 is the youngest member of the Senate, received nationwide recognition when he introduced the "jury trial amendment" to the Civil Rights bill during the heated debates last summer.

Heading the list of incoming officers which are to be installed is Judge Robert Davis of Salisbury as president.

Other new officers are Henry D. Harrison Jr. of Raelof as national committeewoman, and Charles L. Dean Jr. of Harnett County and the University of North Carolina as secretary.

Strayhorn said that Art Vann, Durham attorney, will serve as general chairman for the meeting.

County's Auto Fatality Rate Cut In Half In '57

Total Mishaps Show Decrease For Year Too

Orange County citizens cut their automobile fatality rate in half during 1957.

And, therein may lie the most encouraging development of the past 365 days. In the view of many, including the members of the highway patrol.

Patrolman T. P. Smith, who noted the reduction yesterday, was lavish in his praise of local drivers, who have cooperated to make the life saving reduction possible.

Only seven people were killed on Orange County highways and streets during the past year as compared to 15 in 1956, one of the worst years on record in this respect.

Six of the fatalities occurred in the rural areas, only one in town, according to Smith, all of them being in separate accidents. There were no multiple-fatality accidents. In 1956, 14 occurred in the county, only one in town.

Total accidents also took a drop in 1957, nineteen fewer mishaps occurring than in 1956. There were 138 accidents of all types on the county highways as compared to 157 in '56.

Controversy Made Top '57 Stories

Progress and reversal, tragedy and success.

These were the trends and emotions most prevalent in Orange County's big stories of 1957.

Generally, however, it was a county on the move as Father Time, as it always has, refused to wait for those resisting a change.

Controversy on a wide variety of fronts provided many a headline as will be seen as the story unfolds in review.

Agitation began, as the year opened, for a school supplement. The Carrboro school committee, acting under pressure from a liberal school patron group which dominated the PTA, decided the community needed a local supplement badly. The County Board of Education thought a county-wide supplement would be better, saw too many problems in a local one. The Carrboro group said they would not help pass a county issue. The deadlock killed the prospect for a vote on the matter and a slow death, at least for 1957, was the result.

School Progress

Progress continued on the education front, however, as building of three high school gymnasiums got underway, and improvement and enlargement projects were started or carried out at practically every school. A new school was begun at Carrboro.

The County Sheriff's Department began its war on blockaders early in the year and there was no letup as the months transpired. Rarely was there an edition of the paper which did not include the report of one or more captures.

Income, as it invariably does, was a topic of important news during the year. Tobacco income, because of variety changes and acreage cuts, dropped over a million dollars and some farmers adopted other means, one of them a leading pig producing program, to supplement other farm income. Business remained generally stable, however, and the local Savings and Loan association continued to report steady growth and increased savings.

Crime Rampage

A real shocker for the Hillsboro community came with the Spring when a hometown boy then in the Navy made a stealthy visit to town with two companions and ransacked about half the business firms in town as well as the county courthouse, all almost within a rock's throw of the police department. Leon McCauley, a model boy and respected youth of the community, got time to serve for his brief rampage into crime, the town got a new

Banks Offer Farm Boys State Course

Bankers in all of North Carolina's 100 counties are making arrangements for a farm project which has won a national award for them for five straight years.

Heading the arrangements in this county is W. E. Thompson, Executive Vice Pres. of the Bank of Chapel Hill, who was appointed several months ago as County Key Banker for Orange County. The appointment was made by C. Lucy Tate of Whiteville, president of the North Carolina Bankers Association.

The award-winning farm project is the sponsorship of a two-week course of instruction in modern farming to be attended by about 175 top-flight young farmers from throughout North Carolina. The school will be held on the campus of N. C. State College in Raleigh; it begins February 10 and will run through February 21.

Of the 175 young farmers taking the course, none as yet will be from this county, according to Mr. Thompson. All expenses of the young farmers are paid by the banks in their home counties. While in Raleigh, the boys will live on the college campus, eat at the college canteen.

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Strike And Fire

Labor discord seethed in Hillsboro for half of the year and even reared its ugly head after the budding new industry, Reverie Lingerie, was blasted and burned to the ground. A strike over union recognition started in early April and continued until the October fire, origin still undetermined after long SBL, FBI, and incendiary experts' investigation. When local citizens tried to raise enough money to build a new building for the firm, the union continued to press for NLRB action and the effort stalled awaiting determination of the labor troubles.

Even in the plans for getting a new postoffice for Hillsboro there was controversy. Fred Cates offered to build a new "federal" building on the Eno River Bank at the south end of Churton St. A vigorous protest by the town board and intervention of U. S. Senator Kerr Scott stalled the decision but it finally came. Hillsboro will get its PO by next September, according to the announcement, said on the river bank. Nine persons are applicants for the town Postmastership, held now by a Republican administration appointee on an interim basis, and Highway Post Office delivery service was inaugurated to remove mail from the rails.

Orange County passed a milestone at mid-year when its first million dollar county administrative budget was passed by the Board of Commissioners.

Auto Tags Are To Be Offered At Town Hall, Stancell Motor

State and local motor vehicle license plates for 1958 will go on sale today at the newly-authorized Carolina Motor Club outlet in Stancell Motor Co. in Chapel Hill.

Mrs. Margaret Hutchins will be the official sales clerk for the agency in the auto firm's office at 112 W. Franklin St., and hours daily will be from 9 a.m. through 5 p.m. Town plates will also be on sale at the Chapel Hill Town Hall, it was announced, but the prior purchase of state license plates is a requirement for the issuance of local tags at either place.

Of course each state license plate purchaser must show his FS-1 liability

Road Re-Location

A bitter attack on the proposed re-location of Highway 70 from the north to the south of Hillsboro and the construction of a new four lane limited access highway as part of the Interstate system failed to alter the Highway Commission's decision and contracts were let and grading begun before the year ended.

Recognition on the civic front came with the election of two Hillsboro residents to top posts in their respective organizations. Paul Carr became a governor of Lions International and Frank Ray became state president of the Exchange Club, recognition that was widely applauded by their friends and neighbors at home.

Neighbors Save Home

The Herbert McCauley home near the Durham-Orange County line only escaped being destroyed by fire during the Christmas holidays by two neighbors who happened to be passing the home in the evening.

At first the light of the fire was thought to be Christmas lighting of the home but thinking it was too bright, the neighbors went back after passing, and discovered the fire. The home and furnishings were badly damaged with smoke and water but the family are truly thankful to neighbors that the home was saved.

KIDD BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup

ER VETERANS... With the stage for legislative candid already well under way, the get is that many of the ads have no enthusiasm about coming back to next year.

Don't mention names here, talk persists that the 1959 are scheduled to be one toughest in years—will be largely by sophomores.

the sessions running longer and now into the sume 1957 departure was June making in North Carolina tely a young man's game. for several "not running" very soon now in ed places.

MONEY NEEDED

Financial experts here—from governor on down—are al worrying about where to taxes to balance the bud- the next biennium.

is down—but just how will not be known until after 5. State and Federal in- x date. While sales taxes en holding up pretty well, better than business com- might indicate, the big is still derived from cor- and individual income

IT BACK?

Unless the or is able to show con- that tax relief granted tions by the 1957 Legisla- is paid off in new plants, ing to have rough sledding ping the 1959 Legislature putting in back on—in its for new money.

POSITION

Anybody plan- to oppose one of our Con- this year? If so, better aried now, for it's a big

1956, we sent four new Con- to Washington—a record er for this century in Tar- Now it's open season again. e see signs of very little to compare with tions of 1956.

ASKING ABOUT HODGES

most of the talk we had about Luther Hodges as a ate for vice president on democratic ticket in 1960 had from the Governor himself, nly had been taking it with a of salt—until last week.

week we chanced to run a man, an old political of the opposite faith, whose e value highly. He is in per echelons of the Republi- ary, and is attached to the Agriculture Department in e ROUNDUP, page 2)