

Washington Notes

NET FARM INCOME

While 1952 is expected to bring more jobs and higher consumer incomes, no general income boost is expected for the farmer, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Farmers' cash income may rise next year, but production costs will rise too, so that the net income of farmers will be about the same as this year.

AIR FORCE

Due to budget cuts, the Air Force is reducing "greatly" and, in some cases, eliminating entirely its public-information offices in the field. Congress voted about \$10,000,000 for all public relations of the Department of Defense, as against a requested appropriation of \$18,000,000.

LAMB, MUTTON, VEAL

The Office of Price Stabilization has issued new regulations, one of which sets dollar and cents ceilings for wholesale lamb, yearling lamb and mutton, the effect of which is expected to result in higher prices in most butcher shops for these meats.

WACs

Some 600 WACs are going to Korea to take over behind-the-lines jobs now being held by men, according to Mrs. Anna Rosenberg, Assistant Secretary of Defense. It was reported that the WACs were requested by General James Van Fleet. Admiral Arthur W. Radford, commander of the Pacific Fleet, is also said to have requested assignment of 3,900 WAVES to Navy shore installations in the Pacific.

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NEW SHIP

A 3-crew steamship commemorating the 175th anniversary of the Battle of Brooklyn Heights will go on sale in Brooklyn, N. Y., on December 10. Purple in color and of special-delivery size, the ship will have an initial printing of 140,000,000. It depicts General Washington evicting his troops from the city.

KOREA VETS

The Veterans Administration has announced that it will review all the applications which it has rejected from veterans of the Korean campaign who asked for vocational training, to determine whether some 200 rejected veterans have since become eligible for training under a new law enacted whose disabilities resulted from combat or from extra-hazardous service.

LARGE ARMY

In a speech delivered at the annual autumn convocation at Tulane University, General J. Lawton Collins, U. S. Army chief of staff, declared, "We will soon have three and a half million men under arms and it seems likely that world conditions will require larger armed forces for some time to come."

CAR FREEZE

The Government has imposed a virtual "freeze," effective February 1, on the introduction of new models by the automobile industry and manufacturers of other major consumer durable goods. The action came in the form of orders reserving machine tools almost completely for military and defense-support production, which would bar retrofitting of civilian manufacturers of cars, washing machines, refrigerators and similar appliances.

NEW TAX RISE

The third in a series of hints that the Administration would seek another tax rise next year was dropped by Frederick J. Lawton, Budget Director, recently when he said that even with the new tax legislation, the Government would have a deficit of

from five to eight billion dollars for the current 1951 fiscal year.

SOCIAL SECURITY

An estimated 4,800,000 self-employed persons have been reminded by Arthur J. Altmeyer, commissioner for Social Security, that they are included in Social Security coverage and are required to pay a Social Security tax. The first report on self-employment earnings will be due in 1952, covering net earnings for self-employment netting \$400 or more in 1951. The tax is two and a half per cent of net earnings up to \$3,600.

CLASSROOMS

There is a need in this country for more than 600,000 classrooms to provide for a student population that is expected to increase by 8,000,000 by 1960, according to the Federal Office of Education.

RELIEF REDUCED

Despite the rise in public assistance rolls since the end of the war and the increase of 19,000,000 in population since 1940, there are fewer needy persons than ten years ago. Public assistance recipients have dropped from 6,000,000 to 5,500,000 since January, while those receiving benefits under the Federal old age and survivor insurance program increased by 1,000,000.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

During September, the number of civilian employees decreased by 11,378, the first decline in fifteen months. Government totaled 2,495,519 at the end of September, as compared with 2,507,894 in August.

FEDERAL PAYROLL

Government salaries totaled \$755,242,000 at the end of August, as against \$707,510,000 in July. This figure is expected to climb despite the employment drop, because of a salary boost of about ten per cent for many Federal workers just before it adjourned.

GI INSURANCE

Through November 1, the Treasury Department had mailed out 4,783,007 checks for the second National Service Insurance dividend. The payments totaled \$396,568,663.91. The VA estimates that it will take some 8,200,000 checks to complete payment of the \$685,000,000 dividend early next year.

DRAFT

An amendment to the Universal Military Training and Service Act makes it compulsory for draft-eligible aliens in the United States to register, according to the Selective Service, which points out that the statute, as amended, provides "every male citizen of the United States, and every other male person or hereafter in the United States" who is between 18 and 26, shall be subject to registration.

POULTRY

The production of broilers and eggs will be larger in 1952, with prices averaging about the same as this year, according to the Agriculture Department.

FATS AND OILS

There will be no shortage of fats and oils this year, according to George L. Frichard, director of the fats and oils branch of the Production and Marketing Administration in Washington. Over-all domestic production of oils for the 1951-52 crop year will be about 12,600,000,000 pounds, of which about 9,000,000,000 will be edible.

ELECTRIC POWER

With less than seven per cent of the world's population, the United States produces nearly one-half of the world's supply of electricity. Production will reach a new high this year of 370,000,000 kilowatt-hours, or better than one billion kilowatt-hours a day.

PUBLIC AID

The major public assistance programs have shown a downward trend since January, according to Federal

Security Administrator Oscar B. Ewing. During July, 2,500,000 persons were receiving aid from Federal, state and local funds, with payments totaling \$188,128,000. In July, 1950, 6,000,000 persons were getting aid amounting to \$194,661,000.

VETERANS

An estimated 25,000,000 Americans have fought this nation's eight wars, according to Carl E. Gray, Veterans Administration. He said 18,228,000 of them are still alive and 935,000 were killed in battle.

POPULATION

The population of the world is increasing at the rate of 60,000 a day, net, according to the World Health Organization of the United Nations.

Walstonburg News

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Craft will leave Wednesday to spend the rest of the week visiting Dr. and Mrs. O. D. Middleton at Ludowici, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Mann and Mr. and Mrs. Redden Wooten were the Sunday guests of relatives in Tarboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Harrel of Pine-top were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Gay.

Mrs. W. E. Lang returned recently from Arlington after having visited her daughter, Mrs. T. W. Simpson and family.

Mrs. O. L. McCullen has returned from a visit with her father, P. S.

Harrell of Roanoke. Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McKel and daughters spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. David Parker of Suffolk, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Hunnings were the week end guests of Mrs. J. H. Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Liverman will spend Friday in Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gannett of Middlefield were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Craft.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Letchworth and family of Farmville visited Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gardner, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burch and daughters, Bonnie and Marilu, will spend the holidays in Marionville, Va., with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Floyd.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Lyons were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Liverman, Friday.

Mrs. J. H. Wheeler and Mrs. Clarence Jones were business visitors in Durham, recently.

C.W.F. Meets

Group 1 of the Christian Women's Fellowship met Monday afternoon with Mrs. W. A. Mathews as hostess.

Mrs. E. N. Batten was in charge of the devotional, using as her theme "Our Country Needs Churches." A program on "Future Work of Disciples of Christ," was presented by Mrs. A. R. Gay, assisted by Miss Lillian Corbett. Mrs. Gay also gave facts of the damage done at Christian College during the Jamaican hurri-

cane. The hostess served refreshments.

Mrs. Jimmy Gardner was hostess to Group 2 of the C.W.F. Monday evening.

Mrs. Clarence Jones led the devotional, and Miss Ruby Burch was in charge of the program.

During the business session plans were discussed for the harvest festival to be held November 29, at the Legion Hall, at which time there will be an auction sale.

The hostess served refreshments.

THANKSGIVING—AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

God has been good to us in dozens and hundreds of ways and we have that many reasons for being thankful this year for the blessings of Almighty God. So let's make this Thanksgiving a day of true gratitude.

To my mind God has two dwellings; one in heaven and the other in a meek and thankful heart.

The worship most acceptable to God comes from a thankful and cheerful heart.

Shakespeare said, "God's goodness has been great to thee, let never a day or night unthanked pass but still remember what the Lord hath done."

Let us remember that there never was any heart truly great and generous that was not also tender and compassionate. A grateful thought

toward heaven is at least a step toward a grateful mind is both a great and happy mind.

To my mind the greatest pleasure of life is love. We all have enjoyed the happiness of the world, we have lived and loved.

The heart of him who truly loves is a paradise on earth. He has God in himself, for God is love.

"We should be kind, tender-hearted, forgiving one to another—because God through Christ Jesus forgives us."

May everything we do or say this Thanksgiving Day be motivated by the Love of God, preserving everything in a pure, selfless, and let there be for every pulse a Thanksgiving, and for every breath a song, while we are still enjoying America The Beautiful.

J. H. Smith, Secy. Arthur Christian Church

MISS MARGUERITE THOMAS

WITH PITT AND GREENE REA

Miss Marguerite Thomas, daughter of Mrs. George S. Thomas and the late Mr. Thomas, recently joined the office staff of the Pitt and Greene Electric Membership Corporation.

Miss Thomas who graduated from the Farmville High School last spring was an outstanding commercial course student of the school.

Mrs. Margaret Ellis, grandmother of Miss Thomas, left the Corporation to live with her sister in Florida, where she now is working as a book-

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