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## FARM NOTES

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**Recommended Practices Increase Net Income per Unit—** Through the use of recommended practices, net returns per acre of crops can be increased to \$30.37 for corn, \$22.06 for wheat, \$28.48 for oats and \$34.17 for lespedeza hay. This represents a 663 per cent increase in net returns per acre of corn.

By using alfalfa for hay instead of lespedeza, net income per acre may be increased from \$34.17 to \$63.86.

**Recommended Practices Require About the Same Amount of Labor and Power as Present Practices.** In some cases a small amount of additional labor is required to harvest the more bountiful yields. The amount of man labor, horse hours, and tractor hours prior to harvest time are about the same for most enterprises. Recommended practices for cotton require only three additional hours, four for corn and none for small grains. Labor and power requirements on livestock enterprises remain almost constant.

**Size of Business May be Increased.** The use of better practices on all enterprises makes it possible to produce sufficient feed for present livestock on less acres. This makes it possible to either increase livestock numbers or sell more crops.

### Stored Corn Insects

**Where Do They Come From?** Generally, corn becomes infested first in the field. The adult insects fly to the field about the time the corn begins to silk, coming from infested farm-stored grain or feed. These adults lay their eggs on exposed kernels, and by the time the corn is harvested, it is usually heavily infested. Therefore, there are several things a farmer can do which will aid considerably in preventing his grain from becoming infested.

### Prevent Field Infestation

1. Plant varieties of corn with long, tight shucks.
2. Harvest as soon as it is dry enough to store.
3. Get rid of ears with exposed tips or damaged shucks.

Follow up these practices, the grower should clean up his old, infested grain in the summer. In June or July any grain which has not been used should be fumigated, (this will help prevent insects from moving to grain in the field) or removed from bins where the new crop will be stored. The walls, ceilings and floors should then be sprayed thoroughly with 2-1-2 per cent to 5 per cent DDT. About one gallon should be used for each 500 sq. ft.

### Farm Records

It really pays to keep farm records. Without them, a farmer is just drifting around like a ship with a broken rudder. Getting nowhere fast. Resolve to keep your farm records better in 1949.

### December Jobs

- (1) Disk in all stalks.
- (2) Select new tobacco plant bed sites with southern or southwestern exposure on well-drained loamy soil where chemicals are not used on permanent silt.
- (3) Broadcast stable or poultry manure over garden.
- (4) Break garden in order to let winter freezes pulverize the soil.
- (5) Muscadine grapes may be pruned.
- (6) Apply dormant sprays.
- (7) Make dairy cows comfortable by furnishing a warm dry place.
- (8) Provide dairy cattle with a convenient, ample supply of drinking water at a moderate temperature.
- (9) Graze fall sown crops, as growth and weather permit.
- (10) Examine cattle for lice monthly throughout the winter. When an infestation is found, treat cattle promptly.
- (11) Furnish salt, clean water, and mineral mixture for all livestock.
- (12) Use protein supplement for beef cattle if

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## Hoke Joins 52 Other Counties In Friendship Train

Farm Produce For Overseas Aid Will Be Collected Here December 14 & 15

Hoke County has joined the 52 other counties of the Tar Heel State in organizing a Friendship Train collection from all farmers of donations of farm produce for overseas relief, the Rev. P. O. Lee, county chairman announced this week. Plans are completed for county cooperation with the North Carolina Christian Rural Overseas Program, known by its abbreviation CROP, in its project of collecting corn, wheat, soybeans, cotton, peanuts, oats, pecans, syrup, canned milk, beans, rice, sugar, salt and canned foods for shipment to overseas relief agencies.

The Tar Heel Train will leave Salisbury the latter part of December collecting freight cars of donated produce on its trek to Norfolk, Va. North Carolina will be among approximately 30 states throughout the country organizing similar trains of goodwill for needy Europe by Christmas time.

The following local chairmen for the committees of Hoke county have been elected:

Dundarrach, Mrs. Clara Mae Jones and Pete Canady; Raeford, Mrs. James Jones and Cliff Conoly; Pine Forest, Mrs. Winnie Cameron and Bernice Williamson; Arabia, Mrs. Stanley Crawley and W. L. Smith; Buchan, Mrs. Floyd Seals and Barney Brown; Montrose, Mrs. Pete Sawyer and Rev. S. A. Ewart; Ashley Heights, Mrs. N. F. Sinclair and J. D. Pickler, Jr.; Blue Springs, Mrs. Wilmer McBryde and J. R. Hendrix; Wayside, Mrs. L. H. Koonce and John Parker; Rockfish, Mrs. A. W. Wood and T. C. Jones; Allendale, Miss Willa McLaughlin and Dave Currie; Antioch, Mrs. J. M. Andrews and Walter Gibson; Little River, Mrs. Alex McFadyen and J. W. Smith; Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Lena Jones and Ed. Simpson. T. B. Upchurch has been named publicity chairman and Miss Jesse Bright Ferguson, Secretary and Treasurer. Israel Mann will serve as shipping clerk along with a committee from the Kiwanis club. Chairmen from each of the local churches have been appointed as follows: Methodist, T. B. Upchurch, Jr.; Presbyterian, J. L. McNeill; Baptist, Robert Gatlin.

Mr. Lee states that a number of the above named chairmen had not been contacted but they are being counted on to make the drive a success.

They will arrange for trucks to be driven down the roads of the county, to pick up the materials anyone may wish to donate. Farm families are urged to carry their gifts to the local community building on December 13th and 14th so the Friendship Train Trucks can collect their contributions.

Mr. Lee, county chairman, states that all grains donated should be bagged in good used fertilizer bags, and tied with binder's twine. Canned goods must be in tin cans.

CROP, the organization with which the county is working, is a national program sponsored by Church World Service, Catholic Rural Life and Lutheran World Relief. Through voluntary aid of farmers, ministers, farm agents and civic leaders the material for relief is collected, and in Europe the distribution is handled entirely by church relief agencies.

### SEVEN MORE REJECTED

Seven more Hoke county men between the ages of 19 and 25 were sent to Fort Bragg recently for pre-induction physical examinations and all have been rejected for military service. This was the second group to go from this county since the Selective Service act of 1948 became effective.

## Bondsman Pays Off For Absent Embezzler Tuesday

John Carroll, Fayetteville colored man, was charged with embezzlement in recorder's court Tuesday before Judge Henry McDiarmid. Carroll being out on bond and apparently having departed for parts unknown, his bondsman entered a plea of guilty of temporary larceny for him, planning to make good the loss to the prosecuting witness. The State accepted this plea and judgment was suspended on the return of \$80 and an acetylene torch to T. C. Scarborough, the prosecuting witness, and payment of the costs of the court. Capias for Carroll was issued and the case is to be reopened at the request of the solicitor when he is apprehended.

Tommie Bryant, Indian, was found guilty of driving drunk and sentenced to 60 days on the roads to be suspended on payment of \$100 and the costs.

Grady Locklear and Graham Locklear, Indians, were each found guilty of possessing "still-beer" and operating liquor stills. Each got five months on the roads to be suspended on payment of \$35 and the court costs.

J. B. Riggsbee, white, paid the costs for simple assault.

Joseph Schultz of Texas, Claude Brown of Georgia, and Thomas J. Just of Minnesota, all white, each forfeited a \$25 bond when he failed to appear for trial for speeding.

A. T. Hicks, white of Moore county, entered a plea of guilty of driving with no operator's license. Prayer for judgement was continued on payment of \$25 and the costs.

Mary Bethea, Junior Bethea, James McKenzie and Willie Rainey, all colored, were found guilty of violating the landlord and tenant act by removing crops without the landlord's knowledge. Each got 30 days to be suspended on payment of the costs.

Mary Bethea and James McKenzie were also tried for adultery and found guilty and got 30 days each to be suspended on payment of \$10 and the costs. Mary Bethea paid out.

James McKenzie was also found guilty of careless and reckless driving and driving drunk. He was sent to the roads for one year, this year to include the 30-day sentences in the other two cases.

## HOKE HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

The individual pictures for the annual came this week. The group pictures, however, were not good and are being made over today.

Mrs. L. W. Turner and Mrs. Roy Baker, grade mothers for Miss McKeithan's home, visited the school prior to the holidays and served refreshments to the pupils in Miss McKeithan's section of eighth grade.

A film strip, "The Eve of the Revolution," from "The Chronicle of America," was shown to Mrs. Cameron's history classes Wednesday.

Miss McKeithan's are classes are beginning a unit of study in Christmas designing.

Mrs. Gore's Latin classes are rehearsing for a Latin Christmas program to be given before the holidays.

"Twenty-Six Old Characters", a film strip tracing the origin and development of our present alphabet was shown to the history classes on Tuesday of this week.

On December 16 at 8:00 o'clock the sophomore, junior, and senior classes will present "Darktown Strutter's Minstrel." The minstrel is being directed by Miss Erma Williams.

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## Santa Claus Agrees To Pay Advance Visit To Raeford; Arrives Next Thurs.

A communication was received late yesterday afternoon direct from the North Pole by the Raeford Chamber of Commerce to the effect that Santa Claus would be able to make a short advance visit to Raeford again this year as he did to Collins Department store here last December. He said that he expected to get here at about 4:30 o'clock next Thursday afternoon and that he would stop on Main street in front of the Bank of Raeford to greet any of his friends who might like to see him at that time.

He also said he would try to bring a small gift for any of his young friends who appeared to greet him when he arrived.

Chamber of Commerce officials stated yesterday that they were

planning every courtesy for the Old Gentleman while he was here and that the welcoming ceremonies would probably be broadcast over Southern Pines Station WEEB for the benefit of those unable to be present. They plan to send a fire truck to greet him and to have a State Highway patrol escort, as well as music appropriate for the occasion.

Mayor W. L. Poole, when told that Santa Claus had agreed to come to Raeford next Thursday expressed himself as highly pleased that one of the world's best known characters should come here and said that he would personally welcome him to the town and extend him every courtesy. More about the final arrangements will appear in next week's paper.

## All Men's Choir To Give Program At PJC Sunday

Maxton, N. C.—The All Men's Choir, featuring the Scotland County Choral Club and the Glee Club of Presbyterian Junior College will be presented in the college chapel on Sunday evening, December 5 at 8 p. m. The public is invited. Men's chorus groups from Rockingham, Hamlet, McCall, Laurinburg, and Presbyterian Junior College will participate under the direction of Jerome Pence of Wagram, N. C. The All Men's Choir was hailed with high praise last year and it is expected the program will be even more outstanding this season.

## Presbyterian Men Meet In Sanford

Men of the Church representing every Presbytery in North Carolina gathered in Sanford Saturday and Sunday for a two-day conference that closed Sunday night with the election of officers.

Speakers at the meeting included Dr. John R. Cunningham, president of Davidson college, Walter Fraley, director of activities in the First Presbyterian church of Charlotte, Paul Moser of New York, secretary of the National Council of Presbyterian Men, and many other church leaders.

Among those attending from here were Marcus Smith, president of the Men of the Raeford Presbyterian church, the Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor of the church, Elder Clarence Litch and Deacon Neill McFadyen.

## Farmers Will Vote In County Today

An intensive effort is being made to induce Hoke County farmers to turn out in strength at the polls today to vote for committees to serve in the operation of the production and marketing administration program in the county during the coming year.

Polling places have been set up in each county community and nominating meeting will be held at 9:00 o'clock this morning. The polls will remain open until 6:00 o'clock.

Polling places are as follows: Allendale, Allendale Community House; Antioch, Antioch Community House; Blue Springs, Blue Springs Community House; Little River, Community House; McLaughlin, Rockfish Community House; Quewhiffle, Montrose Community House; Raeford, Hoke County Courthouse (Court Room); Stonewall, Dundarrach Community House.

Three regular committee members and two alternates will be chosen in each community. A delegate will also be elected to the county convention, who will meet on December 3rd and elect the county committee of three members.

## Choral Society Will Present Messiah Dec. 10

On Friday evening December 10th at 8:15 the Civic Choral Society of Red Springs will present as their offering for the first concert of the winter season "The Messiah" by Handel, in the auditorium of Flora McDonald College at Red Springs.

Robert Reuter, Dean of Music at Flora McDonald College, will present a chorus of 90 voices and the following outstanding soloists:

Caroline Buie (soprano) of Red Springs and San Antonio, a graduate of Flora McDonald College and a gifted singer; Frances Lehnerts (contralto) of New York, a nationally known artist recognized as one of the most gifted young singers by the metropolitan audition of the air; Robert Topping (tenor) of Pittsburgh, one of the finest tenor voices to be heard today, he sung with a number of the leading symphony orchestras of the country; Raymond Brown (bass) of Lumberton, N. C. also Baltimore, Md., will round out one of the finest quartets yet to be presented by the Choral society.

Accompanists will be Ruth Topping, Organist, of Pittsburg, Pa. and Alice Walker, Pianist, of Raeford, Miss Walker is Director of Education and Music at the Raeford Presbyterian Church.

This concert presentation at Red Springs has become an annual event of great interest to music lovers all over North and South Carolina. The singers come from a number of surrounding towns and rehearsals start early in the fall and it is believed that this year's presentation will be the most outstanding concert given to date by the Choral society.

## Graham MacDonald Dies In Norfolk

Graham MacDonald, 53, native of Cumberland county and brother of Superintendent Kenneth MacDonald of the Hoke County schools, died in a hospital in Norfolk, Virginia, last Friday night at about 10 o'clock. He had been critically ill for several days with a heart condition. Kenneth MacDonald had gone to Norfolk on Monday to be with his brother.

An employee of the post office department in Norfolk, Mr. MacDonald was reared in Cumberland county and taught school for a time at Hope Mills after his graduation from Davidson college. He was a son of Lauchlin MacDonald and Emma Cotton MacDonald. He went to Virginia to live in early manhood.

Surviving, in addition to his brother Kenneth MacDonald, are his wife, Mrs. Medora MacDonald; sons David and William MacDonald, all of Norfolk; a sister, Mrs. A. D. Cashwell of Hope Mills; and 14 nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted in Norfolk on Sunday afternoon at two o'clock and burial followed in a cemetery there.

### MONTANA VISITOR

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Johnson of Miles City, Montana, have been visiting Raeford and Hoke County for the past week. Mr. Johnson's father, the late Pat Johnson, left here something like 30 years ago but will doubtless be remembered by many old timers. The Johnsons are accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Choate of Miles City and are putting up at the Raeford Hotel. Mr. Choate is piloting Mr. Johnson's plane on the trip.

### WHIRLWIND FINISH

The Hoke High Bucks wound up the 1948 football season with a bang here in their Thanksgiving Day game against Shallotte High school. The Bucks scored at will and came out on the very long end of a 64 to 6 score. Every man on the Hoke squad played and the quite sizable hometown crowd of fans were gratified to see such a showing.

## Government Bets On Prosperity For Another Year

Agriculture Dept. Asks Farmers To Produce More Poultry, Milk, Meat, Etc.

The government staked more chips on continued prosperity this week, asking farmers to produce extra poultry, milk, vegetables, sheep and lambs next year. Anticipating "continued high consumer demands," the agriculture department announced these 1949 goals:

Poultry—35,100,000 turkeys and 700,000,000 young chickens—A 10 per cent increase. It suggested however, that this year's estimated total of 425,000,000 laying hens be cut by 20,000,000. That would give each person an average of 270 eggs—instead of 380—during the year, and about four pounds of turkey and 23.5 pounds of chicken. Milk—a 3 per cent boost to 120,000,000,000 pounds. The department didn't say what that amounts to per person, but it did give a per-cow figure: Better than this year's record 5,000-pound average.

Vegetables— with acreage increased to 717,850, the department suggested 5 per cent more lima beans, sweet corn and cucumbers; 7 per cent more snap beans; 12 per cent more sweet potatoes; 4 per cent more beef and watermelons and 2 per cent more tomatoes. Goals for peas, peppers, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower and spinach will be the same as this year's, but a cut was advised on lettuce, celery, cantaloupes, honeydews and onions.

Sheep and lambs—the addition of at least 2,000,000 to this year's flock of 7,500,000.

The department already has called for a 17 per cent boost in the 1949 spring pig crop—to insure more pork chops for next fall and winter.

Since consumption of farm products tends to rise and fall with business and employment conditions, the call for increases was taken as a favorable straw in the economic wind.

From this year's record farm production, the department said, Americans have had 14 per cent more to eat than in pre-war years, while breaking all marks in the amount of food sent overseas.

During the crop year ended last July 1, this country exported 19,347,000 long tons of food, mostly grain, topping the previous year's record by 187,000 tons.

But because of the huge wheat and potato production, the department has asked farmers to cut down next year's planting to prevent market-glutting surpluses.

## 1949 License Tags Placed On Sale Yesterday

Orange and black are again the color scheme as North Carolina license plates for 1949 went on sale Wednesday, December 1, at the Motor Vehicle Department in Raleigh and the 63 branch offices throughout the State.

The '49 plates, have black letters on an orange background—the reverse of this year's tags.

Inmates of Central Prison have already made around 800,000 plates at a cost to the Department of 10 cents a pair, and will manufacture more as needed. Of the total plates, around 700,000 have been shipped to the branch offices, strategically located throughout the State for the convenience of motorists. The remaining ones are on sale at the Department in Raleigh.

L. C. Rosser, Motor Vehicle Commissioner, said vehicle registration in North Carolina had reached 955,000 this year, and he estimated that it would probably hit a million in 1949.

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