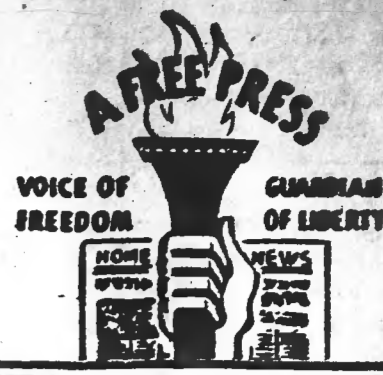


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## Estimate Tobacco 35,000,000 Pounds Over Total In 1949

Washington, July 11—The Agriculture Department today, forecast a flue-cured tobacco crop of one billion, 150-million pounds, an increase of 35-million over last year's production.

The department's July 1 estimate for all tobaccos is 1,932,000,000 pounds. This is two per cent below last season's production of one billion, 970-million pounds.

The reduction is largely accounted for by a smaller burley crop. The department estimates a burley crop of 499,188,000 lbs. some 60-million pounds less than in 1949.

### Flue-Cured Estimate

In its flue-cured estimate the department forecast a production of 401,910,000 pounds of Old Belt type 11 tobacco as compared with 357,540,000 produced last year. Virginia's indicated production is 110,450,000 pounds as against 100,740,000 while North Carolina's is 291,460,000 as against 256,800,000 pounds.

An indicated 392,960,000 pounds is listed for type 12 grown in the Eastern North Carolina Belt as against production of 378,480,000 last year.

The department figures 238,270,000 pounds will be produced in type 13 tobacco in the Carolinas. Last year 243,325,000 pounds was grown. The estimate includes 97,020,000 pounds in North Carolina as compared with 96,250,000 a year ago and 141,250,000 in South Carolina where 147,075,000 pounds were grown last year.

The Georgia-Florida Belt will grow about 117,980,000 pounds of type 14 as compared with 135,163,000 last year, the crop report estimates. This includes Georgia, 97,000,000 as against 114,540,000 a year ago, Florida, 19,845,000 as against 20,223,000 and Alabama 425,000 as compared with 400,000.

Indicated production of flue-cured at 62.4 million pounds is below the 1949 crop by about 13 per cent. A reduction is also shown for dark air-cured which is placed at 33.7 million pounds compared with 35.9 million last year.

## Plan Open House At Camp Tom Upchurch

Boy Scouts of the Western district will have an "open house" picnic supper at their new Tom Upchurch camp, located at the Upchurch power plant about six miles north of Rockfish, on the evening of Friday, July 14, at 6 o'clock. Scouts and Scout leaders from the district and from the Cape Fear council are expected to attend this event.

## RURITANS PLANNING TO START BOY SCOUT TROOP

There will be a meeting at the Rockfish community house at 8:00 o'clock next Wednesday night to which all boys between the ages of 11 and 14 are invited. The meeting is for the purpose of organizing a Boy Scout troop in that area and after the meeting there will be a weiner roast. The Hoke Ruritan club is sponsoring the project and urges all boys in this age group to attend.

Mrs. Francis Wily returned to her home in Montreat last Thursday after spending a week in the home of her father, E. L. Peele. She was accompanied to Montreat by Mrs. Herbert McKeithan, who went up to attend the Presbyterian Conference. Jap Peele of Greensboro also spent last week with his father.

Mrs. Paul Fultz of Akron, Ohio, arrived last week for a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Niven.

Mrs. L. M. Lester and Miss Kate Margaret Buoyner are spending today in Charlotte on business.

## Draft Board Here Ready For Action

A. A. McEachern, chairman of the Hoke county draft board, said this week that the board had taken steps to get quarters for its office and to employ a clerk and that they were now awaiting instruction from the director of the State Selective Service in Raleigh.

The board in this county consist of Edgar Hall and F. L. Eubanks in addition to McEachern and was one of the 67 in the state that had been inactive for some months. During the inactive period men in the county reaching 18 have been registered by Roger Dixon, National Guard unit administrator, at the armory. The draft board will be located in the judge's room at the courthouse when it becomes active again, and registration will be accomplished there.

## Population Gain Varies In Section

With preliminary census returns announced for the state as a whole and for all its 100 counties, the following figures are of interest in this area, showing 1940 and 1950 populations and gains or loss in population in the last 10 years:

Area	1940	1950	Gain
N. C.	3,571,623	4,051,740	480,117
Moore Co.	30,969	32,933	1,964
Hoke Co.	14,937	15,609	672
Lee Co.	18,743	23,456	4,713
Harnett Co.	44,239	47,634	3,395
Chatham Co.	24,726	25,397	671
Richmond Co.	36,810	39,412	2,602

Of North Carolina's 100 counties, 22 showed a loss in population between 1940 and 1950 and 78 showed a gain. The total gain for the 78 counties was 493,799 and the total loss of the 22 counties was 16,682. The gain minus the loss gives the net 10 year gain, 480,117.

## Hoke Shares In Bond Fund Allotment

Hoke county shared an allotment of state bond issue funds for school buildings made by the State Board of Education recently.

An allotment of \$21,960 was made for remodeling of lunchroom and locker rooms at Hoke County High school, and the work has been under way a week or so.

The Hoke allotment was part of the largest yet made from the \$50-million bond issue funds to aid counties in school building. A total of nearly \$3-million was distributed.

## MRS. SEAWELL BURIED NEAR SANFORD FRIDAY

Mrs. Fannie Gilliam Seawell, 74, died in Moncure last Thursday morning and was buried Friday afternoon in the cemetery at Pocket Presbyterian church near Sanford.

Mrs. Seawell was the step-mother of Mrs. Grady Leach of Raeford. She is also survived by four daughters, two sons, three sisters and several nieces and nephews.

William Lentz and Graham Clark returned Sunday after spending a week in Miami, Fla. with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McInnis and at Ft. Lauderdale with Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bishop.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hall of Burlington visited Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hall two days last week. Other guests in the Hall home during last week were Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Eubanks of Wingate.

## Recreation Program About To Suspend Due Lack Of Funds

Robert Gatlin, chairman of the Public Affairs committee of the Raeford Kiwanis Club, sponsors of the summer recreation program for school-age boys and girls, said this week unless the people of the community come through with some money to help keep the program going.

Attendance and interest among the youngsters has been and is very high in the program and its the hope of the committee that enough money will be forthcoming to keep it going another month as was the original plan. The program provides supervised games for all at the gym in the mornings and transportation to and supervision at the creek in the afternoons, along with evening activities for the teen-agers several times a week.

The contributions so far are as follows:

Kiwanis	\$25.00
American Legion	25.00
W. P. Phillips	10.00
Mrs. H. C. McLaughlin	5.00
Mrs. J. L. McNeill	10.00
Mrs. Neill McFadyen	5.00
W. L. Howell	10.00
Howell Drug Co.	10.00
Bank of Raeford	10.00
R. B. Lewis	10.00
W. D. Brown	5.00
Doug McLeod	5.00
A. L. Ellis	5.00
TOTAL	\$135.00

## First Draft Call For 610 North Carolinians

North Carolina Tuesday was instructed to have 610 draftees in uniform not later than September 30.

The State Selective Service headquarters reported it received the State's quota under the new draft from Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, national director of Selective Service.

Hershey ordered that the Tar Heel recruits be supplied as soon as possible, but not later than September 30.

A call for 20,000 draftees in the nation was issued by the Army Monday.

### Mid-August Date

Col. T. Hugh Upton, deputy state director of Selective Service said he hopes all State draft offices will be ready to send men to Army camps for pre-induction physicals by mid-August.

"Our main concern now," Upton declared, "is to get all the local boards re-established and moving again." He added that this is expected to be accomplished by sometime next week.

A total of 67 local draft boards were put in mothballs last year as an economy measure, and only 34 boards were left to cover the State. When the 67 boards are reopened, every North Carolina county will have one except Guilford, which will have two.

Col. Upton said that the setting of county quotas for the 610 men will be held up until these boards are re-established.

### Need 1,800 Men

Upton estimated that 1,800 men will have to be sent for physical examinations in order to obtain the 610-man quota. He pointed out that during World War II the State average on rejection was about 48 per cent.

The drafting will start with the 25-year-old, non-veteran group, Upton said. However, he anticipates that so few men will be gained in the 25, 24, and 23-year-old age groups that "we may have to dip down into the 22 year olds in this first batch."

Upton said he hopes the 34 active boards will be able to start sending out preinduction notices by August 1, and the 67 reactivated boards can start by August 15.

He added that it has not been decided where the draftees will be sent for induction.

## RECEIVES LIBERTY BELL REPLICA



Raleigh, N. C.—At a ceremony Friday afternoon, July 7, Governor W. Kerr Scott accepted in behalf of North Carolina, the Liberty Bell replica which visited 74 cities and towns in the state for the current U. S. Savings Bonds Independence Drive. The bell will temporary rest in the State Museum of Natural History and later will be moved to the Hall of History. In its tour over the state the bell was viewed and rung by thousands of men, women and children.

Mr. I. M. Bailey of Raleigh, State Chairman of the U. S. Savings Bonds Advisory Committee for North Carolina, presented a descriptive plaque and a certificate of donation signed by the Secretary of the Treasury to Governor Scott. The certificate officially placed the Liberty Bell replica in permanent custody of North Carolina.

Left to right are Mr. B. R. Roberts of Durham, Mrs. J. S. Mitchener of Raleigh both state vice chairmen for the U. S. Savings Bonds Committee; Mr. Bailey, and Governor Scott.

## Water Damage High On Tobacco Farms In Eastern Carolina

Eastern North Carolina tobacco farmers cast one eye at a waterfilled sky and the other at watersoaked fields Tuesday as the worst rain damage in years hit some sections and threatened others.

Damage from recent rains was heaviest in the Eastern Belt, largest bright leaf tobacco producing area in the world.

Tobacco crops in Washington, Jones, Beaufort, Edgecomb, Carteret and Lenoir counties have been hardest hit by the rain.

In the Middle and Border belts, damage by rain is negligible and offers no serious threat unless dry weather seige and sunny days follow the rainfall.

W. P. Hedrick, tobacco marketing specialist with the State Department of Agriculture had predicted Monday that as much as 10 per cent of the crop would be lost in some areas east of Kinston.

Tobacco specialists had not decided Tuesday how the damage to tobacco from rain would alter the United States Department of Agriculture's forecast for the 1950 tobacco crop of 1,932,146,000 lbs. The crop totalled 1,970,376,000 in 1949.

Before the rains came, two million dollars worth of tobacco in Wake, Nash, Edgecombe, Wilson and Franklin counties had been destroyed by hail.

M. V. Hays, county agent in Washington County, said damage by rain is the worst in his 15 years of service as a county agent. He said that few crops are completely drowned, but damage to many tobacco crops will range from two acres to a complete loss.

"I've never seen anything like it," declared Hays as he related that some Washington County farmers have reset their tobacco corn, bean and cotton crops two or three times because of too much rain fall.

Mrs. Paul Dickson, Jr. accompanied her mother, Mrs. C. L. Black to Troy, Pa. Monday. Mrs. Black will remain in Pennsylvania for a visit. Mrs. Dickson will visit Dr. and Mrs. Alvis Dickson in Wilmington, Delaware, for a few days before returning home.

## New Laundry Is Now In Operation; First In Raeford

Wilmer McDonald announced this week that his new "Raeford Cleaners & Laundry Service" was completely installed and ready for business. He said the new plant is complete in every detail and will compare favorably with any of the smaller laundries in this section of the state.

Raeford and Hoke county people will be interested in the venture and view it as the answer to a long need of the community. This is the first time a laundry offering complete damp-wash, mending and finished work has ever been operated here.

McDonald said he had assembled a staff of 18 operators in the plant and expected to be able to give excellent service both as to quality of work and speed of turnout. Heading the laundry staff is H. I. Cranfield, a laundry operator of some 30 years experience who comes to Raeford from High Point. Manager of the newly-equipped dry cleaning plant is A. W. Dickens, former plant manager with a large cleaning chain in Raleigh.

He said that no expense had been spared either as to personnel or equipment to give Raeford's first hometown laundry the finest product the business efforts anywhere and expressed the belief that people of the community would be glad to have such a service in Raeford and would support it. He seemed particularly proud of the finished work turned out in his plant and asked the public to give it a try.

## Flora MacDonald Announces Its Winter Series Of Concerts

Dean Robert Smith of the Flora Macdonald college conservatory of music has announced that during the past year; and on concert series for 1950-51 will be opened with a concert by the internationally famous duo-pianists Pierre Lubashutz and Genia Nemenoff, on Monday evening, October 30.

Other numbers on the winter series will be: Monday, Nov. 20, a recital by Ruggiero Ricci, one of the outstanding violinists of the day, according to Noel Straus in the New York Times; Monday, February 19, 1951, Joan Hammond, Australian soprano, and soloist with the Philadelphia Orchestra under Eugene Ormandy, during the past year; and on Monday, March 19, the delightful Vienna Choir Boys will close the series, which Flora Macdonald presents with pride.

## Seven Rainy Days; More Is Due Today

Rain in many parts of the county yesterday brought to seven, the number of successive days there had been rain in this section, and according to the weather people, "no immediate change in the weather is expected." "Cloudy with showers," is the way they have been saying it.

The wet spell began Thursday of last week when there was a sizable rain in this area during the day. Since that time it has been raining off and on day and night so that there have been several inches of rain. Cotton farmers are figuring it might as well be raining boll weevils, they'll thrive so well in the continued dampness.

## MRS. JOANNA DEW DIES IN FLORIDA THURSDAY

Mrs. Joanna Dew, 85, died at here home in Alichica, Florida, last Thursday after a long illness. Funeral service was Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Dew was a sister of Mrs. W. A. Wright and was the wife of Dennis Dew, first cousin of the late Marcus Dew of Raeford.

There will be a picnic at Philippi Presbyterian church next Sunday, July 16, at 12:30 p. m., following the Bible school commencement to be held at the regular 11:15 Sunday school hour. The picnic will be in conjunction with the Johnson family reunion and Dr. D. S. Currie of Parkton will speak to the group after lunch. All members past and present of the Sunday school and church are invited to attend and bring a basket lunch.

Around 16 young people from the Baptist church will leave today for Ridgecrest to attend Training Union Week. They will be accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. Judson Lennon, Mrs. L. W. Turner and Mrs. C. J. Benner.

## Many Defendants Face Judge After Week's Vacation

### Twenty Defendants On Docket For Many Charges; Charge Negro With Rape

After skipping a week for the fourth of July the Hoke county recorder's court had quite a few cases to hear on charges of just about all descriptions Tuesday. Twenty of these were disposed of before Judge Henry McDiarmid and several were postponed for various reasons.

Dannie Ford, colored man, who was charged with assault with intent to commit rape, and at the hearing the charge was changed to rape. Probable cause was found and he is in the county jail awaiting trial in Superior court. At the trial some mention was made of having Ford undergo a mental examination, implying some doubt of his sanity, but no action was taken.

Tommie Morris, colored lad of about 16 who rides on the Coca Cola truck with James Veasey was convicted of stealing about \$5 worth of nickels which got too heavy for Veasey to keep in his pocket. He had to pay the costs and \$5 to Veasey.

Fairley M. Jones, colored got a six-months sentence for having non-tax-paid liquor for sale. Sentence was suspended on payment of \$50 and the costs. He also got 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and the costs for having improper brakes on his car.

Johnnie James Hailey, colored, and Joseph Archie Gibson and Curtis Olin Smith, white, each paid \$10 and the costs for speeding.

Sarah McMillan, colored, pled guilty of giving C. J. Benner a bad check for \$4.35. Thirty-day sentence was suspended on payment of the costs and making good the check.

Lindy Saul, white of the Army, and George Cunningham, colored each got 90 days suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs for careless and reckless driving.

Robert Lee Thomas, colored, paid \$10 and the costs for driving with an improper chauffeur's license. Santiga Viga, white soldier, and Jerry Bennett, colored, each paid \$25 and the costs for having no driver's licenses.

Sarah Swinson, colored, forfeited a bond of \$25 on charges of being drunk and disorderly and using profane and indecent language.

James Raymond Shaw, colored, and James H. Babb, white, each paid \$10 and the costs for violating the prohibition laws.

Harold Nelson, white soldier, J. L. Leach and Lester Leach, both colored, each paid the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

The State took a nol pro in the case in which Bill Pride, colored, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon and carrying a concealed weapon.

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## Funeral Wednesday For Vander Smith

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at his father's home here for Vander J. Smith, who died suddenly Monday of a heart attack.

Known as "Pop" Smith, he was 40 years of age, a veteran of World War II and was a member of the American Legion.

The service was conducted at three o'clock by the Rev. Clyde Gregg and burial was in the Raeford cemetery.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Ed Smith; his widow, the former Mary Rowell; a brother, Lonnie Smith; two sisters, Mrs. Janie Horne and Kathleen Smith, all of Raeford.