

Capital Reporter

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The Governor last week said in effect that grafting had been pretty common in the Prison Department for years, and that breaking it up would take "at least two years". He said that breaking this up would save the State millions of dollars.

He hit at the critics of the administration who, he said, "just want to criticize but don't offer any constructive criticism."

The Governor maintained that his so-called "petty graft campaign" has saved up to some \$5,000,000. He did not cite other figures, but said this saving has been made by abolishing free meals at prisons, cutting down use of telephones and state-owned cars, and in keeping state employees from walking off with hams, etc., from state farms.

As to prison graft, CAPITOL REPORTER noted some time ago that the State Bureau of Investigation is quietly investigating prison camps all over the state.

There have been some changes made in some of these camps recently, and likely will be others. Prison Director John Gold is doing everything he can to clean up the situation, but anyone familiar with the situation knows that it will take some time. After all, you can't remake the pri-

son system overnight, and some of the goings on are so deep-rooted that it will take quite a bit of digging. Accusing a man of being a crook is one thing, but proving it on him is quite a different job.

A study of the 1949 farm income by states shows that North Carolina is well down the list, below the national average in most instances.

For example: in cash income from livestock and products, N. Carolina was 45th with an average income per farm of \$501. Nevada topped the list, with a \$10,921 average per farm, and South Carolina was last, with an average of \$407 per farm. The national average was \$2,561.

In cash farm income from crops North Carolina ranked 22nd with an average of \$1,922 per farm. Arizona headed this list, with a \$13,431 per farm average, and West Virginia was last with a \$219 average. The national average was \$2,119.

In total cash farm income, North Carolina was 40th with an average per farm of \$2,440. Arizona was first with \$18,717 and West Virginia was last with \$1,149. The national average was \$4,710.

But when you consider the average North Carolina farm is around 21 to 22 acres—among the

smallest in the nation on an average—it is not surprising that the "per farm" average is well down the list. North Carolina ranks second in the number of farms.

In summing up the situation, the Institute for Research in Social Science at Chapel Hill notes that the state has a long way to go before "she can be considered a reasonably well-balanced agricultural state."

"Our surplus land and surplus energy could profitably be devoted more to livestock in our farm program," the institute says. "We have excellent resources for production of livestock and we are making progress in this direction. But as long as our livestock ratio remains at the bottom in the United States it is evident that we need to accelerate our progress towards a better balance between livestock and crops."

Circular Published On Farm Income Tax

The State College Extension Service announces publication of "Farmer's 1950 Income Tax," a 24-page booklet designed to help farmers with their 1950 income tax problems. Copies are available on request.

The circular, approved by the U. S. Bureau of Internal Revenue, was prepared by extension farm management specialists W. L. Turner of North Carolina, E. D. Chastain, Jr., of Virginia, and Luke M. Schruben and E. P. Callahan of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Among the subjects covered are forms needed, who must file a return, figuring depreciation, reporting sales of livestock, handling cropper's shares, and reporting agricultural program payments. Eight pages are devoted to illustrations showing forms filled out correctly.

Persons desiring single copies of the publication should address requests to Extension Farm Management Department, N. C. State College, Raleigh, and ask for Extension Circular No. 358, Farmer's 1950 Income Tax."

A net profit of \$168.61 on one acre of corn was made this year by Curtis Ward, Negro 4-H Club boy of Halifax County.

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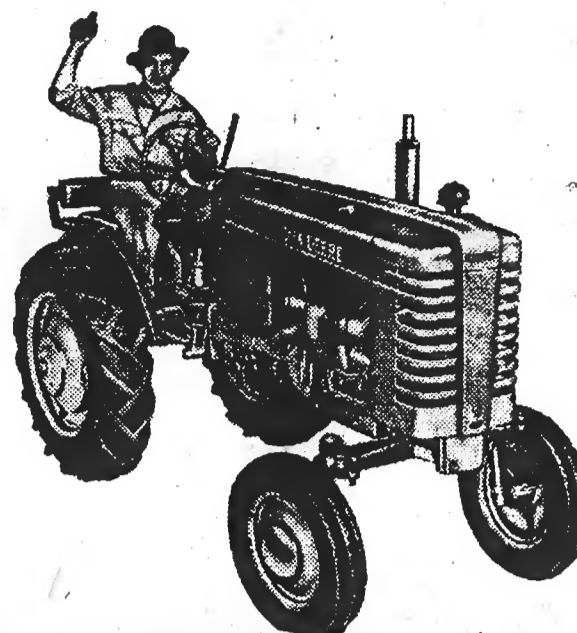
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