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Hoke Farmers Are Looking For New Sources Of Cash



Hoke County farmers will look to soybeans and other crops to offset a 10 per cent reduction in tobacco acreage this year. Based on last year's yields and prices, the reduction in acreage will cost the county \$280,000 in farm revenue; however, increased support prices will take up some of the slack. Agricultural officials in the county said this week they are hopeful that the county can continue its progress in farm income, despite the tobacco acreage cut. Soybeans and turkeys were seen as possible producers of greatly increased revenue. Wendell S. Young, county agent, said production of turkeys jumped from about 30,000 in 1962 to more than 100,000 in 1963 and conceivably

might be twice that figure in 1964. "That could add as much as half a million dollars to the farm income," he said. "However, since turkeys are grown by the big feed companies under contract, the benefit would be directly felt by only a few farmers." Soybeans, he said, will produce added revenue to a great many farmers in the county. "We had an estimated 16,000 acres in soybeans last year and that will go to probably 20,000 acres this year. We have had yields of 15 to 20 bushels per acre and I believe we will beat that this year," Young said. He said the county has "right much" acreage coming out of the five-year Conservation Reserve Program (soil bank) this

year and farmers will be looking for something to plant the acreage in. Cucumbers, for one thing, will be added to the list of cash crops in the county. Two pickling outfits already have placed a number of Hoke County growers under contract. Hoke County continues to be predominantly an agricultural county, Young said, with crops and livestock accounting for about two-thirds of the county's personal income. Last year, crops and livestock, plus government payments, amounted to \$9.5 million. Total personal income in the county was slightly over \$16 million. Farm income has grown rapidly here during the past three years, advancing from

\$7.6 million in 1961 to \$8.2 million in 1962. Last year, it took a \$1.3 million jump. A great part of that increase was credited to increased production of turkeys. Poultry and eggs, including turkeys, accounted for only \$413,000 in 1961. Last year, they netted \$1,192,000. Soybeans, too have produced increasing income. In 1961, soybeans accounted for \$959,250. Last year, they produced income of \$1,310,425. "Good prices were partly responsible for the increase," Young said. "Last year soybean averaged around \$2.55 per bushel. Normally, they bring about \$2.25."

He said more farm income can be expected this year because of concentration on cotton production—that is, exercising better practices in cotton farming. Cotton is the number two crop in the county, accounting for more than \$2 million a year. Soybeans ranks third, with Cotton is the number two crop in the county, accounting for more than \$2 million a year. Soybeans ranks third, with poultry and egg a close fourth. Young said Hoke County farmers have not started their 1964 planing on a grand scale, although some corn already has been planted. "The land has been too wet for much plowing, except in light, sandy soil. As soon as the weather breaks, farmers will be out in full force," he said.

Hoke Board Is Studying New Budget

In an effort to hold the tax rate down for the coming year, Hoke County Commissioners already are burning the night oil.

Two evenings last week were spent in studying budgets of individual agencies.

County Auditor T. B. Lester reported that almost every agency had asked for an increase for one purpose or another. Several months ago, Sheriff Dave Barrington indicated that he would ask for a budget increase so he could hire an additional deputy.

Others seeking increases for salary raises or additional operational expenses include the register of deeds, the tax collector, clerk of superior court, recorder's office, library, and farm agents' office. The budget of the board of education has not yet been submitted. Only a portion of the welfare department budget is in. In some cases the county is told what its part of the annual budget will be, such as the health department and Civil Defense.

All of the budgets are tentative and the county's tentative budget will not be completed until its anticipated income is determined, Lester said.

Bureau Backs Cotton Contest

Hoke County Farm Bureau will sponsor a two-bale cotton contest in Hoke County this year.

The contest will involve a five-acre plot of cotton by each contestant, who must designate the plot at planting time and report it to the county agent's office.

Grand prize of \$100 will go to the grower producing the most cotton per acre on the five-acre plot. Prizes of \$25 also will be awarded to the top producers in each of five communities.

views and concluded our future would be best served and preserved with Beverly Lake. He is dependable and lets folks know where he stands. His philosophy does not change from day to day.

"The specific things I like about him is his integrity, faith in our system of government, 17 years educational background, and his gentle, predictable nature," McMillian said.

Meanwhile, Judge Harry Greene, who was identified in the release as a "Lake for Governor supporter on the Hoke County team," has denied that he is connected with the campaign.

Judge Greene, a former General Assembly representative and Judge of Hoke Recorder's Court, said "I have not committed myself to any candidate."

Judge Greene said he had "discussed" the candidacy of Lake with several of Lake's supporters here, but added, "I do not agree to serve on a committee or to commit myself publicly."

"I'm in public office myself and will have my own running to worry about when that time comes," he said. "I just don't think a local public official should get that involved in a governor's race."

Others identified by Lake headquarters as members of the Hoke County team included former sheriff Dave Hodgins, former Hoke County Democratic Party Chairman John B. Cameron, and Dr. Riley M. Jordan, former chairman of the Hoke County Board of Education.

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CAMPAIGN LEADER -- J. D. McMillian, far left, has been named Hoke County manager of the Lake for Governor campaign. He is shown here in front of the county courthouse with a group of Lake supporters who "turned over the reins" of the campaign to him.

Pupils Take Bus Tour To Raleigh

Tours were made to Raleigh Monday and Tuesday by the seventh and eighth grades of Raeford Elementary School.

Students left town at 7:30 a. m. and after a 12-hour day returned home that night.

Children took their lunch and ate it at Pullen Park. Through the help of the Woman's Club every child, except a few who were sick, was able to make the trip.

On the itinerary were, an Easter program at the Planetarium at Chapel Hill, the Duke Chapel, Reynolds Coliseum at Raleigh, the State House, Hall of History, and Museum of Natural History.

Chaperones for the eighth grade were, J. W. Turlington, principal, Marion Gatlin, Mrs. Make McKeithan, Mrs. J. Woodard, John Walker and D. B. McFadyen, teachers.

Teachers going with the seventh grade were Mrs. Joe Upchurch, Mrs. Robert Colson, Mrs. Ray Young, Mrs. J. H. Blythe, Mrs. Elizabeth Medlin and Principal Turlington.

McInnis Not A Candidate

Smith McInnis, a member of the Hoke County Board of Commissioners, announced this week he will not be a candidate for re-election.

"Because of business reasons, I am unable to run," McInnis said. "I will continue to have an active interest in the affairs of the county, but I simply do not have time to devote to the job."

McInnis is serving his first term on the board. In the last election, he polled the second highest number of votes among the candidates for commissioner.

Meanwhile, Joe Gullege, Hoke County register of deeds, filed Tuesday as a candidate for re-election.

Parcel Post Rates Higher

Hoke County postal patrons will pay higher fourth class (parcel post) rates beginning April 1, according to Charlie Morrison, postmaster.

The new rates will apply to all postal zones and will amount to an increase of seven cents on a two-pound package mailed to most points in North Carolina, Morrison said. Correspondingly higher rates will be charged on packages going to other postal zones.

The new rates are a continuation of a general rate increase begun in January, 1963.

Hairdressers

Raeford Hairdressers Association will meet Tuesday, March 31, at 7:30 p. m. at the Edmund Style Salon.

A member of the North Carolina Hairdressers Association will be guest speaker.

McMillian Heads Lake Campaign

J. D. McMillian, local businessman and a member of the town board, has been named to head the "Lake for Governor" campaign in Hoke County.

McMillian, a native of Hoke County, has been active in local civic, church and political affairs for several years. At 35, he is a past president of the Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, a former chairman of the March of Dimes and first president of Hoke Swimming Association.

At present, McMillian is assistant chief of the volunteer fire department, chairman of the membership committee of the Chamber of Commerce, and a Sunday School teacher and a deacon at Raeford Presbyterian Church.

In a news release from Lake headquarters in Raleigh, Dr. Lake said he was "delighted" that his Hoke County friends had unanimously recommended McMillian, a former Hoke County YDC president.

"I am told," Dr. Lake said, "that J. D. made political history in Raeford when he received more votes than any person who had ever run for town office there. I am confident his estimate that we will carry the county by 75 per cent is a dependable prediction."

McMillian said he will announce a chairman for each precinct together with a county-wide organization in the near future.

"North Carolina is fortunate in having three outstanding men running for governor," he said. "I have given much thought and consideration to their ideas and



SMELLS GOOD -- Dressed in Easter finery, two-year-old Susan McLean appears more interested in picking flowers than in hunting Easter eggs. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harry McLean.



AWARD WINNERS -- Sheriff Dave Barrington, left, was presented the Jaycee Distinguished Service Award here Tuesday night. Roy Eugene Brock, center, of the Wayside Community, was named "Young Farmer of the Year" and L. S. Brock, right, was declared "Jaycee of the Year."

Barrington Churches Plan Easter Services

Special Easter services have been scheduled by Raeford's three largest Churches, all of which will emphasize special music.

Sunrise services at Raeford Presbyterian Church will be held Sunday morning at 7 p. m., as usual on Easter.

The children's and youth choirs will sing special selections at the outdoor service. The youth and boys' choirs, directed by Mrs. Nellie A. McNeill, will sing, "Mary Magdalene" by Brahms, "One Early Easter Morning," "Christ the Lord is Risen Today," "Praise the Lord Ye Heavens Adore Him," and "On an Easter Morning."

The carol and girls' choirs will sing, "Palm Branches,"

Dr. H. H. McLean, county health director, said 200 doses of Sabin vaccine have been located and will be dispensed at the health department Friday, beginning at 8:30 a. m. on a first-come, first-served basis.

The vaccine will be distributed on the same basis as at Sunday's clinics. Donations will be accepted, although the vaccine is free.

More vaccine will be made available in the fall for further clinics here, Dr. McLean said.

Jaycees also explained that contributions from persons attending Sunday's clinics "just about paid for the vaccine we used."

Jaycees ordered 120 vials of the vaccine, each containing enough serum to vaccinate from 100 to 110 persons. Less than 100 doses remained unused. They were turned over to Hoke County Health Department and were administered there this week on a first-come first-served basis.

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FACES SIX CHARGES

Driver Asks For Jury Trial

A 23-year old Hoke County driver, faced with a series of charges, this week asked for trial by jury and was docketed for Superior Court at his April session.

Alvis Hollingsworth, 23, of Raeford Rt. 2, is charged with drunk driving, failing to head a stop sign, becoming involved in a collision resulting in property damage, hit and run, resisting arrest and assault with a deadly weapon.

The charges occurred when Deputy Sheriff Alex Norton stopped a pickup truck operated by Hollingsworth on March 10. Norton said Hollingsworth three times drove away as he attempted to arrest him, once with Norton hanging to the side of the door.

Norton said he eventually stopped Hollingsworth by jumping onto the rear of the truck, accosting Hollingsworth with his pistol, and demanding him to stop.

Hollingsworth was bound over under \$300 bond.

In other cases heard this week in Recorder's Court, Judge Harry Greene handed down the following decisions:

Thurmond Locklear, St. Pauls, assault with a deadly weapon, 60 days suspended, \$50 and costs.

Elliott D. Smith, non-support, 12 months suspended, pay \$10 per week for support of minor child, post security bond of \$300.

Clyde McMillian Jr., Raeford Rt. 1, reckless driving, 90 days suspended, \$50 and costs.

Charles Junior McCoy, Maxton, no operator's license, 30 days suspended, \$25 and costs.

Helen Johnson Owens, Red Springs, speeding, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

Albert Eugene Saunders, Red Springs, speeding, judgment suspended upon payment of \$10 and costs.

Margaret Anne Dickson, Raeford, speeding, prayer for judgment continued upon payment of costs.

Bon forfeitures included: Alfred McInnis Tarlton, Raeford, speeding, \$20.

Bobby Godwin, Fayetteville, speeding, \$20.

Lella Pearl Parnell, Aberdeen, speeding, \$20.

James Fulk, Southern Pines, speeding, \$30.

Leo Willis Parker, Raeford, speeding, \$20.

Angus Clinton McDonald, Red Springs Rt. 1, \$20.

Roy Lester Leak, Raeford Rt. 1, improper equipment, \$20.

Jimmy George Lampros, Wilson, speeding and passing at an intersection, \$20.

Raeford, speeding, \$20.

Bobby Ray Creech, Red Springs Rt. 1, speeding, \$20.

John William Riley, Raeford, speeding, \$20.

Elizabeth Faircloth Morgan, Red Springs, speeding, \$20.

John A. Camp, Burbridge, Ga., speeding, \$20.

Don Kenneth Barri, Oakboro, speeding, \$30.