

Dairy Herd Decreasing

The nation's dairy herd is the smallest since 1887 and will probably continue to decline, along with the number of dairy farmers.

Fortunately, milk production per cow is increasing. It gained about 1.5 percent last year while cow numbers declined 2.8 percent.

Milk production for 1969 was down 1 percent. U.S. prices increased to \$6.87 per 100 pounds. North Carolina prices for fluid milk for bottling were set at \$7.40 per 100 pounds last February, a rise of 45 cents. Class II milk price was raised to \$4.20, 30 cents higher.

Through September, blend prices in North Carolina averaged \$6.97 per hundredweight for milk of average test, 5.1 percent over 1968. Production increased 1.2 percent while sales of fluid milk and cream to consumers declined slightly.

Blend prices for 1970 are expected to be as high or higher than in 1969, North Carolina State University economists estimate. Consumption is likely to change very little. The number of dairy farmers will continue to decrease, but probably at a slower rate than in the past.

Over the three to five-year period, milk prices are expected to rise as farmers "are squeezed on the cost side," the economists say. North Carolina is expected to stabilize its milk production at about current levels at prices which reflect prices in the midwest, plus transportation.

Thomas Gets BA

David Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Thomas, Micaville, N.C. has been awarded the Bachelor of Arts degree by Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, N.C. Mr. Thomas' major was in the Department of History.

Mr. Thomas is a graduate of East Yancey High School.

Warren Wilson is a four-yr. liberal arts college affiliated with the United Presbyterian Church, USA.

Schwintzer PhD

Christa Rose Schwintzer of Route 5, Burnsville, N.C. was among 240 students receiving doctor of philosophy (Ph. D.) degrees at the University of Michigan's winter commencement exercises on December 13. Miss Schwintzer received the degree in Botany.

In all, approximately two thousand and three hundred degrees were awarded.

Gentlemen Of The Press



Ernie Pyle

Ernie Pyle, noted war correspondent, won a Pulitzer Prize in 1943 for his reporting of World War II. Besides his writing career, he was managing editor of the WASHINGTON NEWS for a time, but preferred the more active life of a reporter.

Pyle accompanied the American invasions of North Africa and Italy in 1943 and of Normandy in 1944, and was killed by Japanese gunfire while reporting the invasion of Okinawa in 1945. In the action with the troops, he obtained the news immediately to report to the American public.

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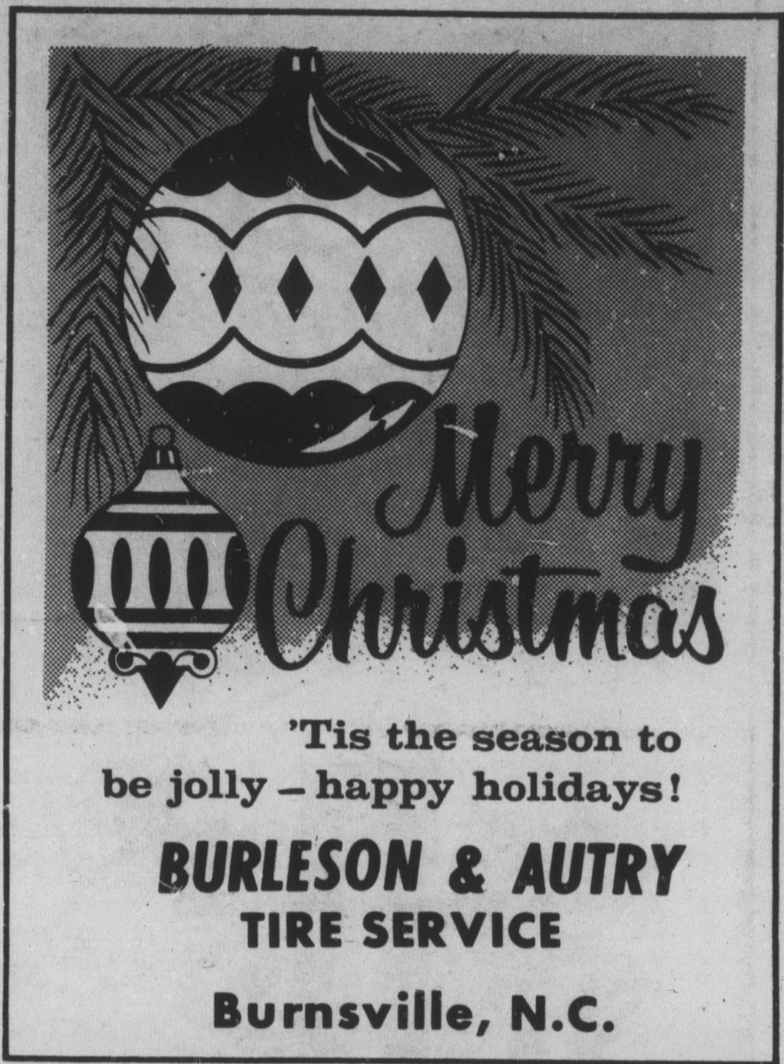
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