

Steadily Improving Conditions Shown On Farms Over State

As evidence of the improving situation on farms in North Carolina since the peak of the depression era of 1932, the report recently assembled by the Crop Reporting Service of the State Department of Agriculture on farm wage rates and the supply of and demand for farm labor shows a steadily improving trend during the past five-year period.

While January is one of the lightest months in so far as farm activities relative to employment are concerned, the report shows comparative data reported by farmers as of January 1. In 1933 the supply of farm labor was reported 18 percent above normal on this date, and by January 1937 the steady decline had reached 86 percent or 12 percent below a normal for this date. At the same time the demand on farms for laborers was 56 percent of a normal for this date. By January 1937, the slowly increasing demand had reached 89 percent or only 11 percent below a normal for January.

Along with this improving trend in the labor situation, the trend in wages paid has shown a corresponding improvement during the five-year period. On January 1933, the average wage rate for the State was reported at \$14.75 per month (without board) and by January 1937 had increased from \$.70 to \$1.15 per day during the period.

Concomitant to the trend in farm wages in other sections of the country, the monthly wage rates in North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, and Kentucky showed increases during the last quarter of 1936, reflecting the boom prices being paid for tobacco, and the generally favorable agricultural situation in this area. However, the general level of farm wages in this section is still much below that for the country as a whole.

On January 1, day rates (without board) still averaged \$.80 in South Carolina, which is lower than that for any other state. The highest rates recorded were in the New England and Northwestern states.

Swine Erysipelas Is Found In This State

Swine erysipelas, or diamond skin disease, is spreading in North Carolina, according to reports received by Dr. C. D. Grinnells, veterinarian at the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station.

This acute, infectious skin disease which also affects the intestinal tract, kidneys, spleen, liver, heart, and other muscular tissue is caused by a germ that is hard to control, Dr. Grinnells stated.

It may result in lameness, enlarged joints, sloughing off of the skin, and a general unthriftiness. In ways it is similar to cholera, swine flu, swine plague, and other associated diseases, he added.

The disease is not restricted to hogs. Where it has gained a firm foothold, and the soil has been polluted by infected animals, it may also attack sheep, cattle, and human beings.

Vaccination will protect hogs against erysipelas, Dr. Grinnells pointed out, and in early stages of infection the serum treatment will also give good results in curing the disease.

Dr. Grinnells and Dr. William Moore, State veterinarian, recommend the following precautions for checking swine erysipelas:

Quarantine all animals affected. Keep healthy animals out of buildings, lots, and pastures where infected swine have been. Traffic in swine should be restricted and placed under more rigid supervision to prevent the shipment of diseased animals which will spread the disease germs.

Where the disease is prevalent, hogs should be vaccinated. Keep hogs and hog lots clean. Feed the swine an adequate, balanced diet to maintain the animals' natural resistance.

Crop Show Expected To Attract Hundreds

Leading farmers from all parts of North Carolina will exhibit some of their finest seed at the third annual conference and seed exposition which will be held at Goldsboro February 9-10.

Hundreds of farmers and farm boys, as well as State and national agricultural authorities, are expected to attend the event which is sponsored by the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association.

All seed to be entered has been inspected and certified by the Association. Cotton, corn, lespedeza, tobacco, and soybean seed will be on display.

As a special feature, the luncheon banquet February 10 will be broadcast through the remote facilities of Station WPTF, Raleigh, from 12:30 to 1:30 p. m. Entertainment, as well as short talks, has been arranged for the broadcast.

W. H. Davis, professor of agronomy, will give a preliminary review of the conference and exposition on the Carolina Farm Features radio program January 23.

Special Training For School Men At U. N. C. Summer School Course

Chapel Hill.—As a result of an expressed desire for professional training on the part of State school men, the 1937 Summer Session of the University of North Carolina will offer special courses and programs designed to equip more adequately teachers and administrators of high schools and grammar schools, it was announced today by Prof. Guy B. Phillips of the Department of Education.

Emphasizing graduate work, special courses and programs which will, Professor Phillips says, meet the immediate and long-time needs of superintendents, principals, supervisors, teachers and vocational and educational counselors.

These courses and programs of work are being especially planned, he said, for superintendents in city and country school systems; principals in high schools, consolidated schools, and elementary schools, supervisors in all branches of elementary school and high school work; teachers and critic teachers in teachers colleges; master teachers in all subjects and fields; and vocational and educational counselors.

One of the more important features of the summer work will be a conference on Public Education, sponsored by the three units of the University to be conducted at Chapel Hill June 23, 24, 25.

D. L. Moody Tested Sincerity Job Seekers

Chicago.—While D. L. Moody was secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in Chicago one of his ever-present problems was the shiftless unemployed. He liked to tell of his Chicago experience:

"They would tell me of their sufferings and how they had no work and wanted help. At last I got a number of cords of firewood and put it in a vacant lot, and got some saws and a sawbuck, but kept them out of sight. A man would come and ask for help.

"Why don't you work? I would ask.

"I can't get any work."

"Would you do anything if you could get any?"

"Oh, yes, anything."

"Would you really work in the street?"

"Yes."

"Would you saw wood?"

"Yes."

"All right." And then we would bring out a saw and sawbuck and start them out, but we would have a boy watch them to see that they did not steal the saw. Sometimes the fellow would say, 'I will go home and tell my wife I have got some work'; and that would be the last we would see of him. During the whole winter I never got more than three cords of wood sawed.

CHAPANOKE NEWS

Mrs Irma D'Orsey, spent Friday in Elizabeth City with friends.

Miss Mildred Lewis, attended the Leaders School of home demonstration clubs in Hertford Monday afternoon.

J. C. Wilson and master Curtis Wilson were in Hertford Wednesday.

Mrs. P. L. Whitehead and Miss Al Whitehead spent Sunday in Hertford with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Quincy were visiting friends in Hertford Thursday afternoon.

Little Miss Mattie Meade Alexander was in Norfolk Saturday, having gone down for an ear treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Bray were visitors in Elizabeth City Thursday.

Miss Sarah Elizabeth Elliott is back in school after being absent on account of sickness.

Miss Cecil Garrett of Elizabeth City, spent Wednesday with Mrs. John Symons.

Mr. G. W. Alexander and children, George Jr. and Susie Field, were in Hertford Saturday.

Mrs. J. C. Wilson, was in Elizabeth City Thursday.

Misses Eula West and Edna Scott were shopping in Elizabeth City Monday.

Rev. W. D. Morris will preach Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Woodville Baptist Church.

Chaminade Music Club Has Meeting

The Chaminade Music Club met Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. E. M. Riddick, Counselor, with Jayne Griffin, Mildred and Marian Lee White as hostesses.

After singing the National Junior Club Song, and repeating the Junior music pledge, the business of the club was transacted with Hattie Pearl Nowell presiding. The meeting was turned over to Hazel Matthews, head of the program committee.

The subject of the evening was the life of Stephen Collins Foster, and many of his songs were played and sung by the club members.

Those taking part in the program were: Misses Hattie Pearl Nowell, Jewel White, Jane Griffin, Barbara Winglow, Marian White, Julia Miller Chappell, Mildred White, Marjorie White, Mary Louise Chappell, Mary Field, Sallie B. Wood, Maude Keaton, Hazel Matthews, Mrs. E. M. Riddick and Mrs. M. T. Griffin.

National Leaders Plan Gigantic Ball to Honor President and Raise Infantile Paralysis Fund



The nation's biggest social event, the celebration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's fifty-fifth birthday anniversary, is set for January 30, with more than 5,000 communities throughout the country planning parties to raise funds for the philanthropy closest to the Chief Executive's heart, and for infantile paralysis sufferers.

Colonel Henry L. Doherty, for the fourth year chairman of the national celebration, is being assisted by many of the country's foremost leaders in plans for the events. Among those on his committee are: Vincent Astor, Postmaster General James A. Farley, Ambassador Joseph E. Davies, Will H. Hays, Carl Byoir, general director, Colonel Edward M. House, Edsel B. Ford, Walter P. Chrysler, Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, Patrick Cardinal Hayes, Bishop William T. Manning, Harvey S. Firestone, Keith Morgan, General John J. Pershing, Owen D. Young, Howard Chandler Christy, Charles G. Dawes and Admiral Cary T. Grayson.

Society leaders, radio, motion picture and theatrical stars are joining forces to make the celebration the greatest series of parties ever staged.

Meantime in cities, towns and hamlets throughout the nation millions of Americans are making preparations for parties that will eclipse in size and colorful entertainment those of any previous year.

LAUGHS FROM THE DAY'S NEWS!

A collection of cartoon strips. One shows a man in St. Louis trying to catch a cold to avoid making a speech. Another shows a man asking for insurance agents. A third shows a man slipping on ice and asking for more checks. A fourth shows a man asking for a girl for a while. A fifth shows a man asking for a movie with Myrtle tonight.

A TRIBUTE
In the death of Vernon Frank Wilson, which occurred on Sunday, January 16, the community has lost one of its most popular and loved members. Though only 23 years of age, he was well known and was held in the highest esteem.
But it is in the home circle that his lovable personality will be most greatly missed. Of a quiet and unassuming nature, he was faithful in his duties and was patient under his suffering, never complaining and always showing the deepest appreciation of all that was done to relieve his suffering.
Though everything was done for Vernon that loving hands could do, after great suffering he quietly passed away on Sunday, the last word on his lips being "Mother."
"A precious one from us is gone, A voice we love is stilled, A place is vacant in our home Which never can be filled."
By AUNT ELLIE

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Program Coming Week Taylor Theatre

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WE HAVE THE SHOWS

Today (Thursday) and Friday— THEIR GREATEST GLORY ... who was in the middle of a party that reached halcyon never since reached by the world	Saturday— GEMS THE BIG SHOW "Darkest Africa" No. 4 Act ——— Corlan	Monday and Tuesday— TEARFUL ... Young ... Faye	Wednesday— Jeanette Warren Hall Wild Swan
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