

## Lower Prices Are Expected Next Year

If the European war ends by next spring, the prices farmers will receive—and consumers will pay—for truck crops in 1945 will be "appreciably" less than they are at the present time.

This is the opinion expressed by J. A. Winfield, marketing specialist with the N. C. Department of Agriculture.

"A study of local conditions and the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports indicate that it is reasonable to expect a continuation of the slight downward price trend which has been particularly apparent in the producer's market for some time," asserted Winfield. He added that prices will not drop greatly if production of truck crops show unexpected reduction from the 1944 level.

Reports reaching the State Department of Agriculture from throughout the Nation are to the effect that prices received by farmers for fresh market truck crops in September of this year were approximately eight per cent lower than September 1943, indicating that large quantities of fresh vegetables were produced last summer.

Marketing experts with the U. S. Department of Agriculture have in-

formed Winfield that prices for Irish potatoes in 1945 are expected to be "nearer the support level than the ceiling," providing floor and ceiling prices are similar to those established for 1944.

Winfield joined BAE in predicting slight declines in farmers' prices for eggs, sweet potatoes, apples, oranges, and peaches, and little or no reduction in prices for cotton, tobacco, dairy products, poultry and meats.

## Negro Held On Bond For Superior Court

Luther Williams, Negro, is being held by local authorities on a \$5,000 bond for hearing at the next term of Superior Court, on a charge of breaking and entering a home where persons were asleep.

Williams broke into the home of Edgar Riddick early this week and stole some \$300 from Mr. Riddick's pants pocket, and also took 13 gun shells from the residence.

A preliminary hearing was given Williams this week and he was bound over to Superior Court.

### IN PARIS HOSPITAL

Word has been received here that Sgt. Ray White, who is serving with the U. S. Army in Europe, has suffered a broken leg and is now in a hospital in Paris. Sgt. White broke his leg while helping to get a vehicle out of the mud.

## D. S. Coltrane Sees Fertilizer Shortage

"If farmers don't order their fertilizer needs between now and January 1, they may find it impossible to obtain adequate supplies for next year's crops," declared D. S. Coltrane, assistant to the Commissioner of Agriculture, recently in issuing a warning to the effect that the supply of nitrogen and phosphate will be much less than anticipated during the summer.

"There will be less nitrogen and phosphate for next year than there was for the past season. The demand may exceed the supply," said Coltrane.

"Nitrogen produced in Government war plants was until recently converted into nitrogen solutions for use in mixed fertilizers and into ammonium nitrate, but this nitrogen is now being utilized in the manufacture of munitions. Consequently, the supply of these materials for fertilizer use will be considerably less than last year. The nitrogen supply now regarded as certain is 588,000 tons compared with 631,000 tons for 1943-44," asserted Coltrane.

With potash, the supply will be larger, he said, but the supply of sulphate may not meet the demands. Ordnance plants, according to Coltrane, have been the source of considerable quantities of sulphuric acid, but this supply has recently been greatly curtailed and superphosphate for farmers will be about 10 per cent less than this past year.

"Labor shortages in phosphate mines, in superphosphate plants, and in the mixing plants are also handicapping production," said Coltrane.

## No Additional News On Safe Robbers

No additional news was available this week on the thieves who broke into the Towe Motor Company last week and moved out the safe in that office. Following robbery of the Jenkins' place in Edenton, the robbers broke into a store at Sunbury the following night and made away with some \$500, but since that time they have been quiet or have left this vicinity.

Police officials have been working on the case and report some progress, but did not disclose the clues they are following.

BUY WAR BONDS!

## SOIL CONSERVATION NEWS

"Planning to Assist North Carolina Farmers in the Efficient and Profitable Use of Their Soils" was the motto of the Soil Conservation Conference held in Raleigh on November 13, 14 and 15. All personnel of the Soil Conservation Service in North Carolina attended this meeting.

A number of talks on very interesting and vital topics were presented by exceptionally well qualified speakers.

Some of the topics and speakers were as follows:

1. A Farm Program Which Will Provide a Better Living For North Carolina Farmers, by John W. Goodman, Assistant Director Extension.
2. Forage and Soil Building Crops, by Dr. R. W. Cummings.
3. Fertility in Corn Production, by Dr. B. A. Krantz, Assistant Soil Scientist.
4. Training Rural Youth for Future Citizenship, by T. E. Brown, Director Vocational Education.
5. Pastures for North Carolina, by R. L. Lovvorn, Associate Agronomist.

Some of the subjects presented by Soil Conservation personnel were as follows:

1. Farm Forestry — Establishment and Fire Control, by C. A. McKinney.
2. How to Use Conservation Surveys, by A. J. Ernests.
3. Problems in Farm Drainage, by W. C. Eagles.
4. Planning a Wildlife Program for the District, by V. E. Davison.
5. Research, by T. L. Copley.
6. Working with Other Agencies, by S. L. Daughtridge.

## Dr. Weaver Assists With Health Clinics

Dr. J. D. Weaver, who recently returned to medical practice in Hertford after two years service in the Army, has taken over the Pre-Natal and Planned Parenthood Clinics for colored patients conducted by the Perquimans County Health Department.

Pre-Natal clinics are held on the first and third Friday afternoons of each month, and the Planned Parenthood Clinic is held on the second Friday afternoon.

All clinics are held in the Health Department offices over Roberson's Drug Store in Hertford, and start promptly at 1 P. M.

## CHAPANOKE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wood, of Norfolk, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Howell, of Elizabeth City, spent Sunday afternoon with their mother, Mrs. J. C. White.

Mrs. B. F. Lamb, of Ocean View, Va., spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Joe McNider, and Mr. McNider.

Mrs. W. H. Elliott, Mrs. Emmet Stallings and Mrs. P. L. Byrum spent Friday afternoon in Elizabeth City.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brothers, of Norfolk, Va., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Symons last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carey McNider, of Newport News, Va., spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe McNider.

Mrs. J. C. Wilson went to Norfolk, Va., Monday to attend the graduating exercises at General Hospital. Her daughter, Miss Susie Mae Wilson, was a member of the class graduating.

Mrs. Leroy Nixon spent Wednesday afternoon in Elizabeth City.

Mrs. Marvin Robbins and son, Jimmie, Miss Doris Lewis and Mrs. W. W. Lewis went to Norfolk, Va., Friday to see David Lewis, who is somewhat improved, after being ill.

Mrs. Bertha Whitehead has returned home after spending the week with her sister, Miss Alma Howell, at Beach Spring.

Mrs. Tom White spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Raleigh.

Shelton White, U. S. C. G., Norfolk, Va., was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. White, recently.

Miss Helen Lane underwent an appendectomy at Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, Monday and is now getting along nicely.

## BETHEL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Laney and sons, Donald and Arthur, and Mrs. Herman Wright, of Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end as guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gatling.

Those visiting in the home of W. J. Farmer on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elliott and daughter, Juanita, all of Hertford.

Mrs. W. J. Farmer has returned home after spending several weeks in Georgetown, S. C., with her son, J. C. Farmer.

Mrs. Sallie Gulliphar has returned home after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Will Harrell.

Mrs. J. C. Farmer and daughter, Lynda Ann, have returned to their home in Georgetown, S. C., after visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Farmer and Mrs. David Ward. They were accompanied to Georgetown by Mrs. David Ward, who will visit her brother, J. C. Farmer.

## Farm Census will Begin in January

The agricultural resources and the production of U. S. farms will be measured by the coming U. S. Census of Agriculture, schedule to begin on January 1. Basic information on agriculture, including statistics on farm acreage, crops, livestock, farm labor, and other items related to farm operations will be obtained.

Information obtained by the census takers will be strictly confidential and the records from individual farms cannot be used for purposes of taxation, regulation, or investigation, according to Dean I. O. Schaub of State College, who heads an advisory board of all agricultural agencies in North Carolina to work with census officials.

Who is a farmer? Under the census rules the grower must farm 3 acres or more or if less than three acres, his agricultural products in 1944, whether sold or used at home, must have amounted to \$250 or more, to be considered as a farmer.

The census schedule lists 184 questions but happily no one farmer must answer this number of questions about his own operations. The census committee working on the schedule began with more than two thousand questions and then boiled them down to one hundred and eighty-four.

"The coming census will give the most complete picture of American agriculture that has ever been obtained and it is particularly needed at this time," Dr. Schaub said. "Let me urge every farmer in North Carolina to fully cooperate with the census workers and give the most complete information possible. The facts that are being gathered at this time will not duplicate the information being asked by other agricultural agencies."

### ARRIVES IN ENGLAND

William O. Elliott has arrived safely in England, according to news received here this week by his mother, Mrs. Mattie Elliott.

## Fewer Turkeys This Christmas

Although more turkeys were raised in North Carolina this year than last, 258,000 to 241,000, there will be fewer turkeys for the Christmas table this year, according to J. Morgan, State Department of Agriculture statistician.

He said that the scarcity is due to the fact that most of the turkeys now grown in this State are produced on a commercial basis, and are marketed through large packing houses which route them into markets throughout the Nation. Morgan added that the Army and Navy bought much of this year's crop of turkeys.

## Heavy Movement Of Peanuts To Cleaners

Despite serious labor shortages, peanuts are now moving to crushers, cleaners, and shellers in heavy volume, according to J. A. Winfield, State Department of Agriculture marketing specialist.

Winfield said that cleaned Jumbo peanuts are selling for 15 1/2 cents per pound f. o. b., with Fancy's going for 15 cents. Extra large and medium shelled stock are returning the ceiling of 16 1/2 cents per pound and No. 1's 14 and 5-8 cents per pound.

He said that "practically all" shipments from the peanut areas are now on previous commitments.

### CIRCLE TO MEET

The Mary Towe Missionary Circle of the Methodist Church will meet Monday evening, December 11, at 8 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. L. W. Towe.

### Fruit Cake Ingredients

For Sale  
GEO. JACKSON'S STORE  
Hertford-Elizabeth City Highway

## Privilege Taxes Now Past Due

Privilege taxes owed the Town of Hertford are now past due. Due to the shortage of labor, we will appreciate it if you will call at the Town Office and pay same at once.

## W. G. Newby

TOWN CLERK

# PENDER

BLUE LABEL PENNANT SYRUP 5-lb Bottle 36c

NEW TREAT SALAD DRESSING 32-oz Jar 26c

LIBBY'S DEVILED HAM 3-oz can 14c

RED RIPE Tomatoes No. 2 can 10c

DEL MONTE SEEDLESS Raisins 15-oz Pkg 13c

BRECHNUT Coffee 1-lb Jar 35c

LAUNDRY BLEACH Fleecy White Half Gallon 23c

Libby's Sweet Spiced TOMATOES No. 2 1/2 Jar 28c

SELF-RISING OBELESK FLOUR Ballard's 10-lb Bag 64c

2-lb PACKAGE Sterling salt 6c

LAUNDRY BLEACH Clorox Half Gallon 31c

Triple Fresh SANDWICH BREAD 1 1/2-lb Loaf 11c

PENDER'S BEST PLAIN FLOUR 10-lb Bag 61c

Double-Fresh COFFEE GOLD LABEL Formerly D.P. Blend 1-lb Pkg 24c

## 6th WAR LOAN DRIVE Buy An EXTRA Bond

BEECHNUT Baby Food

Strained 4 1/2-oz Jar 8c

Chopped (Wheat Vegetables) 7 1/2-oz Jar 11c

Winesap Apples... 3 lbs. 30c

Tangerines, lb. .... 9c

Oranges..... 8 lb. bag 47c

Fresh Pineapple, each .. 43c

Fresh Grapes..... 2 lbs 39c

Spinach ..... 3 lbs. 25c

Rutabagas ..... 3 lbs. 10c

MARGARINE Mrs. Filbert's 1-lb Pkg 24c

NAMPOO PREMIUM Crackers 1-lb Pkg 19c

LAUNDRY SOAP Octagon 3 Giant 14c

SOAP POWDER Octagon 3 Large 14c

TOILET SOAP Octagon 3 Coban 14c

HOUSEHOLD CLEANSER Octagon 3 Can 14c