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1946 Agriculture Prospects Given

Gross farm income, cash receipts, expenses of production and net income to farmers, which have risen each year since 1938, are expected to decline from the peak levels established this year, the State Department of Agriculture has been informed by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

"Net income of farmers in 1946 may decline as much as 15 per cent from 1945—although the indicated total would still be more than double the pre-war average and higher than in any year prior to 1943, including the peak years immediately after World War I," said the report.

Cash receipts from farm marketings in 1946 are expected to be a little over 18 billion dollars, with Government payments bringing total receipts up to about 19 billion dollars, 10 per cent less than in 1945. Income from crops during 1946 probably will decline almost 15 per cent from 1945 and cash receipts from livestock and livestock products may be down about 5 to 10 per cent. With average crop conditions, the total volume of marketing in 1946 probably will be about 5 per cent below 1945. The volume of 1945 crops carried over and marketed during the first half of 1946 may be nearly as great as the large quantity of 1944 crops sold in 1945, but, with only average crop production in 1946, total crop marketings for the calendar year will be less than in 1945. Also, a slight decline is expected in the volume of poultry and eggs sold.

Total cash receipts from farm marketings in 1945 probably will be about \$25,400,000,000, 7 per cent above the receipts of \$19,800,000,000 in 1944. In addition, Government payments are expected to total about \$800,000,000 about the same as in 1944.

Banks-Whedbee Vows Are Spoken

A wedding of much interest took place at Woodville Baptist Church on Sunday, December 16th, at 4 o'clock, when Miss Ola Bogue Whedbee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Whedbee of Hertford Route 3, became the bride of Allen T. Banks, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Banks of Elizabeth City Route 3.

At the same time Miss Sarah Evelyn Whedbee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Whedbee, of Hertford Route 3, became the bride of Howard J. Banks, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Banks of Elizabeth City Route 3.

The ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. W. Bazemore, pastor of the church.

The church was decorated with palms, ferns and gladioli. Music was rendered by Mrs. R. M. Riddick of Hertford.

"I Love You Truly" was sung by Mrs. A. R. Winslow of Winfall.

The brides were given in marriage by their father.

Ola Bogue was dressed in heaven blue wool with brown accessories and a shoulder corsage of white orchids. Sarah Evelyn was dressed in heaven blue wool with black accessories and a shoulder corsage of white orchids.

Miss Frances Banks, sister of the grooms, was maid of honor. She wore a dress of aqua crepe with brown accessories. Her corsage was pink rosebuds.

Andrew Winslow was best man. Mrs. Robert Kowalsky, sister of the brides, lighted the candles. Her dress was of white wool with brown accessories and her corsage was made of pink rosebuds.

Floyd Matthews and Luther Whedbee were ushers.

Mrs. E. R. Whedbee, mother of the brides, wore a dress of black crepe with black accessories. Her corsage was tallman roses.

Mrs. C. A. Banks, mother of the grooms, wore a dress of green with brown accessories. Her corsage was tallman roses.

A reception was held at Mrs. Joel Hollowell's home at Winfall, sister of the brides, on Saturday night after the rehearsal.

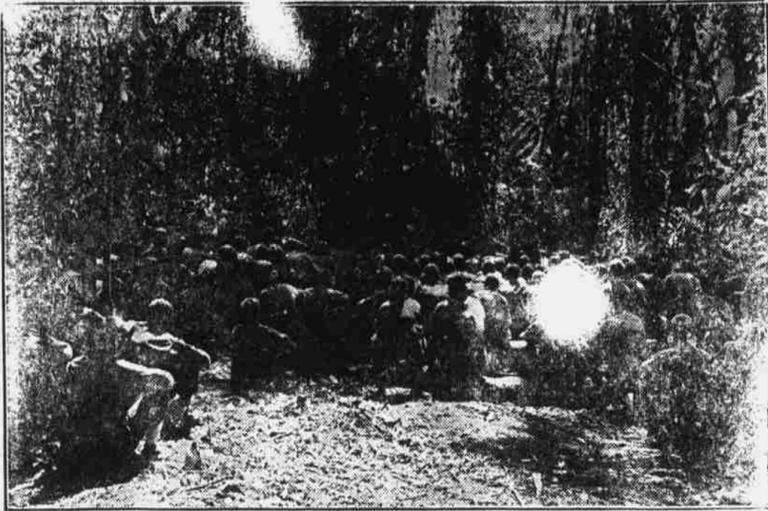
After a short wedding trip to unannounced points, the couples will make their homes at Elizabeth City Route 3.

CHIMNEY FIRE

Hertford's volunteer fire department was called to the home of Beverly Tucker on last Friday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock to extinguish a chimney fire. Little damage was reported caused by the blaze which was rapidly brought under control.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

AGGIE and Mrs. Arlene McCary of Beaufort announce the birth of a daughter, Jewel Ann, on December 14. The McCarys are former residents of Hertford. Chief McCary at one time was stationed at



CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN BOUGAINVILLE JUNGLES—Soldiers of the 37th (Buckeye) Division in their homecoming this year will recall the Christmas spent in the South Pacific in 1943. Here before an altar in a thatched hut Chaplain Joel M. Waring, of Toledo, Ohio, conducts services for the 2nd Battalion, 148th Infantry.

History Making Year Of 1945 Ends Monday

The year 1945, pictured now in cartoons as the Old Man who is about to make his exit, and he will at midnight next Monday, was an historic year. One so filled with big news stories, which will later fill the pages of history, that even national newsmen have had difficulty in selecting the ten biggest stories of the year. Believing that as most humans do you have forgotten some of those stories we have selected what we believe to be the big news of the year as published in *The Weekly*.

Beginning with January, the picture was not entirely bright for we people here in the U. S. The war in Europe was raging, with the Germans still in advanced positions following the December break through. The draft situation was critical with the Army calling for more and more men; rationing was being felt by nearly every one with a shortage of all types of merchandise. The war in the Pacific had been stepped up, with Gen. MacArthur leading forces for the recapture of the Philippines.

During February the war still maintained the top spot in news, but here at home action was started to extend the limits of the Town of Hertford, and preliminary steps were taken for setting up the Rural Electric Corp. In Europe the Russians had opened their historic drive on the Eastern front, and the Allies in the West were beginning to apply pressure on the German west wall. Fighting in the Pacific continued at a grinding pace. Several changes in Cabinet positions in Washington were announced, which later resulted in Henry Wallace being named secretary of commerce. Perquimans County successfully completed its polio campaign.

The Red Cross war fund drive opened in March and the County met its quota. Funds were being raised at this time to construct the Memorial Athletic Field at Perquimans High School. People were busy making out income tax reports. The General Assembly passed bills extending town's limits and increasing pay for county commissioners. The Americans were taking advantage of their breakout the German Rhine line and were pushing into the German interior.

The Russians had advanced almost to Berlin and the Americans were scoring new successes against the Japs. March marked the beginning of the end for the Axis in Europe. Marriage were on the increase here at home, with a large number solemnized during the month.

April found the Red Cross drive met, and the county was participating in a drive for clothing for Europe. Court action was taken against people getting fires to woodland. The Commissioners renamed W. F. C. Edwards as County Accountant. Germany was disintegrating in Europe all Allied forces were making gains daily against Nazi arms. The U. S. opened its attack on the island of Okinawa, listed as one of the most important points in the Pacific war. The conference to organize the United Nations Organization took place during the month in San Francisco. The month closed with a false peace report.

May opened with the Nazis' report, which was officially denied May announcing the death of Hitler, and a day or two later German leaders met with Allied commanders to unconditionally surrender and end the war in Europe. American and British troops had joined battle lines with the Russians and thus completely had overrun all of Germany. Hundreds of German leaders were taken into custody for trials as war criminals. The news of victory in Europe was edged due to the death of President Roosevelt who had died shortly before the surrender. Harry S. Truman was sworn in as the President. He proclaimed V-E Day to be May 7. Following the German collapse the War Department began the task of redeploying troops to the Pacific, and home and this continues today.

Perquimans County topped its 7th War Loan drive during June, while the war was being stepped up against Japan. Graduation exercises were held at the high school on June 8th. In Europe the Allied leaders were laying plans for governing Germany; Berlin was split into three sections to be led by the Big Three, later France was to join these in governing Berlin. Bombing attacks were being stepped up on the main land of Japan. Two of the Albemarle's leading lawyers, Charles Whedbee and P. W. McMullan died after short illnesses.

The Big Three met at Potsdam, Germany in July, and from this meeting was issued the declaration to Japan to surrender. The war was being pushed right up to the Jap's home islands with the Navy's battlewagons five miles offshore and thousands of planes bombing Jap cities. Announcement was made during this month that Harvey Point would be closed as a Naval base. The month has caused local farmers considerable work and worry over crops.

L. N. Hollowell resigned as Chairman of the Election Board on August 3 and was replaced by A. W. Hefren. Service men were beginning to arrive home after being discharged from the armed forces. Russia declared war on Japan August 9, following a series of Jap moves for peace, but the world-shattering news of the atomic bomb was released shortly thereafter, which overshadowed the Reds entry into the war. The second atom bomb was exploded one week after the first and Japan then sued for peace. General MacArthur was named Supreme Commander of the Japanese occupation. Many wartime controls were announced as void during August, following the end of the war. RFC took over the control of Harvey Point and OPA announced the easing of ration control. Perquimans County's Wildlife Club was organized during this month, and the USO closed on August 31.

Reconversion was the topic of the day beginning in September, with the outlook for goods reports dark. Currituck, Camden and Pasquotank counties were added to the Albemarle Soil Conservation District. Plans were made for the launching of the final War Fund drive, with J. E. Winslow and Rev. B. C. Reavis named to lead the drive.

Mrs. B. G. Koonce To Head March Dimes Campaign In County

Plans for the 1946 March of Dimes in the fight against infantile paralysis moved forward today with the appointment of Mrs. B. G. Koonce, as chairman of the Appeal in Perquimans County.

The local campaign, which opens on January 14 and closes January 31, is part of the nation-wide appeal of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis for funds to continue the fight against poliomyelitis.

The new chairman will announce later her aides and chairmen of committees.

As in the past, March of Dimes coin collection boxes will be placed at convenient spots throughout the county and coin cards will be distributed. In the light of widespread public knowledge of the National Foundation's tremendous achievements in recent epidemic years, Mrs. Koonce said, the local appeal committee is expecting a greater response this year than ever before.

"Poliomyelitis," she pointed out, "is one of the most expensive diseases known to medicine. Hospitalization for a single patient costs more than \$2,000 a year. Some cases require continuing care for several years. Not only must many victims of past epidemics receive continuing care, but each year's outbreaks add new names to the steadily growing list. Few families can meet the cost of extended polio treatment. Through the annual March of Dimes, treatment and care can be assured for all polio victims regardless of age, race, creed or color."

Perquimans High School's basketball team will resume inter-school competition with two games to be played at the local gym on next Friday night, January 4.

Both girls and boys teams will meet teams from Weeksville High School for the third rural conference game of the season. The first game will start at 7:30.

The local girls' team expects little trouble in subduing the girls from Weeksville, but the Indians expect a stiff game from the visiting boys' club.

Perquimans County's recorder's court was in recess this week in observance of Christmas. The regular court session for Tuesday was postponed and all cases were set for hearing on Tuesday January 1.

LICENSE EXAMINER TO TAKE HOLIDAY

B. Henry Smith, State auto license examiner, announced Monday that he would not be at the Court House in Hertford on Friday of this week for the purpose of issuing operator's license.

The next date for the examiner to be in Hertford will be Friday, January 4.

From Crews

Miss Bernice White has returned to Crews, Va., after spending Christmas Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anse White.

In Conway

Mr. and Mrs. Huston Edwards and children visited Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Draper in Conway over the holidays.

Tire Rationing To End January 1st

Tire rationing will come to an end on January 1, according to an announcement made last Friday morning by Chester Bowles, head of the OPA, who stated that production has now reached a point where rationing is no longer needed.

Tires, one of the two remaining items on the rationed list, have been secured only by certificates since January 1942. All tire stocks in the nation were frozen in December 1941, and the rationing program began January 5. Sugar will continue to remain on the ration list, said Mr. Bowles.

With the announcement that tire rationing would end January 1, Mr. Bowles also stated that no more certificates would be issued after Friday, December 21. This action will permit all holders of certificates, who have not yet purchased tires, to buy them before the rationing ends.

After January 1 tires will be sold, when dealers have them on a first come first served basis. Despite the increase in tire production over the past several months, dealers and retailers have found it difficult to stock sufficient tires to serve all certificate holders. At times a motorist, having been issued a certificate has had to wait several days before being able to locate a tire.

The supply, however, is expected to increase as the months roll by and plenty of tires are expected to be on the market by spring.

Veteran Purchases Service Station

Ray White, a veteran of World War II, has purchased the Joe and Bill's Service Station and has assumed management of the station, it was announced here this week.

Mr. White purchased the station from W. W. White, who operated the business from 1941 to last week when the sale was completed. The new owner has had a number of years' experience in the service station business, having been engaged in that line of work prior to entering the armed forces.

He stated the station will continue to operate under the same name and offer the same good service as under the previous owner.

Miss Knowles Named Head Welfare Dept.

Miss Grace Knowles, case worker of the Perquimans County Welfare Department for the past several years, will assume the position as superintendent of welfare on January 1, it was announced this week by the Welfare Office.

Miss Knowles was assigned the position by the State Supervisor, after she had successfully passed a Merit System examination. She will fill the vacancy in the local department caused by the resignation of Mrs. Sarah B. Perry.

At the present time the position of case worker for the local office will remain open.

Kitchen Fats Still Are Greatly Needed

The end of rationing of meats and fats and oils has in no way lessened the need for the salvage of used kitchen fats, Hillman Moody, assistant state director of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Production and Marketing Administration, declared this week.

Quoting Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson, Mr. Moody asserted that "even though rationing is ended, there still remains the need for preventing waste of any fats, and for salvaging all used fats which are needed for the manufacture of soap and for other industries."

Meat dealers, Mr. Moody pointed out, will continue to pay housewives four cents a pound for used kitchen fats. He urged housewives not to let up on this essential and patriotic "reconversion activity", inasmuch as supplies of industrial fats, which go into the making of soap and other civilian goods are still very short. This supply situation, he said, will continue serious until war-halted imports again reach peacetime proportions.

Mr. Moody paid high praise to the loyal help of North Carolina housewives who, throughout the war years, have conserved, salvaged, and turned in used kitchen fats. He took occasion also to laud the cooperation given by grocers and meat dealers throughout the state for their share in the salvage program.

Tax Listers And Commissioners To Meet Friday A. M.

J. W. Ward, Perquimans County Tax Supervisor has announced that the tax listers for the five townships and members of the board of commissioners will meet at the courthouse, Friday, December 28, at 10 o'clock for the purpose of reviewing instructions and receiving supplies for the tax listing job.

The list of property for taxes will get under way January 1, and a schedule of places where the tax listers will work is listed in this issue of *The Weekly*. The tax listers for this year, as appointed by the Board of Commissioners at the December meeting are: Carroll V. Ward, Belvidere Township; John O. White, Hertford; Seth Long, New Hope; Roy S. Chappell, Bethel and Raymond Stanton, Parkville.

Mr. Ward issued an appeal to property owners of the county to list early and thus aid the tax listers by helping to avoid a last minute rush. All property owners who fail to list their property by January 31, will be taxed with a late listing penalty.

Each farmer must report the acreage of each crop, as in previous years, and the tax supervisor requests all farmers to render the tax lister every aid in making out this report.

4-H Club Gardeners Produce Much Food

Every county in North Carolina has its boys and girls growing 4-H gardens and the total number of gardens runs into many thousands, which are conducted under the supervision of the farm and home agents of the State College Extension Service and its horticultural specialists.

Rachel Sites, a member of the Balls Creek Senior 4-H club in Catawba county, is only fourteen years old but she presents a good example of what so many of her 4-H brothers and sisters in gardening are doing.

This year Rachel won the victory garden contest in Catawba, sponsored by the Sears Roebuck Foundation, and came second in food preservation. She produced 60 bushels of vegetables, growing 11 different types, with snap beans, lima beans, and tomatoes leading.

Besides furnishing an abundance of fresh vegetables for the family, Rachel canned 201 quarts of snap beans, lima beans, beets, corn, garden peas, and tomatoes.

Miss Sara Smith, assistant home agent of the State College Extension Service for Catawba, says that Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sites, the parents of Rachel, encourage her in every way possible in her gardening work and points out that this is one of the most important points in conducting successful 4-H activities.

County Has Huge Job In Repairing Homes

More than \$293,000 is expected to be spent during the next five years by Perquimans County home owners on remodeling and repair work.

The year 1946 promises to inaugurate one of the greatest eras in American history for home repairs and modernization, according to estimates released by the Tile Council of America. "Few developments will contribute more to employment and general prosperity in any community," according to R. E. Jordan, chairman of the Council's Residential Construction Committee.

Because of lack of materials and manpower during the war, majority of the county's dwelling units are in need of some kind of repair or remodeling work. Kitchen improvements and modernization of bathrooms, installation of tiled showers and in some homes addition of a second bath top the nation's list of most wanted major improvements, Jordan said.

Outside paint jobs are needed on more than 50 per cent of homes, and addition of rooms and construction of porches also rank high in remodeling plans, according to the report. New roofing and heating plants are required by many dwellings.

Home owners in North Carolina will spend an estimated \$89,870,000 and those of the nation more than \$5,500,000,000 for major repairs alone in the next five years, according to Jordan. Ample funds, at low interest charges, are available for such work through commercial banks, savings and loan associations, credit unions and mutual savings banks, he pointed out.