

Farm Population Continues To Drop In North Carolina

North Carolina had less land in farms and fewer people on farms in 1953 than in 1952, according to the annual County Farm Census Summary released recently by the Statistics Division of the State Department of Agriculture.

Total land in farms declined 73,146 acres, but harvested cropland increased about 2,000 acres, improved pastures gained 55,387 acres, other pastures increased by more than 218,197 acres, and idle cropland decreased by 4,530 acres.

People of all ages living on Tar Heel farms in 1953 totaled 1,426,798, a decrease of 40,000 or 2.7 per cent, from the previous year. This downward trend in farm population has been under way for some years.

Percentagewise, utilization of farm land was about the same in 1953 as in 1952. Harvested acreage at 29 per cent, idle cropland at five per cent, and improved pasture at four per cent were the same for both years. Unimproved pastures rose from six to seven per cent.

Similarly there was little change in the proportions of harvested cropland. Cotton represented 12 per cent, tobacco 11 per cent, lespedeza 10 per cent, peanuts three per cent, wheat six per cent and soybeans four per cent in 1952 and 1953. Corn at 34 per cent and oats at seven per cent were up only one percentage point as compared with 1952.

Total tobacco and peanut acreages declined in 1953. Tobacco acreage at 648,636 was down about 56,000 acres from 1952. A drop of nearly 14,000 acres brought the total for peanuts down to 184,694 acres.

Cotton was harvested from 788,131 acres, a gain of 28,412 over the 1952 harvested acreage. The 2,209,373 acres of corn reported in 1953 represented a very slight increase over the previous year.

The summary shows a sharp gain in the total number of beef cows and heifers on farms as of January 1, 1954. This figure at 250,429 compares with 211,940 on the same date a year earlier, representing an increase of 18 per cent. Milk cows and heifers, two years old and over, totaled 313,863, an increase of only 1,412 over the January 1, 1953, inventory.

Hens and pullets of laying age on North Carolina farms totaled 7,192,281 as of the first of this year, which

Recent Newlyweds



Above is pictured Mr. and Mrs. Ralph K. Hollowell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hollowell of Tyner, cutting the cake after their wedding which was solemnized Sunday afternoon, September 19, at the Cypress Chapel, Christian Church. Mrs. Hollowell is the former Miss Catherine Sue Brinkley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Brinkley of Suffolk. (Photo by Hamblin's Studio, Suffolk.)

represented a decline of almost five per cent from the number on farms a year earlier. Sows and gilts for farrowing also showed a slight decrease, totaling 115,297, compared with 123,769 a year ago.

All these and other data in the summary are broken down by counties, with sub-totals by districts. Copies can be obtained by writing to the Statistics Division, N. C. Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C.

New Fashion Takes Cue From France

A new fashion for little American girls is inspired by the dainty smock of the petite French miss. Called the "Madeleine," this charming little cotton garment is as attractive as a pinafore, but as sturdy as rugged blue jeans.

The blue denim "Madeleine" fastens at the shoulders. Its huge pockets go halfway around the garment, which is long enough to be worn over dresses.

The comfortable "Madeleine" is washable, easy to keep fresh and clean.



America by 1975 will have a college-age population in excess of 14,000,000, according to a report from the National Association of Manufacturers.

The NAM cites a study published by the Committee on Special Projects for the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers titled "College Age Population Trends: 1940-1970."

This study shows that the total college-age population climbed from 8,635,090 in 1940 to 8,076,441 in 1952. By 1960 the total is expected to reach 9,273,157.

And by 1970, the study shows, the total of college-age persons will be 13,609,831.

ESPECIALLY FOR PET OWNERS...

Pet parakeets are susceptible to colds and pneumonia. The condition may develop when birds kept in a warm room are suddenly exposed to drafts. Antibiotics correctly administered are sometimes helpful to recovery.

Some authorities says dogs should not be bathed to rid them of fleas. They recommend flea powders for a more effective job.

Tests indicate that normal cats need about 4 per cent fat in their diet. Dogs with eczema may be benefited by adding meat fryings, butter, cream, tallow, or other grease to the diet. But care should be taken not to overfeed grease, as digestive upsets may result.

The cat more than any other species may suffer from a niacin deficiency, according to investigators.

Goldfish apparently prefer company. When kept in groups, individual fish eat more and learn their way around aquarium mazes more readily than when isolated.

Chlorophyll administered at proper levels to female dogs often reduces their attraction for males during the breeding season.

All-Out War On No. 1 Killer Of Poultry

An all-out attack against lymphomatosis, the No. 1 scourge of the poultry industry, is being mounted from a small laboratory in East Lansing, Michigan, which has been working on the problem for 15 years.

Federal research workers are leveling their scientific weapons of this enemy which first appeared on the horizon about 30 years ago and has since grown to a monster which robs poultry raisers of some \$75 million every year.

Lymphomatosis is to chickens what cancer is to man. Some call it a penalty of progress. It caused little trouble until modern poultry practices such as forced draft incubators, mass brooding, and interstate shipment of chicks came along. These were ideal means of spreading the disease.

As things now stand, scientists have advanced to the point where they know that lymphomatosis—which may attack the nerves, internal organs, or eyes—is a contagious, malignant disease.

They know it is caused by a virus, and may be transmitted through the egg from hen to chick, or by direct or indirect contact.

To capture and identify this virus is only one part of their battle. Another is to determine whether this

same virus is responsible for various other diseases related to lymphomatosis.

Not only are poultry raisers and veterinarians watching this battle with keen interest, medical authorities also are hopeful the anti-lymphomatosis campaign may open up new avenues to cancer research.

AT FORT BRAGG

Sgt. First Class Robert E. Chappell of Hertford and Norfolk, Va., who has just returned from an 18 months' tour of duty with the Ordnance in Korea, is now with the Ordnance at Fort Bragg, N. C.

CLUB MEETING

The Beech Spring Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. John Hill on November 9. The president, Mrs. Joe Layden, presided. The meeting opened with all singing "America The Beautiful." Mrs. John Hill gave the devotional, reading the 23rd Psalm, followed with prayer by Mrs. A. E. Layden. The secretary, Mrs. W. H. Lamb called the roll with 11 members present, and read the minutes which were approved. During the business discussion it was planned to exchange gifts at the December meeting.

The club members were proud that

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they won the Gavel for attendance at Fall Achievement Day. They also won the prize for accomplishing the most outstanding work through the year. Mrs. A. E. Layden gave a reading on "Care of Poultry," and also gave a report on health the subject being "Faint and Shock Treatment." Mrs. J. P. Oleson, Sr., gave a reading on "White Buildings Turn To Gray." In the absence of Miss Kinsey Perry, Mrs. J. W. Perry gave a demonstration on "Modern Laundry Methods."

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recreation which was a stunt all took part in with Mrs. J. R. Ankw winning the prize, after which refreshments were served by the hostess.



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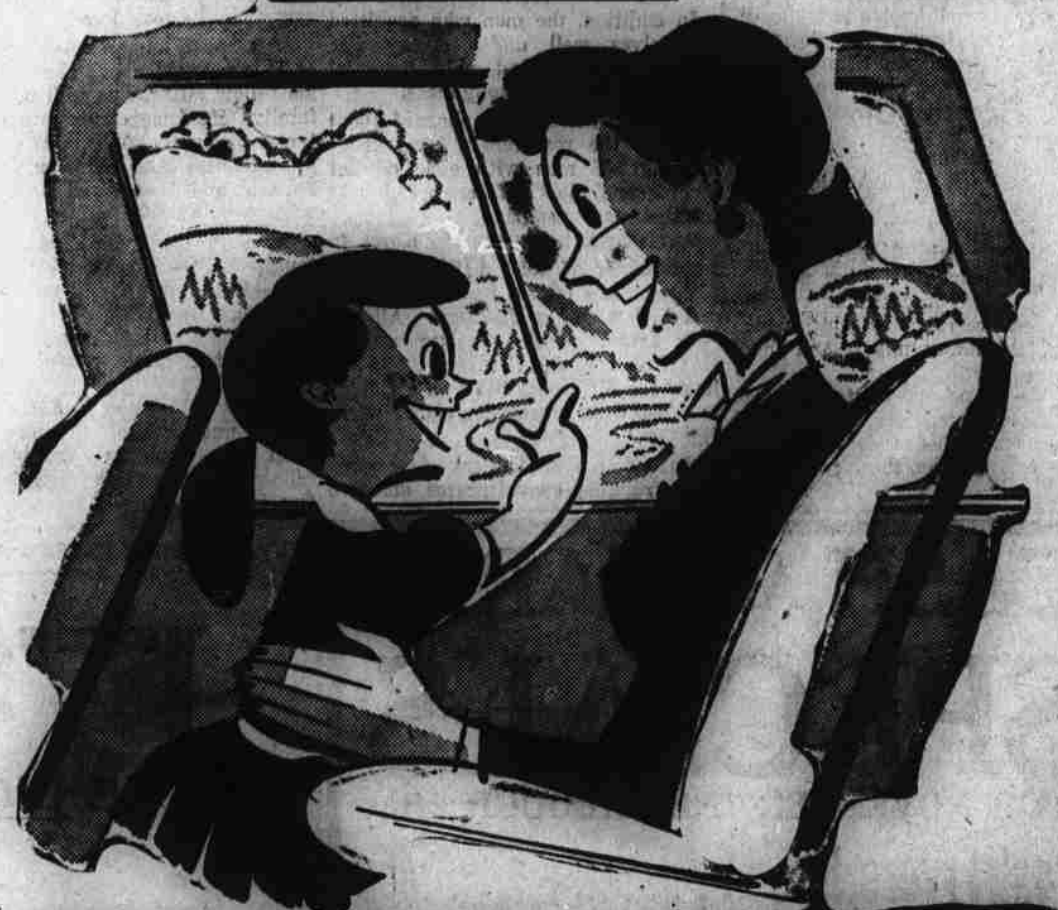
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