

Farmers will profit if they make plans in January to cover the next few years, farm management specialists of the N. C. Extension Service say.

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Merchandise Key To '46 Volume—Dowell

New Year forecasts received by the North Carolina Merchants Association from leading merchants in all sections of the State predict a 1946 retail sales volume equal to or surpassing the high volume attained in 1945 if an adequate quantity of quality merchandise is available, W. L. Dowell, executive secretary of the association, announces.

"As to the availability of quality merchandise," Mr. Dowell continued, "the opinions vary considerably. Many merchants express the opinion that the current epidemic of strikes and labor disputes in the nation's industrial plants will continue for some months, thus tying up production, and that desirable merchandise will not be available in any appreciable quantity until at least the second half of the year; while others are of the opinion that labor troubles will be expeditiously settled, that the reconversion program will soon be running in high gear and that quality merchandise will speedily be flowing in ever increasing quantities."

"Practically all of those reporting agree, however that with the enormous backlog of purchasing power in the hands of consumers that the demand for quality merchandise during 1946 will be exceptionally strong and that even if wanted merchandise in sufficient quantities is unavailable until the second half of the year, the volume of business in that period will be more than sufficient to offset any deficiency which may occur during the first six months of the year," Mr. Dowell said.

The expense of making high crop yields and high livestock production is justified by increased profits to farmers, Dean J. O. Schaub of the State Extension Service, declares.

Farm machinery can not do its job properly with baling wire repair jobs, according to engineers of the Agricultural Extension Service.

Gaines To Be Heard On Baptist Program

Dr. Francis P. Gaines, a layman, of Lexington, Va., returns to the Baptist Hour for a message next Sunday morning, as disclosed by the Radio Committee, SBC, S. F. Lowe, Director.

Dr. Gaines, a South Carolinian by birth, an educator by training and profession, has served as President of Washington and Lee University for 16 years. An effective leader in the educational and civic fields, he has held responsible positions through the years, according to Mr. Lowe, having served as Chairman of the Alfred I. duPont Radio Award Committee, President of the Association of American Colleges and Virginia State Chairman of the War Finance Committee.

Mr. Lowe states that because of his abiding faith, his extensive knowledge of people, and his unusual ability as a speaker, Dr. Gaines is one of the most effective radio speakers in America.

An attractive feature in these broadcasts is the music by the Baptist Hour Choir of Atlanta, John D. Hoffman, Director and George L. Hamrick, Organist.

The program can be heard in North Carolina over Radio Stations WWNC, Asheville, WPTF, Raleigh, and WFSB Winston-Salem, 8:30 A. M.

WARLICK IN JAPAN

With The 6th Army in Japan. — Pfc. John Warlick, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Warlick, Kings Mountain, N. C., has arrived in Japan with the 32nd (Red Arrow) Infantry Division.

The Division zone includes Kyushu southernmost large island in the Japanese group, and southern Honshu. The main city of Kyushu is Nagasaki, 12th city in Japan, target for the second atomic bombing.

Warlick's arrival in Japan comes after 6 months overseas. The Japan occupation finds Warlick engaged in guard duty with the crack 128th Regiment in the Prefecture of Yamaguchi, Honshu. On Victory day, the famed 82nd Division's 654th day of

combat in this war, Pfc. Warlick had completed 11 months in the army. His awards include the Philippine Ribbon and the Asiatic Pacific Ribbon.

Rites Are Conducted

Funeral rites for Martha Sue Carroll, 24 day old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Carroll, were held Wednesday afternoon at the home, with Rev. Floyd Holler, pastor of Mountain View Baptist church officiating. Interment followed in Mountain Rest cemetery.

The infant succumbed Tuesday at Shelby hospital. She is survived by her parents, a sister, Ethel, and two brothers, Co-man and Thomas Carroll.

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