

### Agriculture In Action

**THERE'S THE RUB**  
You'll probably be told this year that farm net income is the highest since 1952.

That's true.  
Back in 1952, to bear this out, farm net income was \$14.1 billion. This year, it's up to around \$14 billion.

Depending on who describes this prosperity, though, you may or may not be reminded of where much of the cash is coming from.

Spokesmen for the U. S. Department of Agriculture aren't saying much about that.  
The truth of the matter is, \$2.2 billion of the 1965 net income is being siphoned out of the federal treasury. That's up about \$230 million from last year. Farmers are getting the money in direct payments for doing some things and not doing others.

And it's interesting to note that, if you don't include that \$2.2 billion in the 1965 net figure, what's left is about comparable to what farmers made in 1954. And it's not as large as the 1953 income. Or the 1952 income.

Without government payments, the farm income tally this year will be about \$11.8 billion. Back in 1952 it was \$13.9 billion. That's the year that USDA officials are harking back to when they tell you that things on the farm are better than ever.

This is improvement? I a way, maybe. Anyhow, you can spend the government paycheck just as steadily as cash that comes from other sources.

But we'd better watch it. Uncle Sam can be a fickle paymaster. And he tends to threaten people who have their hands in his pocket. He says he won't pay unless



**SEALS, SEALS AND MOORE SEALS** — The 1965 Christmas Seal Campaign was officially launched in North Carolina when Mrs. Don K. Moore, State Christmas Seal Chairman, received the first seals from Dr. Hilton Seals of Sylva, president of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association. Looking on and wearing her grandmother's corsage of seals is a future "Miss Christmas Seals", three-year-old Jeanette.

### Letter To Editor

Dear Editor:  
This is just a note of thanks to each of you to let you know how much we appreciate what you and all the people within your organization contributed toward making our Mr. A. D. DAVIS WEEK sale successful. Our sales were terrific, and we were well pleased with the results.

I hope you and your people you dance to the tune. He whistles a lot.

And there's the rub. We're already getting blisters from it when it comes to school funds and highway funds.  
Now come the farms. We don't learn much from history.

found our stores in good condition and were satisfied with your visit in our stores. Again, we want to thank you for your cooperation and support toward the success of this sale.

You and your people helped Mr. A. D. Davis, our former president, have one of the greatest birthdays he has ever had. Yours very truly,  
G. R. Kay  
Winn Dixie Stores

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the many friends for their many kind expressions of sympathy at the death of our loved one.

THE FAMILY OF  
MRS. CLYDE BUMGARDNER

### Gifts From The Home Kitchen Make Good Last-Minute Gifts

Yes, you can turn out gifts from your kitchen for every one on your Christmas list. Some homemade candy would be nice for Aunt Harriet. A tiny red wagon filled with cookies would be just the thing for little Tommy. And to Edna, who has little time or space for cooking, will go one of my best loaves of nut bread.

Miss S. Virginia Wilson, Extension nutritionist at N. C. State University, says the person just doesn't exist who wouldn't be pleased with some "goodies" you've made yourself.

A gaily wrapped package makes even the smallest gift look impressive. Use odd ends of wall paper, brightly colored magazine covers, shelf paper, or scraps of material. Tie your package with tinsel, bright colored yarns, ribbons, or strips of cloth cut in ribbon widths with pinking shears. You can pack your handiwork in a plastic, wooden or other type bowl, flower pot, small basket, or inexpensive cake or loaf pan. If you have more time than money, decorate oatmeal boxes, coffee cans, or paper plates with gay seals.

Miss Wilson says that if you have a favorite candy, cookie, or fruit or nut bread recipe, by all means use it. A nice thing to do would be to tuck a copy of the recipe in your gift. For those who would like a few suggestions, try some of these:

Candies are always a welcome gift. Probably the quickest, easiest and most healthful sweet meats are those made from dried fruits. Fruit balls or Parisian svets are made by putting through a food chopper any combination of dried fruits. Nuts may also be ground with the fruit if you like. Mix well and moisten with fruit juices or condensed milk. If needed, Shape into balls or roll out into a sheet, then cut in squares or fancy shapes. Dip each piece in granulated or powdered sugar, ground toasted coconut, nuts, or melted chocolate.

You can use your own favorite recipe for candies such as fudge and seafoam, cookies cut in fancy shapes, famous nut or date breads, loaves of good homemade bread.

With apples and nuts readily available, maybe this will be a



**GARDEN TIME**  
m. e. gardner  
n. c. state college

There are many jobs that can be done in December. This month is also a good time to do some thinking and planning to avoid the spring rush.

Muscadine ("Scuppernon") grapes should be pruned this

good year for a one-pound loaf of apple-nut bread. Cream together 1-4 cup shortening and 1-2 cup sugar. Add one beaten egg. Stir in 2-3 cup apple sauce. Sift together 2 cups flour, 1-2 teaspoon baking powder, 1-2 teaspoon soda, and 1-4 teaspoon salt. Add to the egg mixture. Stir in 3 tablespoons of sour milk and 1-2 cup chopped nuts. Line the ends and bottom of a well greased 5 x 10 x 4 inch bread pan with waxed paper. Pour in the nut bread mixture and bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) for about 45 minutes. You can line the sides, too, but it takes longer and bread will leave sides of pan or can be loosened easily with a spatula.

month. Pruning now will prevent bleeding as the wounds will have a chance to heal before growth starts in the spring.

Pruning is very important if you expect maximum yields from your vines. It should be done every year and not just occasionally, as is so frequently the case, especially on neglected vines trained on an overhead arbor.

See your county agent and ask him for our new bulletin "Muscadine Grapes" or write me and I will have one sent to you.

Bunch grapes may also be pruned now in the Piedmont and Coastal Plains. I would wait until severe freezes are passed in the mountains. A new folder is also available on "Bunch Grapes".

Pull up and burn all old tomato and other plants in the vegetable garden. This will help control diseases which may be carried over to give you trouble in the spring. Plow the garden and an

leave it rough during the winter. Freezing and thawing will break up the soil particles and make it much easier to prepare a good seed bed in the spring.

Before you plow, have your soil tested and add phosphate and lime as needed. Broadcast these materials over the garden area and turn under. This is important because neither of these nutrients moves readily in the soil. By turning under, they are placed in the root zone where they may be readily absorbed by the growing plants.

Prune those apple and peach trees you have been neglecting and give them a thorough dormant spraying. For this I like lime sulphur, 12 gallons to 100 gallons of water. This spray gives a combined insecticide and fungicide and is still one of the best winter clean-up sprays. It is smelly but will do a good job if thoroughly applied.

If you have over-seeded your lawn with Italian ryegrass, keep it mowed rather close. Do not prune spring flowering shrubs now but other shrubs may be pruned, if needed. If large shade trees need attention, it is to employ competent help to do the job for you.

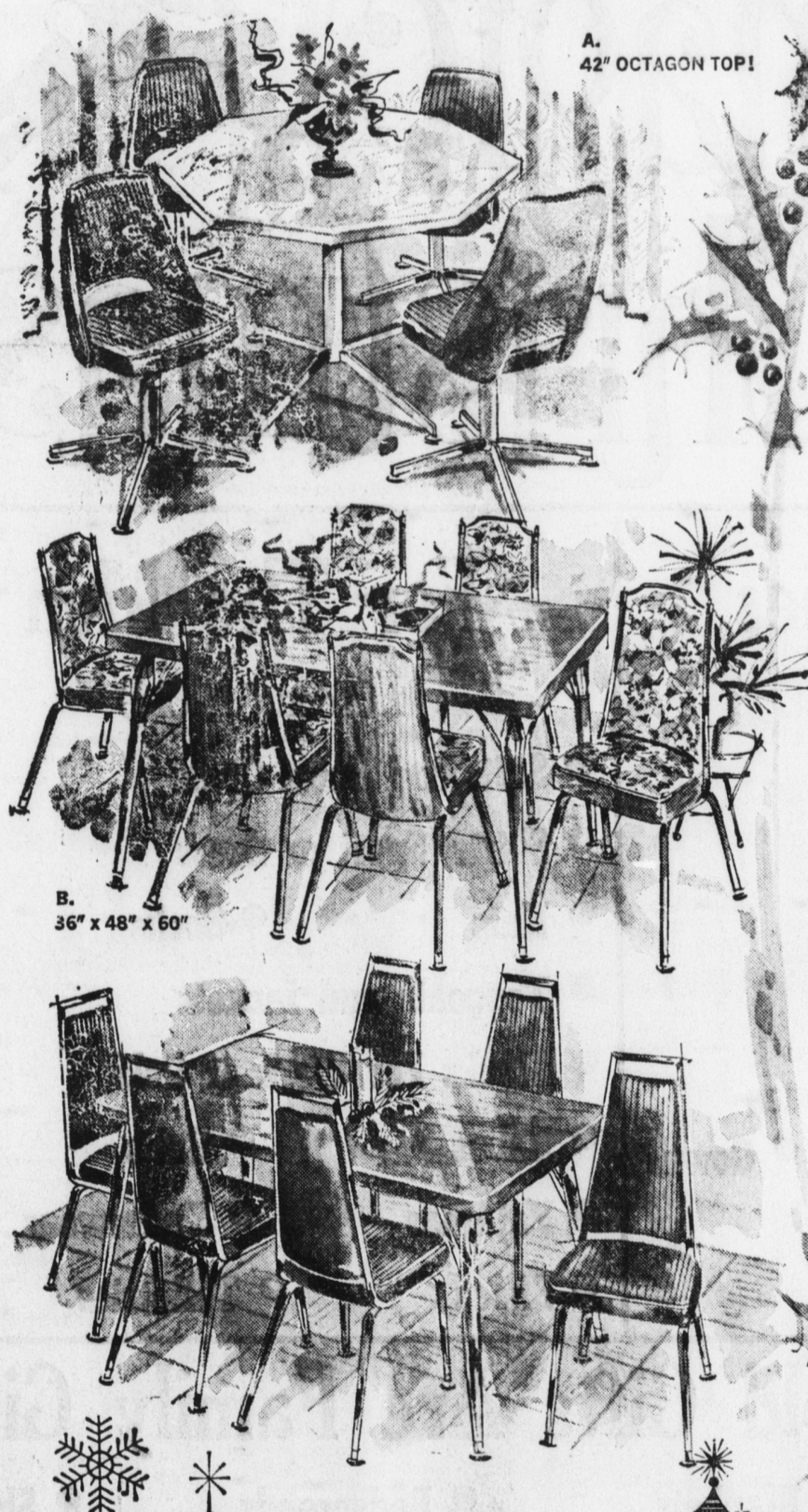
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