

Farmers To Participate In Nickels Vote Next Friday

Back in 1951 a group of hard working farmers, farm leaders, and businessmen sat down to discuss North Carolina agriculture. They soon settled on the main problem—research. What in the world could be done about it? Federal and state appropriations were doing a job, but not enough, and not fast enough. North Carolina's agriculture, it was agreed, needed a quick shot in the arm.

The answer was perhaps one of the most daring plans ever attempted with so broad a group of

pay a nickel extra for each ton of feed and fertilizer they bought over a three-year period. The money would be turned over to the N. C. Agricultural Foundation at State College which in turn would funnel it into vital agricultural research and education projects. The plan was quite naturally called "Nickels for Know-How." The name stuck, and so has the program.

North Carolina farmers and other users of feed and fertilizer have gone to the polls on two occasions and voted overwhelmingly in favor of the "Nickels" approach to agricultural research. The gamble with the attitude of North Carolina's farmers wasn't really a gamble at all. The farmers liked the program from the very beginning. They were getting tired of being accused of accepting handouts from the Federal government. Here was a chance to show the state and the nation, even the world, that they were willing to help pay directly part of the cost of a program for their primary benefit.

Local Polling Places Listed

- L. E. Tuckwiler, county agent, reports that twenty-three different polling places throughout the county will be open from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m. Friday. These are located at:
- Boone—A.S.C. office, FCX store.
 - Bald Mountain—Voting place.
 - Beaver Dam—Dean Reese's store, Harold Farthing's store.
 - Blowing Rock—Ranch Motel.
 - Blue Ridge—Sheeler Grocery.
 - Brushy Fork—Vilas Service station.
 - Cove Creek—Miller's store, Owen Little's store, Cable Brothers store.
 - Elk—Simmons' store.
 - Laurel Creek—V. D. Ward's store.
 - Meat Camp—Dayton Wine-barger's store, Davis Furniture store.
 - New River—Basil Smith's store, Cook-Critchler Produce.
 - North Fork—Ellison's store, Mack Thomas' store.
 - Shawneechaw—Storie's store.
 - Stony Fork—Deep Gap post-office.
 - Watauga—Church's store, Howard Mast's store.

The entire citizenry of the state jumped on the bandwagon. They too were proud that a program of this nature had originated in North Carolina. Not a dime of taxpayers' funds has been used in the entire program, including the two previous elections. These referendums have been conducted in every county in the state with voluntary help; the same will be true of the third "Nickels" referendum, scheduled for Friday.

The support which "Nickels" voters have given the program during the past five years has enabled agricultural researchers at State College to explore many areas of immediate concern to Tar Heel farmers, and indirectly to every merchant in the state.

Problems of plant and animal disease, poor crop stands, insect control and many others which are presently under investigation are the problems currently plaguing

Sample Ballot

'Nickels for Know-How' Program for Expanding Agricultural Research

(As authorized by the 1951 session of the General Assembly of North Carolina)

([X] VOTE FOR ONE)

- For continuing the present program of adding five cents (5¢) per ton to the price of feed and fertilizer for an additional period of three (3) years (beginning January 1, 1958) for supplementing an expanding agricultural research and educational program in North Carolina.
- Against continuing the present program of adding five cents (5¢) per ton to the price of feed and fertilizer for an additional period of three (3) years (beginning January 1, 1958) for supplementing an expanding agricultural research and educational program in North Carolina.

KNOW-HOW BALLOT.—Here's the ballot feed and fertilizer users will mark on August 23 in the statewide "Nickels for Know-How" referendum. The program helps support more than 50 varied agricultural research and education projects in North Carolina. It costs the average farmer about 30 cents a year.

North Carolina farmers. At the same time they cut into the farmer's spending power, resulting in reduced sales in thousands of stores across the state. And in North Carolina this is important, for here more people depend directly and indirectly on the farmer's welfare for their own living than in any other state. From the bank executive to the department store clerk, they depend on the farmer.

Concrete results that have meant millions of dollars to North Carolina farmers have already been realized from the program. Just one of these occurred recently when the college's pesticide residue laboratory, supported in part by "Nickels" funds, was able to check and recommend a certain chemical for control of the destructive alfalfa weevil. North Carolina farmers have approximately 70,000 acres of this highly important forage crop. If the wrong

chemical, or one less effective, had been recommended the state's hay crop would have been lost. The livestock industry would have been seriously crippled. Tar Heel farming would have hit a new low. Merchants would have felt the blow immediately. Thanks to work of the laboratory the insect pest was quickly and efficiently brought under control.

Some of the more than 50 research programs currently under way include:

The reaction of boll weevils to different varieties and genetic strains of cotton. The results may be useful in developing strains of cotton with built-in resistance to boll weevil attacks.

Corn breeding experiments to determine the inherited resistance to brown spot. Early experiments indicate a complex relationship among the inheritance factors, but investigators have pointed the way to other experiments which may

from research into blueberry diseases which has already discovered a method to speed up the testing of seedlings for their resistance to stem canker diseases. The research has also turned up a new type of stem blight and located stem fleck, a disease not previously described.

Marketing programs are being actively supported in all major commodity areas. The objective is to expand the market for all farm products and to reduce marketing costs. Working both with farmers and marketing firms, specialists are bringing the know-how of marketing methods to the processing, packing and sale of agricultural commodities.

Other projects have included studies of chemical weed control, vegetable and fruit production, ornamental horticulture, tobacco curing, soil chemistry, forage crops, dairy cattle breeding, animal feeding, tobacco insects, tobacco and sweet potato diseases, poultry feeding, tobacco sucker control, small grain breeding, forage preservation, and witchweed. There are many others just as important.

Through the "Nickels" program the North Carolina farmer is assured that research is being conducted in his own state, on problems that concern him directly, by highly trained agricultural scientists who know the problems of North Carolina. The Tar Heel farmer also gets the protection of new scientific discoveries against future income loss. And last, but surely not least, he gets the satisfaction of knowing that he and his fellow farmers are playing an important part in trying to improve not only his own economic position, but that of the entire state.

Pesticide residue investigations continue to determine safe levels of use of insecticides and fungicides. These studies insure producers, and the general public, that pesticide recommendations sent out from the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station fall well within legal residue limitations.

Poultry raisers can find encouragement in a series of experiments seeking to improve their product by breeding better qualities into the birds. In addition to attempts to breed greater feed efficiency into broilers, studies are under way in an effort to breed disease resistance into chickens. Blueberry growers will benefit

Scouts From Sweden Stop In Watauga On Way Home

Three Swedish Explorer Scouts and their Scoutmaster were in Boone a short while last week on their way home, after a camping trip at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

They were met in Boone by Roscoe Stevens, Winston-Salem, Scout executive of the Old Hickory Council, who carried them to Winston-Salem for a day's stay, by way of North Wilkesboro. Joe Edwards, former field Scout executive in this county, but now of the Daniel Boone Council in Asheville, accompanied them from Asheville

where they had spent a day. The Scouts were Goran Grimvall, Inge-Bert Taljedal and Rune Hansson. Their leader was Gunnar Persson.

The visit to the States is a part of "Exchange Air Lift," a program in which Scouts of this country and Sweden visit each other and take part in Scouting activities in foreign land. Scouts from Region VI, of the Boy Scouts of America, visited in Sweden. Watauga county is a part of Region VI. The boys flew home during the week end.

Paul said to Mr. Ed:

So Unnecessary

The man being admitted to the hospital was taken into a room and told to prepare for an examination. He had stripped to his underclothes when there came a knock at the door.

"Come in," he called. A woman entered. "I'm the doctor," she said briskly. "Please undress completely."

The man did as he was told, then endured a searching, detailed examination. "All right," the lady doctor said at last. "You can put on your pajamas now and get into bed. Anything you want to know?"

"Yes," said the man. "Why did you knock?"

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- 92—MAST—3 acres fronting on highway 421, grocery store and filling station. Now doing good business.
- 15—STATE ROAD—New house, 4 rooms, hall and bath. City water, oil furnace, large lot.
- 1—GRAND BOULEVARD—5 room brick dwelling, bath, full size basement, large lot.
- 50—3 bedroom framed dwelling, 15 acres land located on old Shulls Mills Road.
- 76—New 3 very large bed rooms, bath, ample closet space all cedar lined, basement, large scenic lot located near highway 421 in East Boone.
- 75—POPLAR GROVE—4 room cabin, 3 acre tract \$2,500
- 74—RUTHERWOOD—10 acres, good road, 6 room dwelling, bath, outbuildings, some good pine timber.
- 72—VALLE CRUCIS—300 acre farm, 2 good dwellings, all farm machinery, some good saw timber, all fully fenced, 25 head good cattle. Now is the time to buy good farm land.
- 67—JUST EAST OF BOONE—5 acres fertile land, 5 room dwelling, bath, all fully furnished. Immediate occupancy \$15,000.
- 100—5 room dwelling located on banks of Watauga river, 250 feet on paved road \$3,500
- 96—About one acre level lot located on paved road in Perkinsville \$2,750
- 2—PINE STREET—3 bedroom rock dwelling, full size basement, bath on main floor and in basement, large lot on paved street.
- 57—MAIN STREET near college—4 bedroom framed dwelling, bath, basement, furnace hot air heat. Lot 75 x 110. Now \$12,500—a real buy!
- 77—HARDIN PARK—Now 5 room brick dwelling, bath, basement, oil furnace, car port, large lot, beautiful setting.
- 67—TODD—Good 7 room house and 30 acres land, some good saw timber. Fronting on paved road \$10,500.
- 93—NEAR HIGHWAY 321 on Aho Road—5 room dwelling, 2 acres land with good trout stream just back of house, bath and outbuildings. \$5,500.
- 59—HOWARDS CREEK—18 acres good level land, 6 room dwelling, oak floors \$5,500
- 99—MIDDLE FORK—3 bedroom cottage, bath, 1 acre lot ... \$5,000
- 13—SILVERSTONE—4 acre tract with 6 room dwelling, 5-10 tobacco base, barn \$5,500
- 8—STATE ROAD—5 room framed dwelling, bath, city water, large lot \$6,250
- 61-62—GOOD 9 ROOM FRAMED DWELLING, bath, 1 acre lot fronting highway 421 near Cove Creek High School. Also 15 acres located on Isaacs Branch near Cove Creek. 5-10 tobacco base.

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