

Watauga Pioneered In Aerial Fertilization

North Carolina agriculture is taking one more step into the air age through the use of airplanes to fertilize rugged mountain pasture land.

Farmers in Watauga County pioneered in aerial topdressing two years ago. Haywood and Ashe farmers are trying the practice this spring. Farmers in Madison and several other counties are showing interest in the idea.

Sam Dobson, extension pasture specialist at North Carolina State College, believes that aerial topdressing has a good chance of becoming a standard practice in Western North Carolina.

"We have 500,000 acres of land that could benefit from aerial topdressing," Dobson said. "This is cleared and fenced land that is now averaging about 1,000 pounds of hay annually," he explained. "With proper lime and fertilizer it could produce 3,000 to 3,500 pounds."

Dobson pointed out that many mountain pastures have never been fertilized because of their ruggedness or inaccessibility. Other pastures are fertilized only with great difficulty. Farmers

At Cherry Point



JOE H. ELLER

Lackland AFB, Tex.—Airman Joe H. Eller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard B. Eller of Vilas, N. C., has been assigned to a unit of the Air Defense Command at Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station, N. C., for training and duty as a vehicle operator. He recently completed basic military training here.

Airman Eller is a graduate of Cove Creek High School.

Airmen assigned directly to a duty station from basic training at Lackland will receive on-the-job training under highly-qualified technical specialists. Airmen are selected for these assignments on the basis of their interests, aptitudes, and the needs of the Air Force.

Personnel assigned directly to a duty station are immediately integrated into operational or training units of the USAF Aerospace Force.

Swedish radio ship got equipment from U. S.

Method found to gauge impact of arms cuts.

Parkway School News

The Parkway School held a spelling bee last week. This was in connection with the Watauga county spelling bee.

Gay Pitts, from Mrs. Mary Sue Todd's room, was the fourth grade winner. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arl Pitts.

Sandra Cooke, from Mr. Arlie Moretz's room, was the fifth grade winner. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Cooke.

The winner for the sixth grade was Merle Todd from Mrs. Pearl McNeill's room. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Todd.

The winner for the seventh grade was Nancy Bodenhamer from Mrs. Lucille Barnett's room. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bodenhamer.

Geneva Green, from Mr. Earl Greene's room, was the eighth grade winner. She was also the school champion. She will represent our school in the county spelling bee.

Pre-School Clinic

Our pre-school clinic will be held at the school May 4. Information blanks have already been sent out to the parents. We would like to have these returned as soon as possible. Contact the school if you have a child to enter school this fall and did not get a blank.

Student Teacher

Miss Elmira Crouse from Appalachian State Teachers College and Lexington is doing student teaching with Mrs. Lovely Danner in the fourth grade.

Half The Farm Payment Ready As Soon As Producer Signs

Up to half of the payment to be earned on a farm under the 1961 feed grain program will be available as soon as the producer signs up under the program, Vaughn Tugman, chairman County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee, said this week. He pointed out that this program provision should be of substantial benefit to growers who can use some extra ready cash during the spring planting season.

The feed grain program offers payments to corn producers who divert acreage from the 1961 production of these crops to a soil-conserving use. While the program is voluntary, farmers who grow corn must cooperate by diverting at least a minimum acreage in order to be eligible for price support on the normal production of their 1961 crop corn acreage, and also on any of the other feed grains—barley, oats, and rye.

The chairman explained that payments under the feed grain program will be in the form of negotiable certificates, which may be redeemed either in grain or cash equivalent of grain. This county has two average rates of payment per acre for corn. One rate will be based on 50 percent, and the other on 60 percent, of the county normal yield per acre times the county support rate. Farm payment rates will vary according to the farm's productivity in relation to the county average productivity and the number of acres diverted.

The minimum acreage for diversion from corn will be figured from the "farm base"—determined from the total acreage on the farm used in producing this crop in 1959 and 1960. The minimum reduction is 20 percent of the base, and the maximum depends upon the size of the farm base.

Farmers who are interested in participating in the 1961 feed grain program are urged to get in touch with the county ASC office immediately for further information.

Father Of Mrs. Hughes Is Dead

Funeral services were held Sunday at Dunn for Hugh W. Prince, 64, prominent Dunn merchant and civic leader who died Friday after suffering two heart attacks earlier in the day.

Mr. Prince was the father of Mrs. Preston Hughes of Boone.

A former chairman of the Harnett County Board of Education and a former member of the City Board of Commissioners, Mr. Prince is survived by Mrs. Hughes, his wife, two sons, and three other daughters; also a sister.

Appalachian College Will Be Represented At Conference

Appalachian State Teachers College will be represented at the Southern Division Music Educators Conference this week end at Asheville by Dr. William G. Spencer, head of the Music Department; Charles L. Isley, band director; and Miss Elizabeth Fox, state sponsor of the Student MENC.

Students who expect to attend are Susie Ford, Millie Elliott, Aurelia Cannon, Judy McCurry, Joanne Haigler, Faye Davis, James

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Burgess Store Well Received

A throng of well-wishers, customers and curious attended the re-opening of the Burgess Furniture Store Friday and Saturday, store manager, Vaughn Roten reported. The new store seemed to be well received by visitors, he said, and reported an enthusiastic response to registration and contest entry for prizes.

The opening event will continue until the 28th, Mr. Roten said. "We want to thank the people who have made our re-opening such a big success for us," Mr. Roten said, "and we're looking forward to seeing many more of our friends this week."

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy shown us during the illness and death of our dear wife and mother, Mrs. Cora Craig, also for the beautiful flowers and food.—W. C. Craig, the children and grandchildren.

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George C. Arney, Operator

Pre-School Meeting Set

Children in the Boone Elementary School District who will be entering the first grade this summer or in August will be registered at the Appalachian Elementary School Tuesday evening, April 25, at seven o'clock, it was announced by Principal John T. Howell. Any child who will be six years old on or before October 16 should be registered, he said.

One or both parents will be expected to be present on the evening of the twenty-fifth, as all first graders will be enrolled. There will be a program for the parents lasting about one hour. Parents should not bring their child with them.

Parents should bring with them the child's birth certificate, a record of his immunizations, and a record of the diseases he has had, Mr. Howell said. All other information can be supplied at the meeting.

"This is a very important meeting," Mr. Howell said, "for the parents and teachers. Pre-school and first grade requirements will be discussed and the number of teachers needed for the first grade will be determined."

Traffic Toll

Raleigh—The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a. m. Monday, April 17, 1961:

Killed to date: 280.

Killed to date last year: 288.

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Many Democrats Attend Dinner

Among those from Watauga county attending the Jefferson-Jackson day dinner in Raleigh Saturday were: Bob Allen, George Thomas, Hooper Hendrix, J. D. Winebarger and J. C. Goodnight.

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