

192 Farmers In Chowan Benefit By 1951 Farm Program

575 Acres of Permanent Pastures Established During Year

Under the 1951 Agricultural Conservation Program 192 farmers in Chowan County were given assistance for the establishment of 575 acres of permanent pastures. Assistance given represented approximately 50 per cent of the cost of the materials with the farmers doing all of the work. W. A. Harrell, chairman of the County PMA Committee, reports with pride that this average represents additional grazing land for the increasing number of livestock in the county. Not only in this county but throughout the State, farmers are taking advantage of assistance offered through the ACP to aid them in establishing more and better permanent pastures.

Through the ACP, more and more farmers in the State have come to realize that livestock is assuming a greater importance each year in their

farming system. This has brought about an increased emphasis on permanent pasture, not only for use as feed but for its recognized value as a soil-improving and soil-saving measure.

Mr. Harrell stated that conservation practices, encouraged by the ACP, have increased the yield of pasture and forage crops, which is reflected in current production of livestock and livestock products. The lime, phosphates and other plant foods, which have been used by farmers through cooperating in the ACP, has stimulated soil improvement through grasses and legumes and has helped to build up these pastures to their present high yields.

The ACP is not only a farmer's program but it is a consumer's program as well—for it is the consumer's assurance of an adequate supply of food and fibre to fulfill all of his needs. Shortages of food is the greatest economic problem in the world today. Abundant production here, at home gives us a strong tool in our efforts to promote peace in the world.

Farmers in 1951, through increasing the acreage of pastures and other conserving crops through the ACP, bolstered the defense effort by producing the greatest agricultural output in history. This was done in spite of adverse weather conditions and shrinking labor force.

Our farmers are "defense plants" just as much as the factories turning

out weapons are "defense plants." Mr. Harrell stresses that we must continue to increase production and also we must conserve our soil for this and future generations.

Farmers may now obtain assistance for carrying out needed conservation practices under the 1952 ACP. Conservation practices included in the Chowan County Handbook of Practices are those practices which will maintain or increase soil fertility, control and prevent soil erosion caused by wind or water, conserve pasture forage, conserve and improve farm woodland and also assist in making possible the production of agricultural commodities needed in the defense, effort.

Mr. Harrell suggests that all farmers visit the county PMA office as early as possible to discuss their conservation needs with the County PMA Committee.

Farm Management Course Planned

Discussions on a variety of subjects will be presented in the Farm Management Short Course to be held at North Carolina State College from February 5 through 8.

The subjects include the outlook for 1952, farm records, chemical weed control, farm machinery, labor management and supervision, leasing arrangements, production of livestock, control of insects and diseases, and long-range adjustments needed in North Carolina agriculture.

The course is designed for professional farm managers, representatives of banks who handle farm loans, and farmers who desire to learn more about farm management in order to make the farm into a more profitable business unit. It is sponsored by the Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, the college's Department of Agricultural Economics, and the Division of College Extension.

Persons desiring to attend should submit application as early as possible. The registration fee is \$5. Further information is available from local county agents or from Eugene Starnes, Division of College Extension, State College Station, Raleigh.

Several tours will be made during the four-day course.

W. H. Pierce, C. B. Ratchford, M. S. Williams and H. B. James will serve as chairmen for various phases of the program. All discussion will be led by members of the School of Agriculture faculty and staff.

Bees May Starve Unless Cared For

Dead bees don't store honey. So, if you want a honey crop this year, Mr. Farmer, you'd better be sure your bees don't die of starvation.

This is pointed out by W. A. Stephen, beekeeping specialist for the State College Extension Service, who says strong colonies are the ones

that make the honey crop. "From now on until we get that crop we must guard against starvation," asserts the specialist.

Stephen says mild weather has caused brood-rearing to start much earlier this year than usual. For the beekeeper this means many more young bees for the early honey flow, but it also means heavy consumption of the food stores that were intended to winter the colonies.

The beekeeper must watch to see that these stores don't run too low. There should never be less than 15 to 20 pounds of honey in the hive at any one time.

If the stores get lower than this, Stephen suggests, the bees should be fed sugar and syrup made up of two parts to one part of boiling water.

"Brood rearing requires a lot of food," says the specialist. "It would be quite possible for the bees to starve before the beekeeper became aware of a shortage of food."

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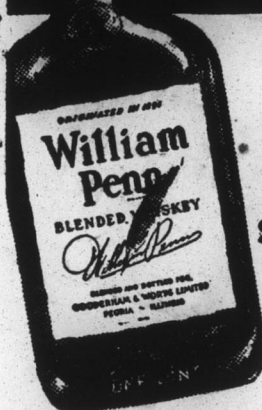
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Yugoslavia Family Stranded In Edenton

Mr. and Mrs. Antone Fleith and their five children, Yugoslavia refugees, presented a pathetic sight at the bus station Wednesday night of last week. The family was stranded after being sent to Columbia by a New York organization in expectation of finding work on a farm. They arrived in Edenton on their way back to New York and as they occupied the bus station their plight aroused the sympathy of onlookers.

It was learned the father could

speak German, so that an Edenton woman held a conversation with him, saw to it that the family was provided a meal and contributions were secured to send the family on its way to New York.

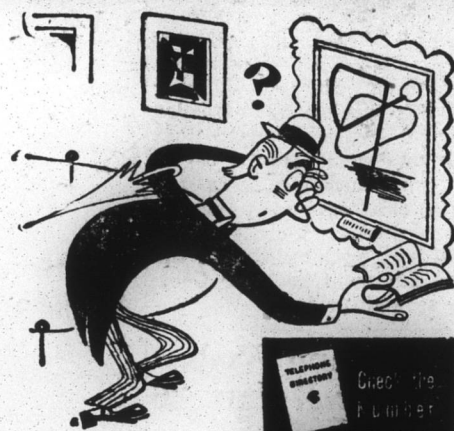


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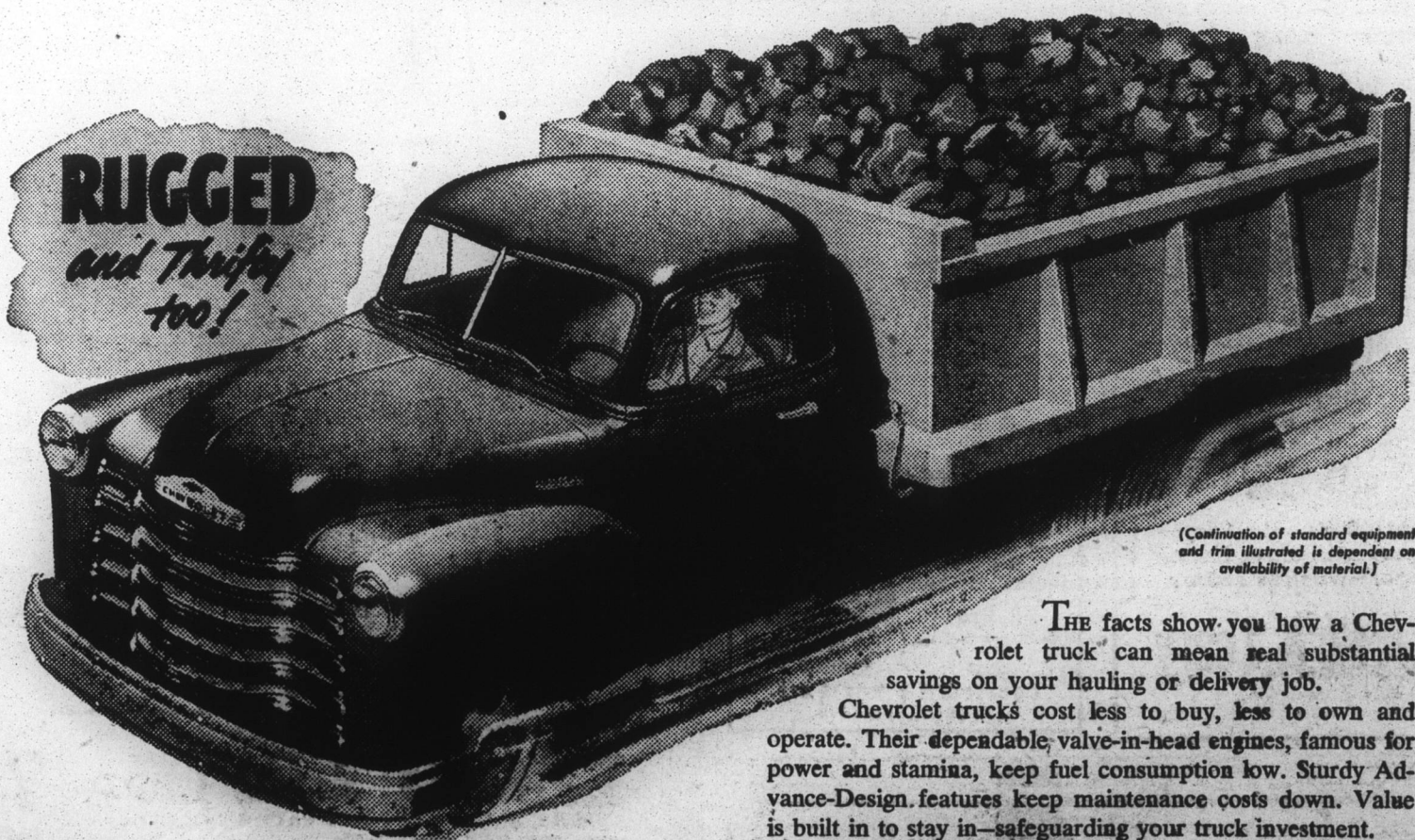
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