

# More Planning Urged In Diverting Farmland To Non-Agricultural Uses

Within a few decades will North Carolina's best farmland be covered with cotton or concrete, houses or Herefords? These are questions that Frank Doggett, extension soil conservation specialist at N. C. State College, would like to see more North Carolinians thinking about.

By considering the problems of what he calls the "urbanization of productive farmland" now, Doggett believes that North Carolina can avoid some of the mistakes in land use made by other states.

"We'll still be a basically agricultural state," Doggett says. "But our time for planning is running out."

Doggett, as most North Carolinians, likes to see new factories, highways, golf courses, airports, and housing developments going up. And he is convinced that North Carolina has plenty of room for them, as well as for agriculture.

But he is concerned about urban developments on choice agricultural land while less valuable land around them remains undeveloped.

Superhighways require 60 to 70 acres of land per mile. This is equal to the acreage found in an average North Carolina farm.

Nationally, about 1,000,000 acres of productive farmland are being diverted each year to nonagricultural uses. In the past 15 years, the Atlantic Seaboard states from Virginia to Maine have lost from 10 to 25

per cent of their cultivable land to city developments. Usually, it is the good, durable farmland that makes the best building sites. Level farmland involves lower construction costs, less troublesome drainage and water disposal problems, easier highway grades or topping for long airport runways.

While productive farmland is being put to other uses, the population of North Carolina and the United States continues to climb rapidly.

"Each 30 days enough people are added to these United States to populate a city the size of Raleigh, Asheville, Greenville, Lumberton and Rocky Mount combined," Doggett said.

"By 1966 or 1967, the population of North Carolina is expected to reach 5,000,000. In 1900, the population of the entire United States was only 5,300,000.

In order to help assure that this growing population can be adequately fed, along with having their other land use requirements met, Doggett pointed out that the Soil Conservation Service is preparing soil-use maps.

Some cities and counties are employing a soil scientist to assist their planning boards and commissions. In many places the problem of non-farm use of farmland is being attacked by a committee composed of representatives of agriculture, industry, city and county government.

# Disease And Starvation Imperil Australia's Living Teddy Bears

The koala, Australia's living teddy bear, faces extinction. And there seems to be nothing the shy little creature can do about it.

Millions of koalas once scurried about Australian forests. Trappers, fires and illness have wiped out most of them. Disease and slow starvation now threaten some 5,000 survivors, the National Geographic Society reports.

The koala is susceptible to a variety of ailments; a fungus

has claimed many in recent months. Human encroachment is destroying many eucalyptus trees, the koala's sole source of food.

**Lives In Trees**

Though often called a bear, the koala (*Phascolarctos cinereus*) is not related to bears. It is an arboreal marsupial—a pouched mammal that spends most of its time in trees.

The koala has large bushy ears, button-bright eyes, a black leathery nose, fluffy gray fur,

## Ring Around Coffee Cake



"Round" about breakfast time, here's a tender delicious coffee cake you'll be delighted to serve. This delicately orange-flavored muffin ring sports a crisp crumble topping, drizzled with confectioners' sugar icing for extra goodness.

For real early-risers, bake Ring Around Coffee Cake the evening before to warm in the oven next morning before serving. It's quickly prepared in the morning as well, requiring only 25 to 30 minutes baking time.

With this coffee ring and other quick breads, self-rising flour is the reason for their double-quickness. Leavening and salt are pre-measured and added to the flour to give you optimum results in all your baking. And don't forget those important nutrients — thiamine, niacin, riboflavin, calcium and iron — that enrichment of the flour provides, to make these home-baked breads as good for you as they are good to eat.

### RING AROUND COFFEE CAKE

- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 cups sifted enriched self-rising flour
- 1 teaspoon grated orange rind
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup enriched self-rising flour
- 1/2 cup enriched bread crumbs
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 cups sifted enriched self-rising flour
- 1 teaspoon grated orange rind
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup cinnamon
- 1/2 cup soft butter or margarine

Beat egg slightly. Stir in milk and butter or margarine. Sift together sugar and flour. Add liquid ingredients to dry ingredients and add orange rind, stirring only until all flour is moistened. Pour into well-greased 9-inch ring mold. Sprinkle with Crumble Topping. Bake in moderate oven (375°F.) 25 to 30 minutes. Cool on rack 5 minutes. Remove from pan. When cool, drizzle confectioners' sugar icing over Crumble Topping.

and no tail. A full-grown specimen may measure slightly over two feet and weigh about 20 pounds.

At birth, however, koalas are remarkably small. The newborn marsupial is scarcely three-fourth of an inch long and weighs only a fifth of an ounce. Though her offspring are tiny, a female almost invariably has only one young at a time. Twins are rare.

After eight months in its mother's pouch, the koala emerges fully furred. The mother carries her baby on her back for another four months, and hugs it close to her when it is tired or cold.

Koalas are solitary and un-aggressive, but they may scratch or bite when handled. If frightened, the young make a whimpering noise. In mating season, adult males utter hoarse cries that have been compared to the sound of a handsaw cutting thin wood.

Clumsy on the ground, the koala is an excellent tree climber. Its fingers are strongly nailed, and it ascends trees by putting both arms and legs around the trunk and hunching upward. A fatally wounded koala may remain clinging to a tree for sometime after death.

Koalas eat only foliage from a dozen species of eucalyptus (gum) trees. They become ac-

# Lenders Increase Participation In Aid To Students

The number of consumer educational loans granted by banks doubled over the past two years, and the dollar volume more than tripled, according to a recently completed survey by Changing Times, the Kiplinger Magazine.

Of the 841 regular commercial banks that responded to the Changing Times survey, 117 reported that they had set up educational loan programs, most of them within the last three years. Another 95 said they were considering plans. In the two years from 1959 to 1961, the number of consumer educational loans granted by the banks in the survey jumped from 5,000 to more than 13,000; the dollar volume rose from \$12,301,000 to \$37,324,000, not including the sizable amount of money lent by banks for educational purposes as a part of their regular personal loan operation, or the amount disbursed by nonbank financial agencies that specialize in educational loans.

Reporting on the survey in the current issue of the magazine, the editors state that most lenders are enthusiastic about their programs, and that all indications are that commercial loans for college will mushroom and will soon be operating in a market that runs into the hundreds of millions.

"To make their program pay, though, the lenders say they need much more volume and so are going heavy on promotion and advertising," the editors note. "As a result, loans are offered under a bewildering variety of names . . . and aces and terms are buried under a flood of selling clichés."

The new commercial loans for education are, for the most part, reasonable competitive programs, Changing Times points out. "These loans are not 'aid.' They are commercial transactions like car loans, based on profit."

Whether a student should use them depends on his particular problem, the editors advise. "Obviously you should canvas all sources of help. If you can obtain a scholarship or a long-term, low-interest loan, fine. If not perhaps a commercial loan will do."

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## Pork Chops with a Sweet and Sour Sauce



Pork chops are a very good and economical buy at this time of year. In the recipe here, the chops are marinated in a sweet and sour sauce, made with Knorr Cream of Mushroom Soup Mix, which counteracts the richness of the pork, and gives it a marvelous flavor, too.

Serve the chops with green beans and mashed sweet potatoes.

**Marinated Pork Chops**

- 1 envelope Knorr Cream of Mushroom Soup Mix
- 2 cups water
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 4 pork chops (1-inch thick)
- 2 tablespoons Mazola Corn Oil (about)

Empty soup mix into saucepan. Gradually stir in water. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Reduce heat; partially cover and simmer 5 minutes. Remove from heat; cool. Stir in vinegar and sugar. Arrange chops in shallow dish. Spoon cooled sauce over chops; cover. Let marinate in refrigerator 2 to 3 hours, turning once and spooning sauce over chops.

Heat corn oil in skillet over low heat. Remove chops from marinade, reserving marinade, and cook in corn oil, turning once, until lightly browned on both sides. Drain if necessary, then arrange in shallow baking dish. Spoon marinade over chops. Cover. Bake in 350°F. (moderate) oven, basting once, until meat is tender, 45 to 60 minutes. Makes 4 servings.

### Mashed Sweet Potatoes

- 1 (16 to 17 ounce) can sweet potatoes
- 3 tablespoons Mazola Margarine
- 2 tablespoons orange juice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

Mash sweet potatoes in saucepan. Add remaining ingredients and cook over low heat, stirring occasionally, until thoroughly heated. Beat until fluffy. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

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only to students from Franklin, Halifax and Warren Counties who can meet the standards of the University of North Carolina and continue to do so after receiving the grant.

Mrs. Pleasants was born on the Belmont Plantation in Warren County and lived a great deal of her life in Louisville where she died on February 12, 1959. She is buried in the Oaklawn Cemetery there.

Miss Lula Belle Fuller visited Mr. and Mrs. Lyle P. Jacobs on Sunday afternoon.

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