

### Highway Right Of Way Procedures Explained To Lions

How the State obtains right of way for building new highways, a subject very much in the news recently, was explained to members of the Southern Pines Lions Club last Friday night by E. O. Brogden, local attorney and former assistant counsel in the State Highway Commission.

Brogden explained the old laws of eminent domain and how it operates, and the newer ones that had to be adopted because of the state's tremendous road-building projects in the past decade.

He cited the various steps that a landowner could take if he does not agree with the State in the ultimate cost of the land acquisition and the procedures he must take to obtain proper payment.

At the meeting W. O. Spence and W. L. Baker gave a report on the recent broom sale conducted by the club for the benefit of local blind work. The sale, they reported, was a tremendous success and they thanked each purchaser for his part in helping the drive.

### FARM FEDERATION LEADER SAYS

## Gasoline Tax Refunds Available To County Farmers To Tune of \$25,000

T. Clyde Auman, of West End, president of the Moore County Farm Bureau Federation, said today that if more farmers in this county took advantage of a recent piece of legislation, they would save an estimated \$25,000 this year.

In a communication to The Pilot, Auman said that legislation passed by the federal government this year had made the savings possible through tax refunds payable to farmers who use vehicles in their work.

Auman's letter, reprinted in part, said:

"The farmer, no matter what crop he grows, is a proprietor of the land in the same way that a businessman is the owner of an industry.

"But for a long time the laws of this country did not treat him that way. It was only when farmers became organized that they were able to get equal considerations with business and industry.

"In North Carolina in recent

years there have been numerous examples of these equalizing forces at work. One of the more recent is the equalization of farm machinery tax with that on industrial equipment. A bill to do this was sponsored by the North Carolina Farm Bureau in the last session of the General Assembly. It has resulted in an annual saving of \$1 million to the state's farmers.

"The result of taxation is one in which the abuses of mis-use often appear. Probably the most flagrant of all tax inequities, as far as farmers were concerned, was the levy in effect for many years on farm used gasoline. When the original federal gasoline tax was passed in 1932, as an emergency measure, there were no provisions for the exemption of fuel used in farm machinery.

"But gasoline is a major source of production supply.

"So ran Farm Bureau's argument favoring exemption of farm-used gasoline from federal tax. Farmers through their Farm Bureau organization for a long time contended that gasoline was to the farm what diesel fuel is to the railroads or what electricity is to makers of aluminum.

"Therefore, gasoline used on the farm, and all other non-highway used gasoline, should not be taxed for road-building purposes. It was not until this last session of Congress that a bill was passed providing for such exemptions.

"Farm Bureau made of this federal tax a major issue in 1955 when a mammoth federal highway building program was under consideration by Congress. Legislators at the time were considering a bill that would increase the federal gasoline tax from two to three cents per gallon highway expansion. That bill was defeated.

"A similar bill was passed this year, however—after the federal tax on non-highway used gasoline was repealed. Press reports at the time of the repeal indicated it would save farmers over the nation in the neighborhood of \$60 million, but those estimates did not take into account the later tax increase, to three cents per gallon.

"For Moore County farmers, provided they file for the federal tax refund, savings are estimated at close to twenty-five thousand dollars."

The first students to be admitted to the School of Nursing entered the University of North Carolina in Sept. 1955.

### FHA Operating Loan Service Is Undergoing Change

New legislation has increased the number of farm families who are eligible to obtain operating loans from the Farmers Home Administration, W. B. Hill, the agency's county supervisor, said today.

The new law increases the maximum amount that can be advanced, and as a part of the Rural Development Program makes loans available when the farmer has part-time employment off the farm.

Operating loans are made for the purchase of machinery, livestock, equipment, fertilizer, seed, tractor fuel and other farm and home operating expenses.

Under this new law loans will also be available to applicants who have part-time employment off the farm, provided they are established farmers conducting substantial farming operations and spending the major portion of their time farming.

The Farmers Home Administration county committee will determine the eligibility of each applicant. The committee is composed of three men, two of whom must be farmers. In Moore County the committeemen are W. Ernest Horne, Route 3, Carthage; Colin G. Spencer, Jr., Carthage; and J. Sam Blue, Route 3, Carthage.

Additional information regarding these loans may be obtained at the Farmers Home Administration office in the basement of the Courthouse in Carthage. The office is open from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. on Monday through Friday.

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Fulk began his conservation farming in 1941. He was the 95th person that received assistance and advice from the Soil Conservation Service in Moore County. Since then, Bost recently pointed out, 1,081 have been helped.

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### James F. Fulk Is Appointed To SCS

James F. Fulk, Route 3, Carthage, has been appointed a supervisor of the Upper Cape Fear Soil Conservation District, it was announced this morning by Herbert F. Bost of Eagle Springs, chairman.

Fulk's appointment came after a meeting of the district supervisors and will cover a three year

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