

# A Page Devoted To The Interest of Haywood Farmers

## Agriculture Leaders Say New Farm Program Is Best Ever Devised

### New Soil Conservation Program Best Ever Devised For All-around Farm Development

Agriculture leaders here say the new soil conservation program is the best plan ever devised for all-around farm development.

If the program is carried out only in part, it will be a waste of money, they say. The program is a new departure in the history of agriculture in this country. It is a plan for the future, and it is a plan that will benefit the farmer in the long run.

The nature of the new program makes it applicable to every farm in the state, and the dean in urging all farmers to take part in it so they can share in its benefits.

The program will give the farmers direct financial aid in the form of payments for limiting their production of soil-depleting crops and for carrying out various soil-building and conserving practices.

From 15 to 20 million dollars will be available for distribution this year in soil-conservation grants to North Carolina farmers.

Indirectly, it will aid them financially by preventing the production of price-raising surpluses, by increasing the efficiency of farming, and by stimulating the live-at-home movement.

The soil-building practices, if followed generally, will greatly increase the fertility of the soil within the next few years, the dean pointed out, and this will make possible a more economic and efficient production of crops.

By checking erosion in the mountain and Piedmont areas and by reclaiming worn-out land, he continued, the program will reverse the soil-ravaging processes that have been going on for years. This will help safeguard the future of agriculture and the Nation.

The program will encourage balanced farming so as to avoid the over-production of certain crops to the neglect of others. It will also encourage the farmers to produce at home, as much as possible, the things needed on the farm.

By stimulating the production of forage and feed crops, the program will give an impetus to dairying and the production of beef cattle, the dean pointed out.

The state needs more dairy and beef cattle, he emphasized.

An increase in timber production and land reclamation through reforestation will also follow. This year reforestation of fields which have been in cultivation will probably count as a soil-building practice for which payments will be made.

The dean also announced that Sec-

retary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace has appointed a state committee of representative farmers to help determine certain policies of the new program.

At the same time, he said, before the program is carried out, it is necessary to determine the type of program that will be most beneficial to the farmer. This will be done by the state committee.

The dean said that with such a plan, the farmer will be able to produce more and better crops, and he will be able to live on his own land.

## Screw Worm Is Fatal To Stock

Farmers along the southern border of North Carolina are being warned to look out for screw worm infestations of their livestock when the weather gets warmer.

Screw fly maggots, a source of much trouble in states further south, appeared in a number of southern North Carolina counties last summer, said L. I. Case, animal husbandman at State College.

The maggots are hatched from eggs laid in wounds or scratches in the skin of farm animals by the screw fly. If the wounds are not treated, and the maggots killed, the animals often die in a short time.

Unlike blow fly maggots, which feed on dead tissue, screw fly maggots burrow into the living tissue. Wounds infested with screw worms give off a bloody discharge. Blow fly maggots do not cause bleeding.

In infested localities, farmers should not ear-mark, castrate or dehorn cattle in warm weather except when absolutely necessary, Case warned. If it is necessary, be sure to apply pine tar oil to the wounds at once, and every day until they are healed.

Examine the animals frequently for scratches or other wounds, which should be treated with pine tar oil. Remove from barns, lots and pastures all nails, wire, broken boards, or other objects that may cause flesh or skin wounds.

Any animal found infested with screw worms should be treated immediately. Instructions for the treatment may be obtained by writing L. I. Case, animal husbandry department, N. C. State College.

Question: How long after males have been removed from the poultry flock will fertile eggs be produced?

Answer: In exceptional cases, fertility has been known to persist for a period of four weeks. In general, however, the bulk of eggs are infertile from two to three weeks after the males have been removed.

# COUNTY AGENTS' COLUMN



W. D. SMITH

The county agent's column is a new feature in this paper. It is a place where the county agent can give the farmers the news of the day. It is a place where the farmers can get the news of the day. It is a place where the farmers can get the news of the day.

In order to comply with the new farm program we can increase our tobacco acreage over our allotment of last year 10 per cent or saying it another way we are expected to reduce 30 per cent from our established base. It is to be expected that Haywood county farmers do not depend too much on burley for a cash crop this year.

It seems that many of our people do not understand the meaning of Demonstration Farms and Watershed project. Some have the idea that all that you have to do is to come to the county agent's office and ask for so many bags of fertilizer and that they should get it. The TVA is not giving away fertilizer, on the other hand the TVA is looking to every farmer to stop erosion on his farm. On certain farms in Haywood county farm programs have been worked out which we believe will eventually stop erosion and build up the farm. These programs have been submitted to the TVA and approved. To encourage this kind of work the TVA can give certain assistance. Many farmers in Haywood county are eligible to apply for assistance in building up their farms. We are out of blanks right now but we expect more blanks in an early date. Any farmer who wants to apply for assistance may do so. We have approved 74 farms as Demonstration Farms. We have approved 47 farms in Iron Duff watershed. We people of Haywood county should appreciate the co-operation and assistance that the TVA is giving us.

Our trucking program is not getting the consideration from our best farmers that it should. We know that there were mistakes and mismanagement in last year's program. We have eliminated these things. This year we do not want any farmer to sign a contract who will not give the crop his careful attention. We do want our good conscientious farmers to give this a trial this year. We know that we can get production if

new day that is ahead for the farmers of America.

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We suggest that farmers who are interested in the new farm program should understand it before they produce anything or not.

Examine your tobacco beds. It is possible that the recent cold weather has killed all your plants. If this is the case what are you going to do for a cash crop. We suggest that every tobacco grower consider putting out some tomatoes or beans or both to make a supplemental cash crop.

We hope that every farmer of Haywood county will be at the court house at 2:00 Monday afternoon, April 13. Mr. L. B. Altman from Raleigh will be here to explain the New Farm Program. We also invite to this meeting any business man who wants to understand the new program and

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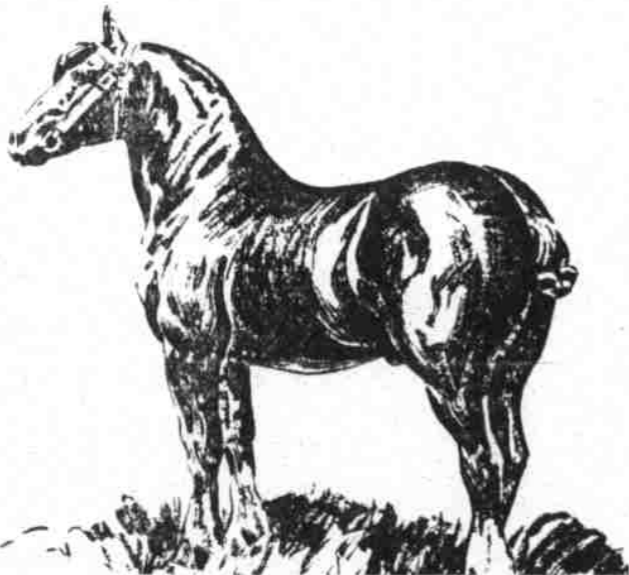
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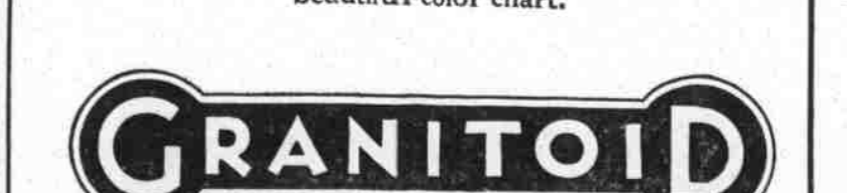
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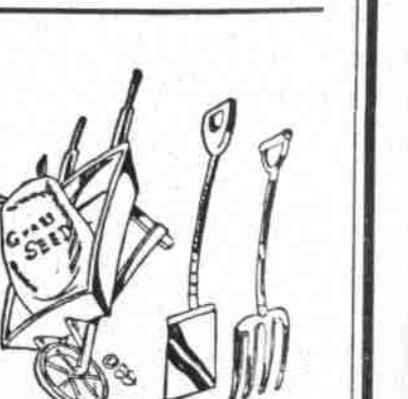
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