

A Page Devoted To The Interest of Haywood Farmers

Officials Urge More Acreage Be Planted In Tomatoes And Beans For Local Cannery

Unless Sufficient Acreage Is Contracted, Likelihood That Funds Will Be Diverted

By W. D. Smith.
Owing to the lateness of the season, farmers who expect to grow beans or tomatoes for the local cannery should sign a contract now so that plans can be completed for the season's operation.

The citizens of Haywood county who sponsored this industry did it knowing that what was needed in this community was a steady and consistent market for truck crops. The TVAC was induced to assist the local people in establishing a cannery and truck crop marketing facility. They have furnished money and men without cost to the growers to assist the local people in building up and making this program a success.

The management of TVAC had no selfish motives in this, their only aim being to help establish co-operative enterprise in Western North Carolina which would eventually build itself into a sound business owned and operated by farmers. For three successive seasons TVAC has been willing to advance large sums of money to promote this enterprise. Many farmers have not seemed interested; therefore, the management of TVAC informs us that unless the farmers show interest and sufficient acreage is contracted this year to make this program a success, they themselves may become disinterested, which means that the funds now in use in an attempt to build up this enterprise may be withdrawn and placed elsewhere.

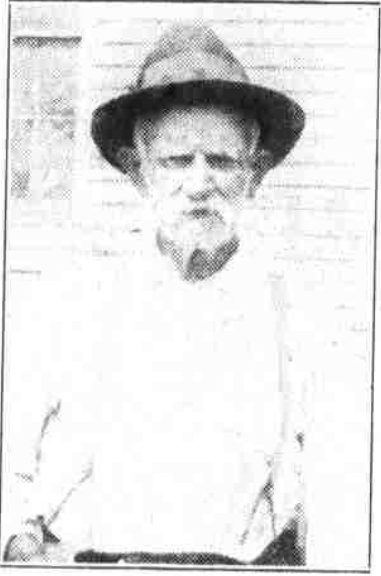
Are you going to let this opportunity for building a market and a business of your own slip by or are you going to back it up so that the continued support of TVAC will be forthcoming?

In order for a farmer to back this movement, all that is necessary for him to do is to agree to produce an acre of either beans or tomatoes, to follow the instructions given by the local County Agent and the Extension Department, and to deliver same to the specified place. The local organization, assisted by TVAC through the Land O' The Sky Mutual Association will do the rest. Seed will be furnished at cost; loans can be made for fertilizer through your County Agent's office; and plans are being made to assist you in transporting your crops to the cannery, provided, however, sufficient tonnage can be realized along any main highway to warrant the operation of trucks. You will get free assistance from your County Agent and the Extension Department that will help you to produce a maximum crop.

Farmers who plan to grow tomatoes should secure their contract immediately as they will be expected to grow their own tomato plants and we must get the seed in their hands between now and April 15, if the best results are to be obtained. Tomato seed will cost only 60¢ for each acre of tomatoes planted, and seed will be furnished and taken out of the crop in the fall.

Many good farmers have already signed contracts, but due to bad weather conditions and the inability of our field men to get over the territory, we ask that if you have not been contacted, come to the County Agent's office or the office of the Land O' The Sky Mutual Association and secure your contract before it is too late. The administrator of TVAC has already expressed himself that unless eighty per cent of the scheduled acreage be signed, no funds will be advanced for this purpose. Remember the old slogan "He who hesitates is lost." We are certain you would not want to see this business lost to the community; therefore, if

98 LAST MONDAY



J. W. Caldwell celebrated his 98th birthday Monday at the home of J. S. Price, on the Dellwood road.

Mr. Caldwell never complains, although he has been blind for six years, and is unable to sit up. While hard of hearing, he enjoys talking, and especially about history.

Erosion Control Is Part Of New N. C. Farm Program

Controlling erosion, the thief of fertile topsoil from thousands of acres in North Carolina, is a prominent feature of the new soil-improvement program.

The soil-building and conserving crops advocated under the new program serve to check erosion in several ways, said John W. Goodman, assistant director of the State College agricultural extension service.

While these crops are growing, he said, their roots form a thick mat which holds the soil particles in place. They also check the run-off of rain water by impeding its flow downhill and by increasing the capacity of the land to absorb water in large quantities.

Then after they have been plowed under, the building and conserving crops add organic matter to the soil that makes it soft and spongy. Rain soaks into such soil and is held for long periods.

Soil well filled with organic matter also has a greater tendency to remain in place than gritty sand or clay soils, Goodman pointed out.

When the soil absorbs large quantities of water, he continued, it prevents floods during heavy rains and keeps the land from drying out so completely when rainfall is scarce.

On an eight per cent slope, he added, a field on which nothing but corn is grown will lose 25 per cent of its rainfall by immediate run-off and an average of 67 tons of soil per acre through erosion each year.

But if the field is in a good soil-building crop, it will lose less than five per cent if its rainfall and only a few hundred pounds of soil per acre.

When corn, wheat, and clover are grown in rotation, the average run-off of rain water is less than half the amount from a field kept continually in corn, and the soil losses are only one-seventh as much.

Class Night Will Be Held At Bethel

Class Night at Bethel High School will be held Wednesday night, April 22, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. According to J. D. Freeman, who is in charge of the exercises, the Class Night exercises will be an innovation over those of the past in that they will be dramatic.

The Class Night program follows: Salutatorial address by Winifred Rigdon; Class History, Jeanette Cogburn, Class Flower, Edna Sorrells; Class Colors, Inez Cogburn; Class Will, Charles Beall; Class Grumbler, Glenn Hardin; Class Poem, Ruth Evans; Class Motto, Charles Frazier; Class Gifforian, Mae Burnette; Class Prophecy, Johnnie Grogan; Vaudeiety Address, Charles Osborne.

If one of these men has not already visited your home and you are desirous of backing up this program, please see him at once and sign up for whatever acreage you feel you can handle.

There have been appointed a number of regional field men whose names and locations are as follows:
J. B. Best Rock Spring
K. Allen Allen's Creek
L. Z. Messer Panther Creek
Ben Wright White Oak
Jim Caldwell Hemphill
R. H. Boone Francis Cove
Oder Burnett East Fork
John Holder Hyder Mountain
Jennings McCrary Big Branch
Frank Davis is general field man and would also be glad to accept your contract.

ADVOCATE OF BIRTH CONTROL
Representative P. L. Gassaway, Democrat, of Oklahoma, and father of fourteen children, seven surviving, announced last week that he favored birth control.

COUNTY AGENTS' COLUMN



W. D. SMITH

The County Agent will be at the following places this week, to discuss the New Farm Program. He will have application blanks ready for those who wish to sign up. This is such a big job that it is expected that every farmer will be present at his township meetings. At present there are only two of us trying to carry on the job in the field, therefore we must have close co-operation or we will not be able to get around. We will make an effort to hold other meetings next week.

Fines Creek Saturday, April 18, at 2:30 p. m.
Bethel Saturday, April 18, at 8:00 p. m.
We appreciate the large attendance.

that was out Monday for the meeting. Mr. Alford, our district agent, did a good job in explaining the New Farm program. We regret that more people were not out.

The County Agent's office is going to do everything possible to see that every farmer has an opportunity to understand the program before he goes too far with his crop plantings. If any one next fall fails to get what he thinks he should have then do not censor the County Agent. We are going to do our best to give every farmer an opportunity to understand what the program is by holding as many meetings as it is possible for us to do.

Activities Of The Home Demonstration Department

The Fall and Winter Garden contest results are not yet completely tabulated but good reports have come in and by next week the summary can be given.

The County Council of the Home Demonstration Clubs in Haywood county was organized at a meeting of the officers of the individual clubs and the Home Demonstration Agent Friday of last week. Officers of the council are Mrs. Reno, Beaverdam Club, Mrs. G. V. Howell, of the Jonathan Club and Mrs. Ketter, of Ivy Hill Club. Project leaders for the council will be elected at the meeting to be held the end of the month.

Plans are being made for the district meeting of the Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs to be held in Franklin May 19. Quite a number of Haywood county club women are planning to attend this meeting.

The 4-H County Council will meet Friday evening of this week at 7:30 at the Fines Creek school to make plans for the county clubs in May.

The Wild Life Conservation program which is being inaugurated for the stimulation of interest among farm boys and girls in the conservation of birds and animals and plants native to the woods and fields is open to all farm boys and girls, but is especially sponsored by 4-H Club leaders. A reward of a week with all expenses paid in a wild life camp to be held in September will be the prize awarded the forty boys and girls in the state who turn in the most outstanding records of accomplishments along this line between now and Aug. 1. Boys and girls who are interested should get in touch with their 4-H leaders for more detailed information, immediately. The requirements will include making a map of the farm, locating the birds, animals, and plants on the farm at different times of the summer, identifying them, and locating the feed available for them.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS ORGANIZED

On Friday afternoon, April 10, the members of the County Council met with the Home Demonstration Agent in the court house and organized, electing president, vice president, and secretary-treasurer.

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Farm Questions and Answers

Question: How soon should sexes be separated in growing chicks?

Answer: The separation should be made and females can be determined. With the Leghorns this can be determined in from four to six weeks with the American breeds. As the chicks grow, more floor space is required and unless this is provided the chicks will begin toe picking and feather pulling. When the chicks are overcrowded they are much more subject to disease and develop more slowly.

Question: I am informed that iodine is necessary in poultry feeds—could you advise me about this?

Answer: It is reputed that iodine has a value in feeding chickens, but, as yet, very little research work has been done to determine its value. A deficiency of iodine leads to goiter, but no goiter has been reported in fowl. Practically all poultry mashes contain iodized salt and oyster shell contain a certain quantity of the iodine which probably accounts for the lack of goiter in fowl.

The organization of Labor's Non-Partisan League, which has for its "1936 purpose," the re-election of President Roosevelt, is regarded in Washington as a significant undertaking that may be the precursor of an American labor party, or third party of labor, farmer, liberal and progressive elements.

Bethel Glee Club To Give Concert 17th

The first number in the Bethel High School commencement program will be rendered Friday night, April 17, at 7:30 o'clock, when Mrs. Ruth Tucker presents the glee club in a music recital. The following program will be rendered:

- Over the Waves, by Juventino Rosas, Evelyn Cagle.
- March of Boy Scout, by G. Martin, Coleman Hanson.
- Wearing the Green, by Brochard, Mary Penland.
- My Wild Irish Rose, by Oleott, Glee Club.
- Smiling Through, by Penn, Glee Club.
- Meditation, by Morrison, Ruth Evans.
- The Woodbine, by Smallwood, Joy Osborne.

- May Flowers, by Strean, by Mrs. West.
- Honey Bee Polka-Dust, by Mrs. West, Anna and Irma Long.
- The Black Hawk Waltz, by West, Jeanette Cogburn.
- Elizabeth Waltz, by G. Martin, Frances West.
- Sweet and Low, by Barr, Glee Club.
- The Goat Ride, by Boston, Edna West.
- Lucrezia Borgia, by Durbin, Justice.
- Waiting for the Maid, by Long, Anna Long.
- Hallowe'en Pranks, by G. Martin, Rozell Shumolis.
- At the Ball Game, by Reed, Edna Deaver.
- To Arms Duet, by Orth, Edna Frazier and Ruth Tucker.

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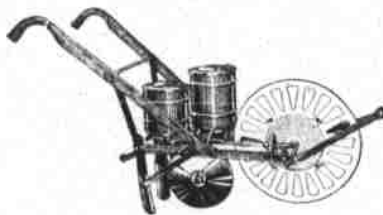
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