

House Committee Cuts Soil Conservation Fund Half Of Expected Amount

AAA Work in Haywood Ordered To Halt; Chance Seen For Farmer Refund

A nearly 50 per cent cut in the Department of Agriculture appropriation bill for soil conservation work was reported last week-end by the House of Representatives

appropriation committee, as one of the majority party economy measures. If the appropriation is passed as reported it will mean in Haywood county that there will be no further payments by the AAA for lime, phosphate or winter cover crops; and the strong possibility that payments already made by the AAA for the purchase of pasture

seed may have to be one-half repaid by the farmer. The appropriation is expected to be debated in the House this week and since the Republicans have a strong majority it is believed to have a good chance for passage. The administration and representatives from agricultural sections of the country, however, are expected to make a fight for increasing the appropriation.

When passed by the House the appropriation bill will be sent to the Senate and referred to the appropriation committee of that group. The Senate has not been as strong for economy as has the House and it is believed that the upper chamber will restore much of the conservation appropriation.

In view of the House committee recommendation, telegrams from G. T. Scott, state director of the production and marketing administration, have been sent to county AAA administrators in North Carolina stating:

"Until further notice issue no purchase orders for conservation materials and services. Cancel the purchase orders in hands of farmers and vendors on which work has not been started, in the case of services on which delivery has not been made, and in the case of material and seed. Until further notice suspend 1947 ACP sign-up, suspend substitution of practices on farm plans, and issue no further notice of minimum assistance for farm allowances."

Background for this order to suspend practices includes the basic organization of the soil conservation program.

It operates on a calendar year, from January 1 through December 31, while it is paid for by money that actually will not be provided by Congress until July.

Last year the AAA program operated on a national budget of approximately \$300,000,000. President Truman announced that he would submit a budget recommending the same amount for 1947, and one-third decrease in 1948. On this basis, the program was set up prior to January—on roughly the same scale as last year, with an estimated budget for Haywood county of \$65,289 for 1947 practices.

This \$65,289 has already been obligated, for pasture seed purchases, lime and phosphate, and the new tilling program. In addition, Haywood planned to spend more since in past years it had obtained additional funds from counties that did not spend the amount they had been allotted.

The House appropriation committee, rather than following the presidential budget, decreased the federal funds for 1947 to \$165,614,290, a cut of approximately 45 per cent of that anticipated. If the bill passes as reported out of the committee, then the amount to be awarded Haywood county will be cut proportionately.

The effect of this would be that no further conservation practices could be partially financed by the AAA. And since twice the allotment has been spent, this money would have to be refunded from the farmers who received it.

This is the principal hope of avoiding such a problem lies in Congress restoring the appropriation at or near the \$300,000,000 level, which agricultural leaders feel would be the result if individual farmers showed their representatives that such was their wish.

Diamonds are eighty-five times as hard as the nearest competitive gem.

The principal types of malaria were recognized in ancient Greece and China.

Methodist Youth Fellowship Officers



1947-48 OFFICERS for the Haywood County Methodist Youth Fellowship installed at the May meeting held at Waynesville Methodist church, are shown above. Front (left to right) Thornton Hawkins (Canton First), Chairman Commission on Community Service, William Whitesides (Bethel), Program Chairman, Joyce Sherrill (Canton Central), Secretary, Betty Lee Brim (Canton First), President, Nancy Owen (The Plains), Vice President, Edwin Terrell (Lake Junaluska), Treasurer, Betty Jane Rice (Beaverdam), Chairman Commission on World Friendship. Second row Adult Counselors: C. C. Poindexter (Canton Central), Mrs. Bennett Higgs (Beaverdam), Mrs. Tena Torrence (Canton Central), Mrs. Harley Stiles (Canton First), Mrs. Fozzo Mann (The Plains), Mrs. Ernest Brinson (The Plains). Back row: Dr. W. B. West, District Superintendent, absent from picture; Lucy Williamson (Rockwood), Chairman Commission on Recreation and Leisure, and Joyce Ann West (Bethel), Chairman Commission of Worship and Evangelism. —Photo by J. E. Deas.

Folk Festival Is Set For June 13 At Canton High

Second Annual Music Contests Are Being Sponsored By American Legion Post

The second annual old time fiddlers convention and folk festival will be held at the Canton high school auditorium Friday night, June 13, it is announced by Edgar Pressley.

This year's program promises to be larger and better than the last one, which was presented to a capacity crowd. The contest is sponsored by the Varner-Rhinehart Post No. 61 of the American Legion in Canton, and proceeds will go into the building fund toward erecting a modern Legion home.

Bascom Lamar Lunsford, director of the Mountain Dance and Folk Festival held in Asheville each year, will be master of ceremonies for the event.

Several well-known entertainers have already filed for competition. These include Fiddlin' Bill Hensley of Buncombe county, Uncle Billy Evans, 81 year old fiddler of Haywood; Aunt Samantha Bumbartner of Jackson county, Joe Pressley of Canton, the blue ribbon fiddler of last year, Ed Trull; the Blue Valley Boys, the famous Carolina Mountain Boys, the Pressley Brothers, Robert Sanford, and many others.

All musicians are invited and

Congress Pass Program For

WASHINGTON. Senate passed a \$35,000,000 appropriation bill for war veterans.

The measure authorizes the War Relocation Authority to issue \$100,000,000 in bonds to help pay the cost of the program.

Malheur, Oregon, is the site of the program.

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grave. That is not right, for the man who wore that uniform should be remembered by his own, and any member of his family should deem it an honor to step forward and receive the flag which will wave over his grave during the coming year. There is no finer way to teach the younger generation history than by taking them to a memorial service of this kind, and letting them receive the flag for "their family".

Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson says that the nation's sugar situation should be improved by 1948, if it continues to improve as much as it has during the last few months. We wonder if housewives will ever make as many jams and jellies as they once did, after the long years of having such a good excuse not doing so for jam and jelly making are among the most strenuous forms of canning, and as we heard one woman who formerly "made her own" say, "Now you can buy them just as good as you once made them". Whether you resume former preserving and jellifying or not, it will be wonderful, if you want to make a batch of cookies, or get in the mood for a certain kind of cake, or candy, to go into your kitchen with never a thought of how much sugar it will take.

A reader of this column handed us the following as a good rule to start the day—First to do the day's work well and not bother about tomorrow. The second is to act the Golden Rule, as far as can be done, and cultivate such a measure of optimism as would enable you to bear success with humility, the affection of friends without pride, and be ready when the day of sorrow and grief came to meet it with courage. It would be an interesting experience to try one day to live just as nearly perfect as one could, and crush that impulse to get off balance over some trivial thing. Perhaps if we tried it not for a day but for days we might form a new habit.

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total cost of the water for blowing the whistle would be \$0.0396. At the rate of 6.5 pounds of water evaporated per pound of coal, 724.46 pounds of coal would be used. With coal costing (then) \$2.33 per ton on the engine, the total cost of coal would be \$0.8404. Eighty-eight cents was, therefore, the total cost for 309 operations of the whistle.

Britain Allowed Quota Of U. S. Coal Exports

LONDON—(AP)—The 17-nation European Coal Organization agreed unanimously today that the United Kingdom should receive an allocation of American Coal, provided United States exports to Europe exceeded 9,000,000 tons in the third quarter of this year. J. Eaton Griffiths, Chairman of the E.C.O. said there were reasonable prospects that Great Britain would receive almost her total bid of 1,200,000 tons, as United States exports to Europe were likely to be 10,200,000 tons during the period. Great Britain, previously a supplier of coal for allocation to the other 12 European importing nations, for the first time had requested to be included among importers.

Drivers With Surnames Beginning With A Or B Begin New Exams In July

Beginning July 1, 1947, all driver license holders whose surnames begin with the letters A or B may apply for new licenses under the re-issuance law passed by the recent General Assembly. It is announced by Patrolman O. R. Roberts. The A's and B's must apply before December 31, 1947, although persons whose names does not begin with one of these letters cannot apply for re-issuance in the six-month period.

The period beginning January 1, 1948 and ending on June 30, 1948, will be the time for all operators whose surnames begin with either the letters C or D to apply. All motor vehicle drivers whose surnames begin with a letter other than A, B, C or D will be notified by press releases at the proper time as to when they should appear for re-examination.

The operator's license issued under the 1947 Safety Act shall automatically expire on the birthday of the licensee in the fourth year following the year of issuance, and no license shall be issued to any operator after the expiration of his license until such operator has again passed the required examination.

Everyone will get a complete examination. The examination is made up of four parts. These parts are: (1) an eye test; (2) highway sign test; (3) driving rules test; (4) road test.

The poorest visual reading that will permit passing with chance is 20/50. This may be with both eyes together or it may be with best eye alone. The sign test consists of showing to the applicant several pictures containing highway warning signs. The applicant will be requested to tell what a driver should do when he comes to such a sign. Inability to read is not grounds for denying a driver license.

The rule section of the examination consists of twenty-five simple questions that deal with the safe

operation of a motor vehicle. The road test will consist of a drive of some twelve to fifteen city blocks. In the past some applicants have begun road tests with the understanding that the examiner would tell him to pass red lights, exceed speed limits, and otherwise drive improperly. This, however, has not been the policy in North Carolina nor will it be during this re-issuance.

Previous practices governing the issuance and use of Learners Permits will not be changed. The only change that will occur with respect to fees charged will be the increase in the cost of an operator's license from one to two dollars.

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