



MR. AND MRS. G. ROUSE IVEY receive certificate for completing seminar from Gerald Long, left, and Dr. J.E. Legates.

Duplin Couple Attends Tobacco Production Seminar

A Duplin County couple has completed a seminar designed to sharpen their tobacco production and marketing skills.

G. Rouse Ivey has completed the executive development seminar for tobacco farmers and his wife, Cynthia (Cindy), has completed the executive development seminar for tobacco farm women. The seminars were conducted by the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service with a grant from R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivey, who reside at Mount Olive, Route 2, attended two two-day

seminar sessions at North Carolina State University. They then joined about 50 other tobacco growers for the final two-day seminar session in Winston-Salem.

While in Winston-Salem they also received certificates for completing the seminar. The certificates were presented by Gerald Long, president and chief operating officer of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., and Dr. J.E. Legates, dean of the school of agriculture and life sciences at NCSU.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivey produce about 20 acres of tobacco and also grow corn, soybeans, cucumbers, hogs and cows.

In nominating them for the seminar, Duplin Agricultural Extension Agent J. Michael Moore called the Iveys "A very deserving and hard-working farm couple."

The seminar covered all phases of tobacco production, harvesting, curing, marketing and manufacturing. There were also sessions on tobacco policies, international trade, land-use planning, stress management and farm business practices.

"This is the third year that these unique seminars have

been offered," said Dr. Billy E. Caldwell, head of the department of crop science at NCSU. "Comments from present and past participants indicate they are one of the most valuable experiences they have ever had."

"The women in particular tell us that this is one of the few opportunities they have had to attain technical training in tobacco production," Caldwell continued. "In these seminars we treat them as full partners in the farming operation."

Duplin Farmer To Be Honored At White House Ceremony

A Duplin County farmer is among 10 finalists in the first annual national soil and water conservation awards program designed to recognize outstanding soil and water conservation efforts. He and his wife will travel to Washington for the Dec. 19 White House awards ceremony.

Representing the state of North Carolina as a national finalist is Furnie Lee Boyette of Kenansville. The awards program, sponsored by the National Endowment for Soil and Water Conservation and the Du Pont Company, recognized Boyette for the innovative, yet inexpensive conservation techniques applied to his 184-acre farm.

The successful husband-and-wife farm operation has doubled tobacco yields in the past 10 years by using conservation techniques such as diversion and parallel terraces, contour planting, and strip-cropping. Their corn, tobacco and swine farm has doubled in value over the past 12 years, Boyette estimated.

"It's a good feeling going to sleep at night knowing your land will be there when you wake up," Boyette said about his successful conservation techniques which won him the conservation award.

The Boyettes are among 10 farmer and rancher finalists selected from 35 states in the first annual awards program sponsored by the NESWC and the Du Pont Company. The finalists in the program will receive award certificates and a trip to Washington. Each of the three national winners will receive a \$1,000 cash award.

The three national winners will be selected from among the finalists at the White House ceremony at 10:30 a.m. Other award activities include events with Du Pont officials, other private sector leaders, and members of Congress such as Rep. Ed Jones (D-TN), chairman of the House agriculture subcommittee on conservation, credit and rural development, and Senator Roger Jepsen (R-IA), chairman of the Senate agriculture subcommittee on soil and water conservation and the environment.

In announcing the names of the finalists on Oct. 31, Endowment Chairman Barker said, "The awards program has been designed to help make both farmers and the general public more conscious of the importance of saving our resources by spotlighting the work of outstanding producers."

Dale Wolf, Du Pont group vice president, said, "All of us at Du Pont are pleased to sponsor the Endowment's first awards program and to extend our company's long-standing commitment to conserve America's richest natural resources. This country's farmers and ranchers deserve widespread recognition and encouragement for their efforts to practice sound, cost-effective conservation techniques."

The NESWC, established in June 1982, is a non-profit, privately funded, non-political organization dedicated to conserving our nation's natural resources and fostering a sense of stewardship for the land by involving all Americans from the public and private sectors, farmers and non-farmers alike, Barker said.

"This partnership hopes to guarantee that we can look forward to food and fiber for a decent life and not accept a diminishing soil and water base," Barker said.

Warsaw Recreation Schedule

Dec. 15-21
 Thur. Dec. 15 - 3:30 - PeeWee Girls Basketball try-outs; 4:30 - PeeWee Boys basketball try-outs; 6 - 7 - Aerobics with Linda Beck at Warsaw Elementary; 6:15 - 10 p.m. - Adult volleyball practice
 Mon. - Dec. 19 - 5:45 - 6:45 - Aerobics with Linda Beck at Warsaw Elementary.

FmHA To Help Farmers Stay-Up

Special actions by Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) to help farmers stay in business were up substantially in the 1983 fiscal year, FmHA State Director Larry W. Godwin said.

In fiscal year 1982, Godwin said, re-schedulings and subordinations totaled 2,540. In fiscal 1983, which ended Sept. 30, similar actions were 2,941.

The specifics: In the 1982 fiscal year, the number of Farmers Home farm borrowers who had their loans rescheduled or re-amortized to help them in making payments was 790. In 1983 that was up to 1,268.

In addition, Godwin said, Farmers Home in North Carolina assisted another 1,673 borrowers to obtain additional credit from the private sector. These "Subordinations," in which Farmers Home subordinates part of

its loan collateral to other lenders, totaled \$26,421,000 in fiscal year 1983.

"Subordinations help both individuals and all Farmers Home borrowers," Godwin said. "An individual may need more credit than FmHA, by law, can extend. By FmHA's taking a second position to another lender, our borrower is able to get adequate credit for the operation. Second, by involving the private and cooperative credit sectors, we stretch our limited funds for those borrowers who need this help the most."

Farmers Home Administration is the rural credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This year, FmHA loaned to 271,000 farmers who could not get credit elsewhere. Their loans totaled about 12 percent of the total farm credit outstanding in the U.S.

Christmas At Liberty Hall

Christmas in the South as sprung from rich traditions, ones cherished and passed down from family to family. As the Kenan family did when they inhabited the home, Liberty Hall will again open its doors to friends for its annual open house, "A Plantation Christmas," on Sunday, Dec. 18 from 2 until

6 p.m. Liberty Hall is a distinct example of Greek Revival architecture at its best. The stately old home will be filled with the spirit and fragrance of the holiday season as it was in the mid-1800s. Only fresh greenery of pine, hemlock, boxwood, holly, cedar and yew will be used for the basis of the decorations. A variety of fruit, berries and nuts that were bountiful in early Eastern North Carolina will add color as well as a source of dessert as they did in an earlier time.

Guests will be greeted by members of the 3rd North Carolina Battalion (Battery B) and the Kenansville Beautification Committee will serve traditional refreshments. Some of the plantation dependencies will also be decorated and open to guests.

Rich Boyd of Nashville, Tenn., who serves as special consultant to Liberty Hall Restoration, and Ricky Russell of New York City, will again supervise the decorating for the open house which is sponsored by the Liberty Hall Restoration commission. For more information, contact Liberty Hall at 296-0522.

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