

Low Farm Prices Slow Program Of Conservation

What happens to soil and water conservation when farm prices go down?

In answering that question, Wayne L. Ware, chairman of the Cleveland County Agricultural Conservation Committee, said that the tendency is for each farmer to reduce the amount of money spent on conservation. As prices go down and the relationship between what the farmer sells and what he buys gets out of balance, an increasing part of the shrinking income must go for fixed costs such as taxes, labor, seed and other "running" expenses.

He points out that although the Agricultural Conservation Program provides assistance to farmers in carrying out conservation practices, this assistance is on a share-the-cost basis; the farmer has to put up his share of the cost. This assistance amounts to from 30 to 50 percent and when income is reduced farmers are unable to put up their share. As prices of farm products come down, the shrinkage in expenditures for conservation comes more and more evident, the chairman states.

On the other hand the need for conservation is greater. As the market demand for cash crops such as wheat, cotton, corn and other feed grains slackens—as the bins, cribs and warehouses fill up—there is increasing need to put the land taken out of these crops into conserving grasses and clovers. Lime, phosphate, and tillage practices are especially needed then to assure vigorous growth of soil-protecting crops.

Mr. Ware urges farmers of Cleveland County to keep up their efforts to protect their soil. Every effort should be made to keep up the farmland of Cleveland County. The Agricultural Conservation Program provides the means of sharing the cost and the responsibility, the chairman said, and farmer committees are ready to give farmers every possible assistance.

Already 928 farmers of Cleveland county have indicated that they will participate in the 1949 Agricultural Conservation Program, according to Mr. Ware, chairman of the county Agricultural Conservation Committee.

He said that an increase in participation can be expected this year over last because there has been an increase in authorized funds and the limit of assistance to any one farmer has been increased from \$500 to \$750. Then, too, progress has been made in building up basic understanding about the program among farmers—how it operates and why it is necessary for the farmer and for the country.

Prior approval has already been given for 928 farmers for practices in the 1949 program and acid and potash in mixed fertilizer leads the 928 soil and water conservation practices approved for Cleveland county farmers. Mr. Ware urged farmers who have not yet obtained approval for any 1949 practice to consider the conservation needs of their farms on the basis of the most serious conservation problems, check these against the approved practices, for the county and to concentrate on most needed practices. Those most urgently needed should be given first consideration in making plans for 1949. Following is the complete list of practices from which farmers may make their selections: Lime, Alfalfa, Terracing, Winter Cover Crops, Subsoiling, Permanent Pasture, Superphosphate, Lespedeza, Cowpeas, and Potash.

All farmers are supposed to come to the office and report practices before it is carried out.

Rev. Horne Succeeds Liner At Park Grace

Rev. Paul Horne, of Charlotte, has taken over as pastor of Park Grace Church of the Nazarene according to information this week from officials of the church.

He replaces Rev. Harold Liner, who came here several months ago from Rock Hill, S. C. Rev. Liner is now at Langley, S. C.

The new pastor has been serving as an evangelist in home missions field.

Cigarette smoking reached a new high in the United States last year, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Production of 388 billion is reported by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, an increase of about 18 billion over 1947.

By Way Of Mention

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Stroupe attended the funeral of the former's nephew, Pfc. David L. Stroupe, of the Concord Methodist church near Cherryville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Falls, sr., and children Clyde and Pratt, and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Falls, jr., spent Sunday in Rock Hill.

Mrs. Ernest White of Greenville was a recent guest of her mother, Mrs. J. E. Rhodes.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Payne had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Fuller and children of Belmont.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Stroupe and daughter, Glenda, were recent guests of Rev. and Mrs. Roy Lock-

ridge of Concord.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Bridges and children, Betty and Eddie, of near Cherryville, and Mrs. Gene Ware and daughter, Jeanie of the El Beth-el community were spend the day guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Falls recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Riley had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wallace and son, Lando, and Misses Wilma, Ruth, and Dorothy Ingle, all of Lawndale.

Mrs. Ernest White, mother of Billy White, of this community is in Memorial hospital in Charlotte at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Blanton and family were recent visitors in the mountains.

Mrs. W. O. Falls has as her guest her sister, Mrs. Julia Lands of Spartanburg.

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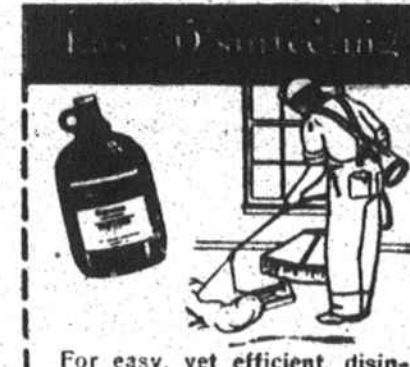
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