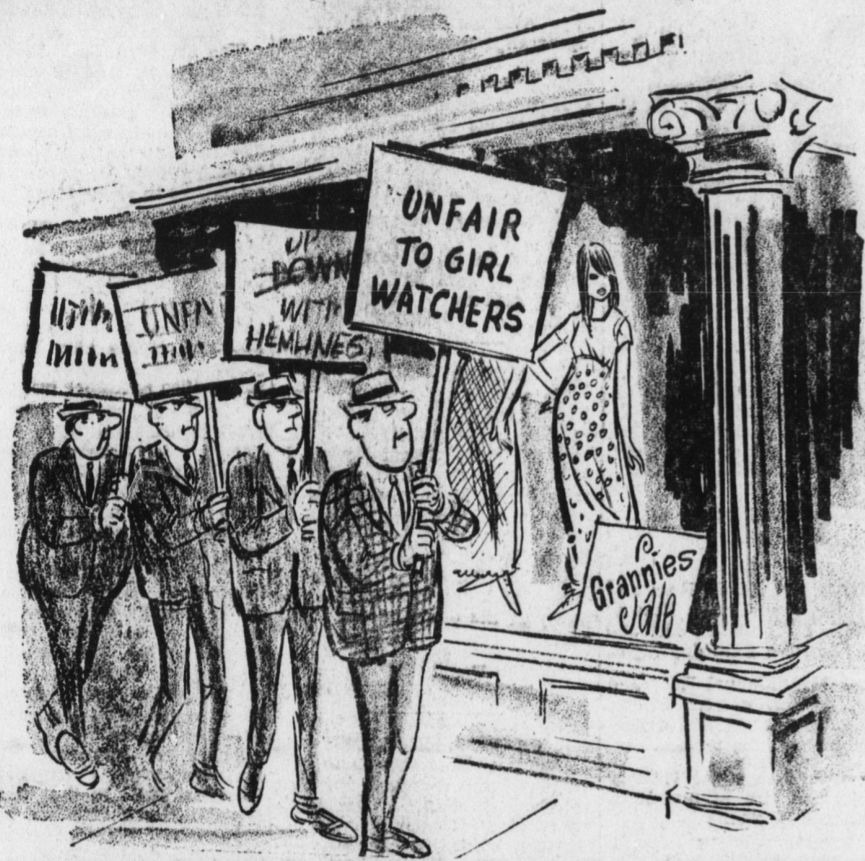


The Ups and Downs of Life



Plan 1966 Farm Program

Nineteen sixty-six will be here before we know it and chances are it will catch some of us napping, says H. R. Clapp, county extension chairman. With the new year will come a new growing season and all the production problems normally associated with it. One way of reducing these problems to a minimum is to plan, have you made your farming plans for next year?

For example, do you know what crops you will be planting in which fields? Do you have a good estimate of the amount and grades of fertilizer you will need for next year so you can take advantage of pre-rush season discounts and ordering? Do you know which fields need to be limed? Fall or early winter is the best time to apply lime for next year's crop. If you can't answer yes to all of these questions, now is the time to start. Where do you start? Well, as thinking about them, soon as you know what crops are to be planted in which fields, sample each field and have the soil tested. The results of the soil test will tell which fields need lime and how much. The soil test results will also enable you to make an accurate estimate of your fertilizer needs for next year, this way you can get

the most from your fertilizer dollar; and by placing your order early you stand a better chance of being able to get your fertilizer when you need it.

Don't put off your planning until later. Have your soil tested now. There are several reasons for this. First, if the soil test shows a need for lime it is best to have it applied as early as possible. This gives the lime a chance to react with the soil before planting time. If the land is to be broken in the fall, apply the lime first if at all possible; this allows more thorough mixing.

Second, weather conditions in the fall are usually more favorable for sampling your soil and having lime applied. A field can be sampled even though the crop grown on it this year has not yet been harvested.

Third, having your soil tested early will allow the Soil Testing Laboratory to give you faster service. This laboratory is operated as a service to the people of North Carolina. They would like to give each sample their immediate attention. During most months of the year they can do this and you will have the results of the soil test in about 10 days. Unfortunately, the laboratory has its limitations as to the number of samples that can be processed each day. Each year in the months of January, February and March the laboratory receives more samples than

can be handled each day; some days several thousand samples are received. To be fair to everyone, the samples are handled on a first-come, first-served basis.

This means that there will necessarily be a delay in getting your results back if the samples are sent in during this period. The delay may be as much as a month during the peak of the rush season.

So test your soil as early as possible, urges Mr. Clapp. Avoid the rush period. This way you will be able to take full advantage of the soil test results. Sampling supplies are available at your county agricultural workers offices. Pick them up now and use them; be ready for 1966 when it arrives.

Ninety per cent of the residents of Newman, Ga., own their homes.

The Veterans Corner

EDITOR'S NOTE: Below are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to some of the many current questions from former servicemen and their families. Further information on veterans benefits may be obtained at any VA office.

Q—I applied for and have been accepted for the newly reopened NSLI insurance. I now find that the payments for \$10,000 are too expensive for me. Can I reduce this amount?

A—Yes. You can reduce it to any amount in excess of \$1,000 in multiples of \$500.

Q—Can you please tell me where I may obtain a record or discharge of a man who was in the Navy during the years 1915 to 1918?

A—You might write to the Officer in Charge, Discharged Enlisted Personnel Records Branch, U. S. Naval Records Management Center, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri.

Q—Could you tell me if my husband is eligible for a GI loan? He was inducted into the service in March, 1943 and was discharged in February, 1946.

A—He would appear to be eligible. By adding, according to the formula, ten years to his date of discharge (February 1946 to February, 1956) and then one year for each 90 days he was on active duty (there are 11 such 90-day periods in his two years and 11 months of service) we reach February, 1967 as the expiration period for his entitlement.

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