

### Farms Open To Sportsmen

Increasingly these days, sportsmen are finding—and taking advantage of—new opportunities for free recreation, made available through the public access provision of the ASCS Cropland Adjustment program.

H. O. Carter, state executive director for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, explains that 87 ms posted near farm headquarters welcome the sportsmen for the kind of recreation permitted on a particular farm. The signs say

"Hunting permitted without charge on land in Cropland Adjustment program."

The signs are evidence that the farmer has agreed to permit, without charge, public access for hunting, fishing, hiking and trapping on land he has diverted from production under CAP. For this, he has received a small incentive payment under the program.

The signs also probably mean good sport, for usually the farmer is promoting conservation

practices on his land which are especially intended to furnish food and improve habitat for wildlife.

Public access to these diverted acres will be available for the life of the CAP agreements—from 5 to 10 years. The land is open during the hunting season.

In North Carolina, approximately 201 farmers have agreed to permit free public access to their lands for approved sports. Information on area farms with CAP public access land is available at county ASCS offices. CAP's public access provision is a great break for hunters, who more and more have been feeling the pinch of land closed off by the owners. Sportsman-like behavior can open more and more of such lands. Careless hunting, abuse of the land or installations, or injury to livestock can close them. Public access to land in the CAP depends on the farmer's voluntary agreement and the public's good sportsmanship.

Even though the welcome mat is out for the sportsmen—as evidenced by the sign showing CAP participation—it's a good idea to speak to the farmer first before going on the land.

### Bowles Pays Filing Fee

RALEIGH, November 24 — Hargrove "Skipper" Bowles, the first man to announce his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Governor Wednesday became the first gubernatorial candidate to pay his filing fee.

Bowles gave the State Board of Elections a check for \$385, an amount equal to one percent of the annual salary of the office.

At a brief news conference following the filing, Bowles said that his number one issue—career education—is now the number one issue of the voters.

Bowles also expressed increased optimism as a result of Monday and Tuesday campaign appearances in Cumberland and Cleveland counties. A Bowles for Governor rally involved 500 persons in Cumberland Monday night. On Tuesday, in a series of appearances in Shelby, Bowles shook hands with more than 1,500 persons.

Refusing to respond to comments by other candidates, Bowles told the Capitol newsmen that he would maintain his pledge of dealing with issues, not with personalities. Also, he countered charges that the campaign started too early by saying that issues required time for discussion.

Bowles was joined for the official filing by his daughter, Mrs. John Geil (Holly) of Chapel Hill.

Bowles is to attend the White House Conference on Aging in Washington on the 29th and 30th.

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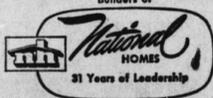
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