

Agricultural Program Aids Watauga Farmers

Under the 1951 Agricultural Conservation Program 1150 farmers in Watauga County were given assistance for the establishment of 7,000 acres of permanent pastures. Assistance given represented approximately 50% of the cost of the materials with the farmers doing all of the work. Mr. Cable, chairman of the County PMA Committee, reports with pride that this acreage represents additional grazing land for the increasing number of livestock in the county. Not only in this county but throughout the State, farmers are taking advantage of assistance offered through the ACP to aid them in establishing more and better permanent pastures.

Through the ACP, more and more farmers in the State have come to realize that livestock is assuming a greater importance each year in their farming system. This has brought about an increased emphasis on permanent pasture, not only for use as feed but for its recognized value as a soil-improving and soil-saving measure.

Mr. Cable stated that conservation practices, encouraged by the ACP, have increased the yield of pasture and forage crops, which is reflected in current production of livestock and livestock products. The lime, phosphates and other plant foods, which have been used by farmers through cooperating in the ACP, has stimulated soil improvement through grasses and legumes and has helped to build up these pastures to their present high yields. The ACP is not only a farmer's program but it is a consumer's program as well—for it is the consumer's assurance of an adequate supply of food and fiber to fulfill all of his needs. Shortage of food is the greatest economic problem in the world today. Abundant production here at home gives us a strong tool in our efforts to promote peace in the world.

Farmers in 1951, through increasing the acreage of pastures and other conserving crops through the ACP, bolstered the defense effort by producing the greatest agricultural output in history. This was done in spite of adverse weather conditions and a shrinking labor force.

Our farms are "defense plants" just as much as the factories turning out weapons are "defense plants." Mr. Cable stresses that we must continue to increase production and also we must conserve our soil for this and future generations. Farmers may now obtain assistance for carrying out needed conservation practices under the 1952 ACP. Conservation practices included in the Watauga County Handbook of Practices are those practices which will maintain or increase soil fertility, control and prevent soil erosion caused by wind or water, conserve and increase pasture forage, conserve and improve farm woodland and also assist in making possible the production of agricultural commodities needed in the defense effort.

Mr. Cable suggests that all farmers visit the county PMA office as early as possible to discuss their conservation needs with the County PMA committee.

Delaware, O.—William H. Biesler, a druggist-bachelor, with no close relatives, left most of his \$10,000 estate to four Australian cockatoos—then donated his birds "to the children of Central Ohio." The birds are about 30 years old now and may live another 35 years. The \$10,000 was to "provide a permanent home" for them.

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TRIPS to the 30th National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago were given four Old North State club members for their outstanding records in the 1951 National Field Crops, Garden, Home Improvement and Poultry programs. The state winners and brief outlines of their records follow:

Clarence Chappell, 15, of Belviders, in the 4-H Field Crops program. Long hours and much effort went into learning good farm practices and expert use of farm machinery, but the increase per acre of food, feed and fiber crops has more than compensated. Five years in 4-H Club work this young farmer has made a remarkable showing raising corn, cotton, potatoes, soybeans and peanuts. He has been a member of the State 100-Bushel Corn Club twice, this year's crop of hybrid corn being estimated at 122 bushels to the acre. The last three years Clarence has been county winner in Field Crops with district and inter-county awards also to his credit. As club president and junior leader for five years he has been an outstanding 4-H'er. International Harvester provided Clarence's Chicago trip award.

Growing a garden has served a three-fold purpose for Doris Wells, 18, of Marble, state winner in the 4-H Garden program. She has supplied the family with a variety of fresh vegetables, reduced the cash outlay for food, at the same time promoting relaxation and good health. Her trip award was presented by Allis-Chalmers. Doris had to feed and cultivate the soil and spray the plants for disease to get the bountiful crop of potatoes, beans, tomatoes and corn she harvested. She tends a 18-acre garden and also helps out in the family garden. This young gardener is also an excellent leader and serves as president of local and vice-president of County clubs. Applying the latest scientific developments in poultry and egg

All of these activities are conducted under the direction of the Extension Service of the State Agricultural College and USDA cooperating.

Different Stages Of Farm Conservation

By H. J. WILLIAMS

In starting out to do conservation farming there are some steps that must be taken first if the best job is to be done. Here are the first two:

1. Find the correct use for each acre.
 2. Make a plan that will put each acre to work at its best use.
- Most farmers know a great deal about the nature of the different fields on their farm. An experienced soil conservation surveyor is also available to the Watauga Soil Conservation District to help make a physical inventory of the land. By the farmers knowledge of the land and a determination by the soil surveyor of how the soils were farmed and developed the best use of each piece of land can be shown. The use of land must be based on the way that nature made it if the land is to keep working permanently and profitably. The best use is usually the most profitable use in the long run.
- A good land inventory must include depth of soil, texture of the soil, fertility of the land, amount of erosion that has occurred, and the slope of the land. On the basis of such an inventory a person can determine whether each piece of land is best suited for cultivated crops, pasture, trees, or wildlife.

Notice To Taxpayers Of Town Of Boone

Save Money by Paying Your 1951 Taxes on or before February 1, 1952

The law requires that a 1% penalty be added February 2, and 2% March 3, 1952, 1/4 of 1% each month thereafter.

Refund will be made promptly on any adjustments you may receive. Please bring your statement of adjustment with you.

J. E. CLAY, Tax Collector
Town of Boone

News Oddities

TWINS SEEK DIVORCE
Twin Falls, Idaho—Twin brothers—Samuel David and Johnathan K. Aldritt—filed suits for divorce recently from twin sisters—Lillie Mae and Betty Norene Durham—whom they married on June 12, 1951. Their reasons—identical—the twin husbands said their twin wives were cross and quarrelsome during the brief marriages, that they no longer loved them and had left home.

COW EATS LIGHT BULB
Huntington, Ind.—Russell M. Stenger found one of his fine Guernseys dead in his dairy barn. In her mouth was a half-eaten electric-light bulb and socket. The cow had been electrocuted.

BOYS 'MAILED' SELVES
Roanoke, Va.—Two 11-year-old Washington, D. C., boys, John Sunday and Wilbur Yoho, were playing near Washington's Union Station and decided to investigate a U. S. Mail car on a siding. They suddenly found themselves locked in. The next thing they knew, they and several thousands pounds of mail were rolling along the tracks. The train arrived in Roanoke, Va., the next day but was not opened immediately because of a heavy volume of mail already in Roanoke. When the car was opened, out stepped the boys. They're back at home and not in a mood to play in trains.

ASKS \$100,000 DAMAGES
Brazil, Ind.—Robert Sankey, of Terre Haute, has been named as defendant in a suit for \$100,000 damages. It seems that Sankey's three-year-old son, left alone in the family automobile, started the car accidentally, causing it to crash through a fence and injure Kennetta Hammond, a neighbor. The girl's father brought the suit against Sankey on charges of negligence in leaving the key in the car, in failing to lock it and in permitting his son to play in the car. The girl suffered a broken leg as a result of the accident.

'HANDLE WITH CARE'
London.—Addressed to a Mr. Sen Chee-wong, of Hong Kong, a peculiarly-shaped package recently received top priority at a London airport. It was labeled "urgently required, handle with care." It contained—a shiny top hat.

PRACTICES HIS PREACHING
Pittsburgh, Pa.—Postmaster James C. Smith has been urging local citizens to mail their Christmas cards early. To prove that he practices what he preaches, he mailed all of his cards—1,000 of them—on December 3rd.

SHARE PAUPER'S ESTATE
Pittsfield, Mass.—Fifteen first cousins will share the \$56,000 estate of a 78-year-old woman, Miss Emma J. Ledger, who died supposedly penniless in a State hospital two years ago. Each of the cousins may expect about \$2,500 after taxes and expenses.

AT THE MOVIES...

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Donald Warman Gets Second Scholarship

Donald Warman, a junior in Park College (Presbyterian U. S. A.) at Kansas City has written his mother, Mrs. F. E. Warman that he has been awarded a cash scholarship for the second semester.

In a letter to Donald, the president of the college, Dr. J. L. Zwingle said, "the members of the scholarship administration have reviewed your record and wish to commend you on your achievement." The Dean of the college, Dr. E. M. Fleming wrote him "the outstanding merits of your record were recognized by the committee. Accept my congratulations for this good record."

Deep Gap P.T.A. Has \$172.66 Polio Fund

The Deep Gap P. T. A. met January 16th with a very good attendance. After a short business session a very good program was presented by the Baton Club, Carl Wheelers and Rhythm Band.

Jack Idol, March of Dimes chairman, made a very good report on what the March of Dimes is doing for polio victims in our county. He reported that over \$8,000 has been spent on one of the children for the Deep Gap community, Emma Lou Dollars.

Harvey V. Presnell Gets Promotion
Marine Private First Class Harvey V. Presnell, son of Mr. Sherman Presnell of Beech Creek was promoted to his present rank when he was graduated from Boot Camp on Jan. 16th.

Presnell climaxed his recruit training by winning the marksman medal on the range when he fired a score of 200 out of a possible 250 during his weapons training.

Presnell entered the Marine Corps on November 8, 1951. He was recent employee of J. W. Harman of Beech Creek, where he was log turner.

HOLDING BONDS
A new peak of \$34,566,000 in defense bonds outstanding was reached on October 1, according to the Treasury, which indicates that people are buying more defense bonds—and hanging on to them—than ever before. The previous high was \$34,542,000,000 in July, 1950.

"Paul Said to Mr. Ed."



(A Personal Message)

Having acted as chairman of the Watauga County Cancer Drive for two years, I know Mr. Jack Idol and his co-workers need every break to make their quota in his March of Dimes drive. The saying that we will do and sacrifice most anything for our children still goes. We shudder—we pray—that our children and our neighbors' children will be spared from this dreadful disease.

Some times we listen to rumors that some of the money has been spent for dinners. All dinners I have been to were paid by each member. By each person in Watauga County giving eighteen cents, we would raise our quota.

The next child may be my son or your son or your daughter—in this case it will be more blessed to give than to receive.

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(Paul)
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Jack T. Norris Trains At Indiantown Gap

Indiantown Gap, Pa.—Pvt. Jack T. Norris of Depot St. Boone, N. C. has arrived at Indiantown Gap Military Reservation for a 16-week basic training cycle.

His schooling with the famed 9th "Red Diamond" Division will include the care and use of light and heavy infantry weapons, living in the field, strenuous day and night marches, and combat tactics.

Most of his training will be conducted by combat-toughened veterans of the Korean conflict, or veterans of battle in World War II.

"Easy Does It"

Give your meat loaf a new figure once in a while! It can be baked in a ring mold, or when you want to shorten baking time, bake in muffin pans. Serve with barbecue, mushroom or tomato sauce to provide variety.

Surprise the family with these new baked stuffed potatoes: when mashing the pulp, add some finely chopped cooked pork sausage or crumbled bacon before returning to the shells.

No one will turn down a well-seasoned hash: add some onion, chopped green pepper and a dash or two of chili sauce.

Colorful vegetable dishes always make a big hit. Try molding the spinach in a ring and serve some sliced beets in the center.

TOO MUCH "SOUP"
Indianapolis, Ind.—Safe crackers, blowing open a safe in a filling station near here, used so much nitroglycerine that the money in the safe was blown out of the station. Nickels and dimes were blown through a soft-drink vendor and quarters were blown through walls and 30 feet down an alley. The thieves left without collecting the money.

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- 1—Brushy Fork—4 room cabin, large lot fronting on State Highway—\$1250.
- 2—New River—10 acres level river bottom grass land on Highway No. 421—\$4,750.
- 3—Heaton, N. C.—90 acre farm, good six room house, all out buildings—\$10,000.
- 4—Perkinsville—7 room rock house, steam heat, 2 baths, basement apartment, oak floors, plastered walls, very modern, one acre lot. A bargain—\$11,000.
- 5—Middle Fork—13 acres and 5 room house on Blowing Rock Road—\$5,500.
- 6—East Boone—Good going cafe and all equipment, tables, counters, deep freeze, refrigerator, ranges, stoves, large stock groceries, meats—\$4,200.
- 7—Brushy Fork—6 room house, 3 acres good land on highway—\$4,500.
- 8—South Boone—5 room house, 4 acres good bottom land, well located—\$6,000.
- 9—Pine Run—90 acres grass land, good dwelling, outbuildings, tools—\$10,000.
- 10—3 vacant lots on Grand Boulevard, well located—\$900.
- 11—Beard's Creek—7 room house, 13 acres grass land, good barn—\$3,000.
- 12—Blowing Rock road south Boone—New apartments, 2 four room apartments on first floor. One four room basement, large lot. Priced to sell.
- 13—Blowing Rock—6 room house, bath, concrete basement, good lot—\$8,500.
- 14—East Boone—4 three room apartments, large lot on highway. Cheap.
- 15—Water Street—Sumptuous 7 room brick dwelling, 2 bath rooms, modern in every way. Large lot.
- 16—Queen Street—5 room house, bath, oil heat, fully insulated, nice lot—\$6,000.
- 17—Grand Boulevard—2 apartment houses on one acre lot. A real value—\$10,000.
- 18—Blowing Rock—4 room cottage, large lot 6 miles west of Blowing Rock on highway—\$1,000.
- 19—Hardin Park—about 20 vacant lots. Beautiful view. Covered with trees. A bargain—\$2,500.
- 20—Cherry Park—4 room dwelling, bath, oil heat, wired for electric range—\$5,000.
- 21—Howard Street—Three 3 room apartments, furnished, valuable lot—\$8,500.
- 22—Woodland Drive—Beautiful new 7-room house, 3 bed rooms, concealed steam heat, oil furnace. Planned and finished in the most modern manner. Large lot. Located near college in nice woodland section. One of the best and most comfortable homes in Boone.—Priced to sell.\$13,500.
- 23—Ray Hill—8 room rock veneer house, bath, large lot on highway 421—\$9,000.
- 24—Queen Street—7 room dwelling, bath, large lot—\$7,000.
- 25—Jefferson Road—35 acres rolling farm land fronting highway—\$4,500.
- 26—Perkinsville—6 room house, 3 bedrooms, bath, well and electric pump—\$8,500.
- 27—Deep Gap—7 room house, one acre land, good well, electric pump, lights and water in house, fruit trees—\$2,000.
- 28—Zionville—8 room house, 8 acres good land well watered—\$5,500.
- 29—Hardin Park—New 6 room brick veneer house, bath, basement, on highway—\$7,500.

Will trade good 90 acre farm, 30 acres river bottom land located on New River—9-10 tobacco base, good house, running water, lights, barn and all out-buildings. Will trade all of this for comfortable home in or near Boone.