

Many Watauga Farmers Avail Selves Of Conservation Loans

During the past year many North Carolina farmers have availed themselves of the Soil and Water Conservation loan in order to carry out soil conservation practices, develop water supplies, purchase irrigation equipment, carry out drainage needs and other conservation practices on their farm. These loans help farmers and ranchers make good use of land diverted from the production of surplus crops, protect their land resources against adverse weather conditions, and improve their economic circumstances says Mr. Jennings B. Robinson, County FHA Supervisor.

A report recently made by Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson shows that about 79 percent of the funds were used for irrigation, including the purchase

of pumps and piping, the drilling of wells and the construction and repair of irrigation ditches and laterals. Irrigation systems were developed or improved for about 282,000 acres.

The remainder of the funds were used for such soil conservation measures as terracing and pasture improvement, developing water systems for household use and farm livestock, and for drainage.

"We expect that during the coming months farmers will use a larger portion of the funds they borrow to finance soil conservation measures," Robinson said. "We have held a number of meetings in cooperation with other agricultural agencies to make certain that all farmers know that funds are available for soil conservation.

Private lenders provided most of the funds from which the loans were made. The Farmers Home Administration made and serviced the loans and insured the repayment of the funds advanced. The loans are also made from funds appropriated by Congress.

Farmers pay 4 1/2 percent in interest or in interest and insurance charges for the loans. The loans are scheduled for repayment within the shortest period of time consistent with the ability of the borrower to repay. The maximum repayment period on loans to individuals is 20 years.

To be eligible for a soil and water conservation loan, a farmer must have reasonable prospects of conducting successful farming operations. He must also be unable to obtain the necessary credit on reasonable terms from private and cooperative sources.

Further details about soil and water conservation loans may be obtained from the Farmers Home Administration office located in the courthouse.

Lionel Ward Is Veteran Adviser

Mr. Lionel Ward, County Bldg., Box 448, Boone has been designated by U. S. Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell as a volunteer Reemployment Rights Adviser to assist ex-servicemen in securing their rights under the Universal Military Training and Service Act, it was announced today.

As a Reemployment Rights Adviser, Mr. Ward will cooperate with the program of the Department's Bureau of Veterans' Reemployment Rights to assist ex-servicemen who wish to return to their, preservice employers. He will also advise employer, labor, veteran, and other interested groups of the reemployment laws and where necessary, will refer problems requiring technical assistance to the Bureau's field office, located at 651 Peachtree Seventh Building N. E., Atlanta, 23, Georgia. The field representative for the States of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Puerto Rico is Mr. Harvey Driscoll.

The Bureau has announced that the proclamation setting termination dates for several veterans' benefits on January 31, 1955 did not effect reemployment rights. Those leaving jobs to enter military service as inductees, enlistees, or reservists will continue to have rights if they meet the conditions of eligibility.

Civil Air Patrol Is Lauded By Twining

Washington.—Invaluable assistance to civil and military aviation was cited this week by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Nathan F. Twining in an anniversary message to the Civil Air Patrol, civilian auxiliary of the Air Force.

In a letter to Maj. Gen. Lucas V. Beau, national commander of the CAP, General Twining said: "It is appropriate to take advantage of this opportunity to commend the CAP membership for its outstanding work in behalf of airpower and national security.

"The members of the Civil Air Patrol, through their diligent performance of duty, continue to live up to the proud precedent established by those first volunteers who during World War II gave freely of their time, their wealth and even their lives in the service of their country.

"The Civil Air Patrol provides invaluable assistance to civil and military aviation by performing missions such as aerial search, emergency communications, disaster relief and support of Civil Defense.

"Of equal or greater importance is the role of CAP in the field of aviation education. Through the

CAP cadet program and the teachers' workshops the message of airpower is reaching the youth of the nation. Fifty-one thousand CAP cadets are being acquainted with career opportunities in civil aviation and the Air Force. Their Civil Air Patrol training will equip them to assume their full responsibilities in this air age.

"We of the Air Force are proud of our civilian auxiliary. We extend our best wishes and pledge our support for continued growth and success."

The occasion for General Twining's commendation to the civilian volunteers of the CAP was the 14th anniversary of the organization, which is today, December 1.

HUNTERS SAVED BY SNOWFLOW

Ogden, Utah—Nine hunters—eight men and a woman—were stranded at an isolated ranger station by a heavy snowstorm. They spent two nights of sub-zero cold in the ranger station, which was stocked with food and firewood, until a snowplow, churning up a mountainside through powdery, drifting snow, reached them.

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Dean's List At Lees-McRae Given

Nine freshmen and eight sophomores were named to the Dean's list at Lees-McRae College. The list is made up of those students who have a "B" or above average in every course for the first quarter of the 1955-56 session. The average student load is 18 hours of regular course work. The members of the class of 1957 (freshmen) named on the list are as follows:

June Seehorn, Norma Jean Robinson, Jackie Ray Robinette, Barbara Paisley, Preston Lineberger, Nancy Hargett, Joan Grogan, Lee Bruton, Lenora Black.

The members of the class of 1956 (sophomores) are as follows: Barbara Sharpe, Donald McCarter, Betty Keesee, Helen Jones, Martha Ann Hangey, Mary Ann Gray, Patricia Ann Dillon, Martha Woodside.

Lees-McRae College is a department of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association. The other two departments are Grandfather Home for Children and Grace Hospital.

NEW POSTAL DEVICE

Through the medium of new red, white and blue steel racks to be placed in the lobbies of some 750 big office buildings throughout the country, the Post Office Department will allow the public to sort its own mail. The racks, holding three mail bags ready to be tied up when filed, will have three funnel slots: "Local," "Out-of-Town" and "Airmail" designations. The new device is expected to both speed delivery and save more than \$600,000 a year in Post Office sorting cost.

HAS SIX CRASHES

Riverside, Calif.—John Henry, civilian employe of March Air Force Base, recently set a record for traffic accidents in one day, it is believed. He was involved in separate collisions with six autos and was booked on charges of hit-run driving, drunk driving, driving without an operator's license and failure to yield the right of way. He was uninjured.

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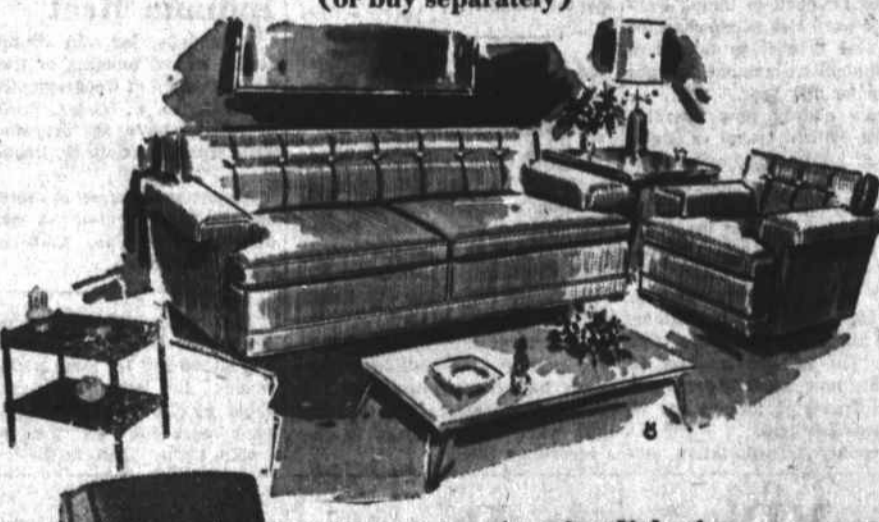
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