

## '54 Support Price For Soybeans Announced By Dept. Agriculture

**Average Payment of \$2.22 Per Bushel Will Be Made**

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced that the national average support price for 1954 crop soybeans will be \$2.22 per bushel. This is equal to 80 per cent of the December 15, 1953 parity price for all soybeans.

This announcement further states, reports J. M. Price Chowan County ASC Manager, that price support for the 1953 crop soybeans is at a national average of \$2.56 a bushel, reflecting 90 per cent of the parity price of September 15, 1952. North Carolina support rate for 1953 crop soybeans is \$2.50 per bushel. The level of support for the 1954 crop is designed to keep this year's soybean acreage in approximate balance with production needs without resort to acreage allotments. Restrictive acreage allotments have already been announced, under mandatory provisions of law, for the 1954 crops of wheat, cotton, corn, tobacco, and peanuts. It is believed that many producers may shift large acreages from production of these basic crops to production of soybeans, which will increase the price support obligation, should this occur. This adjustment also brings the level of support for soybeans in line with adjustments previously made for other oilseeds.

Price support for 1954 crop soybeans is announced at this time in accordance with "forward pricing" provisions of the Agricultural Act of 1949, in order to assist producers in planning their operations. Price support will be carried out through farm storage and warehouse storage loans and through purchase agreements that will be available to producers from time of harvest through January 31, 1955. The soybeans must have been produced in 1954 by an eligible producer and must grade No. 4 or better and contain not more than 14 per cent moisture in order to be eligible for price support.

County support rates for soybeans, with appropriate premiums and discounts by classes, grades and qualities, will be announced later. Loans and purchase agreements will be obtainable through the ASC County Committees. Other program provisions are substantially the same as those in effect for the 1943 crop soybean price support program.

### TOWN AND COUNTRY MAGAZINE PLANS NORTH CAROLINA STORY

An extensive North Carolina story is scheduled to appear in the May issue of Town and Country Magazine. Margaret Culkin Banning, well-known novelist who has made her home at Tryon for a number of years, is preparing the text.

If God has taught us all truth in teaching us to love, then he has given us an interpretation of our whole duty to our households.

—Henry Ward Beecher.

## "KING SIZE" MARIONETTE



ROME, ITALY—This "king size" marionette is one of the world's biggest. Its five feet tall. Armour is hand made from sheet metal. Value of puppet is an estimated \$1,000. Marionette shows are seen by many Americans touring Italy.

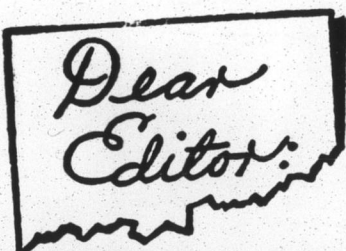
## Cost-Sharing Plan Offers Opportunity To Chowan Farmers

Detailed Information Is Available at ASC Office

Ordinarily opportunity only knocks once—not so in the case of the 1954 Agricultural Conservation Program operated by State and County ASC (formerly PMA) Committees. Chowan County farmers still have the opportunity of visiting the County ASC Office and requesting approval of Federal cost-sharing on many conservation practices needed in the county. "Federal cost-sharing" consists of a payment by the government of a part of the "out-of-the-pocket" cost of carrying out a practice. This cost-share paid by the government may be up to 50 per cent of the cash outlay involved in carrying out the practice.

W. A. Harrell, Chairman of the Chowan County ASC Committee, reminds Chowan County farmers that there will be a large number of acres diverted from the production of cotton, wheat, corn, and peanuts in this county in 1954. "The average farmer can make no better use of this tremendous amount of diverted acreage than to put it in permanent pasture for existing or contemplated livestock herds," says Mr. Harrell. Many farmers who, by reason of declining farm prices or a bad crop year, would need financial assistance in establishing pasture on these diverted acres may be eligible for such assistance in

the form of "Federal cost-sharing" under the 1954 Agricultural Conservation Program. For detailed information on the pos-



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sibility of Federal cost-sharing for making use of idle land in 1954, farmers are urged to visit their County ASC Office or talk with their ASC County or Community Committeeman.

### Vets Question Box

Q—I want to reinstate my GI term insurance policy, which has been lapsed for more than three months, and I understand I'll have to take a physical examination. Could this examination be given by an osteopath?

A—Yes. The examination may be given by a licensed osteopath who graduated from a recognized college of osteopathy and who is listed in the current directory of the American Osteopathic Association.

Q—Is it possible for two veterans, who own a farm in partnership, to take institutional on-farm training on the same farm?

A—Yes, it is possible, provided that conditions are favorable enough to assure the success of both veterans, and provided that both training programs meet all the qualifications of the law.

Q—My deadline for starting Korean GI training is August 20, 1954. I want to take a correspondence course. Will VA consider that I started in A—Enrolling in the correspondence

course before the deadline is not enough. VA will consider that you started in time if the school sends you your first lesson before the deadline date.

Q—Premiums on my National Service Life Insurance policy are under waiver, since I've been totally and permanently disabled for many months. I have a term policy, but I'd like to convert it to a permanent plan. May I do so, while premiums are being waived?

A—Yes. You may convert your term policy to any permanent plan other than endowment. And you won't be required to take a medical examination.

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