

## Changes Announced In ASC Regulations

### Members Are Allowed To Serve Only Three Consecutive Terms

A farmer may serve only three consecutive terms as a County or Community Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committeeman, under regulation revisions recently announced by Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson.

An exception to this rule is where all three members of the present County Committee have already served three consecutive terms explains W. A. Harrell, chairman of the Chowan County ASC Committee. In such a case, one member is eligible for election to an additional term.

Other major changes provided by the new regulations will: (1) Create county and community boards which will conduct the annual elections of committeemen; (2) prohibit officials of general farm organizations from serving as members of County ASC Committees; (3) prohibit County Committeemen from acting as sales agents or employees of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, as marketing quota review committeemen, and as employees of County Offices.

In announcing the revised regulations, Secretary Benson said that they are designed "to strengthen farmer control of local program administration, to stimulate more extensive farmer participation in community elections, and to encourage more farmers to serve as Community and County Committeemen."

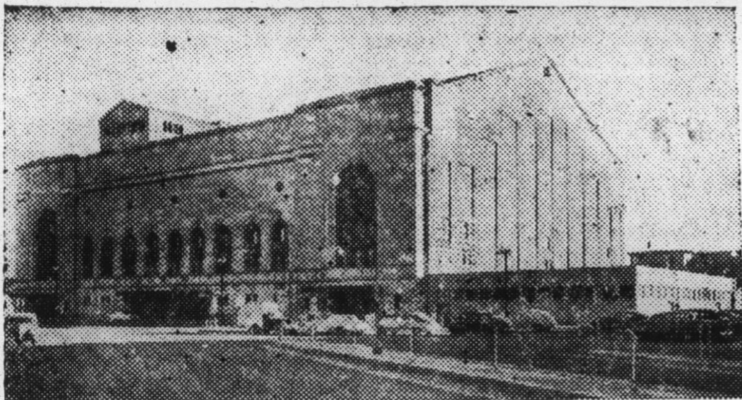
### 21,745 Are Arrested For Speeding In Six Months

For the first six months of the year state troopers arrested 21,745 Tar Heels for speeding the Motor Vehicles Department reports.

Fast driving led by far the half-year report of moving traffic violations. Simple speeding does not require revocation of driving privileges for the first offense, the department said.

Other violations reported for the period included driving without an operator's permit 4,625; reckless driving 500; faulty equipment 3,506; failing to stop for a stop sign 4,234; improper passing 1,931; following too closely 1,092; and driving on wrong side of road 1,198.

The report showed a total of 45,998 Tar Heels found guilty of moving traffic violations through June 30.



Thousands are expected to witness the colorful Opening Service of the Anglican Congress in the Minneapolis Municipal Auditorium August 4. At this opening event of the ten-day meeting of bishops, clergy, and lay people of the world-wide Anglican Communion, both the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, Presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, will speak.



While we are between crops, in a sense, we should be thinking of ways to improve our garden soils.

Much needed organic matter may be added through the use of stable manures or summer and fall green crops to be turned under. These materials will make heavy soils easier to work and will give sandy soils a better water-holding capacity and along with that, there is the added fertility.

But what I wish to talk about is soil acidity and the use of lime. Many gardeners do not understand the proper use of lime because they do not know the needs of the individual crops. Also, they do not know how acid their soil is. It is foolish to add lime to soil if you do not know that it needs lime or that the crops to be grown require more lime.

Lime reduces soil acidity. Most vegetable crops will thrive in slightly acid (ph 6 to 6.7) soils but there are a number of them that will not thrive at all in very acid (ph 4.5 to 5.0) soils—these are asparagus, spinach, onions, celery, lettuce, beets, muskmelons, cauliflower, broccoli, parsnips, okra and salsify. Crops such as beans, cucumbers, watermelons, corn, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes and tomatoes are quite tolerant of very acid soils—in fact, it is desirable for watermelons. It is also desirable to grow Irish potatoes on quite acid soils in order to prevent the development of potato scab, a serious disease which is made worse by liming the soil.

The soil testing laboratory of the

N. C. Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, will test your soil free of charge and tell you how much lime to use.

That leaves no excuse for not knowing the correct acidity of your soil. Take samples by slicing the soil with a spade or trowel to a depth of four to six inches. This will give you soil from the top as well as lower down. Thoroughly mix and send about one pint to the laboratory. If your garden is large take samples from more than one location. It is possible that your county agent has equipment for making simple soil tests.

### Insecticides Increase Test Cotton Yields

Chemical insect control in cotton adds up to about a fourth larger crop on the average, according to entomologists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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fields trials at Tallulah, La., carried on by the Agricultural Research Service, have resulted in an annual average seed cotton yield of 1,826 pounds per acre. This is 371 pounds or 25.5 per cent more cotton than from untreated cotton plots, which average 1,445 pounds per acre.

Since 1920 when these comparisons began, use of insecticides has always resulted in more cotton, although in 1924 the increase amounted to only 1.1 per cent and in 1944, only 1.5 per cent.

At the other extreme, insecticides boosted cotton production 112 per cent in 1950, a year when boll weevils alone took nearly a quarter of the national cotton crop. In 1951, the increase was 85.3 per cent; in 1952, it amounted to 18.4 per cent; and last year, 19.7 per cent.

In all years, the entomologists have compared several plots or more to reduce the chance of unrealistic production averages. Altogether 973 plots have been compared.

### Valuable Prizes Await Champion In Sewing

A queen's title, an exciting free vacation, and many other valuable prizes are among awards available to women who sew with cotton bags in 1954, the National Cotton Council announces.

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ton fabrics that package feed, flour, fertilizer and other staple products will bring a crown to some lucky seamstress at the International Dairy Show in Chicago this October, the announcement explained. She will be the winner in the nation-wide "Save With Cotton Bags" Sewing Contest sponsored by the Cotton Council and the Textile Bag Manufacturers Association with the cooperation of Pfaff Sewing Machine Corporation.

The queen and two runnersup will be selected on the basis of winning entries sent in from 45 fairs offering the sewing contest in 34 states. The three national winners and their escorts will be entertained during a week's stay in Chicago and will share gifts valued at more than \$2,500. Major prizes include a home freezer, a console television set, automatic washer, movie cameras and projectors, deluxe sewing cabinets and many other household items.

### ON STUDENT COUNCIL

Mrs. Marguerite B. Burch of Edenton has been elected to the Student Council at Longwood College at Farmville, Va., for the summer session.

### New Funeral Home Started In Edenton

Announcement is made this week that a new colored funeral home is now doing business in Edenton. The new concern will be known as the Rowson & Blair Funeral Home and is located in the building on the northwest corner of Oakum and Church Streets.

In charge of the new establishment is George Rowson, funeral director and Oscar F. Blair, who is a licensed embalmer and director. The two men also operate funeral homes in Columbia and Williamston and will operate an ambulance and complete funeral home services in Edenton.

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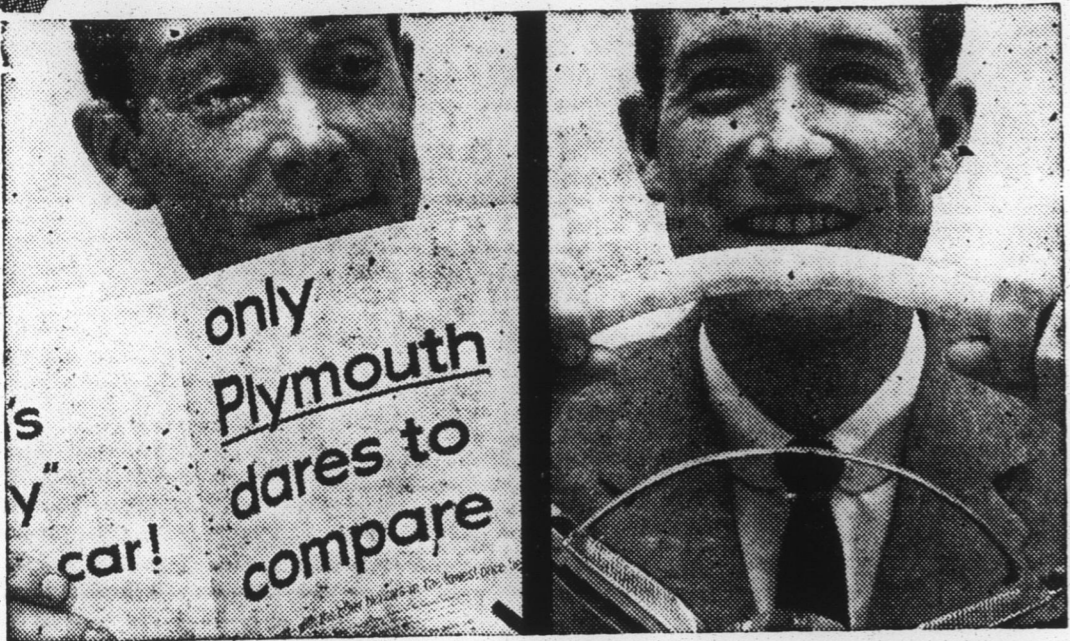
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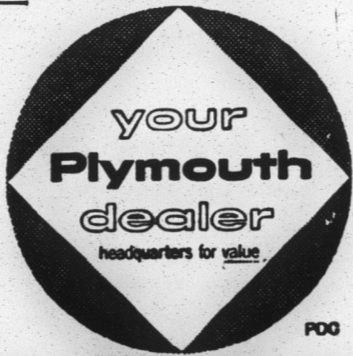
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