

FARM AGENT'S DEPT.
By County Farm Agents

Agricultural conservation has made much progress in Franklin County during the past three years through the Triple-A program, reports W. C. Boyce, county farm agent of the State College Extension Service. The program is becoming increasingly popular and last year 72.2 percent of the cropland in the county was in the program. This compares with 58.0 percent in 1936 and 59.4 percent in 1937.

Farmers earned 67.6 percent of their maximum soil-building payments in 1938, 65.9 percent in 1937, and 80.8 percent in 1936. To receive these payments they planted within their acreage allotments and carried out such valuable soil-building practices as seeding legumes and grasses; turning under green manure crops; applying ground limestone, superphosphate, and potash; terracing; and planting trees and improving timber stands.

For instance, in 1936 a total of 5,170 acres of legumes and grasses were seeded in this county. In 1937 it was 10,978 acres, and in 1938 the seedings totaled 6,807 acres. Of these, 4,933 acres of winter legumes were seeded in 1937, and 1,872 acres in 1938. Green manure crops were turned under as follows: 7,998 acres in 1936, 16,832 acres in 1937, and 15,472 acres in 1938.

Applications of ground limestone totaled 53 tons in 1936, 59 tons in 1937, and 76 tons in 1938. Farmers used 4.4 tons of 16 percent superphosphate in 1936.

Last year 121,400 feet of terraces were built. In 1937 terrace construction totaled 1,900 feet, and in 1936 it amounted to 323,600 feet. Two acres of trees were planted in 1938. In 1937 farmers improved 91 acres of timber stands and in 1938 40 acres were improved.

This does not include all practices carried out as practices were carried out in excess of amount required to receive maximum soil building payments on many farms.

Figures announced by E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer of State College, show that, for the state as a whole, 87.1 percent of the cropland was included in the Agricultural Conservation Program last year. Only 66.9 percent was in the program in 1937, and only 61.9 percent in 1936.

North Carolina farmers earned 77.0 percent of their maximum soil-building payments in 1938 by seeding 853,126 acres of legumes and grasses, including 109,653 acres of winter legumes; by turning under 1,497,702 acres of green manure crops; by applying 78,169 tons of ground limestone, 5,308.6 tons of 16 percent superphosphate, 866.3 tons of triple superphosphate, and 50.5 tons of potash; by constructing 15,233,600 feet of terraces; and by planting 1,144 acres of trees; and by improving 2,375 acres of timber stands.

In 1937 the State earned 69.1 percent of its maximum soil-building payments by seeding 550,126 acres of legumes and grasses, including 93,327 acres of winter legumes; by turning under 940,910 acres of green manure crops; by applying 64,783 tons of ground limestone, 2,398.3 tons of 16 percent superphosphate, 260 tons of triple superphosphate, and 33.5 tons of potash; by building 9,726,900 feet of terraces; by planting 423 acres of trees; and by improving 1,108 acres of timber stands.

The first year of the Agricultural Conservation Program (1936) found farmers of North Carolina earning 60.4 percent of their maximum payments, by seeding 484,688 acres of legumes and grasses; by turning under 475,291 acres of green manure crops; by applying 30,584 tons of ground limestone, 1,863 tons of 16 percent superphosphate, and 153.1 tons of potash; by constructing 9,849,000 feet of terraces; and by planting 392 acres of trees.

Four farmers cooperating in Poultry Management Demonstrations were visited during the week

and records show that their hens were maintaining an average of about 50% production, also that very few culls were present. These farmers are practicing a system of daily culling or throwing out daily all hens observed to have gone out of production. The pullets for the 1939-40 laying season are in good shape and plans were made for vaccinating to prevent fowl pox.

Mr. J. O. Rowell, Extension Entomologist of State College, spent part of Friday, June 23, in Franklin County visiting cotton farmers for the purpose of making a weevil count to determine whether or not treatment for their control should be started.

Mr. H. F. Fuller's farm, Franklinton, N. C., was visited and on first count made in cotton field adjoining pine woods, 32% of the squares were found to have been punctured and eggs laid in same by adult weevils. As this cotton had passed the presquare stage of treatment, dusting was recommended consisting of 3 pounds of calcium arsenate and 3 pounds of hydrated lime to be applied every seven days until less than 10% of squares had been punctured.

Similar test on farm of W. T. Moss showed 20% of squares had been punctured. On the farm of C. P. Harris, Louisburg, N. C., Rt. 4, about 2% of squares had been punctured, however, squares were only beginning to form on this cotton. Due to this stage of his cotton, it was suggested that he mop with a mixture consisting of one gallon of molasses, one gallon of water and one pound of calcium arsenate as it was thought that many of the adult weevils could be killed before they moved down the stalk to feed on the squares.

The farms of N. H. Griffin and

P. L. Gupton, Louisburg, N. C., Rt. 2, were visited and about 50% of the squares in places were found to be punctured by weevils. Less than 1 of an acre was studied on these farms, however, approximately 15 adult weevils were found. Mr. H. F. Mitchell's farm, Kittrell, N. C., Rt. 1, was visited and less than 10% of the squares on the field visited had been punctured. However, the presence of weevils was indicated and dusting was recommended at the stage when 10% of the squares observed were found to be punctured by adult weevils.

OLD HOME DESTROYED IN WARRENTON FIRE

Warrenton, June 19.—One of Warrenton's oldest homes, known as the "Old Jones Place," was burned to the ground Saturday night around 10 o'clock by fire of unknown origin.

The home was built and inhabited by John Williams and family for a great number of years and later was bought by the late Tasker Polk, who sold it to Mrs. Nannie P. Jones.

At the time of the fire, H. A. Moseley, prominent Warrenton man, was owner. Several families lived in the large two-story frame building, but no one was at home when the fire started. The furniture was partly saved and insurance losses were at an estimate of \$3,000, which was partly covered.

Middle age may perhaps be defined as that period of life when you're going to feel just as well as you ever did in a day or two.

Group Recreation Camp On Lake Singletary Now Ready For Use

Raleigh, June 26.—The group recreation camp on Lake Singletary, with sleeping quarters and facilities for 100 persons, is completed and ready for use, according to T. W. Morse, Superintendent of State Parks.

This is the first recreational unit to be completed by the Farm Security Administration in the 34,000 acre Bladen County land use development, recently leased to the Department of Conservation

and Development, which will administer the entire area.

Several organizations have already leased the camp but it is still available from July 15 to September 9. The Cape Fear Council, Boy Scouts of America, has reserved the camp from July 1 to 15.

Lake Singletary is similar to White Lake, with clear water and sandy bottom, and is only five or six miles from White Lake.

Detroit officials recently seized some limburger cheese which they said was spoiled. How do you tell when limburger cheese is spoiled?

The older generation had its day. The younger generation insists on having its nights. Englishman (eating a fish cake for the first time) "I say, old chap, something has died in my biscuit."

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