

Farmers Urged to Place Orders For Lime and Seed

Farmers of Wilkes county who plan to obtain ground limestone, phosphate and winter crop seed as conservation materials in lieu of AAA payments this year, should place orders immediately to insure delivery in time for seeding, according to H. C. Roberts, chairman of the County AAA Committee.

"The time for seeding winter cover crops is here, and the sooner we get these orders the sooner the seed will be shipped", Mr. Roberts said.

"This year, perhaps more than ever before, farmers should give their land all possible protection against erosion and do everything in their power to increase fertility of the soil we must depend upon for food production in 1944".

In an effort to encourage seeding of more winter cover crops and legumes this fall, the AAA recently announced a supplemental production practice allowance which is available to producers participating in the AAA program to be used for obtaining additional conservation materials. Costs of materials obtained by farmers through the AAA are deducted from payments due them under the Agricultural Conservation Program. Complete details of the supplemental allowance, he said, may be obtained at the County AAA office.

Pointing to the value of cover crops in halting erosion, Mr. Roberts said tests made at the Stateville Experiment Station show that land left bare lost 65.43 tons of soil per acre in one year while the same type of land seeded to winter cover crops lost only 49 tons per acre during the same period of time. Similar tests have shown that cover crops prevent loss of nitrogen through leaching in approximately the same proportion.

"Use of ground limestone and phosphate is recommended by soil specialists both to increase fertility through promoting heavier growth of legumes and also to provide additional pasture for livestock needed in the food production program. The state recently received an additional allocation of phosphate for the month of September which brings the total amount for this month to almost three times the amount we expected to have. This will enable the AAA to fill all phosphate orders this month and increase the number of orders we can expect to fill in subsequent months".

He said that to date farmers of Wilkes county already have ordered 3212 pounds of Austrian winter peas, 6506 pounds of crimson clover, 1477 pounds of vetch, 8500 pounds of ryegrass, 10,618 tons of lime and 600 tons of superphosphate.

October to See The End Of Lime Mine

Boonville, Sept. 20.—According to present plans the Yadkin county lime mine which was opened last spring, will close in October, a little more than a month away.

State officials who have charge of the mine say that the project is a money-losing one, and that the lime hasn't proved of high analysis as was first thought. It has been pointed out that whereas the lime was of somewhat inferior quality, the rock from which it is made is also too soft to be used for highway work, especially for hard-surfacing roads.

Proponents of the project, such as the county agents, and leading citizens of the Northwest think that the operation of the mine should continue. They say that there are hundreds of miles of red-clay topsoil roads in Yadkin, Surry and other nearby areas that would be made much better all-weather roads if they had a good coating of crushed limestone rock. The equipment is already there for doing the job, and it would be a fairly inexpensive matter to set up a prison camp there to do the work instead of having to truck the prison labor from Dobson or Yadkinville back and forth every day. This is reportedly one of the biggest complaints raised by the State highway forces for the continued operation of the mine.

Lime from other sources may be better than the Yadkin product, but it is close at hand, and no doubt would prove profitable in the long run, could it be continued. It is a certainty that the rock if crushed into pieces little smaller than egg size, would be excellent for the rural roads over which buses have to travel in rainy, winter weather.

Army Transport Crash Takes 25 Lives at Maxton

Maxton, Sept. 20.—Twenty-five soldiers died that morning in the crash of an army transport plane on the Laurinburg-Maxton army air base field two miles from here, the public relations office announced.

After the big ship, making a routine flight, struck earth, it burned.

"Names of those killed will be available for release after next of kin have been notified," the PRO said.

No other details of the crash were made available beyond an announcement that a board of inquiry had been appointed.

Officers said it was the first aircraft fatality at the field, which has been in operation more than a year. The base is an installation of the First Troop Carrier command, under command of Col. Y. A. Pitts.

AMONG THE COLORED FOLKS

Church — Society — Personal.

Waxhatch Baptist Home Mission met Friday, Sept. 16, 1943, at the home of Mrs. Harrison Spears.

The meeting was in charge of the president, Mrs. Lena Hayes. Fifteen minutes of prayer service was enjoyed by all. The hostess served refreshments.

Born to Pfc. and Mrs. Roy Williams, September 14, a girl. Pfc. Williams is here visiting his wife and mother, Mrs. Addie Williams.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hunt Gilreath, a boy, Sept. 7th.

Those leaving Cairo for the army were Mr. Lawrence Barber, Mr. John Blackburn, Mr. Ed Rousseau and Mr. Clinton Dobbins.

George Anna Sales has returned home after spending a while in Boonville with her mother, Mrs. Alice Cropps.

The Betterment Club met Sunday at the Holiness church.

Public Assistance \$8,769 For August

The Wilkes County Welfare Board met for its regular monthly meeting Sept. 8, with all three members, Dr. P. J. Brame, chairman, Dr. J. G. Bentley, and F. C. Johnson, present. The board was advised that Mrs. Martha Taylor, who was appointed as case worker at the last meeting of the Welfare Board, had accepted the position of Superintendent of Public Welfare in Bladen county and would not report here for duty. A number of applications for old age assistance and aid for dependent children were passed on.

The total number of cases using public assistance in August was 852 and the total amount spent was \$8,759.00. The number of persons receiving old age assistance was 680; amount \$6,160; number of families receiving aid to dependent children, 135, representing 256 children; amount received \$2,068; 37 blind cases received \$531.

A Public Welfare Work-Study group meeting was held at Hotel Wilkes Friday, Sept. 10. Miss Edith Guffy, field social work representative, presided. Seven counties were represented. New policies to be used in determining eligibility on the basis of need, required by the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, were studied and discussed. Miss Guffy informed the group that the area in which she serves as field representative has been rearranged and Wilkes county will no longer be under her supervision. Miss Constance Raha will be the new representative for Wilkes county.

Sure Farmers Will Put Cash In Bonds

Harry L. Brown, general agent of the Farm Credit Administration of Columbia, and former assistant secretary of agriculture, said today that he was sure the farmers of the Third Farm Credit district, composed of the states of South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, would do their part in investing in war bonds, especially during the Third War Loan drive.

"There are four things war bonds will do," Mr. Brown said. "They will provide the nation with needed funds with which to prosecute the war. They constitute a method of savings when income is good. Then, too, these bonds will be available for whatever needs the farmers may have for cash after the war is over—things they can't buy at the present time,—and when purchasing power will be needed to keep the wheels of industry turning.

"And the most important," he concluded, "the more money that farmers invest in war bonds, the more retarded will be the trend towards inflation. We surely don't want to have the reaction we had after the first World War. During those days land sold away above its normal value and many farmers were financially sunk because they paid more than the land was worth."

Annual Reunion Laster-Tucker 3rd

The annual Laster-Tucker reunion will be held Sunday, October 3, (first Sunday) at the home of A. C. Wall, three and one-half miles west of Elkin.

There will be an interesting program, consisting of singing by the Greensboro quartet and Friendly Four quartet, and also interesting speakers.

Everyone is invited to attend and bring a well-filled basket. Reported.

Each soldier going overseas is accompanied by from five to 12 tons of equipment.

Chinese Are Aided By United War Fund Chest Gifts

Eight cents out of every dollar contributed to the National War Fund this fall will go to the United China Relief, one of 17 agencies of the Fund, it was announced today by T. E. Story, chairman of Wilkes County United War Fund.

In making this announcement, Mr. Story said, "The profound respect of Americans for United China Relief is best expressed by Captain Ted Lawson, one of the men who had a part in the bombing of Tokyo last year. In his book, 'Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo', Captain Lawson wrote, 'Near the edge of the settlement the stretcher bearers stopped. They carried us into the patio of a clean-looking little building—some China Relief posters stuck on the surrounding walls. We felt better after the Chinese nurses had washed us with hot water. The man in charge of the dressing station came in that night. I was glad. I felt so low about so many things. I told him I had passed up the collection for China Relief more times than I had contributed. I told him I was so sorry I could cry'.

For six years China's gallant stand against our foe has cost her millions of wandering refugees, starved and homeless orphans, 'Shanghai'd' workmen, and many sick and crippled. Among United China Relief's services for these people are the medical aid centers self-help projects, and rehabilitation work.

Chairman Story reported splendid progress in the organization of the Wilkes county drive.

BACK FROM THE "DEAD" TO TROUBLE IN LIFE

Weird story of a Hindu prince who rose from his funeral pyre to wander, a mindless beggar for 33 years, but now, with his memory restored, he's fighting for his throne and vast estates. One of many unusual articles in the October 3rd issue of The American Weekly, the big magazine distributed with The Baltimore Sunday American. Order from your news dealer.



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