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**Field Trip Held By Veteran Farmers**

By **CAYCE PRESNELL**  
 An interesting and educational field trip was conducted on the farm of Don Bumgarner of the Mulberry community, by the Mulberry class of Veteran Farm Farm Trainees, and their instructor, Cayce Presnell, on Sept. 15th.  
 The first step of the field trip was led off with a discussion on how Don completely re-dressed a steep, gully-eroded, broomsedge field with a beautiful green meadow-strip of Orchard grass, fescue and red clover. Materials used for re-dressing this field were: lime, phosphate and some terraces.  
 Next the veterans were shown a large field which was in gullies, field-pines and broomsedge

18 months ago. Now this field is capable of grazing 2 cows per acre. This field now has a beautiful growth of Ladino Clover and fescue. This piece of land will pay ten-fold over and above the expense of seeding in good grazing.  
 The third step in the field trip, included a general discussion of a large alfalfa field which Don has mowed four times this season. Here a close observation and study was made by the entire class on the correct method of preparing soil, fertilizing and seeding of alfalfa.  
 The fourth part of the trip was a brief discussion centered around a five acre field of Soybeans. The advantages of certified seed and the method of harvesting was thoroughly discussed.  
 The fifth and last part of the field-trip included a discussion of row crops vs grass, the disadvantage of row crops on hill land and a summary of the improved farm practices viewed by the vets.

**National Service Life Insurance Facts Explained**

Some major points of National Service Life Insurance are summarized for World War II veterans by the Veterans Administration.  
 A veteran can buy as little as \$1,000 worth of GI Insurance, or as much as \$10,000, depending upon his needs and his financial circumstances. Intermediate amounts may be bought, in multiples of \$500.  
 There are six permanent plans of GI Insurance. They are: ordinary life, 30-pay life, 20-pay life and three endowment plans. A veteran can choose any one or any combination of these six plans, according to which fits his condition best.  
 As to the final payment, the Veterans Administration will pay the proceeds of the policy in

a lump sum, if that is what the veteran wishes. Or he may choose regular monthly payments to the beneficiary. The payments will be made to whoever the veteran selects, a member of his family

or to someone not related, according to his selection. Since each veteran wishes to make sure which GI Insurance plan best fits his own circumstances, it is recommended that he consult his nearest VA office for complete information.

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This field trip was outstanding from 3 angles. 1st, The improved farm practices viewed by the vets, have been carried out by an ex-veteran Farm trainee. 2nd, Most of these trainees knew the condition of this farm prior to 1946. 3rd, The actual education received by these veterans from viewing and thoroughly discussing these improved farm practices.  
 Don started these improvements when he returned from the army in 1946. He carried out many of these improvements during his 26 months training in the Veteran Farm Training Program.

**Deane Endorses Farm Bureau Work**

Congressman Charles B. Deane said in a statement released this week that "the splendid work of the Farm Bureau in the past should warrant our full support at the present time as it moves forward in an effort to be of even greater service to the people of North Carolina in the immediate days ahead."

The Eighth District Representative, in support of the North Carolina Farm Bureau's current state-wide campaign for 80,000 members, said:  
 "It gives me pleasure and I welcome this opportunity to express my interest and admiration for the splendid program of public service and usefulness" of the State Farm Bureau to the farmers and other citizens of the State.

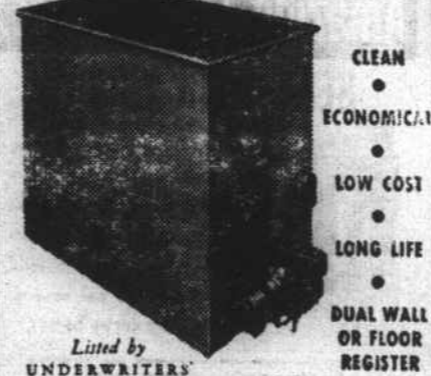
"The officers of the Farm Bureau in North Carolina are men of outstanding ability, and with a national reputation," the Congressman said.  
 C. E. Tharpe, President of the Wilkes County Farm Bureau appealed to the farmers of Wilkes county to become members of the Farm Bureau Parity for Agriculture Club by joining the organization and securing the memberships of at least nine other farmers.

During the 1948 state-wide Farm Bureau membership drive, Tharpe said, 1,827 Tar Heel farm men and women were members of the club, thereby dedicating themselves to fight for the parity principle for Agriculture, the goal of Farm Bureau over the years which applies not only to farm prices and income, but to country living standards, social conditions and opportunities as well.  
 Farm Bureau memberships written by Parity Club members last year totaled 53,420.

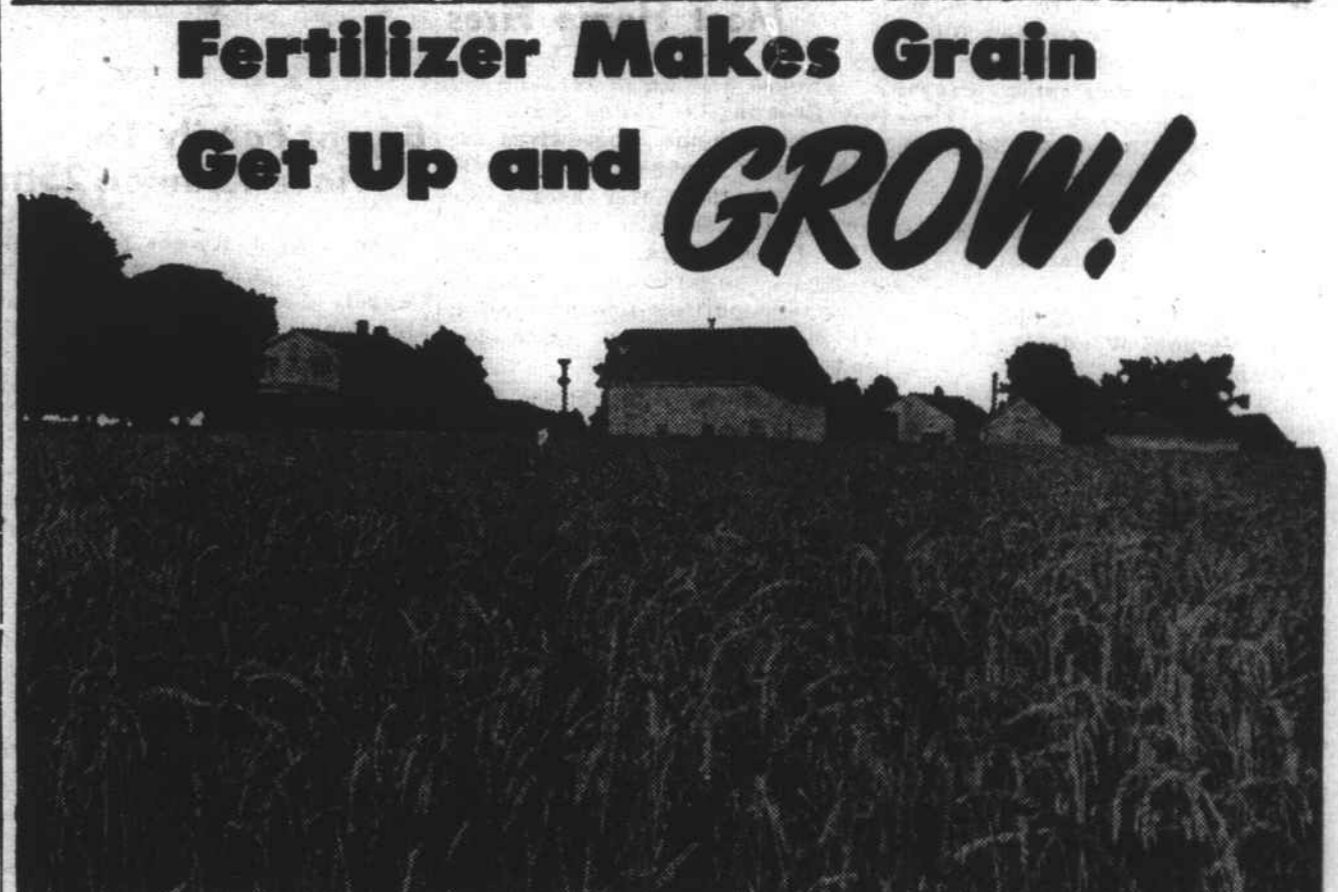
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