

Limestone's Use Greater

College Station, Raleigh, May 25.—The use of limestone and triple superphosphate by North Carolina farmers has taken a decided jump since 1936. E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer at State College, reported today.

Applications for the superphosphate under the grant-aid provision of the agricultural conservation program in the first five months of 1939 have already far exceeded the total for the entire twelve months of 1938. Last year, growers used 951 tons in earning soil-building payments, while so far this year they have applied for 2,124 tons.

The applications for ground limestone are also on the increase, the Triple-A official pointed out. In 1938, growers applied 91,000 tons to their cropland in cooperating with the conservation program. This year, they have applied for 38,410 tons under the grant-aid provision. In addition, the amount of lime bought privately and through the TVA demonstration program in Western North Carolina probably amounts to more than the grant-aid applications.

Floyd explained that Tar Heel growers earned \$3,170,969 last year

for improving their land. This year with increased tonnage of lime and phosphate being applied, the conservation payments should go well above the 1938 figure.

The executive officer also said North Carolina farmers seeded 438,176 acres to legumes and grasses last year, including 101,605 acres of winter legumes.

State Crime Bureau Shows Its Benefits

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Director Handy wasn't appointed until mid-year in 1938; he did not line up his personnel until about September 1; and then he found the quarters (three small rooms in a local hotel) too small to permit establishment of anything resembling an adequate set-up. On January 1, the bureau moved into the fourth floor of the State's "red brick" building, where it is now located and where it will stay only until completion of the new Department of Justice building.

Up on that top floor there has been accumulated almost all the equipment needed for a top-flight crime detection agency. There are microscopes of all sorts and descriptions with which Firearms Specialist J. W. Powell can determine whether a bullet was fired from a certain gun. Identification Expert Melvin C. Hoover (once in the FBI bossed by his namesake, Edgar) can compare finger prints to his heart's content, and with the newest devices for so doing. Documents can be subjected to all sorts of tests to determine their authorship or authenticity. Hairs can be tested to see whether they came from the head of a certain suspect or from another. There's everything the scientific sleuth can want in doing his sleuthing.

And so Agents Oscar Adkins, Guy Scott and Harry R. Paul can gather evidence in the field, send it into Raleigh and soon get the benefit of the soundest and best results of scientific research.

That these men have been as successful in their field as the famed FBI operatives is evidenced by scores of convictions all over the state and by scores of letters from solicitors, judges and sheriffs attesting that these convictions came through State bureau efforts.

The bureau enters cases only when requested by local authorities or upon specific direction of the governor under whose direct command it now operates. After July 1 it will become part of the new State Department of Justice, with the attorney general as its big boss, but Director Handy says there will be little but a nominal change; with the functions and activities about as now.

The bureau's operatives have to date been successful by a judicious mixture of applied scientific, modern methods with the old, but still completely essential, application of common sense and everlasting stick-to-it.

On the one hand, as an example of applied science, was the case from Harnett county in which one of the commissioners had received an extortion note, threatening dire consequences if he did not put a packet containing \$100 in a rural mail box. A tricky scheme to nip the writer as he called for a dummy package failed, but suspicion was directed toward a young man; and a scientific comparison of his handwriting with

the extortion notes brought from him a complete confession.

On the other hand, illustrating the use of horse sense and a refusal to give up, was the recent Murphy horror in which a nurse was criminally assaulted and a patient robbed by a marauder who broke into the hospital at night.

Local authorities were frankly baffled. Their theory laid the crime to a white man. But the State agent called in to help was convinced from the nurse's story that the manner of the assault pointed unerringly to a Negro as her assailant. He had no clues, but he kept circulating around until he learned almost casually that a certain Negro had hired a taxicab to take him from Marion to Atlanta, Ga., the morning after the crime. That was enough.

Now the Negro is on Death Row, pending decision of the Supreme Court on his appeal from a first degree and rape double-capital crime conviction.

Then there was the recent trial of three men and a woman for the murder more than three years ago, of Oliver Hawn in Catawba county. There came an apparently insignificant "tip" from a convict at Caledonia prison farm that he could give some information about the Hawn killing.

The bureau was called in. Agent Adkins went to work on the case and as the result of his unflagging work there was a wholesale verdict of guilty of second degree murder.

On file in the Handy office is a letter from the sheriff of Catawba county which says flatly and without equivocation that except for the efficient work of Adkins there would have been no trial, much less a conviction of any one.

The bureau has not sought publicity, and has received almost none except that attending its efforts in the Goldsboro case.

Your correspondent found Director Handy willing to answer direct questions, but not to volunteer material which might be used to popularize and advertise the bureau. Expert Hoover was courteous and competent in showing the writer all the \$6,000 worth of equipment and the nearly 10,000 finger prints now on file in the bureau.

On the Goldsboro case investigation the director was discreetly mum, if not completely evasive; but he did remark smilingly:

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But if it's breakable, your correspondent predicts that Handy and company will break it.

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