

Agriculturally Speaking

Development Of Farm Program Discussed By County Agent

By FRANK REAMS, County Agent

Although the percentage of eligible people voting December 15th was comparatively low the ones voting were almost unanimous in their opinion that a yes vote was in the best interest of the country compared to a negative vote. In Warren County 520 votes were submitted for Cotton Quotas and 19 against. The 23 votes cast for peanut were 100% per quotas. It was a little different in the 10c per bale cotton assessment vote, where 424 voted for and 53 against.

What about these public Farm Programs?

During the past few years, government subsidies have been one of the favorite topics of discussion among people in the United States. In practically all cases, the only form of subsidy generally discussed is government payments to agriculture. Remember that farm subsidies in dollars and cents

is only a drop in the bucket compared to all other government subsidies.

Government programs do not just happen. They are brought about as a result of an existing or foreseeable need. For example, the agricultural programs prior to and during the second World War contributed to the plentiful supply of food and fiber to meet the enormous demand during that time. Today our agriculture is highly productive and we have adequate stocks as an insurance against any shortage in the event of an extended national emergency.

Public programs of education and research have been highly successful. A progressive American agriculture has produced a bounty of food and fiber for a rapidly growing industrial population. Both farm and non-farm people support these programs in the belief that they help provide for continued rapid growth of our economy.

Resource Conservation

Early conservation programs were aimed at preservation of natural resources on public land. In the 1920's and 1930's, public interest expended to privately-owned farm resources. A wide-spread conviction developed that public programs were necessary to provide for future food and fiber needs.

Numerous programs have been established since the early 1930's to encourage conservation and development of privately owned farm resources. Over-all, these programs have been highly successful. They receive strong support from farm and nonfarm people.

Regulation Of Prices And Production

Regulation of prices and production by government has received slow acceptance. But in the 1920's, some farm leaders became convinced that a free agriculture has undesirable characteristics. They argued that output uncertainty due to natural causes, the nature of consumer demand and the cost structure of agriculture subject it to wide price and income variations. As a result, agricultural resources are used inefficiently, and consumers experience wide swing in prices and availability of food and fiber. Many people argued that government intervention to regulate prices and production could improve agriculture's contribution to the people as a whole.

The first legislation to regulate farm prices came in the late 1920's. Additional legislation to regulate farm prices and production came in the 1930's. Much progress was made in the 1930's toward the development of workable and valuable programs. But World War II altered this situation. It became necessary to increase farm production, not restrict it. Farmers sought and gained legislative amendments which guaranteed high, rigid post-war price supports.

We have been slow in improving farm prices and production programs. As a result, price and production programs are receiving adverse publicity. There is danger that sight will

be lost of the contribution which well-planned programs might make.

Conclusions

Farm programs have developed from a widespread belief that they are in the public interest. They have their problems, particularly in adjusting to changing needs. But they can help agriculture to serve the nation better.

One important thing to remember is that government serves us in many ways other than through farm programs. In 1958, only approximately six per cent of total non-defense spending by federal, state and local governments was spent for strictly agricultural programs.

Are you willing to let these programs go with a workable substitute? You had better be careful in making this kind of decision.

Treat Pine Cones For Colored Flames

At this Christmas season, one of the loveliest fireplace gifts is a suitable basket filled with chemically treated pine cones.

According to Miss Iola Pritchard, food conservation and marketing specialist for the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service, the treating of pine cones for colored flames is simple. In preparing cones for burning, use 2 tablespoons of powdered glue in one gallon water. Dip the pine burrs and drain. Sprinkle various chemicals, finely powdered, on them and let dry.

Powdered strontium chloride yields a red flame. For a green flame, try barium chloride. Copper sulphate yields a blue glow while a lavender flame is produced from potassium chloride. Sodium chloride (table salt) gives a delightful yellow flame. For a sparkle, just sprinkle steel dust which has been saved when tools were filed over the flame.

Another method that may be used is to dip the cones in self-polishing wax and drain. Sprinkle the finely powdered chemicals on them and let dry.

Chemicals can be purchased from local craft or hobby shops or from some drug stores. Just a little time spent in treating your pine cones can give a rainbow of colors in your fireplace this holiday season.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CORNER

EMILY BALLINGER, County Home Economics Agent
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The home agents announce the following schedule:
Monday, Dec. 28: Office.
Tuesday, Dec. 29: Office.
Wednesday, Dec. 30: Office.
Thursday, Dec. 31: Office.
Friday, Jan. 1: Holiday.

Are you planning to have friends in for a Christmas Party? If so you may like to prepare some of the following suggestions:

Christmas Wreath Punch

13 drained red maraschino cherries
13 drained green maraschino cherries
1/2 cup boiling water (about)
1 qt. cold boiled water
2 cans frozen lemonade concentrate
2 No. 2 cans unsweetened grapefruit juice
2 No. 2 cans pineapple juice
3 1 qt. bottles ginger ale
1 qt. water
3 qts chopped ice

Wreath: Wash excess color from cherries. Arrange alternate colors, in bottom of 1 1/4 qt. ring mold. Pour on just enough boiling water to cover cherries; freeze solid. Then fill mold to top with cold boiled water; freeze solid. (Wreath may be made day before party.)

Punch: In punch bowl, blend undiluted juices (4). Just be-

fore serving, stir in ginger ale, 1 qt. water, ice. Then unmold wreath on top of punch. 50 punch cup servings.

No-Bake Brownies

1 6 ounce package chocolate bits
3 tablespoons white corn syrup
3 cups sifted confectioner's sugar
1 cup chopped nuts
1 3 cup orange juice
35 vanilla wafers, finely rolled (about 1 2/3 cups)
Melt chocolate bits over hot, not boiling water. Add remaining ingredients and mix well. Turn into a well greased 9 inch square pan. Sprinkle additional confectioner's sugar over top. Refrigerate several hours. Cut into 24 brownies.

Christmas Fruit Balls

1/2 lb. marshmallows, cut fine
1/2 cup Eagle Brand Sweetened condensed milk
1/4 cup water or cherry juice
Mix these ingredients and let stand while preparing the following:
1 cup nuts, chopped
1 package dates
1/2 cup maraschino cherries
Add to marshmallow mixture
Add 2 cups graham cracker crumbs, form into balls, roll in more graham cracker crumbs. Refrigerate.

Christmas guests of Mrs. Ivey Allen and Misses Mabel Davis and Elizabeth Allen will be Mr. and Mrs. Davis Eger-

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Sorrell Named Engineer For Area Of 17 Counties

RALEIGH—Quinton L. Sorrell, 34, of Durham, has taken over the duties of Area Construction Engineer for a 17-county area comprising the Fifth, Seventh and Ninth Highway Divisions. Sorrell succeeds J. B. Cutchin, veteran of more than 35 years of service with the Highway Department, who is retiring.

A Durham County native, Sorrell joined the Highway Department in 1950 after his graduation from Duke University. He has been serving as District Engineer in District II of the Fifth Highway Division since 1957. Sorrell is married to the former Arlene Hopson and they have two small children.

In his new job as Area Construction Engineer with headquarters in Durham, Sorrell will supervise and inspect roadway and construction work for the Highway Department in Wake, Franklin, Durham, Warren, Vance, Person, Granville, Orange, Alamance, Guilford, Rockingham, Caswell, Stokes, Forsyth, Davidson, Davie and Rowan Counties.

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