

Attempts Being Made To Get Fees for Security Aid

RALEIGH, July 14.—Information has been received by the public assistance division of the state board of charities and public welfare that in some counties of the state certain unscrupulous persons are attempting to collect fees from aspirants for benefits under the social security program.

Mrs. W. T. Bost, commissioner of the state welfare department, has issued a statement in which she says that all applicants or prospective applicants should be warned against the payment of any fees in an effort to secure favorable consideration.

"It has come to our attention," Mrs. Bost said, "that in several counties efforts have been made by persons not connected with our state or county organizations to collect a fee from applications for old age assistance under the social security program.

"This is a reprehensible practice, and our department wishes it to become widely known that no fee

whatever is necessary from any applicant for benefits, either old age, aid to dependent children, or aid to the blind.

"Organizations have been formed in all counties of the state for the purpose of receiving applications and making investigations to determine eligibility for assistance. Workers in these organizations are regularly employed by and receive compensation from either the state or county governments, or both.

"Those eligible for and desiring relief under the social security program should visit their county welfare department, where trained workers will grant them interviews and investigate their conditions with a view to determining whether or not they are eligible for aid. Absolutely no financial outlay of any kind by the applicant is necessary to the transaction.

"We cannot permit such a gross misinterpretation of the excellent law which was designed to help the needy and underprivileged—not to obtain money from them."

Neglected Chickens Produce Fewer Eggs

Low egg production in hot weather often causes poultrymen to neglect their flocks, with the result that production continues low in the fall when it should be increasing.

Good management in hot weather not only keeps birds in better condition for heavy production later, but it also keeps up production through the summer, said Roy S. Dearstyne, head of the poultry department at State college.

Shade to protect birds from the sun during the hottest part of the day is essential to thrifty birds, he said. A portable range shelter provides shade where birds can feed and rest.

Since range crops usually become dry and unpalatable in summer, the birds need an ample ration in their feed hoppers. Plenty of fresh water should be available at all times.

Plenty of grain should be fed during the developing season. A good mash should be fed also as it contains vital food elements that are not provided in a grain diet alone.

Where crippled and subnormal birds are found in the flock, they should be culled out at once. Such birds never pay a profit and their low vitality often makes them the starting point for an outbreak of contagious disease.

Lice and mite infestations occur frequently in summer and result in heavy losses unless checked at once.

Fowl pox can be prevented by vaccinating the birds at an early age. The disease usually breaks out in the fall when the birds are in full lay and making a profit for their owner. Leghorns are especially susceptible to pox.

Domestic Servants Must Have Health Reports

Following will be found the law in relation to health certificates for domestic servants passed by the 1937 session of the general assembly:

"Section 1. That hereafter all domestic servants who shall present themselves for employment shall furnish their employer with a certificate from a practicing physician or the public health officer of the county in which they reside, certifying that they have been examined within two weeks prior to the time of said presentation of said

certificate, that they are free from all contagious, infectious or communicable diseases and showing the non-existence of any venereal disease which might be transmitted. Such certificate shall be accompanied by the original report from a laboratory approved by the state board of health for making such tests showing that the Wassermann or any other approved tests of this nature are negative. Such tests to have been made within two weeks of the time of the presentation of such certificates; and such certificate shall also affirmatively state the non-existence of tuberculosis in the infectious state.

"Section 2. That all domestic servants employed shall be examined at least once each year and as often as the employer may require, and upon examination shall furnish to the employer all of the evidence of the condition of their health, as is set out in section one hereof."

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Q. When should lespedeza be cut for hay?

A. The crop should be cut when the plants attain a height of 15 inches, or when it is in full bloom, whichever occurs first. To wait later will injure the quality of the hay and also occasion the loss of the lower leaves. If cut early, lespedeza will make enough second growth to reseed the land well, but it is seldom possible to get a good hay crop and a seed crop the same year. The usual dates for cutting the Korean variety is about August 1 with the other varieties maturing 15 days later.

Q. Is barley a satisfactory feed for poultry?

A. While not as palatable as corn or wheat, barley is an excellent poultry feed. However, if used as a substitute for yellow corn in the scratch or if barley meal is to replace yellow corn meal in the mash, a supplement must be made to supply the deficiency in vitamin A which is brought about by this usage. The use of 5 per cent alfalfa leaf meal in the mash would compensate for this shortage of the vitamin A.

Q. How can I control anthracnose in my dewberry field?

A. The cutting off at or just be-

low the ground level of all growth just as soon as the picking season has closed has proven effective in not only controlling anthracnose but several other diseases that attack the parts of the dewberry plants that are above the ground. The old canes should be removed from the field and destroyed as the anthracnose fungus will live on the dead canes and pass to the new canes which grow up soon after the cutting. If new plantings are to be made the old stubs should be carefully pruned off before the new stock is set.

John E. Beale Enlists In U. S. Marines

John E. Beale, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Beale, of Highlands, was among the young men accepted for enlistment in the United States marine corps at the district recruiting headquarters at Savan-

nah, Ga., and was transferred to the marine base at Parris Island, S. C., for initial training, it is announced by Captain A. C. Small, officer in charge.

After completion of the basic training Private Beale will be further transferred to one of the large cruisers, battleships or airplane carriers, or to one of the many marine corps stations in the United States or foreign shores where vacancies may exist.

Mr. Beale formerly attended the Highlands high school, and intends to continue his education while in the marines through the medium of the marine corps Institute.

Examinations for service in the marines are now being held at the Savannah recruiting office in the postoffice building. Information and application blanks will be forwarded upon request, Captain Small stated.

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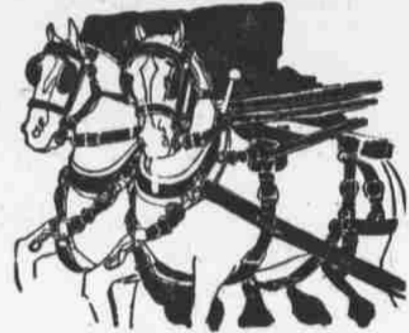
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