

"Future Payment"

Plan Announced By Farm Group

A plan whereby farmers having Federal land bank loans may protect themselves against any post-war slump or crop failures by making payments into a "future payment" fund, which will draw the same rate of interest he is being charged on his indebtedness to the bank, is announced by L. D. Thrash, secretary-treasurer of the Otto National Farm Loan Association.

Under the plan a land bank borrower may now send funds to the bank to be held in a trust account for future installments, and this account will be credited with compound interest at the same rate which the member-borrower is paying on his land bank loan.

"The Federal land bank and the national farm loan association feel that this 'future payment' fund offers a number of advantages to the borrowers. The borrower who has future payment funds in the land bank has a backlog of security upon which he can draw in time of need to keep his obligation in good standing and carry

him through a lean period. He is insured against hard times—at no cost to him for the insurance.

Mr. Thrash said that many farmers were now in a position to fortify themselves against future mortgage worries and in taking advantage of the future payment fund plan would be helping themselves and also would be serving their country because while the investment is earning a good rate of interest, this money would at the same time be doing service for national defense through reinvestment by the land bank.

Uncle Sam Asks Hens To Produce More Eggs

Three billion 700 dozen eggs are expected from American hens in 1942 to provide an adequate supply for home needs and for the English, according to C. F. Parrish, extension poultryman of N. C. State college.

This increase of 11 per cent over the expected 1941 production has been called for by the Government because of the vital part eggs play in the nation's diet.

The number of layers on farms at the beginning of 1942 is expected to be 10 per cent greater than during the early part of this year.

North Carolina has been called on for an 11 percent increase, exactly the same as the national average. This year State hens will probably lay 58,667,000 dozen eggs. In 1942 the Government goal for Macon county is asked to increase egg production 46,690 dozen. This state is 65,120,000 dozen.

This is one time, Parrish pointed out, when farmers should really use their skill in getting more eggs from their hens. Careful feeding and management, essentials of any good poultry program at any time, should be brought into use by everyone during this emergency.

Favorable egg prices, together with the Government pledge to put a floor under prices, provide a strong incentive to boost production.

Gneiss

By MRS. F. E. MASHBURN

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Keener and children attended the family reunion held on Ellijay Sunday at the home of Mrs. Carry Henry.

Work is progressing nicely on the Walnut Creek Road.

Miss Mayme G. Moses, who teaches in Clay county, was the weekend guest of her father, D. J. Moses on Ellijay.

Ennis Mashburn of Franklin and Edward Mashburn of Otto were visiting their respective parents Saturday p. m.

Mrs. Ella Peek, Callie Keener, Cora, and Fay Mashburn attended the Achievement Day program at Franklin agriculture building.

Farmers are being blessed with an abundance of sunshine and mild weather. Hay crops have been harvested in fine condition. Potatoes and apples can be well stored.

RED CROSS AIDS ARMY MORALE



Red Cross workers are on the job in all Army and Navy camps and stations throughout the country to assist in the important task of maintaining morale. Above, an Army flier leaves unfinished personal matters for the Red Cross field director to take care of while he embarks on an emergency flight across country. The Red Cross is the official means of communication between service men and their families back home.

Ellijay

By HAZEL AMMONS

We are glad to report that our Sunday school has opened, alto the schools. There will be Sunday school every Sunday at 10:30 o'clock at the Ellijay Baptist church.

Many people from this community attended the Indian Fair at Cherokee last week.

Miss Cora Young of Clinton, S. C. visited her uncle Abraham Young, October 5. Mr. Young has been very feeble for a year and a half.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Young have moved from Gastonia to this community.

Olney Moses of Gastonia, visited friends at Higdonville last week.

Mrs. Grady Mashburn and daughters, Alice and Rose Lee visited her sister, Mrs. Howard Keener of Gneiss, October 4 and 5.

Miss Martha Higdon is employed at Canton.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Buchanan attended the Buchanan reunion at Green's Creek in Jackson county October 5.

Commodore Robinson of Tiger, Ga., visited Mr. and Mrs. Levi Haskett and his nephew, Sam Parker, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Adams and little son, Thomas Lee, visited Mrs. Adams' sister, Mrs. Joe Henry Sunday.

Albert Rogers who is employed at Arlington, Va., was visiting home folks recently.

Roy Cantrell was called to attend the funeral of his father week before last in Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holbrooks of Atlanta, Ga. visited Mrs. Holbrooks' mother, Mrs. Add Clouse.

Examinations For Welfare Workers

With one set of examinations just over, the Merit System Council today announced new examinations to be given for professional positions under the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare and the County Welfare Departments.

According to Dr. Frank T. de Vyver, Merit System Supervisor, the new examinations will be given for the following positions: Director of Public Assistance; Supervisor of Personnel and County Organization; Supervisor of Staff Development; Supervisor, OCC Selection; Supervisor of Standards and Procedures; Director of Field Social Work; Field Social Work Representative; Chief Auditor; Consultant on Negro Welfare; Publicity Clerk; Public Welfare Nurse; Case Work Supervisor; Senior Case Worker; Junior Case Worker; Case Work Aid; Child Welfare Case Worker and Supervisor; Child Welfare Case Worker; Director, Division of Child Welfare; Supervisor of Child Welfare Services; Case Consultant and Student Training Supervisor; Child Welfare Case Consultant; County Superintendent of Public Welfare I; County Superintendent of Public Welfare II; Director, Division Surplus Commodities Distribution; and Assistant Director, Division Surplus Commodities Distribution.

Mailed applications for these examinations must be postmarked before midnight on November 9, 1941. Applicants must be citizens of the United States, or must have made application for citizenship, in order to compete in these examinations. Applicants must also meet the minimum qualifications for the positions for which they apply. All applications must be made on the official application forms, which may be obtained from Dr. Frank T. de Vyver, Box 2328, Durham, N. C.

Union

By E. N. EVANS

Gordon Ledford of the CCC Camp at Coweeta, is home this week on a vacation for a few days.

Walter Ledford of the Pay-And-Take-It store in Franklin went to Murphy on a business trip Friday.

The State Highway Commission is doing a fine job building stone walls along the banks of the right way. It sure is adding to the beauty of our community.

The farmers are very busy this week storing the Irish potato crop and gathering corn. Do not hear much talk about sorry potatoes, so we can expect to have enough of them anyway.

Lewis Penland has been confined to his room the past week with the flu. We are glad to note that he is out again.

John Sprinkles has taken a contract hauling acid-wood from the Wayah Ball section to Otto. Seems like the wood situation is picking up very fast.

Quite a lot of salesmen were in town Friday. It seems that business is very much on the move, in spite of the high prices of food products.

Dewey McConnell of the Battle Branch section of Franklin township was visiting friends and shopping in Union Saturday.

Wm. Carpenter of the Pine Ridge section, WPA worker Thursday, while breaking stone at the quarry, was struck by a fragment of rock on the upper lip, cutting a gash. He was given first aid at once and is doing nicely.

Dock Sellers and Fritz Henderson are evidently expecting cold weather to be just ahead, as they were hauling fire wood in the rain Saturday morning. Nothing like being ready boys, keep it up.

Raymond Sanders of the "Chestnut Flat Farm" on North Skeenah passed through Union Saturday en route to Franklin on a business trip.

Joe Hemby of Prentiss passed through our section Saturday morning going to Franklin on a business trip.

C. D. Hodgins of South Skeenah went to Franklin to have some welding and repair work done. He is preparing for his fall plowing.

Miss Truly Vinson of Scaly, and Miss Minnie Fox of Sylva attended services at the Church of God Saturday and Sunday, returning home Monday.

Rev. Mr. Gazaway of Whittier, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Emerson Davenport of Shooting Creek, are holding a very successful revival at the Church of God, this week.

Mrs. J. C. Barrington of Franklin, accompanied by Misses Dorothy and Frances Penland of Union, motored to Clayton, Ga., Saturday, spending the evening with Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Justus of Clayton Hotel.

SHORTAGE

Due to the shortage of aluminum, only 11,000 pounds will be available for the manufacture of poultry wing bands this year as compared with 150,000 last year.

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Farm Prices Climb Toward 1920 Level

Higher consumer incomes, government price support, and reduced competition from abroad may create for American farmers in 1942 a total income approaching 13 billion dollars, greatest since the lush days of 1920.

Quoting latest estimates released by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Dr. I. O. Schaub, director of the N. C. State college extension service, said the demand for farm products in 1942 will be "even better" than in 1941.

Increased cash returns were forecast largely on the basis of higher average prices received in 1942 than in 1941, although a moderate increase in production, particularly livestock and livestock products, will contribute.

Cost of farm production are expected to rise substantially next year, but not enough to offset the increase in price received by farmers.

In its latest outlook report, the U. S. Department of Agriculture pointed out that farm prices this year will average nearly 25 per cent over 1940, and that a gain of about the same proportions is indicated for 1942 over 1941.

If contemplated goals are met, there will be a sharp increase in the production of livestock products. This will more than offset a decline of nearly 10 per cent in the output of crops.

Farm wage rates, are expected to be higher next year, and moderate advances will probably take place in the prices of farm machinery, fertilizer, seed, gas, oil, and possibly in taxes.

TURKEYS

Turkeys will be plentiful for Thanksgiving dinners November 20, but may be scarce by November 27 if the larger consumer states observe the first Thanksgiving.

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