

# PAYING FARM LOANS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

## Not One FHA Loan Here Delinquent, Ramsey Tells Meeting

Macon County farmers who have bought farms with funds obtained from the Farm Security or Farm Home administrations have averaged making about three annual payments each during the past year, and not one such loan is delinquent, according to Albert L. Ramsey, FHA supervisor in this county.

Mr. Ramsey brought this fact out in a report made at a recent meeting here of Macon County Farm ownership borrowers.

Most of these farmers have gotten several years' payment ahead during the past few years so that in case of a bad crop year or of a depression, they would still be safe in the ownership of their farms, Mr. Ramsey reported.

Miss Daisy Caldwell, FHA supervisor, explained a chart that showed how each payment increased the farmer's equity in his land.

The use of Hybrid seed in growing corn was discussed. S. W. Mendenhall, county agent, was called in to give current information on that subject.

Jim Gray reported that he has been much pleased with his trial of hybrid seed corn. It yielded double the amount of the other corn, he said. Jack Tailey who recently made the last payment on his farm, reported a yield of 112 bushels per acre from his hybrid corn.

At the noon hour dinner was served on the long tables in the Agricultural building auditorium. The Farm Ownership families had sent the food in on advance and dinner was prepared in the building.

Mrs. James S. Gray made a talk on "Florida Boarders as a Means of Converting Farm Products into Cash". Mrs. Gray said that feeding tourists like any other farm enterprise requires thought and work but when well managed it paid. It was pointed out that tourists and summer people were a main source of income for Macon County.

The recently organized Farm-

# Macon 4-H Buys Sign Up For 275 Projects In '47

A total of 251 4-H club boys in the 12 clubs in Macon County have signed up to carry out 275 different farm projects this year, according to figures compiled in the county agent's office. These 275 projects are divided, in general classification, as follows:

- Dairying, 47; animal husbandry, 87; poultry, 18; forestry, 19; agronomy, 49; and horticulture, 55.

# State College Hints To Farm Homemakers

By VERA STANTON, Assistant State Agent

Root vegetables will be fresher and have more nutritive value if their leaves or tops are trimmed off before they are stored in home refrigerators or vegetable bins, plant scientists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture remind housewives.

Although bunches of carrots, turnips, beets, parsnips, and radishes may look more attractive in grocery stores with their leafy tops attached, those tops should be cut off as soon as possible because they draw moisture and nutrients from the vegetable. The tops take up valuable space in storage containers. The plant scientists explain that while the vegetable is growing in the ground, the leaves manufacture sugar, starch, protein and other nutrients and pass them down to the roots for storage.

However, once the vegetable is harvested and the roots are out of the ground, the situation is reversed and the leaves draw on the moisture and nourishment of the roots to keep alive.

These vegetables, especially if young and tender, keep better in the vegetable compartment of the refrigerator than in an open vegetable bin in the kitchen, because the warm air of the kitchen soon dries and wilts the vegetables.

ers Cooperative was explained by Claude Patterson, general manager.

A discussion on the orderly keeping of farm business papers and records was led by Miss Caldwell.

Walter Taylor, FHA committeeman, led a discussion of farm management and mismanagement.

# 100 Bushel Corn Club To Be Organized

By G. B. DIXON, (Assistant County Agent)

Farmers throughout Macon County have been asked to join the 100-bushel-per-acre Corn Club. Membership is free to all farmers. A farmer who produces 100 or more bushels will be considered a full-fledged member and will receive a certificate and a button to wear on his coat lapel signifying that he is a member, and those producing 75-100 bushels as associate members will also receive certificates and buttons.

Here are five steps to increase your corn yield:

1. Use a proven local variety or an adapted hybrid.
2. Adapt your fertilizer to planting to your soil conditions.
3. Provide enough plants to produce the desired yield.
4. Avoid late or deep cultivation, but control weeds early.
5. Vary side-dressing with soil fertility and desired yield increase.

The 1946 Western North Carolina 4-H district corn winner, who came from Henderson county, produced 122.3 bushels per acre. This is the story he gave at a banquet at a recent N. C. Crop Improvement association meeting in Shelby:

He turned under red clover in the spring which had stood for one year; sent a soil sample to Raleigh to determine the needs of his soil; and doing his work with a tractor planted his corn in 42-inch rows and put 400 pounds per acre of 4-10-6 fertilizer at planting, used shallow cultivation at all times.

Since nitrate of soda was not available, he used 500 pounds of 5-10-5 as a side-dresser. His 42-inch rows with corn 12 inches in the drill gave him about 10,000 plants per acre. His county agent recommended that he use the N. C. T-20 variety. This corn in that county gave him two ears per stalk, ears weighing about 1 1/2 pounds each. During his last cultivation he seed-

ed adino clover and orchard grass for permanent pasture.

Adapted hybrid for Macon County is the yellow hybrid U. S. 282 Drill in 360-400 pounds of as high analysis fertilizer as you can get, then add about the same amount at planting (6-8-6 not available). You must have sufficient rows and corn placed in the row not over 16 inches apart to get plenty of plants per acre to get your yield. Deep cultivation may do the corn more damage than not plowing by breaking off too many root hairs; corn roots at five weeks have reached out two feet each way and one foot down. High nitrogen topdressing pays. Amounts up to 120 pounds of nitrate (750 pounds of nitrate of soda or its equivalent) have proven to be beneficial. If possible disc or plow under a winter legume. Add stable manure to this ground if available.

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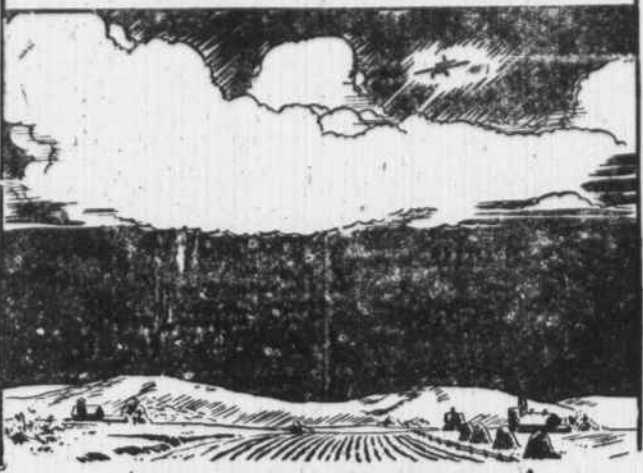
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