

Agents Explain New Farm And Home Program At Meets

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Macon County farm and home agents have visited 20 community meetings to discuss the expanded farm and home development phase of extension work in 22 communities of Macon County since November 12.

Total attendance at the meetings came to more than 600 people.

To secure approximately 100 families for this work, each community has been asked to nominate four families to be worked with as a unit (farm and home), and an additional four as alternates in case some communities do not desire this assistance. Some may have more than four families on the program. These families are to be selected so as to give a cross-section of (1) size, (2) enterprises, dairy, beef, etc., (3) incomes and, (4) levels of living. Final selection will be made by a county committee in early January. Thirteen communities have submitted 67 families for this work.

Through this method of approach, pastor and pupil it is hoped to help farm families help themselves, the final decision to be made by the family. This is strictly an educational program, however, but it will be carried to the extent of making a complete farm management plan if the family desires. More efficient production of crops and livestock along with better food, better housing, etc., will be the goals sought.

An example of more efficient production of corn is taken as a crop example. North Carolina's average yield of corn last year (1953) was 26 bushels per acre. By use of an adapted hybrid, proper fertilization and cultural practices, on good soil and with rainfall, one should be able to produce 74 bushels per acre. The 26 bushels per acre cost \$1.71 per bushel, or \$45 per acre against

85 cents per bushel where the yield was increased to 74 bushels per acre. Efficiently produced increased yields may be the difference between profit and loss.

This Week With Macon County Agents

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Macon County had 1,031 farms with 6,983 acres of idle land, according to the 1950 census.

Trees planted the past four years with those requested to date amounted to the following: 1951 — 500,000 seedlings, 1952 — 168,000; 1953 — 30,000; 1954 — 58,500; and 1955 (to date) 210,000. Total, 966,500 tree seedlings.

Spacing the trees at 6 x 7, which is the recommended distance for forest products, would give approximately 1,000 acres planted to trees since 1950, but leaving 5,900 — 6,000 acres idle.

These 5,000-plus idle acres are not helping anyone to live better, but are allowing tons of good soil to slip away down our river and out of production and wasting a tremendous amount of energy in the form of sunshine, which is necessary for plant growth.

Pine seedlings may be had for the asking as they are supplied by T. V. A. to assist in erosion control to prevent silt from filling their reservoirs.

White pine are recommended for elevations above 2,000 feet and shortleaf under 2,000 feet.

Some help may be secured through the A. S. C. office for planting pines to the extent of \$5 per acre if funds are not used by the individual farmer for other soil conserving practices.

Some individuals may be interested in growing red cedar for Christmas trees. Recommended spacing for small ornamentals is 4 feet by 4 feet requiring 2,700 trees per acre. Red cedars may be secured from the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development, Division of Forestry, Raleigh, N. C. delivered for \$3.50 per 1,000. An acre of Christmas trees would cost about \$10 to plant. On extremely poor soil it might be advisable to fertilize with 500 pounds per acre per year of 5-10-5 or 6-8-6 making the total cost about \$60 — \$75 per acre as it would probably be four years before the harvest. An acre should produce at least 2,000 marketable trees and bring \$1,000 or more at our present economic level.

Caution: Do not plant red cedar within one mile of apple orchards as both are host to cedar apple rust.

News About PEOPLE

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kinsland have moved into an apartment at the home of Mrs. Charles Ramsey on Iotla Street.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Starrette spent a recent week-end in Brevard, visiting Mr. Starrette's sister, Mrs. D. F. Moore, and Mr. Moore.

Miss June Teague, who teaches in Charlotte, and Miss Ann Teague, a student at Duke University, Durham, arrived Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ned Teague.

Macon County students attending Western Carolina College, Cullowhee, arrived home last Wednesday for the Christmas holidays. They are Misses Barbara Gribble, Barbara Holland, Audrey Hays, Nancy McCollum, Sue Williams, Julia Moody, Caroline Crawford, Patti Lou Phillips, Konda Teague, Luann Gibson, Jane Crawford, Shirley Cloer, Betty Jean Henson, Jeana Sue Cunningham, Marilyn Henson, Annette Dalrymple, Emma Lou Ramsey, Norma Jean Welch, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kinsland, Pat Pattillo, Tommy Raby, Grady Corbin, Bryant Cunningham, Bill Huggins, D. L. Huggins, Ray Henry, Lonnie Crawford, Larry Cabe, Jerry Sutton, Howard Patton, James Kinsland, Cecil Kinsland, Victor Teague, R. L. Cunningham, Roger Seay, Carol Childers, Howell Smith, John Cloer, and Roy M. Biddle, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hunnicutt and son, Tom, of Asheville, visited relatives and friends here last Sunday. They were the luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Higdon.

Mrs. R. E. Pattillo has returned to Franklin after a two months' visit with her son, J. H. Pattillo, and family, in Falls Church, Va. Mrs. Pattillo went to New York City with her son and daughter-in-law and their two sons, Harry and David, to see them off to Oslo, Norway,

where Mr. Pattillo will be stationed with the American Embassy.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Higgins are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Frank M. Higdon, Jr., in Haines City, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood Kiser, and family have returned to Cartersville, after living in Hamilton, Wash., for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Calloway and two children visited Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Bradley in Weaverlyville recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Biddle, Jr., left last Thursday for Nashville, Tenn., to attend the wedding of Mr. Biddle's cousin, Robert B. Whittle.

Pfc. J. D. Parrish, of Fort McClellan, Ala., is spending a 17-day leave here with his mother at their home on Franklin, Route 3.

Sam C. Crawford, aviation electrician chief, and Mrs. Crawford, and daughter, Sandra, are visiting and daughter, Sandra, recently visited his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Lee Crawford, of Franklin, Route 4. Chief Crawford is stationed at Glynnco Naval Air Station, Brunswick, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Porter are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Browning Goldsmith, and Mr. Goldsmith, in Clinton, S. C.

Thus H. Parrish has returned to his home in Detroit, Mich., after spending Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Parrish, of Franklin, Route 1.

Rabbit hunting is probably the most popular shooting sport in North Carolina just as it is in nearly every other state.

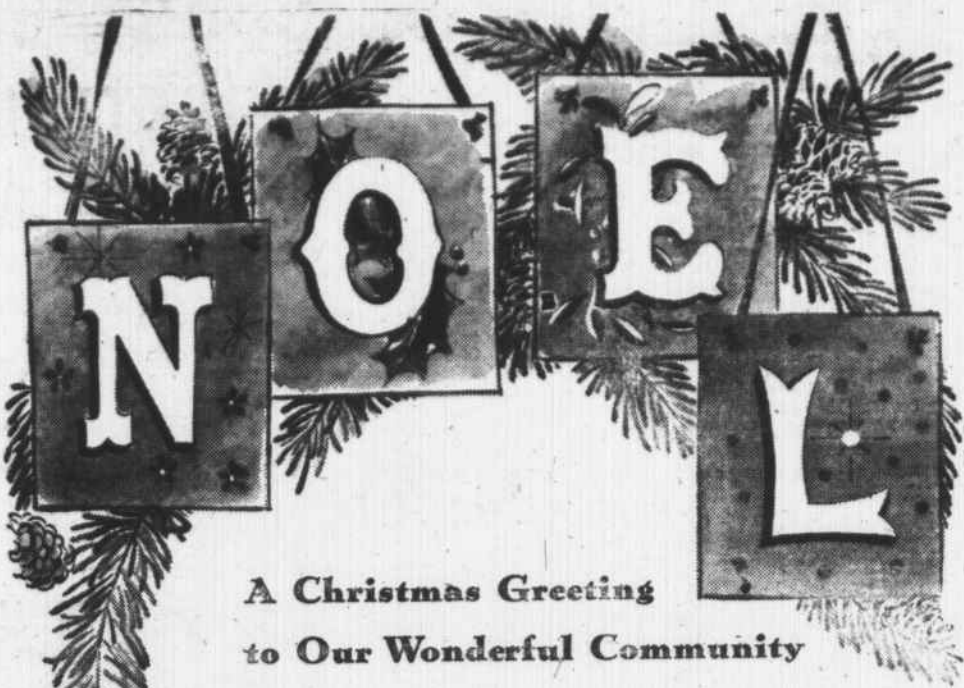
Higdonville Chairmen For Contest Picked

By MRS. HARRY MOSES
(Community Reporter)

Committee chairman for the new contest year have been appointed by the Higdonville Rural Community Development Organization.

They are as follows: Fred Corbin, Religious Activities; Mrs. A. D. Carter, Scrapbook; Sidney Clay, Recreation; Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Clay and Mrs. Louie Young, 4-H leaders; Mrs. Ted Higdon, Ways and Means; George Moses, Agriculture; Mrs. Fred Corbin, Beautification; Mrs. Sammy Bryson, Education; Mrs. Wilfred Corbin, Health and Sanitation; Mrs. Fred Health and Sanitation; Mrs. Fred Corbin, Home Improvement; and Mrs. W. W. Berry, Program.

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