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1949 Agricultural Conservation Program

D. C. Higdon, Chairman of the Jackson County PMA Committee and Mrs. Ellen N. Corbin, Secretary of the County Committee, attended a meeting on August 6th at Waynesville were representatives of a number of county associations discussed with the PMA Fieldman the plans for the 1949 Agricultural Conservation Program. Congress has authorized the development of the program for next year on the basis of a considerable increase in the appropriation over the funds available for the 1948 program. The amount which can be paid to farmers in this county for carrying out practices in 1949, will be about the same as the funds available in 1947.

In the meeting, practices which are included in the 1949 State Handbook were reviewed and discussed. The Jackson County Committee will now decide which practices are most necessary in this county to assist farmers in restoring and conserving soil fertility. These practices will then be included in the Jackson County handbook which is to be prepared and submitted to the State Committee for approval by August 25. The 23 practices which are included in the State Handbook for 1949 include several new ones which have not been included previously and which will receive serious consideration of the County Committee.

In addition to selecting from these 23 practices those which are most needed in this county, the County Committee is authorized to select two additional practices; namely, a local practice for which there may be a definite need in this county but which is not included in the National Bulletin, and a special conservation practice which is not included in the State Handbook but is in the National Bulletin.

The County Technical Committee, consisting of representatives of the other agricultural agencies in the county, will work with the County PMA Committee in selecting the practices for the County Handbook and in making decisions regarding specifications and such matters as planting dates, pasture mixtures most suitable for this county, and other matters requiring local determination.

It is hoped that the Jackson County Handbook will be approved in time to distribute to all farmers in the county by October 1 in order that they can make their plans regarding practices which require

FARMERS URGED TO DRIVE SAFELY

Records of the National Safety Council show that farm residents have contributed more than their share to the post-war increase in motor vehicle accidents. County Agent M. L. Snipes for the State College Extension Service, said today in urging farm residents to practice highway safety.

More farm people are killed in motor vehicle mishaps than in any other type of accident, the county agent asserted. Last year there were 7,000 fatalities and 250,000 lost-time injuries, he added.

"Farmers especially have to be good drivers because most of their traveling is done on high-speed roads," Mr. Snipes declared.

"Their safety and that of their families depends on their knowledge of the rules of the road."

"When you are at the wheel, your life and the lives of others are in your hands," he continued. "You cannot afford to take a chance."

The Extension agent offered the following tips for safer driving:

- Have a courteous attitude.
- Know the rules of the highway.
- Keep car in good condition.
- Stay alert when driving.
- Keep car under control.
- Obey the signs and road rules.
- Avoid driving when tired or under the influence of alcohol.
- Use tail lights on trailer equipment.

Remember the same rules apply with tractors on the highway. Cooperate with your community traffic officers.

action this Fall.

One important change from previous programs is that prior approval of the County Committee will be required for all practices, and that a farmer will be required to report practices carried out immediately after completing the practice. This plan of operation will enable the County Committee to make more efficient use of the funds available.

STATE COLLEGE HINTS TO FARM HOMEMAKER

By RUTH CURRENT

State Home Demonstration Agent Owen meals are fuel savers and with a little care in selection of foods which require the same temperature many appetizing menus can be planned. When such an oven combination of foods has been found, write it in a notebook for future reference. If this is done each time one plans a different combination of food, much time will be conserved.

Many homemakers have adopted the plan of distinguishing favorite recipes by filing them on cards of some special color.

When trying a new recipe for the first time, it is a good plan to tabulate its degree of popularity with stars. On star may indicate that it is good; two stars, very good; three stars, excellent.

If not sure whether the baking powder you have on hand is still fresh, it may be tested in this way: Mix one teaspoon of baking powder with about one-third cup of hot water. If the mixture bubbles energetically, the baking powder is still active and can be used safely. If the bubbling is very slight, or if it does not bubble at all, the baking powder has lost its strength and should be thrown away.

In washing fine china, use a mild suds comfortable to the hands. Never use scouring powders or steel wool on dinnerware as these may damage the glaze. Raised decorations and embossing may be cleaned with hot, not boiling water. Dry with a lintless cloth. Ordinary dishes should not be subjected to extremes in temperatures as this treatment may crack the glaze. When warming dishes, never put them in a hot oven instead use very hot water.

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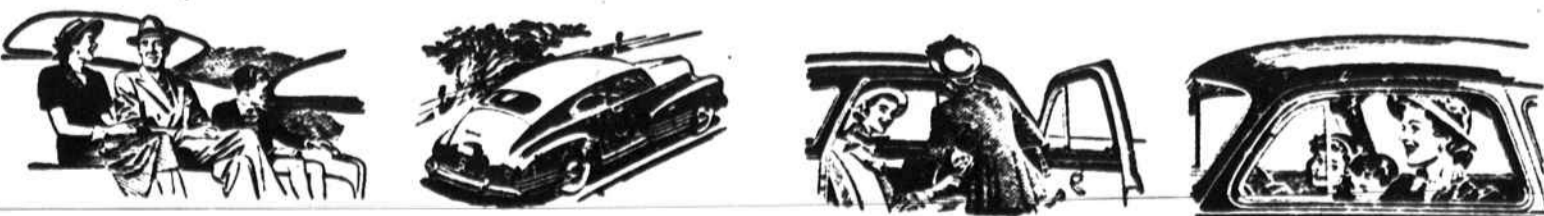
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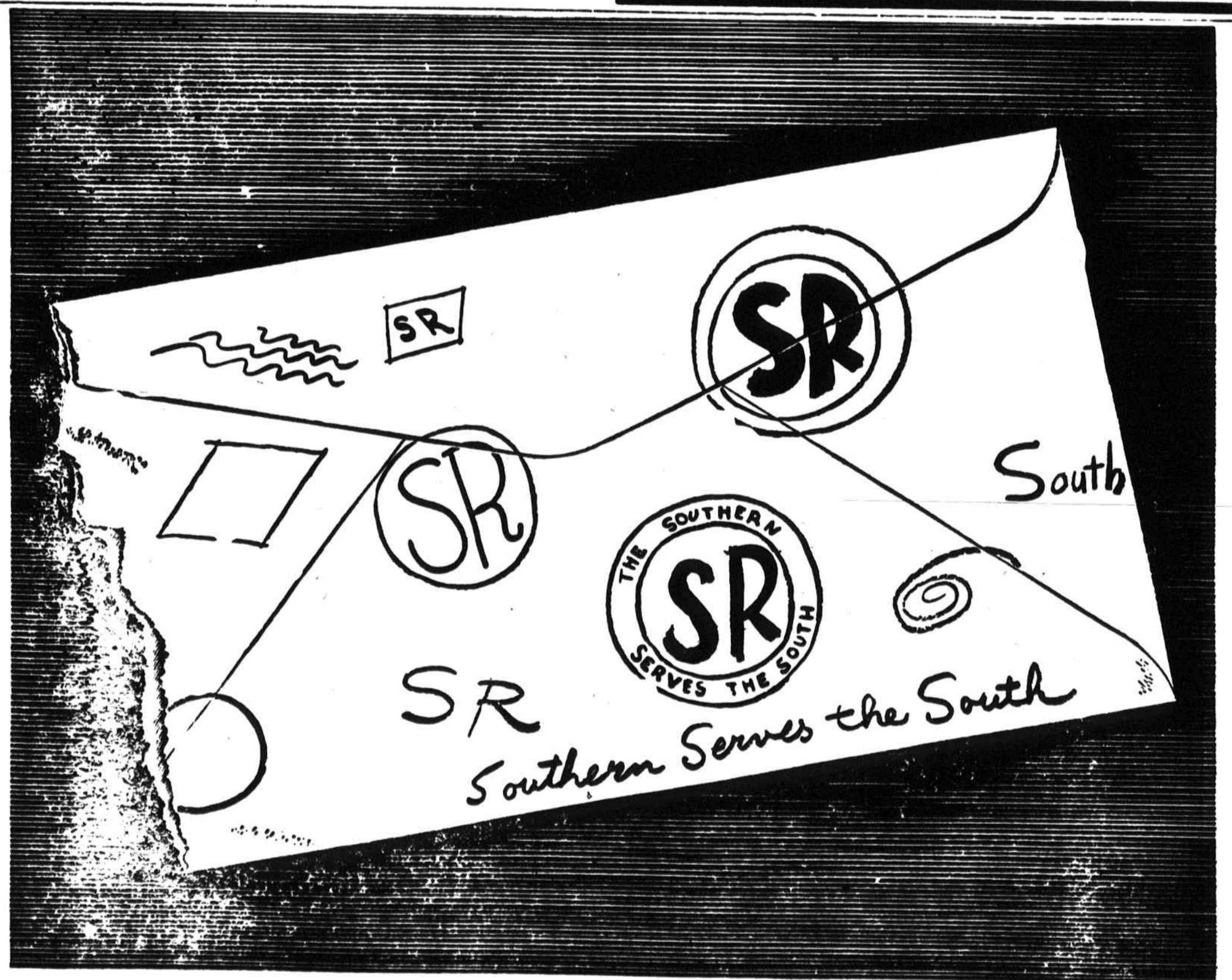
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