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Corn Program Changes Explained

In North Carolina's 27 commercial counties, corn producers will be eligible for price support this year whether they plant within their allotment or not. Tilman R. Walker, Chairman of the ASC State Committee, explained that this change was made recently by the Secretary of Agriculture at the same time that he increased support rates to all corn growers. The rate in these counties for producers who overplant their allotment will amount to approximately \$1.11 a bushel. According to Walker, this is based on an announced national average of \$1.25 a bushel plus a 16¢ differential that prevails in this State.

In the 73 non-commercial counties who plant within their average allotment will receive a minimum national average support of \$1.50 a bushel. The 16¢ differential would raise this to \$1.66 in this State. In the 73 non-commercial counties in this State, the law requires that corn be supported at 75 percent of the rate paid in the commercial area. 75 percent of the \$1.66 figure would give an approximate minimum support rate in this State of \$1.24 1/2 a bushel. According to Walker, this compares with 1.12 1/2 announced by the Secretary for the nation.

All of the support prices indicated above, Walker explained, are "minimums." This means that the final support rate will not be reduced below the announced "minimum," but it may be increased if the supply and price situation on October 1, 1956 indicates that an increase is desirable. The secretary had previously announced that the minimum national average support rate for farmers in commercial counties who plant within their allotments would be \$1.40 a bushel. "The increase in the rate and the change in the eligibility requirement in commercial counties was announced by the Secretary after he had been requested by the President to take prompt administrative action to increase farm income this year," Walker said.

the widespread use of the Bible. All these activities resulted in his being recognized as the first citizen of Sheffield.

Like Joseph Addison, who printed many of his original hymns in the columns of his newspaper, "The Spectator," Montgomery carried one of his Christmas hymns, "Angels from the realms of glory," in the columns of "The Sheffield Iris" on the issue of December 24, 1816. From his fluent pen came the beautiful hymn, "Prayer is the soul's sincere desire," written in 1818 at the request of the Rev. Mr. Bickersteth, and the stirring stanzas of "Hail to the Lord's anointed," composed shortly before Christmas 1821.

It was during his sixty-third year, on October 13, 1834, to be exact, that he was inspired to write one of his noblest hymns. Reading through the Gospels, he came again upon the story of Peter's denial and thought of his own experiences years earlier when he had been tempted to forego the humiliation of imprisonment for standing up for his convictions. He read again the words of Jesus to the impulsive fisherman, "I have prayed for you that your faith fail not," and followed the story to its bitter climax of denial and its conclusion when Jesus, with a look recalled Peter to service in His Kingdom. Linking his own experiences with that of the familiar New Testament story, he began to write:

In the hour of trial, Jesus plead for me;
Lest by base denial, I depart from Thee;
When Thou seest me waver, With a look recall;
Nor for fear or favor, Suffer me to fall.

He wrote many books and numerous hymns; among them, "God is my strong salvation," "Go to dark Gethsemane," "The Lord is my shepherd; no want shall I know," "Sow in the morn thy seed," and "Jerusalem, my happy home." Next to Wesley and Watts, more of his hymns are in general use than those of any other hymn writer.

The son of Moravian missionary parents, both of whom died on foreign soil, Montgomery lived a long and useful life, dying in his eighty-third year, April 30, 1854, at his home in Sheffield, after a beautiful and serene old age. He passed away in the spirit of one of his own stanzas:

Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,
The Christian's native city;

His anchor at the gates of death;

His robes are woven with prayer,

Though they impress his body,

His spirit and mind were forever free.

There has always been the lot of the true Christian in all countries and all ages.

UNC ENTRANCE EXAMS ARE NOT "KEEP OUT" SIGNS

By JIM NICHOLS
Chapel Hill, March 15 — Tar Heel parents who fear their sons and daughters may not pass the new entrance examinations at the University of North Carolina can be assured that the state is not erecting "Keep Out" signs.

To the contrary, "Come On" signs are being put up, for the tests are expected to disclose students who "ought to be going to college" and do not go. Scholarship assistance will be sought for them.

That assurance was made known today by University officials, who explained some of the conditions of the Board of Trustees' new admissions policy, to become effective in the Fall of 1957. At the same time, the University indicated receiving a large number of letters applauding the decision.

Announcement has been made of a "dry run" entrance exam — experimental tests to be administered April 7 and April 14, 1956, at 23 testing centers throughout the state.

Scotching rumors that the tests for entrance to the University will be excessively high, Dr. W. W. Pierson, dean of the Graduate School and chairman of the All-University Committee which helped prepare the admissions requirements, said (1) enrollments are not going to be pegged at the present level, (2) studies covering the past four years show that only 8 or 9 per cent of an entering freshman class would have been rejected during those years had the new admissions plan been in effect, (3) these studies also show that less than four per cent of these students who would have been rejected were able to pass their work and graduate.

Although the plan as adopted applies only to the Consolidated University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Greensboro and Raleigh, there are indications the system of examinations may be extended to all 12 of the state-supported institutions of higher learning in the state. Advice of the State Dept. of Public Instruction also is to be available in administering the tests.

Some other aspects of the examining system are:

1. The tests will not necessarily keep out students who are poorly prepared, merely because the high schools they have attended are not as good as certain other high schools or preparatory schools. The examinations will be comprehensive enough to test aptitude, potential ability, as well as the level of scholarship already attained. If the student is teachable, and if he has prospects of maintaining the University pace, admission will not be denied.

2. Those who don't pass the examination the first time will get a second chance if they request it.

3. There is no truth in the statement that the size of the student bodies will remain at the present enrollment level. The plans envision an increase in enrollments of qualified students.

4. High school students not planning to go to college but who score high on the test will be encouraged to change their minds and attend the University. Scholarships will be sought for them. A by-product of the entrance examinations will be the discovery of new talent.

5. On the basis of their entrance examinations, students will be advised more fully as to their programs of study. More effective individual assistance will be possible.

6. Those found not qualified will be counseled as to what preparatory or other schools will best fit their capabilities.

Dan Pierson pointed out that the examinations will perform a kindness in many cases and prevent a waste of money and time on the part of many ill-prepared students. And some of these may be salvaged, given preparation at other institutions, and in some cases, become equipped for later entrance to the University.

Is a policy of selective admissions new at the University?

Not at all. Selective admissions has been a practice in the University for many years. For example, at Chapel Hill the Office of Admissions looks at the records of high school students, and if the records clearly indicate little chance of passing University work, the applicant is advised to attend preparatory schools or junior colleges. Just last year, 297 applicants were advised to go elsewhere, because their high school grades indicated they would probably not be able to keep up with the work at UNC.

North Carolina high school students may take the examinations without charge. Those seeking admission to the University from outside the State will be required to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test of

ROARING FORK

A large crowd attended church Sunday night.

We were very sorry to learn of Mr. Bill Moore's store burning down Monday night.

Mr. Dempsey Woody called on Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wyatt Tuesday.

Mr. Nick Parker spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wilburn.

Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Parker, Mrs. Hubert Pangle, Cletis and Laveonia Pangle, Wayne Gardin and Mrs. David Frisbee and son, Gary, enjoyed a picnic dinner on the Round Mountain in Tennessee.

Wade Gardin took supper Tuesday night with Cecil Pangle.

Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Burnette took supper Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Rochelle Parker.

Mrs. Minnie Fowler of Hot Springs called on Mrs. Carolina Pangle Tuesday afternoon.

Blanche Wyatt called on Mrs. David Frisbee Tuesday.

Laveonia Pangle called on Mrs. Lucy Parker Tuesday.

Mrs. Carolina Pangle and daughter, Laveonia, and Mrs. David Frisbee and son, Gary, called on Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Stamey of Joe, Tuesday night.

Messrs. Roten Ebbs of Mars Hill, and Jim Shelton took dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gardin.

Mrs. Callie Parker spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Trantham.

Mr. Edd Ebbs is in an Asheville hospital at this writing. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Trantham and son, Freddy, spent the day Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parker.

Mrs. Sydney Brown is visiting relatives in Kannapolis.

Don't Forget To Send The NEWS-RECORD To Your Boy in Service

The College Entrance Examination Board and pay a fee of \$6. This admissions test is widely used by colleges and universities throughout the United States. In-state applicants who prefer to take the College Entrance Examination Board Test rather than the University tests can do so by paying the fee for the tests.



Bill Zink Is New Owner Of Tire And Recapping Service

W. B. (Bill) Zink, popular Marshall businessman, is the new owner of the Marshall Tire and Recapping Service which is located at the

lower end of Main Street. Mr. Zink states that all equipment used is modern and he has only experts to do the work. He states that he uses the best grade of Camel Back and that all work is guaranteed.

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