

Acreage Reserve Program Under Soil Bank Given

Madison County Agricultural Workers have returned from an Area meeting where they were armed with details on the administration of the "Acreage Reserve" phase of the Soil Bank Act.

Ralph W. Ramsey, County ASC office manager, said that the ASC office will begin signing agreements with farmers who wish to participate in the program immediately following county meetings which will be held within the near future.

According to information given by State officials at the Asheville meeting, Madison County growers of tobacco and wheat who reduce their acreage below their farms' established allotments may earn payments for doing so.

The provisions of the Acreage Reserve Program which will affect local growers follow:

- The farmer must:
 1. Put land in the Reserve that is representative of the land used for the crop.
 2. Harvest less than the farm allotment of the particular crop.
 3. Not permit the land to be grazed, cut for hay, or cropped for the entire 1956 calendar year.
- Any farmer who complies with these provisions, may become eligible for payments if:
1. He has underplanted his allotment for tobacco, or wheat, and he certifies that he underplanted in anticipation of complying with the 1956 Acreage Reserve Program, or because of adverse weather conditions.
 2. An acreage of the allotment crop will not be harvested because of destruction by natural causes.
 3. He plows up the crop prior to June 30, or the final disposition date, whichever is later.
- The law establishes maximum and

minimum acreages that may be placed in the Reserve. To determine both his maximum and minimum, the farmer must use the larger of the figures resulting from the following formulas:

Tobacco — Not more than one-half of the allotment, or five acres; not less than 10 per cent of the allotment, or 0.50 acre.

Wheat — Not more than one-half of the allotment, or 50 acres; not less than 10 per cent of the allotment, or five acres.

In the case of wheat, or tobacco, if the farmer's allotment is less than specified maximum or minimum acreage, his total allotment shall be considered as the maximum or minimum.

Payments to individual farmers will be determined by multiplying the "normal" yield on acreage removed times rates established by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Payments (per acre) will be made as follows:

Tobacco — Your normal yield times 18 cents a pound.

Wheat — Your normal yield times \$1.33 a bushel (also a minimum).

Normal yields will be established by County ASC personnel.

Ramsey warned farmers not to take any action toward complying with provisions of the Soil Bank until they have signed an agreement with the local ASC office.

He pointed out that the Acreage Reserve phase of the Soil Bank is the only part that will affect local farmers until next fall or later.

The other part is the "Conservation Reserve" which will permit farmers to put land into certain conservation crops, but not harvest them, and thereby receive payments to help establish the crops and rental for the land in the Reserve.

was finally stopped it had burned more than 2,000 acres of pines. Douglass says that all of the pines weren't killed, but a large portion of their growth for this year is lost. A conservative estimate put the damage at several thousand dollars.

And the strange thing is that this same offender had already been convicted of a similar offense and was fined \$75.

Douglass adds that this type of offense is repeated many times each year in Eastern North Carolina. Forest fire damage in the Southern states is over 2½ million dollars annually.



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Yorkshire Gilts Are Placed With 4-H Club Pig Chain

Eight registered Yorkshire gilts and one registered Yorkshire boar were placed on the 4-H Pig Chain this year. Pigs were placed with: Harold Payne, Marshall R-3; Grady Rice, Marshall R-2; Dean Ricker, French Broad, Tennessee; Ted Bailey, Mars Hill R-1; Houston Thomas, Marshall R-3; Woody Ammons, Mars Hill; Butch Bailey, Mars Hill R-2; Wayne Ballard, Mars Hill R-3; Bobby Reese, Hot Springs R-1.

Boys on the chain are asked to follow certain management practices. Green grazing must be supplied and a mineral and protein supplement must be provided. The purpose of the chain is to provide boys with good foundation stock and to encourage them to follow sound management practices.

OPEN FORUM "THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE" PRAISES HOLCOMBE

Route One Mars Hill, N. C. June 14, 1956

Mr. James I. Story Editor, The News-Record Marshall, N. C. Dear Mr. Story

Our representatives come and go but we must not lose sight of their accomplishments while working for us in Raleigh. The meritorious service rendered by Rep. Fred Holcombe during the last session of the legislature was commendable and reflected the utmost credit upon himself and Madison County. It is to be regretted that he did not choose to run again as his absence in the legislature will cause the "wet" forces to be more in the ascendancy. Constantly aligned with the "dry" forces in that body, he voted "dry" on every issue involving sobriety whereas fifteen per cent (15%) of the members of the lower house simply walked out on their so-called Christian consciences (and those they supposedly represented), finding it convenient to "take a walk." Thus it is easy to see that Rep. Holcombe voted his convictions, disregarding political considerations, and availed himself at every opportunity to uphold principles consonant with the best interests of our children and youth. Too often legislators weigh their votes more with the next election in mind than the next generation! It is uplifting to note that Rep. Holcombe is not in that category and that his record on the strong drink issue is a fine example of moral rectitude.

Along with other outstanding road boosters such as L. Dale Thrash and Sen W. Kerr Scott, Mr. Holcombe has constantly worked for better roads in this county and elsewhere. He obviously believes that good roads will bring about both economic and educational advance. His record of road building and improvement is reminiscent of what The Asheville Citizen quoted the late Congressman George M. Pritchard as saying several years ago: "Education and good roads transcend in importance all partisan and selfish interests." Evidences of accomplishment along the highways of new and better roads can be seen in various sections of our county. Yet we so often forget to appreciate these natural advantages! We are somewhat like a pig under an acorn tree: we never look up to see from whence the acorns come!

Mr. Holcombe's life-long service has endeared himself to the people of Madison County as Postmaster at Mars Hill, as a prompt and courteous operator of his funeral home at Mars Hill, and more recently as our representative in Raleigh. Mr. Holcombe's desire not to continue in office is regrettable but consolation can be gained by the fact that his son, Haul Holcombe, was recently nominated for representative in Yancey County.

Respectfully yours, A FRIEND MEADOW FORK

There was a large crowd attending the decoration Sunday. Those visiting Mrs. Harriet Price during the past week were Mr. Sam Keener, Mrs. Toney Webb, Mrs. Sally Beasley, Mrs. Roise Williams, Miss Ruby Sexton, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hickam of S. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Milburn Hise. Miss Yvonne Price visited Mrs. Roise Williams Saturday evening. Mr. Douglas Meadows visited Miss Yvonne Price Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Willie Williams and Mr. George Inman attended the decoration Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hickam spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Price. Mr. Van Meadows of Spring Creek was visiting a friend on Meadow Fork Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Lee Sexton, who has been ill for four or five months, doesn't seem to improve much. We wish for her a speedy recovery. Mr. and Mrs. Willie Williams and Mr. George Inman made a business trip to Newport, Tenn., Monday.

Singing Convention The Madison County Singing Convention will meet Sunday, June 24 at 2:00 p. m. at the Marshall Free Will Baptist Church. We wish to invite all quartets, trios, choirs, and soloists who will come to be with us.

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"God... hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the earth..." (Acts 17:26.) Read Acts 17:22-31.

One bright Sunday morning in the year 1901, I left my hotel in Angers, France, and went to a place of prayer. Before the entrance stood a middle-aged man to greet worshippers as they arrived. His face was beaming with a light seen only on the faces of Christians. "Could you find me a seat?" I inquired. "I'm a stranger here."

I will never forget the hearty grasp of his hand, as he said, "There are no strangers here. Come in." As I took my seat among the worshippers, I realized what the communion of saints mean to me. I joined in the hymns and heard the sermon in French.

I felt that if a majority of people in each country shared sincerely such an experience in Christ, wars and international disputes would be a thing of the past.

Termites Damage Tar Heel Homes

Tar Heel home owners are taking a beating from an enemy they probably won't ever see. Roy M. Carter, forestry professor at N. C. State College, says that this "enemy" — termites and fungus rot — is damaging North Carolina homes to the extent of nearly five million dollars a year. Carter, who has just completed a comprehensive study of the problem, has some bad news for the approximately 12,000 persons who became home-owners last year — 11,000 of them will fall victims to termites and fungus within three to five years, he estimates. And like their hosts the little critters prefer new houses, too. Carter says this is because of the high sapwood content of today's timber, lack of natural resins and tars, and improper or inadequate building practices. Damage from termite and rot has become so acute that one-fifth of the national output of lumber goes for the replacement of damaged lumber in existing buildings. Although North Carolina is especially prone to termites and fungus rot, it isn't alone. Throughout the nation, around one-half billion dollars' worth of property is destroyed annually by termites and fungus rot. This is almost two-thirds the loss by fire. But the termite problem goes unrecognized because the termites work "undercover."

HURT DEER CHASES MAN

Forsyth, Mo. — Ernest Beeler, Kinasee Mills, Mo., out deer-hunting, shot an 8-point, 200-pound buck 3 times. Thinking the deer dead, Beeler ran up to slit the animal's throat, but the wounded buck staggered to his feet, and chased the hunter up a post oak sapling. When the buck lost interest, Beeler fired a fourth bullet into the animal, which started to run again. A fifth bullet finished it.

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PRAYER
Heavenly Father, help me to work and pray to hasten the time when the Gospel shall inspire all men to abandon their racial and national prejudices and become one happy Christian family. For the sake of Him who loves us and gave Himself for us. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
Truth brotherhood can be accomplished only by receiving as a little child the Kingdom of Heaven. —A. C. Browning (Saskatchewan)

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