



Madison High School VICA Club Contestants

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Scott, Davis Receive Farm Awards

RALEIGH — Former state Senator Ralph H. Scott (D-Alamance) and Clayton Davis of Asheville are the recipients of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture's highest awards for 1980.

Scott received the award for Service to Agriculture in the State and Davis, manager of the Western N.C. Farmers Market, was named the NCDA's Employee of the Year for 1980.

State Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham made the presentations during a luncheon at Balentine's Buffet here today.

"Senator Ralph Scott has devoted his life to agriculture and service through the North Carolina General Assembly," the commissioner said. "He is a man of honesty, decency, fairness and compassion and has supreme dedication to the principles of good government."

Scott, founder and operator of Melville Dairy for 40 years was first elected to the state Senate in 1950. He was reelected 13 times and was last elected in 1978.

The brother of former governor W. Kerr Scott and uncle of former governor Robert W. Scott, he is a graduate of N.C. State University and holds an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Elon College.

In tribute to Davis, Graham said that he had shown superior leadership in developing the Western N.C. Farmers Market in Asheville.

"He came with the NCDA to manage the market in 1975 and since that time the market constantly grown in business, buildings and service," Graham declared. "If growth is success, Clayton Davis is one of the most successful men I know."

Prior to joining the NCDA, Davis was with the North Carolina Extension Service in Haywood County for 15 years.

He is a graduate of N.C. State University with a masters degree in agronomy. Davis is married to the former Kathleen Thomas. Both are natives of Bryson City in Swain County.

Food Stamp Office Explains Fraud Regulations

With so much publicity in the news media concerning abuse in the Food Stamp Program and a nationwide effort to cut down an overissuance of coupons, it seems an appropriate time to inform the public what constitutes an overissuance and/or fraud and how it is handled at the county level.

A Recipient Claim is established against any household that receives more food stamps than they are eligible to receive. The three most frequent instances that result in a claim are:

1. The household fails to provide the worker with correct information during the initial interview or at recertification.

2. Failure to report in a timely manner changes in their household situation during the certification period, such as income or the number of persons in the household.

3. Administrative errors within the agency. Claims are classified as fraud and non-fraud. Non-fraud claims are those established against a household due to an overissuance caused by an administrative error on the part of the county department, a misunderstanding of program regulations, or an inadvertent error on the part of the household.

Fraud, as defined by 7CFR273.16(B), includes any

action by an individual to knowingly, willfully and with deceitful intent:

1. Make a false statement either orally or in writing to obtain benefits to which the household is not entitled.
2. Conceal information to obtain benefits to which the household is not entitled.
3. Alter the Authorize to Purchase Card. (Blue Card)
4. Use food stamps to buy non-food items such as alcoholic drinks or cartons of cigarettes.
5. Trade or sell food stamps for cash.

If the county department has documentary evidence that one or more of the above conditions exists, an administrative hearing will be initiated if the county believes the facts of the individual case do not warrant civil or criminal prosecution.

Individuals found guilty of fraud through administrative hearings are disqualified for three months, and not less than six months and not more than twenty-four months if found guilty of criminal and civil fraud through the courts.

In order to be reinstated, the individual found guilty of fraud through an Administrative Fraud Hearing must agree to repay the overissuance either in a lump sum, installment payments, or by the end of their disqualification period, agree to

have the amount withheld from their monthly coupon allotment. If found guilty by the court, restitution will be made by the individual as determined by the court.

The penalties for individuals found guilty of fraud are: barred from the program for three months to two years, fined up to \$10,000, imprisoned up to five years or both, and subject to prosecution under other applicable federal laws.

If your household is currently certified for food stamps and there has been a change in your situation since you were certified, these changes should be reported to the worker within ten days of the date the change is made known to you. This can be done in person, by mail, or by calling 649-3424.

New Weapon For Tobacco Insects

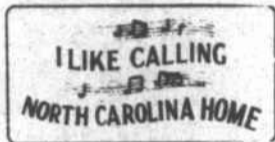
North Carolina farmers have a new weapon this spring in their early-season battle with tobacco insects. The combination of Du Pont "Vydate" insecticide/nematicide and "Diazinon" is now registered as a tank mix for control of root knot and lesion nematodes, flea beetles and wireworms.

According to Du Pont Agchem district manager, H. Ray Lanier in Raleigh, the tank mix has been registered by the State of North Carolina because of special local needs, but the combination is not registered for use in other states where tobacco is grown. Lanier says the combination controls more insects than

either material alone. Growers can tank-mix one gallon of "Vydate" with one pound active "Diazinon" (one quart of product containing four pounds active/gallon) per acre for preplant incorporated broadcast applications in not less than 40 gallons of water per acre.

"Our tests show the best results when the combination is incorporated 4-6 inches in the soil, but when rows are bedded, only treated soil should be used to form the bed," he says. "We've also found the combination is most effective when tobacco is transplanted within 24 hours after treatment."

Rome's major highway was the Via Salaria — Salt Road — used by soldiers bringing crystals from the salt pans at Ostia. Those "worth their salt" were paid a salary. That word comes from "salarium," money paid soldiers to buy salt.



Heart Answers

WHAT IS HARDENING OF THE ARTERIES?
A common form of hardening of the arteries is atherosclerosis. It occurs when fatty deposits in the bloodstream build up on the inner walls of the arteries. People who have atherosclerosis are more likely to suffer a heart attack or stroke. The risk of developing atherosclerosis can be reduced by observing a diet low in saturated fats and cholesterol. Contact your local American Heart Association for more information.



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TAKE A BITE OUT OF CRIME

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Ridomil Approved For Black Shank

Ridomil has received EPA acceptance for use as a fungicide on burley tobacco to control black shank.

The label calls for Ridomil to be applied in the field as a broadcast application and incorporated 2-4 inches into the soil.

It is recommended that it be used only with those tobacco varieties with some black shank resistance. Because resistance in varieties varies from state to state and even county to county, it is recom-

mended that the grower consult the local cooperative extension service concerning the recommended varieties for a specific area. Ridomil is not labeled for use on burley tobacco in Pennsylvania for black shank control.

Ridomil is labeled for the control of black shank (*Phytophthora parasitica*) and blue mold (*Peronospora tabacina*) in the field, and Pythium damping-off and blue mold in the plant bed. It can be used on all types of tobacco.

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