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# Farm Review and Forecast

## 3 Haywood Areas Enter Soil Contest

Three Haywood county communities are among the 44 in North Carolina that have enrolled in the "Finer Farms" contest sponsored by the Carolina Power and Light Company.

There are 30 communities in South Carolina in the contest, making 74 for the two states. A total of \$2,800 in cash awards will be made by the sponsor for accomplishments in soil and water conservation.

R. R. Beck is the leader of the conservation work here, and the communities and chairmen are: Jonathan Creek, D. J. Boyd; West Plecon, Van Wells, and Upper Crabtree, Hershel Rogers.

The top three community winners will receive prizes of \$350, \$250 and \$150 respectively. Twenty-one \$50 prizes will be awarded for "superior results" and another \$1,000 will go to top-judged county boards of supervisors and individual supervisors sponsoring top-scoring communities.

The "finer farms" contest is part of CP&L's program for "helping to build a Finer Carolina". Individuals within a community are work to make their community a "show place of soil and water conservation." Individual farms are judged on the basis of such practices as terracing drainage practices, erosion control, contour farming, establishment, crop rotation and development of croplands, woodlands and wildlife areas.

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## Hay Prospects Better Than '53

The N.C. 1955 "All Hay" crop is forecast at 1,221,000 tons — 140,000 tons more than was produced during the drought-stricken year 1954, although 45,000 tons below the 1944-53 average, according to information supplied by farmers to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service. Estimated production in tons for Alfalfa is 163,000; Clover-Timothy 115,000; Lespedeza 412,000; Soybean 150,000; Peanuts 128,000; and all other kinds 253,000.

Alfalfa yield per acre is estimated at 2.20 tons compared with 1.80 in 1954 and 2.11 for the 10-year average. Lespedeza yield is indicated at 1.05 tons compared with .85 in 1954 and equals the 1944-53 average. The "All Hay" yield per acre is estimated at 1.11 tons compared with 1.06 a month earlier and .96 last year.

During August the rainfall was heavy in most areas and soil moisture was average to above on September 1. Growing conditions have been favorable for most kinds of hay. Harvesting of the crop was delayed and completely stopped in some counties due to continuous rains the latter half of August.

## New Process To Keep Apples Fresh

MADISON, Wis.—A University of Wisconsin horticulturist, Malcolm Dana, has developed a method for storing some apple varieties so that after a year they look fresh from the orchard.

Dana kept three varieties of apples several months by lining storage baskets with a plastic film called polyethylene. The apples were kept that way four to eight months after the others stored without the plastic liners had become worthless for the market.

Plastic liners slowed down storage ripening in tests with Golden Delicious and Seckel varieties. Good results also came with Golden Russet.

But the plastic liners were not good for all varieties. Dana said, Sanderson apples developed a slight mold on the skin. Liners resulted in complete rot on Cortland stored for five months, while McIntosh apples showed no benefit.

## F. H. Jeter Dies; Well Known Here



F. H. JETER

Dr. Frank Jeter, director of agricultural information at North Carolina State College, died at Raleigh hospital this morning of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Dr. Jeter had been affiliated with the college since 1914.

He was rushed to the hospital Friday morning after he was stricken about 3 a.m. Death came about an hour and a half later.

Jeter, a native of South Carolina, was well known in the Waynesville area, having appeared here a number of times in the past on Tobacco Festival programs and at other meetings of farm organizations.

Jeter was nationally known for his pioneering work in agricultural journalism. He was president of the National Association of Agricultural Editors in 1919-20. In addition to writing articles for newspapers and national farm magazines, he conducted radio farm programs for several years and recently conducted television farm programs.

He first became agricultural editor at North Carolina State College in 1914. From 1920 until he returned to the college post in 1922 he was editorial representative of the Southern Fertilizer Association in Atlanta.

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## Plant Spring-Flowering Bulbs During Fall Months

By ROBERT SCHMIDT

It is now time to make selections of spring flowering bulbs. They may be planted any time in September, October or November. There are many kinds from which to choose including tulips, daffodils, crocus, hyacinths, and Dutch iris. Of these there are many varieties and a wide range of colors to suit the fancy of any gardener. By selecting varieties you may also extend the blooming season over a period of several weeks.

In sandy or loose soils bulbs may be planted a little deeper than in tight clay soils. Daffodils (narcissus) should be planted six to seven inches deep in sandy loam soils, tulips and Dutch iris about five inches deep, hyacinths about six inches, and crocus two inches deep. Any good garden fertilizer may be used. It should be put into the soil where the bulbs are to be planted but must not come into contact with the bulbs.

There are many different types of narcissus—commonly called daffodils or jonquils. Of the large flowered daffodils, King Alfred, Golden Harvest, Duke of Windsor,

Tunis, Fortune, John Evelyn, and Dick Wellband are very fine. Mount Hood, Roxane, and Beersheba are good whites; Texas and Twink are interesting double flowers; and Mrs. R. O. Backhouse is the famous pink-flowered variety.

The Darwin tulips are probably the best for the average gardener because of their long stems and wide range of colors.

Dutch iris should be planted in September or October. The leaves will appear before winter sets in, but this is natural so do not be alarmed. They will withstand our winters with very little damage.

Crocuses should be planted more generally. They give a cheerful spot of color in late winter or early spring. They may be planted near trees, shrubs or along borders. The yellows are usually the first to bloom, then the purples and whites.

Madonna or ascension lilies should be planted in September. The depth of planting is very important. Madonna lilies should be planted only about two to three inches deep, whereas most other lilies are planted much deeper.

## Conservation Is Paying Haywood Farmers Profits

By ROY R. BECK  
Soil Conservation Service

Herschell Rogers, soil conservation district supervisor from Upper Crabtree community, stated: "Both my cattle and sheep and my pastures are in the best shape for this time of year, primarily because I haven't overstocked my grazing land this summer." This statement points to the need for proper management of grazing lands along with a mowing and lime-fertilizer program.

Earl Messer of Jonathan Creek says he has made a very good tobacco crop over the field drain tile he installed this spring. Mr. Messer also likes drain tile because he can lay portions of it as he can get time to install it. The job does not have to be done all at one time.

Jarvis Caldwell of Iron Duff community says failure to practice conservation farming on his cropland cost him both loss of crops and loss of a thousand dollars worth of soil gone down the river.

Oral Yates, conservation farmer of Iron Duff community, has used strip cropping as a means of protecting cropland against erosion. Mr. Yates, already short of land that can be row cropped, doesn't want to lose the productive capacity of the limited acreage of cropland available on his farm.

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## Senator Scott Flays Opponents Of Price Supports

Opponents of federal farm price support programs were criticized by Senator W. Kerr Scott. When such opponents quit advocating import quota systems, tariffs, transportation and mail subsidies, tax write-offs, guaranteed utility earnings, and other direct and indirect subsidies, he said, he then would endorse consideration of schemes to eliminate farm subsidies.

"I have no patience with those who gnash their teeth about the agricultural subsidy and yell for a free economy and at the same time clutch to their bosom their own particular type of subsidy," Scott said.

Member of the Senate Agriculture Committee and a life-long farmer, Scott made an all-out defense of the farm price support program at the annual convention in Raleigh of the Farmers Cooperative Exchange.

"Farmers are not the only people in this country who are dependent on the government for a large measure of their prosperity," he said. "All of us, in one fashion or another, lean heavily on the federal government, and its programs and policies have a direct effect on all of our pocketbooks."

Scott quoted budget figures to show that subsidies for agriculture have consistently been smaller than those to business. Since 1949, he said, farm subsidies have totaled three billion, 773 million dollars, while subsidies to business, not including tariff benefits, have totaled five billion, 880 million dollars.

"We know there is a surplus problem," Scott said. "We also are aware that a nation which has unlocked the secrets of the hydrogen bomb should be able to find a workable solution to our surplus problem in a world where half the people go to bed hungry each night."

He said that the Senate Agriculture Committee, seeking answers to surplus and other problems, will have a hearing in Raleigh on November 15, one of a series of hearings in 17 farm states.

Citing some of the subsidies to business and industry, Scott said that quick tax write-off provisions have given relief for industries in excess of 18 million dollars since inception in World War II.

Ship construction subsidies will cost the government more than 48 million dollars this year, he said, in addition to the regular maritime operating subsidies of over

## State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

QUESTION: If I hire several members of one family to work on my farm, do I have to keep social security records on each person?

ANSWER: If you pay only the head of the family, you keep records only on him. If you pay the workers individually, you are responsible for records and reporting on each individual. A valuable booklet, "How Social Security Covers Farmers," will soon be available from your county agent, according to W. L. Turner, public affairs specialist for the Extension Service. Turner reports that 25,000 copies of the booklet have been obtained for distribution to farmers through their county agents.

QUESTION: Will it hurt my tobacco to dip the heads of bundles in water?

ANSWER: Yes, when tobacco

100 million dollars.

Airlines, in fiscal 1954, were paid 56 million dollars for transporting air mail. In addition, they received 73 million dollars as a direct subsidy with no strings attached.

Last year, Scott said, the Post Office Department lost over 230 million dollars in second class mail operations—a type of subsidy to publications.

Scott said the subsidy principle is the oldest economic principle written into the country's laws—in 1789 Congress enacted its first tariff act—and that agriculture was among the last segments of the nation's economy to receive government subsidy.

"When you hear someone shouting about the farm price support program and condemning it as not being justified," Scott said, "just remember that the odds weigh heavy that he himself is the beneficiary of some type of subsidy."

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QUESTION: What chances of successful chicks in the autumn?

ANSWER: Three years' search work at the Experiment Station shows that hatched chicks can be brooded and developed in the state.

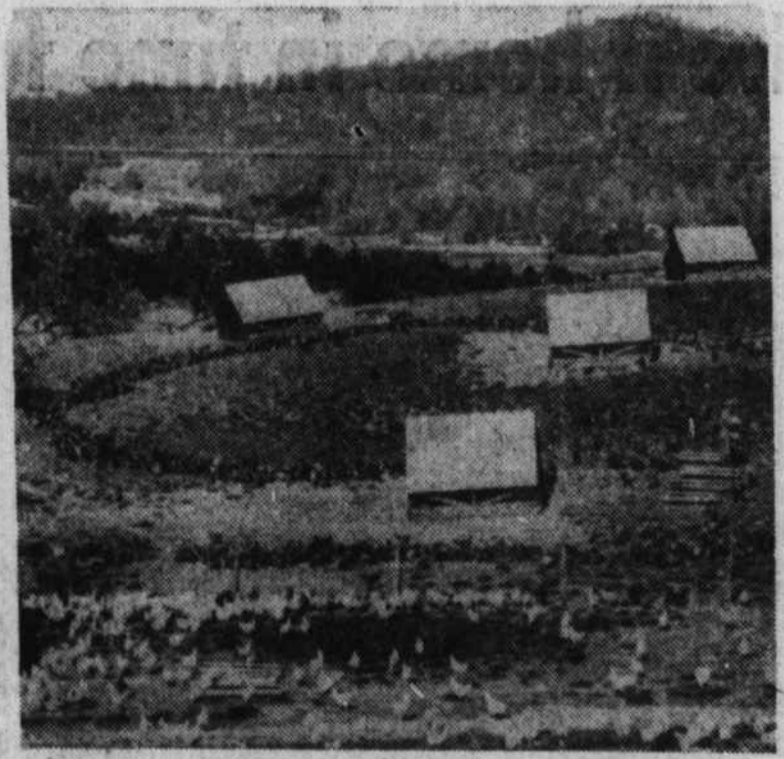
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