

**TO THE AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS OF DUPLIN COUNTY**

As a member of the Committee on Agriculture, in the recent Session of the North Carolina General Assembly, I exerted my wholehearted efforts to secure the best possible legislation for continued progress in Agriculture in the State. Knowing that Duplin County is a rural agricultural County, I am requesting the two County papers to publish in this week's issue, the following short synopsis of legislation enacted into law during the 1945 Session which brings to you in a condensed form that which was accomplished for the advancement of Agriculture.

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**Agricultural Appropriation and Legislation Enacted By 1945 General Assembly**

Legislative appropriations compared with estimated expenditures for fiscal year, 1944-45:

Department of Agriculture  
1944-45 (Estimated) \$680,482  
1945-46 (Appropriated) \$817,387  
1946-47 (Appropriated) \$814,882

Increased appropriations will be used for the development of marketing facilities of all kinds, with special emphasis on cold storage, processing, canning, quick freezing and other methods of preservation; to provide dairy laboratory, vitamin laboratory, and to improve present laboratories; to employ trained specialists for broadened programs; to carry out a far-reaching program for the general improvement of the poultry industry, and protect farmers against diseased chicks and hatching eggs, to control pullorum; and to assist with tobacco research project.

Agricultural Experiment Station  
1944-45 (Estimated) \$175,083  
1945-46 (Appropriated) \$299,785  
1946-47 (Appropriated) \$311,197

Although the increases will be primarily used for the strengthening of the work all along the line, two projects will receive special study: food processing and nutrition (\$22,405 for the biennium); tobacco investigations and broad research program (\$56,700 for the biennium).

Extension Service  
1944-45 (Estimated) \$280,364  
1945-46 (Appropriated) \$389,966  
1946-47 (Appropriated) \$427,326

Increased funds will go for educational services now being provided by the War Food Administration. Since no appropriations for the continuance of these projects by WFA have been affected by Congress they must be handled by the Extension Service. Through the help of the Legislature, many of the employees originally employed by WFA will be continued under the Extension Service. Their work is regarded as especially valuable to low income groups and will be carried on as far as appropriations will permit. The Extension Service will also cooperate with the Department of Agriculture and the Experiment Station

with the special tobacco project. The funds referred to above do not include thousands of dollars which will go to Agriculture through appropriations to vocational agriculture, to the College of Agriculture at N. C. State College and to the Agricultural and Technical College at Greensboro.

**Statements on Agricultural Legislation**

**Bang's Disease:** Agriculture Department may set up program for cattle vaccination against Bang's Disease and make regulations to carry out provision of law. Sale, distribution, and use of Bang's vaccine other than for Department's program restricted. Cattle sold other than immediate slaughter at pub-sales must be tested.

**Country Roads:** As soon as materials and labor are available, a program of general improvement for secondary, farm-to-market roads will begin. A total of \$10,000,000 from the highway fund has been earmarked for this purpose.

**Enriched Flour, etc.** Flour, bread, degerminated meal and degerminated grits must be enriched by the addition of certain nutritional ingredients. Regulations and standards to be set up by Board of Agriculture.

**Fair Improvements** The State Board of Agriculture may borrow as much as \$100,000 for the purpose of general improvement to State Fair buildings and grounds and may issue revenue bonds for the loan Board authorized to use gate receipts or other revenues from the Fair to meet payments on bonds.

**Fertilizer** The minimum number of plant food units for fertilizer was raised from 16 to 18, with the exception that there may be one grade of tobacco plant bed fertilizer, and one grade of regular tobacco fertilizer (3-8-5) containing 16 units provided the 3-8-5 carries a red label warning the purchaser that it is not recommended by the Experiment Station, and is a low grade fertilizer containing large quantities of inert material.

The Board of Agriculture and the Experiment Station may adopt the number of grades of fertilizer which may be sold - with a floor of 15 grades and a maximum of 25.

**Fungicides and Insecticides:** Department of Agriculture is given authority to issue "stop sale" orders on deficient or sub-standard products. Bill sets up machinery for relabeling, disposal, or redistribution of the products.

**Grass on Highways** No grass or plant that will spread and injure crops in nearby fields may be planted on State Highway system. Special reference is made to Johnson grass, Bermuda grass, sandspurs, nuts grass, and joint grass.

**Ice Cream:** The words "cream", or "ice cream" may not be used in connection with any trade name or brand of any frozen dessert not made from dairy products and in compliance with Board of Agriculture regulations.

**Oleomargarine:** Colored oleo may be sold to private homes, but may not be sold to or by hotels, cafes, or any public eating places.

**Poultry:** Agricultural Department shall set up a program for pullorum control and may regulate hatcheries offering chicks and hatching eggs for sale and shipping of hatching eggs, chicks, and turkey poult into this State. Misleading advertising regarding hatching eggs and chicks prohibited. Provision made for inspection of hatcheries and chick dealers. Fee system established for testing birds and inspecting hatcheries and chick dealers. Bill carries \$40,000 annual appropriation.

**Rural Telephones:** Local groups may organize and set up telephone cooperative similar to rural electrification groups to provide telephone service in instances where it cannot be furnished by established companies. Such cooperatives will work with the State Rural Electrification Authority in Raleigh.

**Seeds:** Any person dealing in seed covered by the law must keep for one year complete records of agricultural seed handled. Seed treated with poisonous materials must be plainly marked "poison treated", and seed covered with a "stop sale" order may not be moved without proper permission or by court action. The bill makes unlawful misleading advertisements regarding seed, and renders disclaimers and non-warranty clauses in contracts, etc., inadmissible in defense against violations. Seeds, Feeds and Insecticides were exempted from the 3 percent sales tax levied under the provisions of the General Sales Tax Law.

**Surplus Funds:** The Board of Agriculture is authorized, upon approval of the Governor and the Council of State, to invest surplus agriculture funds in interest-bearing securities

of the State and Federal Government.

**Weights & Measures:** Cord of wood established as 128 cubic feet, but pulpwood may be sold in unit of 160 cubic feet until June 1, 1946. Board of Agriculture given authority to establish after public notice standards of weights and measures on any commodity and in any instance where no standard has been set by State or Federal Governments, with the exception of establishment of a standard log rule. No article offered for sale must be so packaged or labeled as to deceive the purchaser.

All tobacco weighed in warehouses must be weighed by public weighmaster and must be accompanied by public weighmaster's certificate and must remain in custody of warehouse operator until sold.

**Next-of-Kin Invited To Charlotte**

In cooperation with the Army the American Red Cross completed plans for a nation-wide tour being conducted by a group of repatriated prisoners of war, says Mrs. N. E. Boney, executive secretary of the Duplin County Chapter, American Red Cross.

The Mecklenburg County Chapter will be hosts to these repatriated men on April 3. A meeting will be conducted in the Central High School Auditorium, 1141 Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte, N. C., at 8:00 p. m. on that date. Three members of the party will speak of their experiences in Prisoner of War Camps. Lt. Joseph B. Kavanaugh will speak of the functions of the Provost Marshall's Office and the next of kin will have an opportunity to participate in a question and answer period with

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the total party. The majority of these men have been held prisoners in all of the German camps, and two men escaped from Japanese Prison Camps. The Queen City Coach Company has agreed to run a Special Bus from Kinston, N. C., leaving at 9:20 A. M. the morning of the third. Anyone in Duplin County wishing to go might contact Mrs. Boney at the Red Cross Office in Kenansville for further information.

**Fred Bizzell**

Fred Bizzell, 35, of Outlaw's Bridge Community died at his home Thursday morning of last week after a lingering illness. Funeral services were held at the home Friday afternoon, conducted by Rev. G. H. Ulrich. Interment was in Holy Innocence Cemetery near Seven Springs. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Major Sutton, two sisters, Mrs. Ruel Jarman of Seven Springs, and May of La Grange.

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