

Telephones Rates High Among Rural Wants

Walter E. Fuller, the director of North Carolina's rural telephone program, said today that a recent state-wide survey indicates that throughout North Carolina there is a strong demand for expanded rural telephone service. The State Agricultural Mobilization Committee has just completed a review of the results of a recent survey conducted in every county of the state, seeking to determine from the

farm families themselves their rural needs. Over six hundred meetings were held and rural people suggested many needs of the farm family, but in almost every county, rural leaders expressed the desire for an expanded rural telephone program. The results of the survey indicate that among the next major steps of progress desired by rural groups is that of efficient and adequate communication.

Fuller says that the results of the survey are in keeping with information the North Carolina Electrification Authority has been able to assemble and that hardly a day passes that the North Carolina Authority does not receive, direct and through the Governor's Office, numerous individual and well organized group requests for assistance in securing rural telephone service. Most of these requests point out that today rural telephones are a very important need of rural living, not only from the standpoint of protection of human life and property but economically. With the advance of mechanical farming, livestock farming, artificial breeding, and necessity of latest market information, communica-

The 1950 North Carolina Census Assembly authorized the North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority, of which Gwyn B. Fries is chairman, to assist rural groups in securing electric service. From the middle and latter thirties, the percentage of electrified rural homes increased from less than 4 per cent in 1934 to near 94 per cent today. The rural telephone program is a two pronged program. 1. Assisting rural groups in surveying rural communities and counties to determine the extent and concentration of demand for telephone service and presenting this information to existing companies, encouraging them to provide the service requested. 2. Where companies for any reason do not feel justified in providing service, assisting rural people in organizing telephone membership corporations under the state statute for the purpose of securing funds, constructing and operating their own system.

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Other high ranking pests on the list include hornworm on tobacco, tobacco flea beetle, rice weevil in stored grain, codling moth in apples, plum curculio in peaches, spotted cucumber beetle larva in peanuts, wireworm in tobacco, aphids on garden crops, Mexican bean beetle on beans, and the housefly.

In addition, much concern was caused by such insects as wireworm in corn, termites, other stored grain pests, blood sucking flies like and grubs on livestock, the bagworm, and certain scale insects.

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(a) Assessed Valuation, 1951	\$29 013 795 00
(b) Debt of the County:	
Bonds:	
For Schools	\$ 303 600 00
For other than schools	1 133 000 00
Revenue Anticipation Notes	NONE
Bond Anticipation Notes	NONE
TOTAL	1 436 600 00
(c) Total Amount of 1950 Tax Levy	424 668 81
1950 Total County wide Tax Rate, \$1.50	
(d) Amount of Taxes for each of the three preceding fiscal years which remained uncollected at the end of such years:	
1950 Levy	116 052 00
1949 Levy	120 607 60
1948 Levy	97 264 81
(e) Miscellaneous revenue other than taxation for the preceding fiscal year	593 857 94
(f) Deficits in all County funds in the aggregate for the preceding fiscal year	NONE
(g) Deficits for each subdivision of the County	NONE
(h) Surplus revenues of the County and of each subdivision of the County for the preceding year	NONE
(i) Unencumbered balances of the County for the preceding year	60 375 37
Unencumbered balances of each of the subdivisions of the County for the preceding year.	NONE
(j) Rate of taxation for County purposes necessary in the current fiscal year	\$ 1.50

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