

County Needs Foster Homes For Children

The number of children in need of foster home care in Orange County is increasing, according to Annie Stroud, County Superintendent of Public Welfare.

In spite of the more than 500 licensed foster boarding homes for children in North Carolina and 7 licensed homes in this county, there is constant need for additional homes in Orange County we have 7 boarding homes caring for children. "We need more boarding homes to care of children," she said.

Needs of children in this county can only be met as homes are available to give licensed foster home care. We urge interested individuals to contact the county public welfare department regarding this program.

There is particular need for foster homes which can offer specialized care for children who are mentally retarded, physically handicapped, or who have emotional problems. This type of home

supplements the resources of the homes which provide care for deserted and neglected children.

The State-wide program which assists in providing foster boarding home care for children is one of the most valuable programs administered by welfare agencies, in the estimate of State and county welfare officials. State and county funds are available to provide the cost of this boarding home care. The county department of public welfare shares responsibility for the child with the foster parent. A staff member makes regular visits to the home.

Foster boarding homes are licensed under State law by the State Board of Public Welfare. Under one plan foster home provide care for children who are deprived of the privilege of being in their own homes for some sufficient reason and are in need.

Provision is made in these foster homes for children who are neglected or deserted while plans are being made for permanent living

arrangements. In foster homes children with behavior problems are provided good homes so they can become better adjusted. Children with physical or mental handicaps are given the individual attention needed. In so far as possible, care is taken by the county welfare staff to place a child in a home suited to his special needs. A foster parent is encouraged to give him a share in the love and sense of belonging which family life contributes.

To be considered for licensing as a foster boarding home, it is necessary for the home to be acceptable with respect to sanitary and health factors. Fire safety factors are also considered in the licensing process. There must be income coming into the home for the foster home program is essentially a service program and should not be thought of as a way of securing income. The program is consistently stressed as a resource in safeguarding the welfare of children.

TOP SERGEANT?



Army khaki has been drafted into fashion service. Cotton khaki has been called to the colors by fashion designers in some of the smartest new styles of the season, the National Cotton Council reports. Here, Galey and Lord's khaki and black pencil stripe is used by designer Jane Derby in knee britches with a sailor torso top.

Dress-Up Week Is Designated For Barbers

CHAPEL HILL—The week preceding Easter, April 10-17, has been designated "Dress-Up Week" for barber shops in North Carolina.

"Each shop owner is being asked to make at least one improvement—more if necessary—in his shop between now and Easter," Y. Z. Cannon, Chapel Hill, public relations chairman for the Associated Master Barbers of North Carolina, announced.

Cannon said such improvements can include a paint job, a new sterilizer, new floor, lights, barber pole, or a new cylinder for the old pole.

Or they could include new waiting chairs, coat hangers, or new barber chairs and fixtures or both, he explained.

"Anything to add to the appearance, convenience, and sanitary safety of your shop will be in line with this program," he said. "This would be a good time to put in air conditioning which, it has been demonstrated, is a good investment."

The idea, Cannon said, "is not only to improve the appearance of the barber shops, but to show the public that the barbers appreciate its confidence and are earnestly trying to live up to the laws regulating barbering."

He suggested that, wherever possible, shops would do well to give free Easter haircuts at the county homes, old folks homes, and orphanages.

"We realize that some shops can do more than others, but every little bit will help," he added.

The Associated Master Barbers of North Carolina inaugurated this improvement program in a letter to its members almost three months ago, and the response "has been encouraging," said Cannon. "Many shops have already expressed a desire to cooperate."

This project has also attracted national attention and been the subject of articles in several nationally-circulated barber magazines, he said.

The Land Of Orange

Paul Shelton, Fairfield, and Wilbur Poole, Carr's Store, last week planned soil and water conservation plans for increasing production and profit on their farms.

Using land capability maps provided by their Neuse River Soil Conservation District, they decided on the best, long-term use of each acre, and the meadow waterways, terracing systems, crop rotations, contour farming, stubble mulching, pasture, alfalfa, woodland management, wildlife field borders needed to keep it most productive.

Victor and Julian Garrard, of the Cane Roberts farm, St. Mary's are clearing low value hardwood from Capability Class III land to increase their cropland.

The new ground will not be ready to terrace for a year or so. As an adjoining field needs some terraces now, however, they are planning a terrace system that can be extended to include the new ground as needed.

B. C. Corbett and sons, Carr Store neighborhood, Clifton Parker and Tom Bacon, Caldwell, and Harvey Ray, Buckhorn, are among the tobacco growers planning to run their rows this season by the string row method, so that more water will be held on the field for the crop and any surplus carried away slowly enough to avoid washing fertilizer and soil from the field.

Small Increase In Flue-Cured Tobacco Seen

Recent reports received from tobacco producers indicate that 688,000 acres of the flue-cured crop will be planted in North Carolina in 1954.

A crop this size would be about 2 percent larger than the 674,000 acres harvested last year. Part of the expected increase over 1953 results from a slight increase in allotments, while part of it can be attributed to the fact that drought conditions curtailed the acreage to some extent in Piedmont areas last season. Thus, a normal acreage in Piedmont areas this year would reflect an increase substantially larger than the actual increase in allotments.

Acreages by types show 264,000 acres to be planted in the Old and Middle Belts this year as compared to 258,000 acres harvested last year, an increase of 4 percent; 334,000 acres to be planted in the Eastern Belt compared to 331,000 acres harvested in 1953, an increase of 1 percent; 86,000 acres to be planted in the Border Belt compared to 85,000 last year, also an increase of about 1 percent.

For the United States, the total flue-cured acreage to be planted this year is estimated at 1,041,000 acres—nearly 2 percent above the 1,022,000 acres harvested in 1953. Burley producers in the State expressed intentions to plant about 10,800 acres of tobacco this year, or around 5 percent less than the 11,400 acres harvested in 1953.

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