

FARM ITEMS

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County Farm Agent

Printed in a commercial agricultural information service was the following paragraph entitled: "Stop-and-Go Production Control Program is greatly complicating farm planning." It goes as follows: "In the last month, USDA has announced — Total acreage allotment. No total acreage allotments. No cost sharing for legume seedings. Cost sharing for legume seeding. Cross-compliance on wheat acreage under 15 acres. No cross-compliance on 15 acres of wheat. ACP payments not tied to cross-compliance. ACP program tied in with cross-compliance. USDA has people employed who should know that sound farm management requires early knowledge of government plans."

Farm planning will be far less complicated when the agricultural program is stabilized for the farmer to know from month to month what practices will be a permanent part of the program.

If you are a wheat farmer, you received within the last few days, a memorandum from the ASC office concerning Public Law 960. This allows farmers the privilege of voluntarily surrendering to the County ASC Committee any part of the 1955 wheat acreage that he does not intend to plant.

Any released acreage in 1955 will be regarded as having been planted on his farm provided wheat was seeded on the farm in at least one of the three years immediately preceding the year in which the allotment was determined. This should be done as soon as possible so the Committee can give other farmers the opportunity of using your unplanted wheat acreage. October 31, 1954 is the deadline.

For the fifth straight year, a commercial paper company in South Carolina is making it possible for any land owner to order and receive free of charge up to 5000 pine tree seedlings to be planted during the coming season. There will be 750,000 of these seedlings allotted to 32 counties in Southeastern North Carolina on a first come — first serve basis.

These trees are to be used strictly for forestry practices and not for ornamental purposes. The smallest number that you must agree to plant is 500 before you can get the free seedlings. There are no other strings attached as long as you are a farmer.

Last year, for example, some 18 million seedlings were order-

ed and planted by North Carolina landowners, farmers, 4-H club members, and FFA boys combined with other private non-industrial landowners ordered only 43% of the total or 7,690,000. Yet farmers alone own half of all the forest land in the state and much of the unused open land suitable for planting and needing a crop of trees. Logically they should be ordering and planting at least half of all the tree seedlings made available each year.

Planting pines in this day and time is sound business. The demand for forest products produced from pine is strong today and is expected to increase considerably over the next 20 years. By 1975, pulpwood consumption is expected to be 50% greater and lumber consumption 10% greater than in 1950. This forecast is based on domestic requirements alone and does not take into account increasing foreign requirements. Actually foreign demand is of no great concern to American timber growers since the United States is now importing more forest products than are exported in order to meet our own needs.

On Friday, October 15th, at 3:00 in the Lions' Club room of the county office building, there will be an irrigation information meeting. All persons who are interested in irrigation, including tenants who are farming with landowners who have irrigation systems, should plan to attend.

We will discuss the different landlord-tenant arrangements that have been tried in other areas where landlords have invested tremendous amounts of money in irrigation water supply and sprinkler systems.

Some farmers who own no land will probably not receive ballots for use in ASC Committee elections unless they write for them or pick them up at the ASC office. Ballots will go out from ASC county offices to all farmers on the mailing list on October 7th. Many tenant farmers, however, will not be on the mailing list and they will have to take steps to secure a ballot prior to the deadline for mailing ballots on October 15.

Persons are eligible to vote for ASC Community Committees if they have an interest as owner, operator, tenant, or sharecropper, on a farm that is participating or is eligible to participate in any program administered during the current calendar year through the ASC County Office. Horace Godfrey estimates that a fourth of the eligible voters throughout the state will not be on county mailing lists and will not be able to vote unless they take action to secure, mark, and return a ballot.

If you are eligible to vote and didn't get a ballot, hurry by your ASC office and get one.

Home Agent's Narrative Report

Fourteen Home Demonstration Clubs met in Hoke County in September with one hundred and

thirty-nine club members present. The subject of the demonstration was "Make Your Home Bright with Light". A skit — "Light Your Way" — was used with the club members taking part. A house plan was given to each club member. Together the groups planned the wiring and lighting for this house just as they would like to have it. Several slides on indirect lighting, light and dark lamp shades, and

kitchen lighting were shown.

The Ashmont Club had a delightful meeting at the summer cabin of Mrs. Carl Riley near Montrose.

The Little River Home Demonstration Club served the Vass-Lakewood Lions' Club during the month and cleared over \$50.00 for their club treasury.

Dan Holler, Assistant State 4-H Club Leader, spent a half day in the county and held a confer-

ence with the Farm and Home Agents.

Miss Julia McIver, Extension Clothing Specialist, was in the county for a conference with the Home Agent regarding the State Fair booth.

The Home Agent spent September 13th in Raleigh and completed plans for the State Fair booth.

4-H records were collected and six were sent to Raleigh for dis-

trict and state competition.

4-H Clubs met in September with one hundred and ninety-five club members attending. New officers were elected.

The Home Agent took one and one-half days of annual leave during the month.

Josephine Hall, Home Agent.

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