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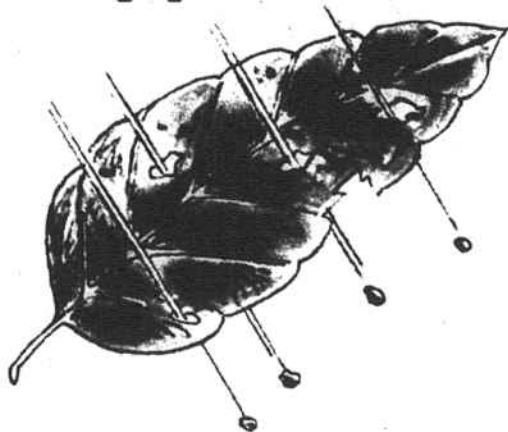
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## Hoke ASCS

by Thomas R. Burgess

USDA ANNOUNCES 1975 ACP OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES, INITIAL STATE FUNDING - The U.S. Department of Agriculture on April 11 announced operational procedures and initial State funding for the 1975 Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP).

Authority to develop practices needed to solve conservation problems is being delegated to each of USDA's farmer-elected county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) committees in consultation with the county program development group. All approved practices in effect under the 1970 National Agricultural Conservation Program are eligible. Practices developed by county ASC committees will be subject to approval by State ASC committees in consultation with the State program development group.

Throughout the practice development and cost-sharing approval process, ASC State and county committees should emphasize the objective of assuring that cost-sharing will be for carrying out enduring soil and water conservation measures that the farmer would not perform without this assistance.

Specialized assistance for ACP will be provided by other USDA agencies with the Soil Conservation Service furnishing planning and technical assistance on servicing of practices and long-term agreements and technical services concerning forestry practices provided by the Forest Service.

As announced earlier, \$190 million will be made available for program operations, and will share with farmers between 50 and 75 percent of the cost of carrying out needed practices. The \$190 million includes funds to fully finance the long-term agreements signed under the 1974 Rural Environmental Conservation Program, currently projected at about \$33,750,000.

North Carolina received a total of \$3,832,487. This includes funds for ACP in 1975 and long-term agreement obligations.

1976-CROP WHEAT ALLOTMENT PROCLAIMED - A 1976-crop wheat

allotment of 61.6 million acres was proclaimed on April 10 by Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz. The allotment for the 1975 crop was 53.5 million acres.

The national allotment does not represent a limit on the amount of wheat that may be planted. Rather, it is used solely as a basis for making payments to wheat growers should the market price for wheat fall below the established target price or if growers qualify for disaster payments. Under these two programs, growers are eligible for payments only on allotted acres.

The 1976 allotted acres will be apportioned among states, counties and individual producers generally on the basis of the apportionment for the 1975-crop year.

Legislation requires that by April 15 of each year, the Secretary of Agriculture must proclaim a national wheat acreage allotment for the crop to be harvested in the next calendar year. The national allotment represents the number of harvested acres of wheat, based on the estimated national average yield, needed to produce the quantity of wheat (minus imports) that will be utilized domestically and exported during the 1976-77 marketing year.

The 1976 national allotment is computed on the basis of an estimated national yield of 33.1 bushels per acre and estimated total utilization (less imports) for the 1976-77 marketing year of 2,040 million bushels. Domestic use is projected at 841 million bushels, exports at 1200 million bushels and imports at 1 million bushels.

The 8.1 million acre increase in the 1976 allotment compared to the 1975 allotment is primarily due to a substantial improvement in the export outlook since the 1975 allotment was established a year ago. At that time, total wheat utilization for 1975-76 was expected to be about 1,750 million bushels (including 950 million for exports) whereas currently the estimate for 1975-76 is about 1,930 million bushels of which some 1,125 million bushels is projected for export.

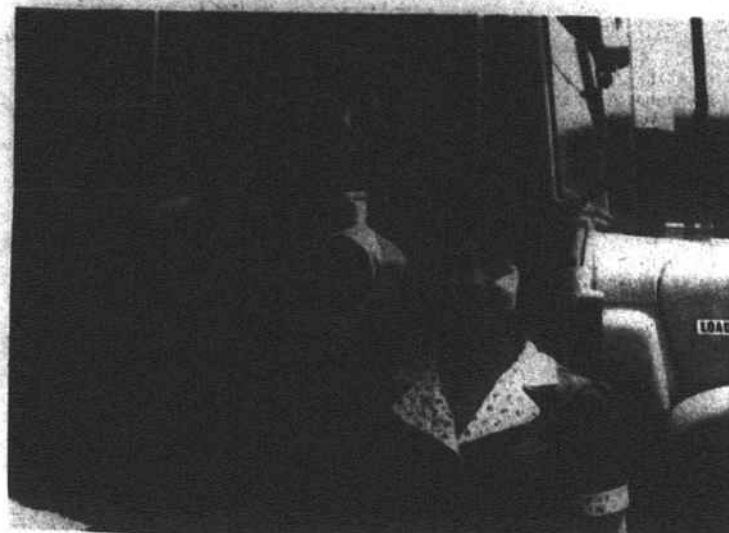
Other provisions of the 1976 wheat program will be announced later.

## Farm Items

By W.S. Young & Phil Ricks, County Agricultural Agents

Probably no other agricultural practice produces so many benefits for such a low cost as seed treatment before planting. Seed treatment destroys seed-borne pathogens, checks soil insect problems and provides protection against soil-borne fungi that cause seed decay, damping off and seedling blights. This means the establishment of

stronger stands with bigger yields of better quality crops. The treatment can also provide the extra measure of protection needed to enable, already weakened seed to become established. Most protective treatments apply a protective coating of chemical to the seed surface.



GOOD DRIVERS-Chosen by school officials as bus drivers of the month are Wanda Locklear and Robert Graham.

## Stonewall Report

By Mrs. Harold Chason

A District Workshop on the role of women will be held at the Salem United Methodist Church in Fayetteville Thursday night April 24th.

A family covered dish supper will be held at Sandy Grove United Methodist Church Sunday night May 4. Revival services will begin on Sunday night May 4th, the speaker will be the Rev. Robert Rudd.

Mrs. Allie K. Maxwell and Mrs. Flozella Clardy spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Clardy in Winston-Salem and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Weaver in Roanoke, Va.

Mrs. Lela McQuague and Mrs. Cora McMillian were Sunday guests of Mrs. Willa Jones. Mrs. Maude Gibson of Red Springs spent Sunday night with Mrs. Jones.

Mrs. Bertha Hendrix, David Lupo, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Daniels and Mr. and Mrs. John Balfour attended the Library benefit dinner at the Gibson Cafeteria Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Whiteford Jones of Colonial Heights, Virginia attended the funeral of Mrs. Kate McNeill at Antioch Presbyterian Church last Wednesday.

Jimmy Maxwell, Phillip Musselwhite, Marty Jones and Rickie McInnis attended a fire training school at Wilson this past weekend.

Robert Hall of Washington, D.C., Mrs. Jack Williams, Mrs. Jon Evans, Allison and Susan Evans of Raleigh visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Maxwell during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. George Maxwell and daughters of Barnwell, S.C. spent the weekend with Mrs. O.B. Maxwell Sr.

Mrs. P.A. Webb and Mrs. Brown Hendrix Sr. spent last Wednesday in

Charlotte visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gaudet and sons. They also visited the azalea gardens at the Methodist Home.

Mrs. Elvira Carson spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. James Carson and daughter in Raeford.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Beasley and Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Simmons of Fayetteville were Sunday guests of Mrs. Chester Beasley.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Garner of Aberdeen were Sunday guests of Mrs. Mary Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob McCain of Red Springs were Sunday guests of Mrs. Wendell Quick.

Mrs. Annie Bell Adcox of Fayetteville spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Neill A. Jackson spent the weekend at Holden Beach.

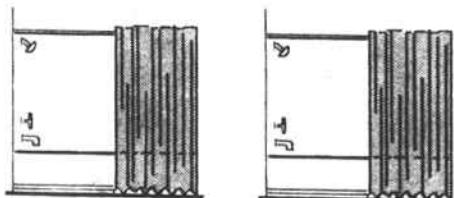
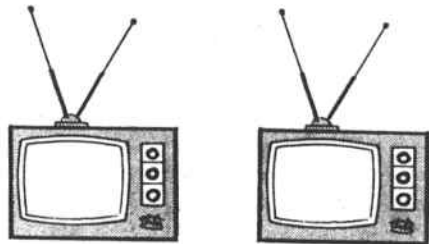
Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Jones returned home Wednesday from Los Vegas, Nevada after several days visit. Mr. and Mrs. Jones spent the weekend at Carolina Beach.

Cindy Guin was hit by an automobile in front of her grandparents home, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woodcox, last Friday. She suffered a broken leg.

Mrs. Cleo Haywood of Candor spent from Monday until Wednesday with Mrs. Myrtle Sappenfield and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Chason.

Mrs. Myrtle Sappenfield, Mrs. Cleo Haywood, Cathy Chason and Mrs. Harold J. Chason visited Mrs. Kate Hodgin, Mrs. Nennie Ritler and Miss Bennie Berlow at the Confederate Daughters Home in Fayetteville and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie P. Chason at their home in Skibo Tuesday.

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### Dinner Theatre

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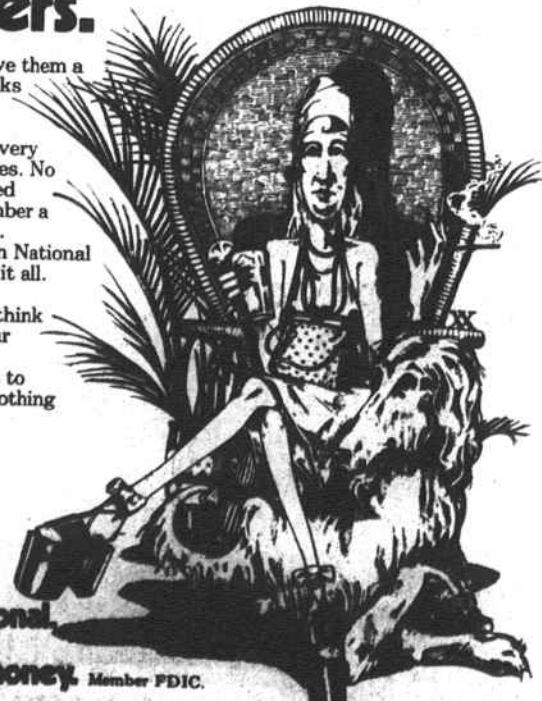
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