

Hoke ASCS

By Thomas R. Burgess

Appraisal necessary for farmers making disaster claims, USDA points out. Producers participating in the upland cotton, feed grain, and wheat programs who plan to abandon crops planted on allotment acreage and damaged by natural disaster should have the crops appraised before putting the land to other use, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced.

Under the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 a producer may qualify for a special feed grain, cotton, or wheat payment when a natural disaster causes crop damage.

Department officials advise a producer whose allotment land is struck by a disaster to follow this procedure: Report the disaster damage to the county ASCS office. Before putting the crop or land to another use, have an ASCS official or his designated representative appraise the damage. After the appraisal is completed the acreage will be released by ASCS for other uses.

If the producer should decide to harvest the damaged crop after it is appraised, he must report the harvested production to the county ASCS office. If after appraisal he grazes and then harvests the appraised crop eligibility for payment purposes will be determined

on the basis of the higher of the appraised production or the actual harvested production.

1976 Upland cotton loan program. The 1976 preliminary base loan rate for middling 1-inch upland cotton (micronaire 3.5-4.9), at average location was announced October 30, 1975, at 37.12 cents per pound net weight. The 1976 program loan difference between middling 1-inch strict low middling 1 1/16 inches will be 180 points per pound (1.80 cents). Thus, the preliminary base loan rate for 1976-crop strict low middling 1 1/16 inches will be 38.92 cents per pound, and the accompanying schedule of premiums and discounts for grade and staple length for upland cotton is based on this rate. The accompanying schedule of micronaire differences will also apply to 1976-crop upland cotton.

Minor revisions were made in the 1976 location differential because of increased transportation costs. The 1976 location differentials maintain a reasonable relationship between production areas and help assure fair loan values for cotton as to location. A schedule showing base loan rates for strict low middling 1 1/16 inches (micronaire 3.5-4.9), net weight, at each approved warehouse location will be issued soon.



DANCERS -- Linda Currie and Susan Bounds, Ann Clark School of Dance students, will be featured in the Spring Dance Concert on May 21.

Dance Concert May 21

Anne McNeill of the Ann Clark Schools of Dance will present her students in a Spring Concert of Dance Friday, May 21, at Upchurch School auditorium in Raeford.

Curtain time is 8:00 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend. Proceeds from the sale of tickets (\$1.50 adults, \$.50 children) will be donated to the March of Dimes. Tickets will be available at the door.

Performing in the program will be dancers from Raeford and from some of the other areas where Miss McNeill teaches. Students will range from the precocious pre-ballet groups to the more advanced senior groups. The concert will encompass a variety of dance forms

ranging from ballet and jazz through modern and tap.

Some of the numbers to be presented include: "Knights in White Satin" (jazz), "Pas de trois" (classical ballet), "It's Today" (a precision line tap), and "Deutsche Tanze" (a character ballet).

This is the school's first season in the Raeford area. Miss McNeill, originally from Raeford, has been very pleased with the response in Raeford and with the progress of her students. The concert concludes the season but the school will re-open in September with plans to enlarge so that Miss McNeill will be able to accept more students. There will still be a limited enrollment but eventually Miss McNeill hopes to be able to accept everyone who is interested.

Magistrates Court

The following cases were heard by the magistrates: Roscoe Woodell, Pembroke, driving left of center, fined costs; Jerry Tillman, Rt. 1, Shannon, speeding 65 in a 55 MPH zone, \$5, costs; Levern Kershaw, Rt. 1, Raeford, stop sign violation, fined costs; William E. Hutchens, Trinity, 70 in a 55 MPH zone \$10, costs; Ira L. Mount Jr., Fayetteville, 66 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs; James T. McCoy, 524 E. Fifth St., Raeford, 66 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs; Luon S. Bass, Raeford, excessive speed, fined costs.

Albert G. Ayers Jr., Aberdeen, 70 in a 55 MPH zone \$10, costs; John L. Cecil, Rt. 1, Raeford, equipment violation, fined costs; Linda S. Ray, Rt. 2, Raeford, stop light violation, fined costs; John E. Forbes, Lumber Bridge, stop light violation, fined costs; John M. Lussier, Ft. Bragg, 66 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs; George A. Kessner, Fayetteville, 65 in a 55 MPH zone, \$5, costs; Andrew Currie Jr., St. Pauls, stop light violation, fined costs.

Michael R. Cagle, Gastonia, 68 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs; Warren H. Edman, Pinehurst, 60 in a 45 MPH zone, \$10, costs; Cary C. McMillan, Wagram, 66 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs; Joseph H. Tillman, Rt. 2, Raeford, 55 in a 45 MPH zone, \$5, costs; William L. Evans, Rt. 1, Raeford, public drunkenness, \$5, costs; Richard Ellis, Raeford, public drunkenness, sentenced to two days; Richard L. Bernhard, Southern Pines, 66 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs; Dennis L. Branson, 205 Stewart St., Raeford, public drunkenness, fined costs; Thomas C. Campbell, Bridgeport, Conn., stop light violation, fined costs; William M. Collins, Wilmington, fishing violation, fined costs.

Robert E. Dockery, Ft. Bragg, 70 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs; Timothy J. Lingelbach, Lumber Bridge, 64 in a 55 MPH zone, \$5, costs; Joshua W. McMillan, Rt. 2, Red Springs, inspection violation,

fined costs; Gerald Ottley, Ken Gons, N.Y., 65 in a 55 MPH zone, \$5, costs; William D. Phillips, 205 Stewart St., Raeford, public drunkenness, fined costs; Willie Purcell, Pinehurst, 65 in a 55 MPH zone, \$5, costs; John E. Jones, Rt. 3, Raeford, driving without a license, \$25, costs; Hazel H. Wariax, Rt. 4 Raeford, inspection violation, fined costs; Alton R. White, 405 E. Donaldson Ave. Raeford, 65 in a 55 MPH zone, \$5, costs.

Beulah B. Watson, Rt. 1, Raeford, starting violation, fined costs; Jerry Williams, Rt. 1, Raeford, equipment violation, fined costs; Walter E. Webb, Fayetteville, 55, in a 45 MPH zone, \$5, costs; Robert E. Trotter, Gastonia, 68 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs; Helen C. Thomas, Rt. 1, Raeford, passing violation, \$10, costs; James Willie Sanders, Rt. 1, Raeford, 58 in a 45 MPH zone, \$10, costs; Willie J. Ray, Rt. 1, Raeford, public drunkenness, fined costs; Cleo Patterson, Aberdeen, 65 in a 55 MPH zone, \$5, costs.

Ernestine Mack, McCain, 65, in a 55 MPH zone, \$5, costs; Donald L. McCray, Ft. Bragg, 67 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs; Donald E. Long, Rt. 1, Lumber Bridge, excessive speed, fined costs; Bobby M. Lowery, Rt. 3, Raeford, 69 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs; Pamela D. Douglas, Jamestown, 67 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs; Verna A. Cunningham, Rt. 1, Raeford, driving left of center, fined costs; Frank Cox, Rt. 3, Raeford, public drunkenness, fined costs; James C. Clark, Rt. 2, Raeford, 67 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs.

Thomas A. Blake, Ramseur, 66 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs; Millard P. Barnette, Asheboro, 65 in a 55 MPH zone, \$5, costs; Lonnie Teal, Laurinburg, worthless check, \$8 restitution, costs; Larry Bain, Rt. 1, Lumber Bridge, worthless check, \$44 restitution, costs.

General Fund Up Again

March 1976 net General Fund collection amounted to \$144.7 million as compared with \$140.8 million collected in March 1975, and increase of \$3.9 million, or 2.80 per cent.

For the first nine months of the current fiscal year, net General Fund collections were \$1.1788 billion compared with \$1.1306 billion for the first nine months of the 1974-75 fiscal year, an increase of \$48.2 million or 4.26 per cent.

March net Highway Fund collections amounted to \$36.1 million compared with \$25.9 million collected in March, 1975, an increase of \$10.2 million, or 39.14 per cent. Gasoline tax receipts amounted to \$21.9 million compared with \$19.1 million collected in March, 1975, an increase of \$2.8 million, or 15.00 per cent.

Net Highway Fund collections for the first nine months of the current fiscal year were \$300.6 million as compared with \$281.6 million collected during the first nine months of the 1974-75 fiscal year, an increase of \$19.0 million, or 6.77 per cent. Gasoline Tax collections for this nine month period were \$206.3 million

Literacy Council Hears Speaker From Ghana

By Pam Williams

The Hoke County Literacy Council met Monday, May 3, at the Cameron Heights Community Center. Guest Speaker was Paul Baffour Addae of Ghana, who has been working with the Robeson County Church and Community Center and in this area for about a year and a half.

Addae's talk was based on his experiences working with non-readers in Robeson County. He stressed the importance of publicity and making the activities of the Literacy Council known throughout the county.

He spent the Saturday before the meeting in Hoke County getting acquainted with the previous activities of the Literacy Council and inviting persons to the meeting. Three of those who responded were Mrs. Mary K. Thomas, Sister Louise Thomas, and Sister Hattie McRae. The support of churches can be of primary importance in insuring the success of the literacy effort in Hoke County.

Publicity of meetings and workshops by word of mouth was stressed as well as having notices appear in the newspaper and on the radio. Mention was made of the success of an on-the-street passing out of flyers before the last workshop by Mrs. Helen Locklear and Mrs. Nina Morrissey. Also termed successful as a radio appearance by co-chairman Anna Clark with C.D. Bounds on an early morning telephone talk show on WSHB.

Addae also emphasized the need for a fund drive. Money could be used to pay mileage of tutors working with students, to pay a person to act as a liaison between tutors, students and the Literacy Council, and to provide books and materials for tutors and students who could not absolutely pay for their own.

Letting county agencies know of the Literacy Council's activities is also of primary importance, according to Addae. Willie Featherstone, of the county extension office, offered to take back the information he learned at last week's meeting. Ric Barnes, who does publicity for the Robeson County Center, was also at the meeting.

Copies of a proposed constitution for the organization were passed out by Mrs. Kay Thomas. This was devised by herself and Mrs. Sarah McNeill as they had been instructed to do at the Council's last meeting in March. Those present decided to wait until the next meeting, Thursday, June 2, at 3:30 p.m., also at Cameron Heights Community Center, for official acceptance of the document.

Mrs. Thomas sketched the development of the Literacy Council from its beginning. The Council is an outgrowth of the Citizens United for the Improvement of Reading, a project of the Learning Institute of North Carolina. Mrs. Thomas is co-chairman of Hoke Citizens United.

The committee appointed by Mrs. Thomas divided itself into two

emphases: the needs of children and the needs of non-reading adults. LINC figures show that there are three thousand adult non-readers in Hoke County.

Mary Nusser of The Lumber River Council of Governments told the committee about successful activities of the Robeson County Church and Community Center, which is using the Laubach 'Each-One-Teach-One' Method to reach non-reading adults in Robeson County. Bill Caedel of the Center described how volunteers could be trained at 10-hour workshops to go out and work with non-readers on a one-to-one basis. A public meeting was held informing county citizens of this program.

This spring, three workshops have been conducted and over 30 volunteers have been trained, some from Scotland, Robeson, and Cumberland Counties, who are now applying their expertise in their own counties.

Caedel and Doris Hines, also of the Center, have conducted the workshops. Martha A. Lane, literacy worker for Lutheran Church Women United, whose territory is the United States and Canada, assisted Caedel in the first workshop in February at the Raeford Methodist Church.

Miss Lane suggested that a logical outgrowth in the effort to help adults to read would be the formation of a Hoke County Literacy Council, which would sponsor succeeding workshops and act as a clearinghouse for information to the tutors and students.

Two workshops in March and April at the South Hoke Community Center and Cameron Heights Community Center were held under the auspices of the Literacy Council, which was formed in March.

At last week's meeting, Eddie Coleman, who supervises adult basic education classes conducted by Sandhills Community College, and Steven Benkosky, of the Hoke County Office of the Employment Security Commission and also chairman of the Hoke County A.B.E. Advisory Committee, commended the Literacy Council on its activities thus far.

Coleman stated that a number of literacy groups in North Carolina have been started and have failed without going as far as ours has. "If one out of ten of the students, worked with by volunteers," it was said, "goes on to enter a formal adult basic education class or get a job because he can now fill out his own application, the literacy effort in Hoke County has been a success."

The group decided to plan another literacy workshop "when we know who wants to be trained." Persons wishing to register for a workshop can call the Hoke County Library at 875-2502. The library will also take a list of people who wish to learn to read on an each-one-teach-one basis.

It was also emphasized at the meeting that a literacy workshop could be held in any community wishing to sponsor one.

The Literacy Council then adjourned until its next meeting on June 2.

More Service Workers In Hoke County

In Hoke County, a larger proportion of the work force than ever before is engaged in providing services rather than products.

For a number of years, service businesses have been playing an ever-expanding role in the local economy. As in many other parts of the country, they have been responsible for most of the new job opportunities that have opened up.

The Labor Department's statistics tell the story. They show that nearly 7 out of every 10 American workers are now employed in service industries, as compared with 4 out of 10 at the end of World War II.

In the services category are people engaged in retail trade, communications, insurance, business and repair services, entertainment, banking, education, health care, government and the like.

The production workers are those employed in manufacturing, construction, mining, agriculture, forestry and fisheries.

The figures for Hoke County show that approximately 49 percent of the working force are now in service-related occupations and 51

percent in production jobs. It represents a marked transition from earlier years.

In 1970, by way of comparison, 45 percent in the local area were found to be in services and 55 percent in production work.

As for the nation as a whole, the latest figures show 68 percent in services and, in the State of North Carolina, 56 percent.

The dramatic growth in the service industries is attributed to the rising output per worker in the production industries, due primarily to automation. With machines substituting for men, it meant that fewer people were needed to turn out the required volume of goods.

However, instead of the massive unemployment that had been feared with the advent of automation, it did not happen except in times of depression.

The economy boomed and the population as a whole became more affluent. With the growing prosperity the demand for services increased and new industries came into being, providing more jobs than had existed previously.

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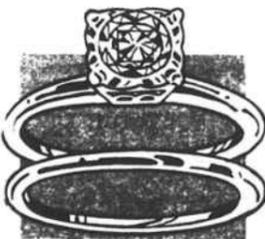
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Community Calendar

Tuesday, May 11, 1976 — The ABE Class of Cameron Heights Center will attend a Sandhill's Achievement Program at 7:00 P.M. at Sandhill's Community College.

Thursday, May 13, 1976 — The Kiwanis Club will meet at 6:30 P.M. at the Civic Center.

Monday, May 17, 1976 — The Jr. Woman's Club will meet at 7:45 P.M. at the Civic Center.