

# Meet Your Farmers Home Administration Department



County Supervisor Mr. Rhone Sasser, center is shown with his assistant supervisors Mr. J. M. Mills left, and Mr. Cecil Register, right. (Photo by Ruth Wells).

One of the most active government agencies of Duplin County is The Farmers Home Administration, currently headed by Rhone Sasser, Supervisor, Assisting Mr. Sasser as supervisors are Mr. Cecil Register, and Mr. J. M. Mills. Mr. A. B. Lanier is Emergency Loan Supervisor, which operates on a temporary basis, the appointment being only for three months duration. Office personnel consists of Mrs. Grace McNeill, County Office Clerk, Miss Pansy Futrell, assistant County Office Clerk, and Mrs. Ada Revelle, emergency loan clerk.

This organization serves eligible farmers and other rural residents who are unable to obtain adequate credit from other sources at reasonable rates and terms. Among the types of loans are:

**OPERATING LOANS.** These are made to operator of family size farms and may be used to pay for equipment, livestock, feed, seed, fertilizer,

and other farm operating needs. These loans may be used to refinance chattel debts, to carry out forestry purposes, and finance income-producing recreation enterprises. Fifty-eight of these loans have been made in Duplin County during the fiscal year.

**FARM OWNERSHIP LOANS.** These loans may be used to buy farms, enlarge farms, construct or repair buildings, improve land, and develop water, forestry, and fish-farming resources. These loans may not exceed a 40 year period, and the interest rate is five per cent. Nine such loans have been made in Duplin County in the current fiscal year.

**SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION LOANS.** These loans are made to eligible individual farm operators and owner to develop, conserve and make better use of their soil and water resources. The interest rate is five per cent and the repayment time forty years. One loan of this type has been

made in Duplin County during the current fiscal year.

**WATER AND WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEM LOANS.** Loans and grants for the construction of rural community water and waste disposal systems are made to public bodies and non-profit organizations. The maximum term is forty years and the interest rate cannot exceed five percent nor can the loan exceed fifty per cent of the development cost.

**LOANS TO RURAL GROUPS FOR SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION AND SHIFTS IN LAND USE.** Loans made to carry out soil conservation measures, to develop irrigations systems, and can be used to shift to grazing areas and forest lands. Under this heading loans are available to develop recreational facilities. These loans may be made for a period not exceeding forty years and interest cannot exceed five per cent.

**RURAL HOUSING LOANS** This loan is for farmers or



Mr. A. M. Benton, former County Supervisor of Duplin, now District Supervisor is shown here with County Supervisor Rhone Sasser. (Photo by Ruth Wells)

rural residents and small communities not exceeding 5,500 population. May be used to repair or construct. Also housing for senior citizens comes under this heading. Maximum terms are thirty-three years and in most cases interest does not exceed five percent.

**EMERGENCY LOANS** are available to eligible farmers in designated areas following natural disasters. May be used for purchase of feed, seed fertilizer, replacement of equipment, and replacement of livestock.

Among the other types of loans available are Watershed Loans, Rural Renewal Loans, Resource Conservation and Development Loans, and Economic Opportunity Loans.

Mr. Sasser says that his organization has made loans to more people for more money

during the current fiscal year than ever before in the history of the agency, and at the present time there are 415 families which have made loans in addition to the associational loans.

Duplin County's Farmers Home Administration is one of the largest in the state and is rendering much service to the people of Duplin County.

### Industrial Fatalities

NEW YORK — Factories in the United States were safer than ever in 1964, according to the Insurance Information Institute, as the rate of industrial fatalities dropped to an all-time low of 21 per 100,000 workers. The worst year in the past quarter century was 1940, when the rate was 35.8 per 100,000.

## Apply Now Through PACE For Summer Opportunity Jobs

Summer job opportunities for work-your-way through college students always have been in short supply. This summer, the situation will be a lot brighter through a new program called PACE, sponsored by State Board of Public Welfare. PACE, which stands for Plan Assuring College Education, has been formed to take advantage of funds available for college students under the "Work-Study" provisions of the Federal Higher Education Act of 1965.

PACE works like this: Any public or non-profit agency in the community which needs some summer help, by putting up just 10% of his salary, can get a college student full time for the entire summer. PACE students will handle jobs in law enforcement agencies, local welfare departments, libra-

ries, health departments, schools, and similar institutions. All agencies thus far have had the problem of being overworked and understaffed and this should help to lighten the load somewhat, with very little cost to the agency and give a big help to that student who needs the work.

Students in college at present, should contact their student aid officer and they can be told right there if they are eligible. High school students apply with aid of guidance counselor. These students have to have been accepted in a college already to have been eligible and eligibility is determined by the college.

Agencies who are interested in hiring a student for summer work should contact Mrs. Nell G. Wilson, 289-3151, Rose Hill

and interviews can be arranged with student and agency by Community Action Council, Rose Hill, N. C.

There are students who have applied through PACE and as eligibility forms come back, we want to have jobs secured for them, so if you need summer help, now is your chance at a low cost to you.

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### OPPORTUNITY IN ARCHITECTURAL OCCUPATION

How would you like to begin working today as a junior draftsman in an architectural firm? The out-look in this field is good for both men and women. The space age finds the number



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of registered architects approaching the thirty thousand range. Employment opportunities for architects are expected to be exceptionally good through out the sixty decade and continued growth in their employment is anticipated over the long run as the nonresidential construction program expands considerably with emphases upon office buildings, stores, schools, colleges, hospitals and the like. The urban redevelopment program as well as city and community planning projects is a growing area for employment for those individuals with architectural training and skills.

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