

# Farmers Donate \$500,000; Fail To Get Refunds

Many North Carolina farmers lost the "easiest money of the year," says Extension Farm Management Specialist W. L. Turner. In terms of effort required on the part of the farmers involved, says this State College economist, this easy money could have been theirs by the simple procedure of answering three questions: name, address, and the number of gallons of gasoline used on the farm.

Mr. Turner points out that there are more than 125,000 tractors on farms in North Carolina. But, less than 10,000 Tarheel farmers filed for a refund on gasoline used on farms during the first six months of 1956. Mr. Turner says this situation was called to his attention by officials of the Internal Revenue Service in Greensboro.

He reports that they were expecting many times the number of claims for refunds than were actually received.

Turner believes it can be safely estimated that several hundred thousand dollars were lost by farmers in North Carolina by their failure to file claim for their refund on federal taxes on gasoline and other motor fuels used in their farming operations.

Wide tax management is part of being a good farm manager, says Mr. Turner. Farmers will certainly want to take this opportunity in the coming year, as federal taxes on gasoline have since been increased from two to three cents a gallon.

The income refunds from the government belong to the farmer, states Mr. Turner. They are just as good as income received from the sale of farm products. In this day of rising farm costs and dwindling farm income, Mr. Turner believes that many farmers will find it to their advantage to keep appropriate records so they will be able to take advantage of the gasoline refund in the future.

# Amateur Says Troll for Ducks

An experienced duck hunter was sitting in his blind one foggy day, when he heard a series of amateurish squawks on a duck call.

He didn't pay much attention to this disturbance, until he noticed that the noise (that's the best way to describe it) was coming closer.

Looking out of his blind, he was shocked to see a lone hunter in a boat, slowly rowing along. The hunter would stroke with the oars, scanning the sky for an approaching flight of waterfowl, and then he would raise his head and make another squawk on his duck call.

And, bobbing along in the wake of his boat was a string of 50 decoys, all tied together on one long cord.

Puzzled at the sight, the man in the blind asked, "What are you doing?"

The type in the boat replied, "There didn't seem to be many ducks on the other end of the lake, so I thought I'd try trolling for them."

# HUNTER'S DOPE

Presuming that hunters are also fishermen — here's some good news for you all. Starting Monday, December 31st until closing Saturday night, January 5th, 1957, all fishing tackle, rods, reels, line and other accessories will go on sale at twenty-five per cent off regular list price.

Come in and stock up on fishing gear for next spring and summer and have a Happy New Year. Top-sail Rod & Gun Shop, 805 Shepard St., Morehead City. —Adv.



After taking their first win of the season over Newbold Training School, Dec. 14, the W. S. King Monarchs are ready for all comers. Coach John Thompson, left, and manager Rufus Hester, right, pose with the team here. Front row, left to right, Henry Dudley, William Adams, Charles Collins, and Harrison Willoughby. Second row, left to right, Robert Hester, Ike Williams, and Henry Pickett. Anthony Dudley, Robert Howard, James Jones, Dewey Yancey, and Billy Hester were absent when the picture was taken.

# Even Good Citizens Land in Jail

Raleigh—They may have a place for you—in the county jail. You had better hope it is at least a clean and decent place to stay until you can get released.

Suddenly and unexpectedly you may find yourself there—in one of North Carolina's county jails.

But, you say, you are not going to be put in jail; you are a pretty good citizen. The records show that many a good citizen has gone to jail.

Here are a few typical instances (you may be among them someday).

You are on an automobile trip far away from home and become involved in a serious accident where someone is injured. You do not have sufficient money with you to put up a bond and it may be impossible for you to contact any friend—into jail you go.

Or, you are in a distant community—you look like some person wanted by the authorities for a criminal offense in another state—you may be lodged in jail and held on suspicion until you can clear yourself by proper identification.

Or, you are a diabetic and driving your car while undergoing an attack which makes you drive erratically because of dizziness. Some officer puts you in jail for driving while intoxicated. You will stay there until the matter is straightened out.

Or, you may attend some gay party and drive home when you are actually under the influence of alcohol—you may land in jail and remain there until you clear up.

This sort of situation happens too frequently for the average good citizen to remain unconcerned about the conditions in North Carolina's jails. Fortunately much has been done and is being done to improve county and city jails in the State.

Over the past six years, here are some of the improvements that have been brought about, according to the records of the State Board of Public Welfare, which supervises these facilities under State law.

Eight new county jails have been built; nine county jails have been remodeled; 16 county jails have undergone major repairs and have been reconditioned; one new county jail is under construction; and three county jails are now in the blueprint stage with money avail-

able for completion of planned improvements.

Sixteen new town and city jails have been built and 18 have undergone major repairs and reconditioning. One town jail is under construction.

Unsatisfactory jails in the state have been closed during this six-year period. A total of 59 town and city jails and five county jails have been closed.

The city and county jails of the state are inspected periodically by Thomas A. Early, inspector of correctional institutions for the State Board of Public Welfare. A full report of the conditions found in the jail including physical aspects, staffing, safety, food, cleanliness, etc. is made to the appropriate city or county officials after each inspection.

Recommendations for improve-

ment are a part of the report submitted. Personal conferences with sheriffs, jailers, county commissioners, and judges are frequent as progress is being made toward some needed improvement.

Dr. Ellen Winston, commissioner of the State Board of Public Welfare, has this to say about the progress in jail improvement. "County, town, and city officials have cooperated in a way which has made the progress in jail construction and improvement in North Carolina a matter of pride.

"Though not all county and city jails are yet brought up to the level they should be to meet modern standards, much progress has been made. The harmonious working relationships between the State Board of Public Welfare and the local officials give promise of continued improvement."

# Steam Locomotive Turns Into Item for Museum

Chicago (AP)—The old "iron horse" is running out of steam.

Trains magazine says U.S. steam locomotives have dwindled from almost 39,000 in 1945 to less than 5,000.

Diesel power continues to replace steam. Some 338 diesel units are now on order. But railroad fans have made sure the steam locomotive won't disappear. At least 275 have been mounted in parks, museums and other sites from Waterville, Maine, to San Diego, Calif.

The Henry Ford Museum has nine steam engines at Dearborn, Mich. Among them is a 2-6-0 Nord of 1889, a narrow-gauge engine used in French efforts to build the Panama Canal. Another is a 2-6-0 Grant of 1865. The woodburner was rebuilt by Ford in 1923.

At Shiloh, La., railroad enthusiasts can see 20 engines preserved by Paulsen Spence, president of a sand and gravel company. A handful of engines are in use, switching in the gravel pit. Most of them, however, are stored.

The Museum of Transport in St. Louis, Mo. has several locomotives. It is open from May 15 through Oct. 1.

At Altamóna, Colo., railroad fans have retired narrow-gauge equipment. The growing collection includes R. G. S. Galloping Goose models and a 4-6-0 ex-Florence and Cripple Creek locomotive loaned by the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club.

The Transportation Museum of the Baltimore and Ohio R.R. in Baltimore, Md., is one of the few railroad sponsored museums.

The line's first locomotive an "Atlantic" 0-4-0 type of 1832 is among locomotives shown there.

At Griffith Park, Los Angeles, Calif., the children have a playground with 11 ancient steam locomotives. Among them is old Number One, the Stockton Terminal and Eastern Railroad's 4-4-0. It is billed as the oldest active engine in the United States.

Near South Carver, Mass., Edaville is operated by F. Nelson Blount. His 7-mile, 2-foot gauge railroad line has 14 coaches, 4 passenger-carrying flats, 3 cabooses and 4 locomotives.

Knott's Berry Farm at Buena Park, Calif., recreates a railroad of the Old West. Its narrow-gauge line is powered by steam locomotives once used on the Rio Grande Southern Railroad.

In San Gabriel, Calif., Grizzly Flats is under the direction of Walt Disney and Ward Kimball, jazz-trombonist. Their narrow-

gauge line features the Emma Nevada, a 2-6-0 of the Nevada Central Railroad.

At Pine Creek, four miles north of Freehold, N. J., a 3-foot-gauge road includes a 1/4-mile track and a 1925 Baldwin, a 0-4-0 type (meaning its running gear consists only of four drive wheels with no smaller wheels in front or back).

Rail City, Sandy Pond, N. Y., runs its 1 1/4 miles of track from Memorial Day through Labor Day. It features narrow gauge equipment.

Railroad men expect more equipment museums will be established in the future. Fifteen roads are preserving 28 rare locomotives for exhibition purposes.

Only one railroad on the American continent operates a rolling railroad museum. The Canadian National moves its three engines, plus six old passenger cars, under the power of the ex-Grand Trunk Mogul, known as number 674, a 2-6-0 model, as a sort of mobile museum.

# Traffic Court is Graced By Distinguished Names

Charleston, W. Va. (AP)—The distinguished names of Benjamin Franklin and Oliver Wendell Holmes graced the traffic court docket on the same day.

Franklin failed to show up, and Judge James McWhorter ordered a bench warrant issued. Holmes was fined \$36 for speeding, operating a car without lights and running through two stop signs.

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# Skinning Ducks Improves Flavor

There are times when the appearance and flavor of wild ducks are definitely enhanced by the removal of the skins.

Wayne and Opal Judy of International Falls, Minnesota, set forth instructions for skinning ducks. Their reasons for removing the skin are five.

First, in the case of early-season ducks which are invariably in the pin-feather stage, there are feathers under the skin which are impossible to remove by any waxing or plucking method yet devised.

Secondly, ducks badly shot up have feathers under the skin which cannot be seen unless skinning is accomplished. Also, if ducks are to be frozen for a long period of time, the layer of fat directly underneath the skin will turn rancid, imparting a strong "wild" flavor to the entire duck. This layer always adheres to the skin, and when the skin is removed, so also is the fat.

Another reason for skinning is to remove the fishy or strong taste of certain species, and lastly, because skinning is faster, easier and cleaner than plucking.

The first step, of course, is the actual skinning. After you've severed the wings and legs at the joints, insert a knife under the skin of the breast and cut down the center.

Peel the skin away, helping it separate from the flesh with a razor. When the skin is off, remove the entrails and wash inside and out well. Clean each shot hole individually.

Then comes the important soaking. Lace a pan of water with about two tablespoons of salt and one of soda for each gallon of water. Let the ducks soak for at least 10 hours. This will draw out the gamey taste.

You can be generous with the ingredients since washing in cold water will remove any salt or soda taste. Now the ducks are ready to be cooked or frozen.

# With the Armed Forces

# Sgt. Arthur Baer, Beaufort, Aiding Hungarian Refugees

Camp Kilmer, N. J. — Army M/Sgt. Arthur E. Baer of Beaufort, N. C., is participating in "Project Mercy" at Camp Kilmer, N. J., where several thousand Hungarian refugees are being admitted to the U. S. as immigrants.

Hundreds of selected Army personnel were chosen to help establish and maintain a reception and housing center for the refugees.

Baer, son of George A. Baer, is regularly assigned to the 19th Engineer Battalion at Fort George G. Meade, Md. He has been in the Army for more than 15 years.

Fort Gordon, Ga.—Pvt. Thomas H. Hester Jr., whose parents live at 1303 Fisher St., Morehead City, N. C., recently was graduated from the lineman's course at the

Army's Southeastern Signal School, Fort Gordon, Ga.

The eight-week course trained Hester to construct and maintain both open and lead covered field communication wires and cables. Hester entered the Army last July and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C.

The 19-year-old soldier was graduated from Queen Street High School, Beaufort, in 1956.

Santos, Brazil, the world's largest coffee port, is situated on an island which is protected by a higher island from Atlantic storms.

# Presbyterians to Observe Christian Student Sunday

Christian Student Sunday will be observed at the Wildwood Presbyterian Church Sunday. Three members of the church who are now enrolled in college will speak.

Jakie Wade, North Carolina State, will present The Christian Student and Worship; Miss Lynn Richardson, Greensboro College, will speak concerning the Christian Student and his Relations; and Miss Ann Thomas Lewis, Agnes Scott College, will discuss the Christian Student and His Decision.

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