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NOTICE

A Social Security representative will visit Burnsville on Thursday, April 15. He will be in the Register of Deeds office at 10 a. m.,

and will be glad to meet anyone who has a problem pertaining to any social security problem. A total of 80 persons in Yancey county are receiving Social Security benefits

RECOMMENDED METHOD INCREASE CORN YIELD

Reports from Bertie county farmers indicate that it is profitable to follow recommended methods in corn production, according to B. E. Grant, county agent for the State College Extension Service.

A number of Bertie growers have conducted demonstrations during the past three years. By following approved practices, which require almost no extra cost, they have increased their corn yield to an estimated 35 bushels per acre, the best record the county has ever made, Mr. Grant said.

In each of the demonstrations held, the corn produced on the demonstration acre was more profitable than in the usual farm practice, the county agent declared. The only additional work required was that of applying more fertilizer. The additional cost was for hybrid seed, fertilizer, and soda.

Mr. Grant said the best hybrids have given from 20 to 25 per cent more corn than local varieties. Ten Bertie farms have already qualified for membership in the State 100-Bushel Club, and a considerable number of growers have indicated their interest in trying to make 150 bushels on one acre by following approved practices.

The main points in the recommended practices are (1) Select good corn land. (2) Prepare a good seed bed. (3) Use the best hybrid seed. (4) Plant so as to have from 8,000 to 10,000 stalks per acre. This has usually been 12 to 16 inches in the drill with 3 1/2 foot rows. (5) Use sufficient plant food. Bertie growers used 600 pounds of 4-8, 8 or 4, 10, 6 soda or cal-nitro and 100 pounds muriate of potash. (6) Cultivate shallow to avoid damaging feed roots. (7) Do not pull suckers. (8) Lay by when 2 1/2 feet high. This has usually required two or three cultivations.

BETTER BUILDINGS MEAN MORE INCOME

Greater income could be realized on many North Carolina farms if more adequate buildings were provided, according to T. K. Jones, Extension farm management analyst at State College.

"Development of the livestock enterprise is often handicapped and delayed because of lack of adequate buildings to house and care for increased number," Mr. Jones said. "Much hay is wasted and improperly cared for because of insufficient storage space. A tremendous amount of labor could be saved if barns were arranged to handle hay efficiently."

The Extension worker pointed out that although building costs are high, farmers who have their own timber can get the needed buildings erected

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