

## Whitener States FHA Loan Program Beneficial To N. G. Farmers

WASHINGTON — Congressman Basil L. Whitener has issued from his office in the Nation's Capitol additional information regarding emergency loans to farmers who are unable to obtain credit from normal sources serving their area.

"The Farmers Home Administration, through acting Administrator D. H. Smith, has very generously provided me with complete information upon the emergency farm loan program now available to the farmers of the 11th Congressional District, and throughout North Carolina. This program is available to us because of the declaration by the Department of Agriculture that North Carolina is an emergency farm area at present", Whitener stated.

"If a farmer is unable to obtain through commercial banks, cooperative lending institutions, or other responsible sources, he may make an application for loans through the county offices of the Farmers Home Administration. He must show, among other things, that he has reasonable prospects for success with the assistance of a loan", the Congressman pointed out.

Emergency loan proceeds may be used for the purchase of feed, seed, fertilizer, replacement equipment and livestock; for other essential farm and home operating expenses; and for the replacement or repair of buildings, fences, drainage and irrigation systems on individual farms that have been damaged or destroyed by disasters under the program regulations established by the Department of Agriculture.

Loans bear 3 percent interest and are scheduled for repayment over the minimum period of time

consistent with the borrower's ability to repay. Normally, repayment is scheduled in one to five years, depending upon the purpose of the particular loan. Amounts advanced for crop production purposes are repayable when the income, derived from the sale of the crops produced with the loan, is received.

"This emergency loan program now available to our farmers will prove to be very beneficial to the citizens of North Carolina. The members of the North Carolina delegation in Congress and the Senate are gratified that the Department of Agriculture has taken note of the serious economic situation of our farmers. It is our hope that this emergency will soon pass and that our farm economy in the future will not be faced with the necessity for a hardship designation", Whitener concluded.

### Mrs. J. E. Huskins Celebrates Birthday

Mrs. J. E. Huskins, whose 77th birthday was on Tuesday, Feb. 26, celebrated the event Sunday with a birthday dinner.

Those present for the event were Judge and Mrs. J. Frank Huskins of Charlotte, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cranford and Mrs. R. V. Cauldwell of Concord, N. C.; and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Andrews and children of Brevard, N. C.



### PHILLIPS RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF YANCEY BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION

Fred Phillips, dairyman of Cane River, was re-elected president of the Yancey County Breeders' Association at the annual meeting here Feb. 20.

T. C. Blalock, dairy specialist of State College, Raleigh, explained the "Weigh-A-DAY-A-Month" plan of production testing. The group agreed to participate in the plan and to sponsor its operation in the county.

Dr. J. C. Cornwell, technician, gave a report on the breeding program. He reported that thirteen more cows were bred in 1956 than in the previous year at a gain of 4 per cent. Dr. Cornwell stressed the importance of proper feeding and management of heifers if best results from arti-

### MARINE PFC. HUNTER IS PARTICIPATING IN AMPHIBIOUS EXERCISES

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Other officers elected were Byrle Robinson of Newdale, vice president; Ralph Ray of Route 1, secretary-treasurer; and Boyd Banks and George Wheeler of Route 1, were elected as directors for three-year terms expiring December 31, 1959.

Plans were made to select heifers for the annual artificial sale in August.

Training Group 1-57. During March and early April the Group will conduct exercises at Vieques, Puerto Rico.

The latter part of April the Training Group will become the 2nd Provisional Marine Air-Ground Task Force and will take part in Operation "CARIB-EX", a joint Marine Corps, Army, Navy and Air Force exercise in the Panama Canal Zone.

On completion of the exercises, visits will be made to Caribbean ports before returning to the home bases.

Fleet Marine Force units participating in the exercises are from the 2nd Marine Division and Force Troops, Camp Lejeune, N. C.; Marine Aircraft Group-31, Miami, Fla.; and the 2nd Marine Air Wing, Cherry Point, N. C.

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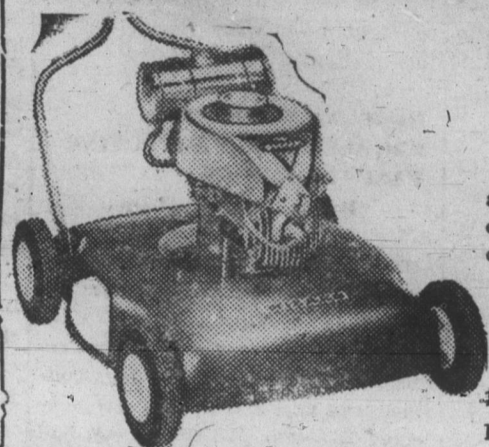
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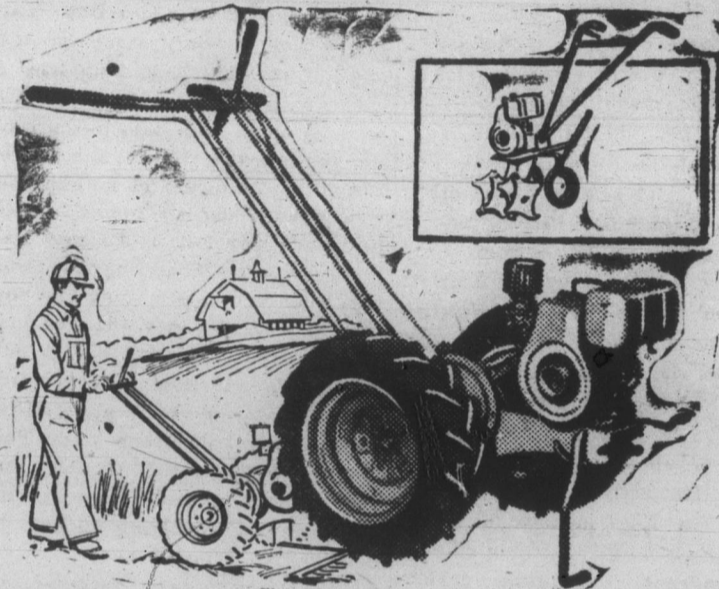
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