

## Farmers Urged To Take Advantage Of Services

Producing high crop yields requires a complete evaluation of all factors which combine to make up the final yield. Today's farmers must take advantage of all technology, including both services and products, if they are to be efficient producers, according to Mr. E. L. Dillingham, County Extension Chairman. The final yield level will be determined largely by the fertility status of the soil, climate conditions, and the management skills of the farmer.

One service that all farmers can take advantage of is soil testing. Having your soil tested is the best way to make sure that fertility will not be the factor that limits your yield levels this year. The soil testing

division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture will analyze your soil samples and make fertilizer and lime suggestions for the crops that you plan to grow. These suggestions are designed to enable you to achieve good yields under normal climatic conditions that exist in North Carolina. To achieve top yields, the farmer must also follow other recommended cultural practices in addition to the soil test suggestions. Proper seed bed preparation selecting the right hybrid or variety,

planting at the optimum date, proper plant population, weed and insect control, and efficient methods of harvesting are some of the factors that require sound management decisions of the operator in order to achieve top yields.

So if you want your crop yields to be at or near their maximum potential, plan your farming operations carefully, don't overlook cultural practices that may limit yields and take advantage

## Savings Bonds Sales Show Increase

U. S. Savings Bonds sales in North Carolina during March showed an increase of over 8 per cent above sales of March a year ago. Total Series E and H Bond sales for the month amounted to \$4,665,946.

Combined sales of Series E and H Bonds for the first quarter of the year amounted to \$15,850,531, which is over 15 per cent ahead of 1966 and repre-

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Bond sales in Yancey County during March amounted to 2032. For the first quarter they amounted to \$12,776, which is 14.4 per cent of the County's 1967 quota of \$88,563.

In making this release, Mr. Arney C. Fox, Yancey County Volunteer Chairman for the Savings Bonds Program stated that, "We are pleased with the current trend in Bond sales in North Carolina, and we expect to have the most outstanding peacetime sales record in our state this year. The availability of a new Treasury security — called 'Freedom Shares' — will add materially to the achievement of this goal, and we trust that more North Carolinians will purchase Series E Bonds and the new 'Freedom Shares' during the coming months."

## RALEIGH REPORT

By: Ernest B. Messer

A bill has been introduced in the Senate to make it a misdemeanor to desecrate public and private cemeteries. The bill prohibits putting any refuse in a cemetery or damaging, overturning, polluting, or taking any ornament or plant located in a cemetery. The punishment for such violation is not more than a \$100 fine or 30 days imprisonment, or both.

I am introducing a bill to give drivers license examiners the same coverage for injury as a result of accident that members of the Highway Patrol now have. If a patrolman is injured in the line of duty, he continues to draw his pay for one year, then half pay for another year. If the accident limits his activity, he may be transferred to other duty on a temporary basis.

Drivers license examiners have no coverage for accidental injury, and their job is often very hazardous.

The only difference the "Brown Bag Law" made between wet and dry counties is that in dry counties restaurants cannot be licensed so as to permit people to bring their liquor in and consume it. This feature would involve only Madison County in the 47th House District, since only Madison has an ABC store.

In all counties a person is authorized to transport a gallon of whiskey and to consume it in his home, motel or hotel room, on any private property, or in the home of another person.

For special occasions, a person may possess any amount of liquor that is necessary, and any number of guests can be served drinks on special occasions, so long as the general public is not permitted to attend. This provision of the ABC act makes serving drinks at conventions legal.

Clubs can be licensed to permit members to store and consume alcohol on the premises. This privilege is extended to any group with a limited membership and which has facilities for storage and consumption.

Dry counties will now probably have as much whiskey consumed in them as wet counties, the main difference being that whiskey cannot be legally purchased in dry counties.

After 5½ hours of argument and maneuvering, the Senate by a vote of 27 to 22 killed East Carolina College's chances to become a separate university. There remains, however, a bill to make East Carolina College a part of the Consolidated University.

Representative Ramsey and I introduced a bill, at the request of sportsmen in several counties, to permit hunting of rabbits and squirrels on one's own land or on leased land with a pistol having at least a 6 inch barrel. The act applies to 13 counties including Haywood, Madison, and Yancey.

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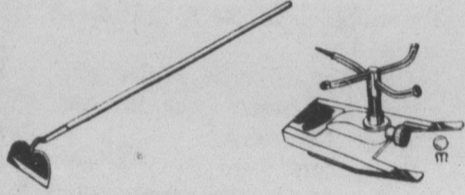
Anyone who makes crafts or who is interested in making them is urged to attend a meeting Monday night, May 8 at 7:30 p. m. in the courthouse (Room No. 3). The purpose of this meeting is to discuss possibilities of forming a cooperative.

If more information is needed call 682-2610.

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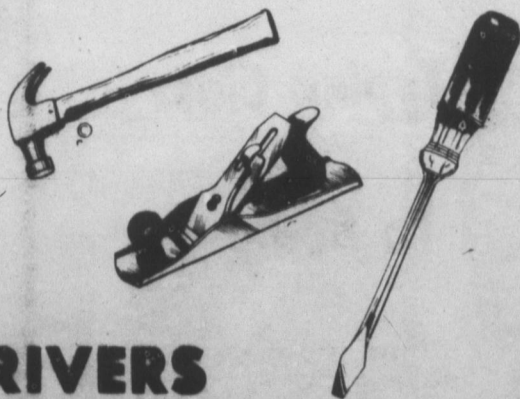


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