

Disaster Assistance For Drought Areas

Crop and livestock conditions in drought stricken areas of North Carolina are presently being reviewed by members of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Emergency Boards to determine disaster assistance needs of area

farmers. The Farmers Home Administration, USDA's credit agency, will assist in determining counties in the state where serious crop and livestock losses are occurring because of the prolonged dry weather, according to James T. Johnson, FmHA State Director.

Johnson stated that the FmHA will make its Emergency loan program available immediately in counties that are designated natural disaster areas by the Secretary of Agriculture, or otherwise declared eligible for the program. Designations are considered when the Secretary of Agriculture receives requests from the Governor of North Carolina. The program will make low interest loans available to help cover eligible farmers' losses and other parts of the program will allow loans for annual production expenses and to make adjustments that are needed to increase the soundness or efficiency of the operation.

Interest rates on loans for actual losses are five per cent. Other parts of the Emergency loan program carry a market rate of interest, which is presently set at eight per cent. Loans to cover actual losses are scheduled for repayment

consistent with the ability of the farmer to pay and available security, up to seven years. Other parts of the loan are similarly scheduled but can carry terms up to forty years, if needed.

Applicants may be either individual farmers, farming partnerships or corporations primarily engaged in farming. All applicants must show that they cannot obtain the needed credit from private sources. Among other requirements, applicants must operate in a county declared a major or natural disaster and plan to continue farming. Production losses must be significant and not compensated by insurance or otherwise, and physical losses must likewise be uncompensated losses.

Johnson said that further information concerning the Emergency loan program and other loans available can be obtained at local Farmers Home Administration county offices which are listed under U.S. Government (Agriculture) in local telephone directories.

Close Check Advised:

Worm Attacking Tobacco Crops

BY W.C. BLEDSOE
County Extension Chairman
Burley tobacco, at several locations in the mountain area, is being attacked by a dirty gray or ash-colored worm. These worms have been tentatively identified as climbing cutworms. The total area of infestation has not been determined at this time but it is suggested that growers keep close check on their tobacco fields for possible damage. Also these worms attack crops other than tobacco.

Some of the worms are nearly two inches long while others are less than an inch in length. From one to seven or more worms have been observed per plant. They are ravenous feeders and have the potential to inflict serious

damage to the crop. Worms are feeding primarily on tender leaves in the top 1/2 of the plant. The type of injury could be confused with budworm, hornworm, or grasshopper damage. Look for the worms. They may be in the feeding area or they may be on the underside of large leaves anywhere on the plant. They apparently do not return to the ground.

Entomologists at N.C. State University have suggested orthene at 1/2 to 3/4 pound active ingredient per acre for control. Larger worms are harder to kill, consequently infestations that are discovered early can be cleaned up easier before serious damage occurs.

If you have questions, please call the Agricultural Extension Service 682-6186.

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Letters TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:
I can't help but be amused at the hullabaloo these school principals are creating over their positions, and being the unbiased publication that you are, I know you'll publish the other side of the situation.

I'm little-known in Yancey County's educational circles, but I have a keen memory as to when these people obtained their positions. Frank Dayton was fired from South Toe and Kenny Sparks took the job without batting an eye. Mr. Griffith was fired from East Yancey. Again Kenny Sparks fell into that position without reservations. And now for Cara Cox. With help, she succeeded in displacing Mr. Ronald Kates and took his job without hesitation.

And I for one Yancey Countian, am disappointed that this Board of Education didn't give them a taste of their own medicine.

Yours truly,
D.J. Wilson
Burnsville, N.C.

Dear Editor:
We just had the nicest time last week! Senior citizens under the direction of True Elliott and Mrs. Hazel Thomas had a picnic at the Hemlocks Campground. We gathered in the fine pavillion provided by Older Americans Program Project-Toecane Ranger District, U.S. Forest Service! We soon had a blazing fire in the huge fireplace and the good food was served at the tables. Soon there was a jolly crowd cheering on the horse-shoe pitching. There were some pretty good pitchers!

I would like also to mention the Laurel Craft Shop which is filled with a great variety of beautiful hand work made by the Older Americans of Yancey County. I've had occasion for purchasing several gifts lately and that is where I went.

Senior Citizens are doing a lot of happy and useful things in Yancey County and I just wanted to brag a little bit and to say Thank you.

A Senior Citizen
[Name withheld on request]

Yancey Schools Begin Registration

Yancey County Schools will be open for registration of all students in grades 1-12 on Tuesday morning, August 16, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Kindergarten students will not register until the first full day of school on August 18. School buses will be operated both days and lunches will be served in all schools on Thursday, August 18, which will be a full day of school.

Mars Hill Continuing Education Courses Set

The Continuing Education Program of Mars Hill College will have registration for all classes on Saturday, August 6, 1977, on the campus. New students are asked to be at Belk Auditorium at 8 o'clock a.m.; returning students should check their schedules for times they should report.

The following courses will be offered in Burnsville:

English 213 Advanced Composition & Research 2 sem. hrs. 4-7 p.m. Mondays at East Yancey Middle School August 5-October 7, McKinney.

English 215 Group Discussion, 2 sem. hrs. 4-7 p.m. Mondays at East Yancey Middle School, October 8-December 15, Bierbaum.

Physical Education 101 Foundations 2 sem. hrs. 4-7 p.m. Tuesdays, East Yancey Middle School, August 6-October 7, J. Gault.

Physical Education 161, Appalachian Folk and Square Dancing, 2 sem. hrs., 4-7 p.m., Tuesdays, East Yancey Middle School, October 8-December 15, Lou Therrell.

Library Science 413, Library Cataloguing & Classification, 4 sem. hrs., 4-7 p.m. Thursdays, Mtn. Heritage High School, September 17-December 15, James Byrd.

Education 301, Language Arts in Elementary School, 4 sem. hrs., 4-7 p.m. Wednesdays, East Yancey Middle School, September 17 thru December 15, T. Stern.

Biology 101, Introduction to Biological Science 4 sem.

hrs., 5-8 p.m. Thursdays, East Yancey Middle School September 17-December 15, D. McLeod.

For further information call Dr. John Hough, Dr. Harold Holcombe or Mrs. Sylvia Murphey at 689-1202.

Mayland Tech Has Leadership Seminar

Mayland Technical Institute is sponsoring a one day seminar on "The Art of Leadership," Tuesday, August 9 in the campus auditorium.

Mr. Tom Parker, President of Teepee Associates, Inc. will conduct the seminar. Mr. Parker, a teacher, consultant and author of numerous publications on supervisory development training throughout the country, has presented seminars in supervisory development in more than 20 states, including appearances before the American society for training Directors and the American Management Association in New York.

His seminar is designed and directed for supervisors who are aware that the majority of men and women in leadership positions who fail, do not fail because of the technical side of the job, but

because of their inability to get along with people. People are our most precious assets and the proper treatment of employees must be foremost in the minds of supervisors.

The seminar covers areas of leadership responsibilities, traits and types. The program includes: assets vs. liabilities of a leader; styles of leadership-dictatorial, paternal, Laissez-faire, and democratic; Leadership and productivity; Supervisory Inventory on Human Relations to encompass the Individual Practice and Group Dynamics.

This program is designed for administrative staff, department heads, supervisors, or anyone whose job involves directing people.

To enroll and for further information, contact the Continuing Education Department at Mayland Technical Institute.

Photo Class Meets At Learning Center

The Mayland Tech. Photo Class meets the third Thursday of each month at the Yancey Learning Center at 7:30 p.m.

The class functions as a club with a set agenda for each monthly meeting. An optional field trip will usually be offered during the month. The August meeting will consist of the following:

7:30-8:00 p.m. Camera Clinic (informal problem solving);

8:00-9:00 p.m. Formal Presentation: Using flash or strobe. (Bring your own cameras to try some multiple exposure shots);

9:00-9:30 p.m. Monthly Photo Contest (bring your best slides or prints on the theme "summer");

9:30-10:00 p.m. Unstructured Group Activities (Co-op purchasing, equipment demonstrations, etc.).

Participation is open to all who are interested in taking better and more interesting photos. Individuals should register for the classes at the Yancey Learning Center before or on the August meeting. Phone the Yancey Learning Center at 682-7315 for more information.

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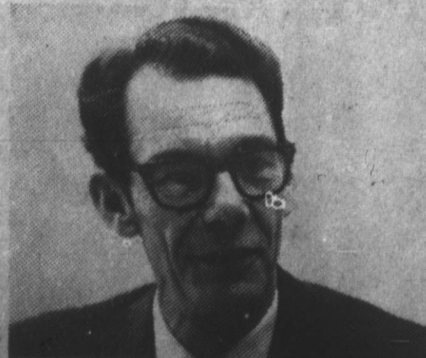


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