

OLD FORT NEWS

North Carolina Farmers Set New Record For 1945 In Soil Conservation

"North Carolina farmers set a new record for 1945 in planning and beginning complete farm soil conservation programs in cooperation with their soil conservation districts," Regional Conservator T. S. Z. Buie of the Soil Conservation Service reported Saturday. "According to information furnished by State Conservationist E. B. Garrett, during the last twelve months, 4,529 North Carolina farmers received assistance from Soil Conservation Service technicians assigned to the districts in starting complete programs for erosion control and good land use on 466,473 acres," the Southeastern Regional Conservator said. In 1944, a total of 3,459 North Carolina farmers received assistance from the districts.

Dr. Buie, who has headquarters at Spartanburg, South Carolina, said that another measure of soil conservation progress for the past year is that almost one-fifth of the total number of North Carolina farmers now cooperating with districts began this program in 1945. He reported that the districts were assisting 24,462 North Carolina farmers at the beginning of the new year in carrying out complete soil conservation plans on 2,702,298 acres. The Brown Creek District at Wadesboro was the first district to be organized in the Southeast. It was created in 1937.

"The progress made last year is all the more remarkable because of the shortage or limited amounts of labor, equipment and materials resulting from the war," Dr. Buie said. "It could not have been possible without the active leadership of the farmers themselves through their locally-elected supervisors, nor could it have been possible without the great amount of support received from non-farm individuals and groups, such as bankers, teachers, ministers, civic clubs, newspaper editors, manufacturers, business men and others living in towns and cities."

Dr. Buie predicted that North Carolina soil conservation districts would set another record in 1946. "In fact," he said, "if only the rate of progress during the last six months of 1945 is maintained during the next twelve months, about 5,750 farmers will become district cooperators. But, we confidently expect the soil conservation program to move even faster than that this year, because trained technicians are now returning rapidly from the armed forces and because of the growing interest and support of both farm and non-farm people." But the Regional Conservator warned: "We should not feel complacent about the progress now being made, because North Carolina is still losing more land through erosion than it is saving. Whatever progress we make in 1946 will not be enough; we must double and redouble our efforts until all the land of every farm is placed under a soil conservation program that uses all the land according to its capabilities and treats it according to its needs."

Looking back to the war year, Dr. Buie said: "Soil conservation farming very definitely helped farmers to make their outstanding records in the production of foods, feeds, fibers, and fats." As an example, he cited a summary of reports made by 146 representative district cooperators in North Carolina. They reduced cotton acreage more than 9 percent but produced 10 percent more pounds of lint. They planted only 23 more acres of tobacco, but they harvested 179,000 more pounds. Although they planted 809 fewer acres to corn, they harvested a total of 5,989 more bushels. With the return of formerly idle land to use, with more feed and hay production and with more and better pastures these 146 farmers had 98 more cows and 195 more brood sows.

"Soil conservation farming can help North Carolina farmers to make whatever production adjustments may be necessary during the reconversion period," Dr. Buie said. "A complete farm soil conservation plan shows the farmer what each field can be used safely to grow and what treatment is required to protect the land from erosion damage. Soil conservation and diversified farming go hand in hand."

M'DOWELL HOME IS PURCHASED BY COL. GRANT

Lt. Col. Arthur S. Grant of New York City has purchased the T. B. Faw property at Old Fort and expects to make his home there following his retirement from duty in the armed forces.

The property consists of a modern six-room bungalow with furnace heat and modern conveniences, and 11 surrounding acres of land. W. S. Burgin, uncle of Col. Grant, handled the deal.

Mr. Faw and his family will live at their country home near Old Fort until such time as they can build.

Col. Grant will be retired from army duty after 30 years of service which includes active, as well as home guard duty. The New York home guards of which he was a member, was among the first to be called to active service in World War II. Simultaneously, he will have served the New York Telephone company for the same number of years which entitles him to retirement.

Sandra Case Died In Asheville Hospital

Funeral services for Sandra Case, four-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Case of Azalea, who died in an Asheville hospital Thursday, were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Azalea Methodist church. The Rev. R. V. Masters officiated and burial was in the church cemetery, with Harrison Funeral Home of Black Mountain in charge.

In addition to the parents, the child is survived by four brothers, Billie Case of the navy, Robert Case of the army, and Bruce and Mack Case of Azalea; and two sisters, Mrs. Therm Cassel and Miss Evelyn Case of Azalea.

Clerical Jobs To Be Filled By Civil Service

Fifteen clerk-typists and five experienced stenographers are needed to fill civil service positions, it was announced recently by P. Lane Gaston, manager of the U. S. Employment service office in Asheville.

Persons over 21 years of age are eligible. The salary is \$1,704 per year. Interested persons may apply to Miss Georgia Wilson, interviewer at USES office, 86 Patton avenue.

OUR SHORT SERMON

By J. C. Cornelius

I am receptive to God's abundant and ever-increasing blessings. Each day brings new blessings and new opportunities to those who are receptive to God's love. Begin the day by sincerely giving thanks for the blessings that are already made manifest in your life. Then turn your attention to the good that you are especially working toward, whether it is health, happiness, success, or spiritual understanding, and affirm that you are receptive to all that you desire in order to make your life more complete.

If you are seeking to help a dear one, speak a word of blessing for him and know that he is strengthened by your thought of him and that he is receptive to God's love and bounty. Every heartfelt blessing you send out enriches your own life as well as the life of the one you hold in your thoughts.

God's blessings are never withheld but flow in an ever-increasing stream to those whose mind and heart are open to Him. Each day He reveals more of His goodness and wonders and peace.

I will bless thee . . . and be thou a blessing.—Gen. 12:2.

Enter Training

Miss Louise Stevens has been accepted for entrance into the February class for nurses at Mission Hospital, Asheville. Miss Stevens is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Stevens of Old Fort. She is a first honor graduate of Old Fort high school. For the past year she has been employed by the FBI department. She left Old Fort Monday to report for duty.


News Want Ads Last Week Sold \$78.00 Worth Of Articles

Seventy-eight dollars worth of articles were sold last week due to advertisements that averaged less than 50c each to the advertisers.

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Three Injured In Henderson Highway Crash

Three Henderson county men were injured and a passenger car and truck destroyed by fire in a collision about 6 p.m. Thursday eight miles from Hendersonville on the Chimney Rock road.

Dewitt Hoots, 21, and Spurgeon Freeman, 28, both of the Edneyville section, suffered fractured jaws and possible skull fractures and were at Patton Memorial hospital. An attending physician described both as in a serious condition. Tommy Seltzer was given emergency treatment but discharged.

The sheriff's department identified Seltzer as the driver of the car and a Mr. Hashbrook as the driver of the truck.

Both vehicles burned following the collision.

Oteen Group Donates To March Of Dimes

A total of \$427.01 was contributed to the March of Dimes drive by personnel and patients at the Veterans' Administration hospital, Oteen, it was announced.

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Mr. and Mrs. Sidney F. Mauney of Old Fort have received word that their son, Sidney F. Mauney, of Tulsa, Okla., who spent ten days with them recently, found upon his return home his commission as Lt. Colonel with the armed services. The promotion from rank of Major was issued on December 28th. After three and one-half years' service Mr. Mauney has been released to civilian status.

This week, the Carter Oil Company with whom he has been associated for twenty years, presented Mr. Mauney a diamond studded pin in recognition of his services.

West Marion Baptist Services Are Changed

A change has been made in the schedule of services at West Marion Baptist church, it has been announced.

Beginning last Sunday services are held the first and third Sundays of each month at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The change was made to allow the pastor, the Rev. Franklin Justice, to assist in service at other churches.

Sunday school will be held at 10 a.m. every Sunday and the Baptist Training Union at 6 p.m. Prayer meetings are held each Wednesday at 7 p.m.

All McDowell Schools Are Operating Again

All McDowell county schools are in operation again for the first time since they were dismissed Dec. 13, a week ahead of the scheduled Christmas holidays.

The five schools of the city system were in operation last week, but the North Cove and Pleasant Gardens were the only two in the county system operating last week.

M'DOWELL POLIO FUND CAMPAIGN TO END FEB. 15

The drive to raise funds with which to fight infantile paralysis has been extended from Jan. 31 through Feb. 15, S. J. Westmoreland, chairman, has announced.

The extension period was granted because so many of McDowell's schools were closed throughout most of the month of January. The schools have all reopened now and the drive can go forward as originally planned.

We may not agree with what you say, but will defend to the death your right to say it: **Voltaire.**

We do Job Printing.



Better Handling of Range Helps Forage

Grazing Plans Aid to Natural Reseeding

More than 73,244,000 acres of grazing lands are being conserved, developed and utilized under range management plans which are a part of the government's agricultural conservation program.

Better forage for livestock is a natural result of better handling of accessible range. At the same time, soil on the range and on nearby cropland receives increased protection.

Proper utilization of rangeland requires a carefully worked-out "use plan" involving a number of factors. In widest use are such practices as rotating grazing, natural reseeding through deferred grazing, artificial reseeding by drilling, broadcasting and harrowing in suitable locations, development of properly spaced, adequate and dependable water supplies, eradication of destructive plants, proper fencing to facilitate uniform distribution of stock, and water spreading measures to divert run-off water and prevent erosive action.

Proper management of one range area may require only a few of these practices, while another will need many or all of them in order

to return the range soil to its original fertility. Reseeding, both natural and artificial, is an essential to most rangeland.

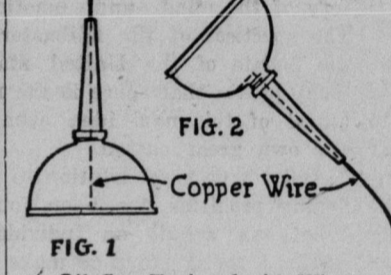
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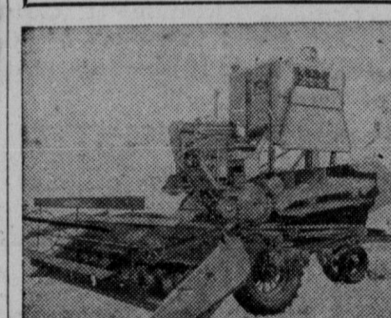
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Extension Oil Can



There are usually one or two oil holes on all machinery that the average oil can will not reach. This can be remedied by taking a copper wire about three inches longer than the spout and bend at right angles, as shown in the illustration. The bent end is inserted into the can, and spout is placed over the wire. The bent piece will prevent wire from falling out but will allow the oil to follow wire into oil hole desired.

Postwar Machinery Harvester



Postwar harvesting will be taken care of by self-propelled harvesters. The self-propelled feature on this machine designed by the Minneapolis-Moline Power Implement company, makes possible the harvest of all crops at lower cost.

Unusual engineering development makes the feature adaptable in harvesting all types of grain including rice.

Alfalfa Meal Valuable

Alfalfa meal has been found of high value as a source of the water-soluble vitamins in hog feeding.

A supplement of 10 to 12 per cent alfalfa meal in a basal diet to sows in the gestation and lactation period resulted in 82.5 per cent of their pigs reaching weaning stage. This trial showed superior results when compared with ground yellow corn, soybean meal, tankage, fish meal tankage and dried corn distillers' solubles.

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