

Loans Available For Farm Owners

The Farmers Home Administration in this county is authorized to make or insure Farm Development loans to improve and develop their farms, carry on more diversified and balanced agricultural programs, and produce with greater efficiency, E. A. Morgan, FHA manager said today.

Thus hundreds of small farmers may develop their farms to the point where they can effectively put into practice the recommendations of the State College of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, and Extension Service.

These loans offer families opportunity to put their land into good condition and increase their production during the defense period and have greater security and better homes in time of peace.

While veterans have preference for the loans made from funds appropriated by Congress, other farmers may obtain the same service through the insured mortgage program in which private lenders are participating. Banks and other private lenders have made ample funds available for a large number of insured Farm Development loans to both veterans and non-veterans. The Farmers Home Administration guarantees the repayment of these private advances.

Farm Development Credit can be used for purposes such as the following:

1. Pasture seeding and improvement, land development including liming, fertilizing, and seeding and soil treatments including clearing, liming, fertilizing.
2. Terraces, contouring, grass waterways, diversion ditches, reforestation, drainage ditches, and soil conservation practices.
3. Safe and adequate water supply.
4. Construction or repair of fences, houses, barns, and other buildings.
5. In some cases, refinancing of existing indebtedness in connection with loans for purposes above.

Government Offers Plan To Bond Holders

County U. S. Savings Bonds Chairman, E. M. Riddick, Jr., announced today that according to the monthly sales reports from Allison James, State Director of Savings Bonds in



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Greensboro, sales of Series E, F and G Bonds in Perquimans County for the month of March totaled \$6,850.00. Mr. Riddick said that the U. S. Savings Bonds program will be 10 years old in May. During the 10-year period since May 1, 1941, the people of North Carolina have invested more than \$776 million dollars in Series E Bonds of which \$490 million is still in the hands of the purchasers. "It is estimated that more than \$11 million dollars in Series E Bonds purchased in North Carolina back in 1941, will mature between May 1 and December 31 of this year," the chairman continued. "By a law recently passed in Congress, owners of matured Series E Bonds may, if they desire, hold the Bonds for another 10 years, or less, with continuing interest, or may exchange them for Series G Bonds."

Mr. Riddick said that holders of Series E Bonds purchased in 1941 can obtain full information regarding the extension or exchange privilege from their local banks.

Garden Time

By ROBERT SCHMIDT

The crop that you produce will be no better than the seed that you plant. Use only the best you can get.

Failure of seed to germinate when planted is not always due to low viability. Often when seeds—especially beans and corn—are planted in wet and cold soil they will rot in the ground, even if they have passed a good germination test. Also, germinating seeds may be killed when they come into direct contact with strong chemical fertilizers. Be very careful in applying concentrated fertilizer. Do not allow them to come into contact with the seeds.

It is now safe to plant all warm season crops in eastern and central North Carolina—such crops as beans, cucumbers, muskmelons, watermelons, okra, tomatoes, peppers and eggplants. Collard seed may be sown for an early crop, but the best collards

are produced when seed are sown in July and August. Have you tried the "Hanover" collard? I'll be glad to send a few seed on request.

Some gardeners believe that cucumbers and muskmelons will cross if planted near each other and that the melons will taste like cucumbers. This is a mistaken idea. Cucumbers and muskmelons will not cross in the field and, if the melon is tasteless, it is due to too much rain at ripening time or to soil conditions. Different varieties of muskmelons will cross with each other but will not affect this year's crop—only next year's crop if you save your own seed.

If you plant yellow and white sweet corn varieties near each other the resulting cross will show up in the present season, and you will have a mixture of white and yellow kernels on the same ear.

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Food Production Rates High Among N. C. 4-H Projects

Some 123,000 4-H Club members in North Carolina will be emphasizing three major food producing projects this year. They hope to top 1950 production in field crops, garden and poultry. Nearly 2,000,000 youth throughout the nation will be doing their part in the mobilization by participating in 4-H Club activities.

In these projects 4-H boys and girls, ranging from 10 to 21 years, learn latest scientific agricultural techniques and approved farming practices. They also have an opportunity

to demonstrate phases in which they have become particularly skilled. Learning to judge crops, garden produce, poultry and eggs is another part of their 4-H training.

Awards will be made next fall to club members who have done the best job. Medals will be presented to county winners, a trip to the 1951 National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago to state winners, and a \$300 college scholarship to the national champions. Donor of awards in the field crops project is International Harvester. Poultry awards are given by Dearborn Motors, and garden by Allison-Chalmers Mfg. Company. All three

concerns have provided these incentives for the past several years.

Local 4-H Club leaders and County Extension agents conduct the projects which are under the supervision of the Cooperative Extension Service.

State winners last year were: Victor H. Sauls, Wake County, Field Crops; Clarisse Warren, Sampson County, garden; and Bill K. Gragg, Guilford County, poultry.

A Reminder

Mrs. Chatterton—I hope you have enjoyed this afternoon as guest of the Superwomen's Club.

Mr. Grimm—I have, indeed! It reminds me so much of my camp in the woods. Out there the brooks babble.

There is Nothing Finer than to Live in North Carolina



From the mountains to the seashore, North Carolinians are beginning to move outdoors. The Spring season opens strong in Asheville in May. State conventions of Civitans, Lions, K. of C., American Legion, Postmasters, Jaycees, Daughters of America and Industrial Safety Conference are all scheduled for that month.

Along with the beach resorts, fishing takes over now on the coast and it's time to renew your license for inland waters fishing. Best fishing days in May are from the 5th through the 20th—but every day is a good day in May in North Carolina.

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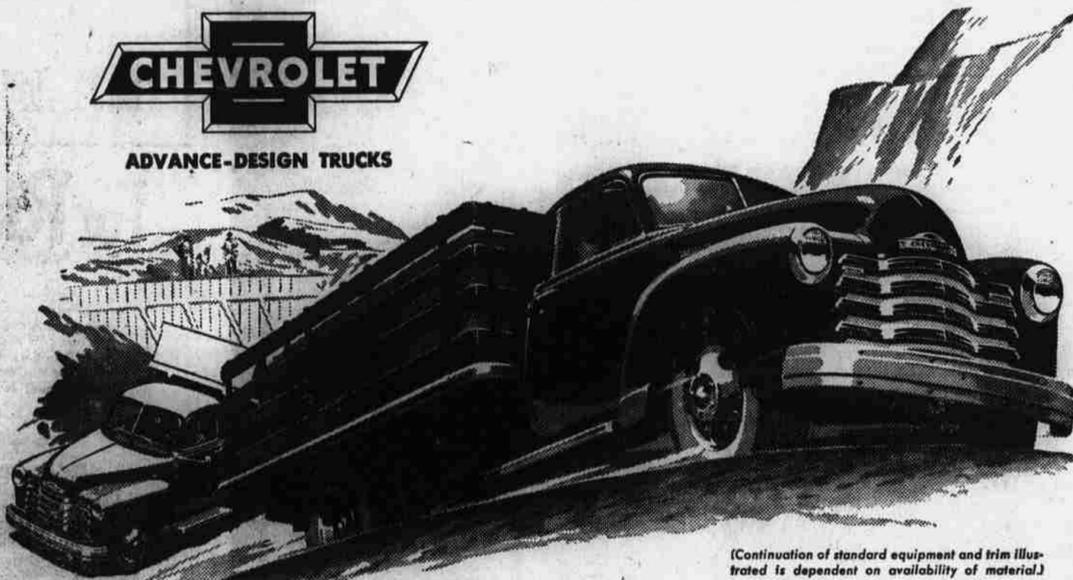
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