

Minimum Tillage Corn Looks Good in Perquimans & Chowan



The above photo shows corn planted in soybean residue with no land preparation on farm of Warner Madre. This corn was planted on April 9th and is about as clear of weeds and grass as any corn field you will find.



The above photo shows corn planted in a cover crop of rye with no land preparation on the farm of Milton Evans in Chowan County. This corn was planted on April 10th. This is on sandy land, Hs and Hls type soil. This type of planting on sandy land helps prevent wind erosion and protects young plants.



The above photo shows corn planted in a fescue pasture with no land preparation on the farm of Yates Parrish in Chowan County. This field has been in pasture for several years. This corn was planted during the week of May 11th.

GARDEN TIME

Several years ago, when Mrs. Lyndon Johnson inaugurated the "Beautify America" program, I quoted this verse by William F. Clark. I am repeating it so that you may decide how much progress we have made.

LITTER-ITIS
"Let it not be said, and to your shame,
That all was beauty here until you came."
I read these words upon a public site
Where picnickers and campers had a right
To taste the air, to stir their souls to see
What wondrous beauty nature made for me.
On closer glance I saw the sign was scarred
With jack-knifed letters, foul verse, and marred
Beyond repair; what reason can there be
That everything that man can touch and see

Must bear his name, must show his mighty power,
Must be despoiled in every passing hour?
Why must old cans and bottles come to rest
Where lovely flowers and ferns are at their best?
Why must the ground with littered trash be strewn
And Kleenex every lovely bush festoon?
Why must we try to ruin all we find
Of beauty in the world or heart or mind?
I packed my gear, I could not stay for long
Where men and thoughtless minds had done this wrong.
They'd robbed my pleasure, stolen all I need
To sooth my soul. That entrance sign should read
"It must be said, and even to your shame,
That all was beauty here until you came."

Washington Report

Walter B. Jones

Among the important legislation considered by the House for the week ending June 5 was a bill to increase the public debt limit. The bill as passed increased the permanent debt ceiling from \$385 billion to \$390 billion.

It further provided for a temporary increase of \$15 billion for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1971, making an overall limitation of \$395 billion for the first year, then reverting back to \$380 billion. This raising of the debt ceiling has become an annual event. What it does is to provide additional borrowing power to make payments for obligations already incurred. I voted no on final passage in the belief that unless the Congress adamantly curtails questionable expenditures, then they can be no end to the drastic inflationary spiral we are now experiencing.

The Foreign Aid appropriation bill was also approved by the House by a vote of 192 to 152, in the amount of \$2,120,961,000, which represented a reduction of \$655 million from the original budget request. This was also the smallest appropriation for foreign aid since 1956. Although the Committee had reduced the appropriation from the original request, the House further reduced the amount by withholding the \$80 million requested for the Peace Corps. Consistent with my votes since being in Congress, I was opposed to this, and expressed this opposition through the legislative mechanics of a "pair." I shall continue this negative vote until such time as I am satisfied that the dollars of the American taxpayers are achieving the original intent of this program.

In a recent column I referred to the approval of social security amendments providing for an increase to some 26.2 million beneficiaries. An unusual feature of this legislation was the

House approval of an amendment to the bill which would give the sole power of increasing social security taxes as well as benefits based on projected cost of living increases, to the President of the United States through the Secretary of HEW. This is in direct contradiction to the United States Constitution which has vested in the House of Representatives exclusive jurisdiction in the matter of tax legislation. With a firm belief in the validity of the United States Constitution, on this motion to include this provision, I voted no, as did five other members of the North Carolina delegation. On the bill itself, along with all members of the North Carolina delegation, I voted in the affirmative.

Our office is always delighted to render service to those we represent, and always happy to hear from you either by phone or mail. In order to be of greater service, I suggest that you direct your phone call or mail to: Congressman Walter B. Jones, 130 Cannon Building, Washington, D. C. 20515 area code: 202/225-3101.

Lilly Promoted



Marine Private First Class Joshua W. Lilly Jr., son of Mrs. Addie M. Lilly of Route 3, Hertford, N.C., was meritoriously promoted to his present rank during recruit graduation ceremonies at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Stumped

"I don't know how to fill out this question, sir."
"What is it?"

It says: "Who was your mother before she was married?" I didn't have any mother before she was married."

Juvenile Logic

"I want you to understand," said the teacher, "that it is the law of gravity that keeps us on this earth."
"Please," asked little Nellie, "how did we stick on before the law was passed?"

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Nursing Home Operator Had to Borrow Money to Operate Program

A Durham nursing home operator who last week said he had to borrow money to meet his payroll and blamed the "entire Medicaid program" for inefficiencies which elayed his reimbursement has received \$187,742 in interest-free advance and regular payments since January 1.

This disclosure was made today by State Social Services Board Chairman John R. Jordan, Jr. of Raleigh.

The operator was quoted by a Durham newspaper to the effect that he had turned in bills for January which amounted to \$56,000 for patients under the new welfare program but had received only \$4,000 in reimbursement.

Jordan termed charges such as these as "completely irresponsible" and a "deliberate attempt to confuse the public relative to the medical assistance program." The State, he pointed out, advanced this operator \$69,000 in January, another \$33,000 in February and during March and April has made interim and regular payments totaling another \$85,742. The value of the operator's invoices for this year to date was \$67,849 and he still owes the State \$113,429 for the advances, said Jordan. The operator charged that neither the social services department nor Blue Cross-Blue Shield, the fiscal intermediary for Medicaid, would reimburse him for interest on the payroll loan - "Maybe, he would be willing to pay the State interest on the \$113,429 he still owes it," said Jordan.

When the Medicaid program administered by the State Department of Social Services was implemented the first of the year, a new payment system had to be developed. The Federal government requires that a month's services must be rendered and claims submitted by the nursing homes before payments can be made.

Jordan and the State Board realized there would be some delay in the beginning of this new procedure and they requested

permission and received authorization to make advance payments in January and February.

These payments were made to all nursing homes submitting requests totalling approximately \$1,350,000. This amounted to an interest free loan to be amortized during the period between now and June 30, 1971.

Jordan stated at the time that he felt certain that these advance payments would more than satisfy all the nursing home operators in the State.

But when Blue Cross-Blue Shield, which serves as an intermediary for the Social Services Department, began processing claims in March, they experienced some difficulties and the payments for some claims were delayed.

Some of the claims from the Durham operator had to be delayed because of their involvement with Medicare, which required additional checking.

Regular payment for March services will be made to the nursing homes on or about May 11, 1970, according to Jordan.

One Minute Sports Quiz

1. Name the recent Kentucky Derby winner.
2. In what country did American football originate?
3. What Major League pitcher was first to win five games this season?
4. What pitcher did Ted Williams pick as the best he ever faced?
5. What pitcher led the A.L. in strikeouts early in May?

The Answers

1. Dust Commander.
2. England—from the Wall game at Eton.
3. Jim Merritt of Cincinnati.
4. Bob Feller of Cleveland.
5. Mickey Lolich of Detroit.

Potato Market News Office Open

A seasonal Federal-State potato market news office will be opened June 15 at Elizabeth City, N. C.

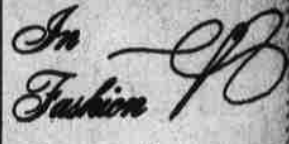
George Cammeyer, a veteran market news reporter for the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Consumer and Marketing Service, and Hugh Martin of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, will report the market.

The office will remain open about four weeks, during the height of the potato harvest.

Potato growers, marketers and others interested in the North Carolina potato market, as well as supply and price situations in other potato growing areas and terminal markets, should contact Cammeyer or Martin.

The office address is: Federal-State Market News Office, Virginia Dare Hotel, Room 401,

Elizabeth City, N. C. 27909. Telephone number is 338-0819. Cammeyer said he will issue daily printed report which will be mailed upon request. He also will broadcast latest reports of radio and make his reports available to the press.



Once, a good many years ago when floppy hats covered wild flowers were the in-thing, a very wealthy woman passed by wearing one of these and a friend remarked that she knew it must have cost a fortune, found out later that the woman had trimmed it herself with flowers from a department store. There's a moral to this, but I'll let the reader figure it out.

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