

Did Supplement Work To Power Lines Last Week

## **HALoans Still Available**

Automistration announced today that funds for FmHA real estate and farm ponating loans were red itly increased and will be available for the rentatinder of this fiscal year ending June 30, 1973.

HA State Director James T. Johnson, reported that an additional 170 million ddiars has been made available for loans to farmers for annual operating expenses, and for financing purchases of farm equipment, livestock and other capital needs on terms up to seven years.

These funds were made available to help fill the need for operating money arising from the termination of the emergency loan program. Phnson said that as a result rains and flooding, both last year and this year, North Carolina has about half its counties eligible for

emergency loans and will receive a greater proportion of the available operating funds. He further stated that farmers who were considering purchases of farm equipment or livestock in the near future would be wise to consider these purchases before June 30, while funds are in adequate supply.

Johnson reported that funds for long term real estate loans for land purchase, farm development, refinancing and other similar purposes were also adequate for the remainder of the fiscal year. These loans are at 5 per cent up to 40 year terms and have a maximum amount of \$100,000.

North Carolina farmers have found that non-farm businesses or recreational enterprises have added greatly to their farm income. Farmers Home Administration has assisted more farmers this year through their farm loan programs than in any other year, both in loans made and in dollar volume of total

loans. All loan funds for these programs are provided Farmers Home by Administration through the insured loan program whereby the agency resells its notes to private investors. This provides a continuous source of funds without the use of federal government appropriated funds.

Farmers

Southern Pine Beetle Eating Away In County

The Southern Pine Beetle, one of the souths worst forest insect enemies, is eating away in Perquimans county.

A recent aerial survey made by the N.C. Forest Service picked up 15 spots of heavy infestations in the county. Many more infestations have been noted from ground checks.

The Southern Pine Beetle is a small insect which bores into old age, over crowded or weakened pines and lays eggs in the bark. The young larvae feed on the inner bark of tree girdling inner bark and spreading a fungi disease which helps kill the tree. The fungi disease, known as blue stain, hastens the death of tree and degrades the lumber. Depending on the time of year and severity of attacks the tree usually dies within a week or more. The beetle's life cycle is completed about every 25 days. There is no saving tree once beetles have infested. Many insects attack one tree and groups of trees amounting to several acres in size. As many as 200 or more insects per square foot of bark have been found in this area of the state.

The new generations of beetles often emerge from infested trees before they are completely dead. As tree dries out the needles turn yellow and then brown.

One way to tell if you have bark beetles in the early stages is to look for little white globs of turpentine on bark of tree, the tree will look like popcorn has been glued to the bark. On weakened trees the pitch tubes may be lacking.

The most effective control measures at this time is to salvage infested trees and trees within infested zone for pulpwood or saw timber.

By salvaging infested area this eliminates the young larvae from hatching out and going to more pines. When trees are cut and utilized the larvae dry up from lack of moisture

If you have spots of dead or

dying pines pleace contact County Forest Ranger Lewis Stallings for assistance. The Forest Service will examine area and if insects are present will mark buffer zone around infested area for control and help you find someone to salvage infested area in zone. The Southern Pine Beetle

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problem is a serious one. Your cooperation in the detection and control will be greatly appreciated.

## Sanitarians Attend Meet

Forty northeastern North Carolina santiarians gathered at East Carolina University last weekend for the quarterly educational meeting of the North Eastern Environmental Health District.

The santiarians represented environmental health sections of county health departments in the northeastern region of the state.

The program, held in ECU's Department of Environment Health in the fulfillment of continuing education needs of the practicing public health santarian and on the future role" of the santiarian as perceived by local health. administrators.

Speakers included Herman Phelps of the ECU Division of Continuing Education; William Byrd, associate dean of the ECU School of Allied Health and Social Professions: Dr. John Sledge, health

director of Currituck, Dare and Hyde Counties; Dr. Robert May, health director of Pitt County; and Howard B. Campbell, health director of Pasquotank, Perquimans, Camden and Chowan Counties.

The participants toured ECU's allied health facilities, led by Dr. Trenton G. Davis, Richard Padgett and Dr. Y.J. Lao of the environmental health faculty.



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