FARMERS IMPROVE SOIL IN 4 YEARS OF AAA PROGRAM

The progress made by Maryland farmers in their use of the Agricultural Conservation Program to improve and protect the productivity of their farms is shown in a 4-year, 1936-1939, summary of soil-building practices just released by Harry H. Nuttle, chairman of the State AAA Committee. He expects soil conservation work in 1940 to exceed that of all previous years, particularly in the use of lime and phosphate.

"The results obtained under the Farm Program point toward an increase in long-time improvements in farming methods built on better rotations and production of crops less exhaustive on the soil," Mr. Nuttle said. "Farmers can count on increased efficiency in crop and livestock production as a result of this soil improvement. Experience of farmers has shown that every dollar spent upon improving the soil is returned many times over during a period of years."

The report shows that farmers participating in the 1939 AAA Farm Program planted 495,688 acres to legumes and grases, which is an increase of 60 percent since 1936. These soil-building legumes and grasses hold the soil in place and provide nitrogen and other plant food for crops to use.

Green manure and cover crops totaled 106,258 acres in 1939, which is three times the 32,738 acres in 1936. Green manure and cover crops are especially important in Maryland for controlling erosion and furnishing organic matter that adds to the fertility of the soil.

Farmers applied 145,657 tons of lime and 2,843 tons of superphosphate in carrying out soil-building practices in 1939. That is about twice as much as was applied in 1936. The grants-of-aid program by which farmers may receive lime and superphosphate in place of conservation payments will contribute to a larger increase in the use of these materials in 1940. They are often used in combination and add plant food to the soil which stimulates the growth of legumes, grasses and other crops.

While the amount of Maryland crop land on which AAA soil-building practices were carried out last year was 31 percent more than in 1936, the first year of the Agricultural Conservation Program, greatly increased amounts of conservation work need to be done in order to maintain the soils of the State. Mr. Nuttle pointed out that only 85 percent of the farms participating in the program fully reached the soil-building goal set up under the AAA program for their farms, and that further conservation work is needed on the majority of farms.

HYBRID CORN IS BEING USED MORE IN KENT

Farmers are advised not to plant seed from hybrid corn which they, or their neighbors, grew the preceding year because the yield is likely to be less than from open pollinated corn that they have been accustomed to raise, according to John W. Magruder, specialist for the University of Maryland extension service.

Superior hybrid seed corn can only result from carefully controlled scientific breeding, Mr. Magruder says. Second generation seed normally yields from 15 to 30 percent less grain than the first generation seed of the same hybrid, he states, and there is also a greater variation in type, size of plant and maturity.

Mr. Magruder explains that corn hybrids are the result of combining four unrelated, inbred strains of corn. Years of crossing different inbreds in various combinations are necessary to develop outstanding hybrids. Part of the increased productiveness comes from the hybrid vigor which results only from the first generation cross of unrelated plants, and part comes from sperior germ plasm resulting from inbreeding and selection. When second generation seed is planted, the hybrid vigor is lost and there is much inbreeding, rather than controlled cross breeding that is practiced in developing first generation seed.

Farmers planting hybrid corn for the first time are advised to plant only a small acreage of one or two kinds which have shown superiority kinds which have shown superiority in field tests locally. They should purchase either officially certified or Maryland Field Inspection Approved first generation seed, Mr. Magruder states. Information concerning suggested bybrids and sources of seed may be obtained from your local county agent.

Pecan Center

San Antonio, Texas, is the center of the pecan trade.

MILLINGTON

Mrs. John Staddard, of Wilmington, spent last Sunday with her sister and brother in law, Mr. and Mrs. Noland Robinson.

Mrs. John T. Slaughter is quite sick at her home ni town at this writing.

Mrs. Charles S. Church, Mrs. James Skinner, Mrs. W. Leo Gale, and Mrs. Norman Wallen attended a covered dish supper at the home of Mrs. Carrie Starr in Galena, on Tuesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucean E. Massey were visitors of friends in Lancaster Pa., last Tuesday.

Mrs. James D. Moore was a guest of her brother in sister in law, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan King, near Middletown last Sunday.

Mrs. W. O. Selby, of Chestertown, Md., spent a few days with her sister and brother in law, Dr. and Mrs. Merritt Brice last week.

The Ladies Aid of Asbury Church met at the home of Mrs. Norman A. Wallen, on Thursday evening last.

The W. C. T. U. of Millington meets in Trinity Methodist Church at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, April 21, a large turnout is expected to be present.

Mr .and Mrs. Lucean E. Massey and two daughters, Misses Lucille and Carolyn, spent Monday in Wilmington.

William Simon near town is spending several days with friends in Philadelphia this week.

Higmans Mill Ponds have been restocked with young fish this week by J. Frank Shahan, near town.

Stanley Phillips, of Penns' Grove, N. J., spent last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Lee.

George B. Jones, Jr., has moved in the property he recently purchased of Noland Robinson.

Mrs. Clara Rolph is spending some time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Jackson, near town.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kinder, of Bridgeville, Del., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James E. Higman, Mr. and Mrs. Benj. W. Duling and Miss Mollie Higman.

Samuel Baxter and daughter, Mrs. William McGinnis, of Chestertown, were visitors on Thursday of Mrs. Belle Higman.

KENNEDYVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Boggs, of Wyoming, Del., spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boggs.

Jane Wiltbanks spent Monday with her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wiltbanks.

Mr. and Mrs. Wattie McKnett and Mrs. Kent McKnett of Philadelphia, visited relatives here over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. William Miller and Miss Mabel Miller and Miss Mabel Miss Mabel Miller spent Sunday with relatives in Wilmington, Del.

Miss Anna Miller and Miss Marie Miller were week end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Redmile spent the week end with relatives in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. John George, Miss Mary Eva George, Mrs. Thompson and Bobby George spent Sunday with relatives in Philadelphia.

Mr. Joseph Weer returned to Washington, D. C., on Sunday after spending a part of last week at his home.

Rev. and Mrs. Bauscher were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Dempsey.

Mr .and Mrs. Ross Wiltbanks spent Monday in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. William Anthony, Sr., were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anthony.

Mrs. Glenn, Mrs. Dempsey, and Mrs. James Nickerson attended the Homemakers Club in Massey on Tuesday.

The Ladies Aid Society met at the home of the Misses Scotten on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Robinson, of Baltimore, spent the week end with relatives here.

Miss Bernice Scotton, of Baltimore, spent the week end at her home.

The Woman's Club was entertained at the home of Mrs. Emory Bonwell on Thursday afternoon.

Service in Grace Presbyterian Church Sunday evening at 7.30 p. m. Rev. Thomas will preach.

GALENA

Mrs. J. Earle Gilfillan entertained the 500 card club at her home on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Harry Jarman and children, Dot and Jack of Baltimore, Md., spent the week end at their home near town.

Mrs. Nancy Everett, of Georgetown, Md., has accepted the position at the Kent Oil Company to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Miss Ethel Boyles.

Mrs. George Nicholson entertained the 500 club last Thursday evening at her home.

Misses Helen and Margaret Mulford entertained the Philathea class at their home last Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Davis, of Wilmington, Del., visited their parents here last Sunday.

Mrs. Emerson Houch spent severdays last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Ozman near Easton, Md.

Mr. Emory Wood, of Wilmington, Del., spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Wood.

Mr. Wm. Wood visited his daughter, Mrs. Mary Harrington last Friday, who is a patient in the Homeopathic Hospital in Wilmington, Del.

Mrs. Emily Houch, of Reading, Pa., visited her son and daughter in law, Dr. and Mrs. Emerson Houch last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Beaston were recent visitors at the home of her sister, Mrs. Harry George in Kimblesville, Pa.

Messrs. Harry A. Bolton, Herbert Ford, Carl Dill, Harvey Freeman, James D. Davis, attended a cattle show in Harrisburg, Pa., last Monday.

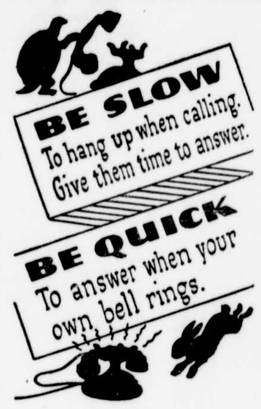
Mr. and Mrs. Byard Gregg, of Wilmington, Del., were Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boyles.

Miss Sara Hyland who spent the past winter in Miami, Fla., returned to her home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Hoffecker, of Wilmington, Del., spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Carl Dill.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Strickland and Mr. Joseph Slack, of Newark, Del., were Sunday guests of Dr. and Mrs. Earle Gilfillan.

Mr. Wilson Dill, Misses Marian Pennington, Margaret Mulford, visited the Conowingo Dam, last Sunday to view the open of flood gates.



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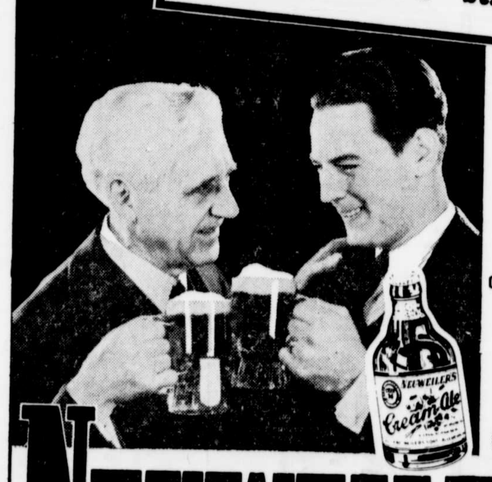

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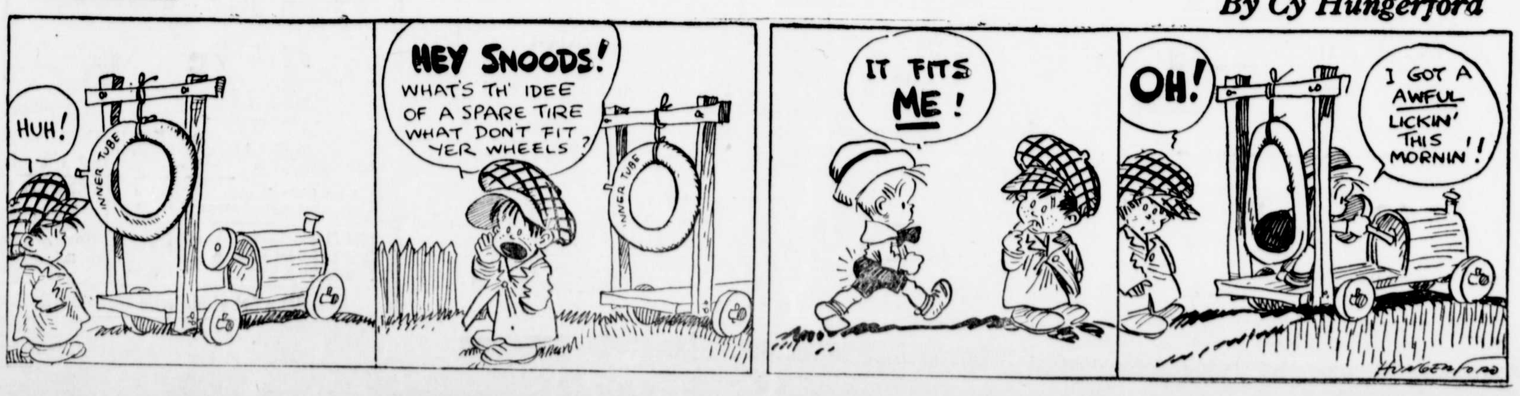
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