

Entrants Will Meet Wednesday

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Around 125 Already Have Filed Blanks For Competition

About 125 entries have been received in the white and Negro divisions of the county-wide farm and home improvement program contest, county officials said today, the deadline for entries is tomorrow at midnight. Approximately 75 white farmers and 50 Negroes have filed entries.

Meanwhile, details as to judging the entries for the white division were announced simultaneously with the calling of a meeting of white contestants for Wednesday afternoon at the Farmers Mutual Exchange building.

County Manager D. W. Newsom explained the midnight deadline for entries by saying that "all applications reached us with the postmarks stamped before midnight March 15 will be allowed."

County Farm Agent W. B. Pace and County Home Demonstration Agent Verna Stanton said today that at least 72 applicants have been received, and they expected possibly 100 would be submitted by the time the deadline is reached.

Pace and Miss Stanton said that R. W. Shoffner, farm management specialist with the N. C. State college extension service, and Miss Pauline Gordon, home management specialist with the service, would head the list of judges for the white contest.

The meeting here at 2 o'clock Wednesday, they explained, would be for the purpose of "going over" the score cards with the entrants. The session will be held in the home demonstration assembly room. Some extension service representative is expected to be present, with Pace and Miss Stanton.

The contest lasts throughout the calendar year 1940, and the judges will make preliminary examinations of the contestants' farms and homes at their convenience shortly after the entry deadline has passed. Then at the end of the year they will check again, looking for improvements on farm and home. The score cards were mailed out the first of March.

Briefly, the white home score card points are: adequate family food supply, 150; sanitary, convenient water system, 110; convenient kitchen, 100; storage and

home record book, each 90; adequate lighting, 80; farm income supplemented by home income and planned and planted home grounds, 70 each; farm and home business center and participation in community activities, each 50; screening and proper use of house, each 40; and convenient laundry and adequate heating system, each 30.

Similarly, the white farm score card divisions are: soil conservation practice, 200; producing feed for livestock and poultry, 100; increase cash and non-cash farm income, 100; proper land use of farm, and farm seed, 75; building fences and sanitation on farm, forestry management, additional farm income sources, keeping complete farm record book, 75 points each of the four; fertilizer practices, use and production of pure-bred livestock poultry, and use and care of adapted farm machinery and equipment, each 50.

A total of 7,000 points is possible from both white score cards.

Negro Farm Agent T. A. Hamme and Estelle T. Nixon, Negro home demonstration agent, have reported at least 47 entries and said they expect that a number more would enter.

The Negro score card, which was publicized a week ago, assigns 1,000 points for home improvements and 1,000 points more for improving the farm in general.

Briefly, the factors listed by the Negro home demonstration agent as important for the home include the following: adequate food supply (250 points), home improvement (200 points), sanitation (140 points), adequate clothing for family (100 points), yard beautification (100 points), supplementing farm income with home income (80 points), participation in community activities by family group (60 points), and keeping proper home record book (70 points).

Similarly, the Negro farm agent's farm improvement items are: following feed budget for producing adequate food for family, live-stock and poultry, and improving pastures (175 points); using improved fertilizer practices (150 points), increasing farm income when possible (125 points), using soil conservation practices (100 points), using and producing pure-bred livestock (75 points); using adequate farm machinery and equipment (75 points); keeping farm record book (75 points); ability as farm manager and community worker (75 points); using good seed adapted varieties (50 points); utilizing good forestry management (50 points); and keep ink buildings and fences in good repair and painted (50 points).

Cash prizes will be awarded on both county and township basis for the white division winners, and they will also be given for Negro winners. Some \$300 in prizes will be awarded in the white contest and a similar amount in the Negroes'