

Farms Are Improved In Chowan County By Latest Soil Practices

6,923-foot Ditch Completed on "Hayes" Farm

Many farmers of Chowan County have been improving their farms over the past four months by "putting on the ground" practices planned in their farm conservation plans, according to R. C. Jordan of the Soil Conservation Service. Those practices involving the conservation of water or drainage has received special emphasis, stated Jordan. Much of the drainage work done consisted of dragline excavation operations. A. M. Forehand, W. H. Winborne, John G. Wood, R. C. Holland, Arthur Byrum and Dr. H. E. Nixon have recently completed dragline ditch jobs. Some of these farm owners improved their farm drainage by reconstructing and enlarging old lead ditches, while others excavated new lead or new lateral ditches.

John and Gillam Wood have recently finished excavation of the largest of the old ditch reconstruction jobs done in the county. The ditch so improved was located on "Hayes" farm which is situated on Edenton Bay and just outside Edenton city limits.

Plans for improving the drainage on "Hayes" were included in a complete farm conservation plan which was set up by Mr. Wood and his son, Gillam, working in cooperation with Soil Conservation Service technicians assigned to the Albemarle Soil Conservation District. Continued assistance was given Mr. Wood in the application of planned practices. In the case of the newly-renovated lead ditch such assistance included preliminary and final surveys, design and layout of the ditch, estimation of excavation yardage, and on-the-ground supervision of the dragline operations.

Mr. Wood's ditch, after completion, was of trapezoidal cross-section with a three-foot bottom. The grade line had to be broken at several points to conform to the topography of the land and to avoid excessive trouble with quicksand. The ditch was 6,923 feet

in length and extended from Queen Anne's Creek on the one end to a swamp near the Marine Air Station on the other. About 200 acres of land will be drained through it. The spoil will be spread next winter with a bulldozer.

The Woods—father and son—are proud of their new field water outlet. Says Gillam, "Compared to this new ditch, the old ditch was hardly any ditch at all." Both believe the ditch is going to help materially in improving the drainage of "Hayes."

The concrete culverts set in at the various crossings also contribute to the efficiency of the Wood ditch. These were laid on grade and end abutments were made of fertilizer bags filled with a sand-cement mixture.

Mr. Jordan points out that Mr. Wood is putting first things first in the application of his farm conservation plan practices. He began with his outlet ditch—next he will work on his smaller field ditches.

With drainage practices applied and out of the way, other conservation practices will be started. The other practices planned in the conservation farm plan on "Hayes" for application over a five-year period are: Crop rotation, winter cover crops, field fertilization on basis of soil sample analyses, terracing, contour cultivation, wildlife border seedings and permanent pastures.

Construction of a two-acre fish pond was initially planned, but upon thorough subsequent inspection of underlying soil strata was found to be of questionable economy.

Fate Plays Small Part In Accidents

Drivers For Most Part Violate Regulations In Most Wrecks

"The tragic part of any accident is that Fate has so little to do with it and the individual so much," Commissioner Landon C. Rosser of the Department of Motor Vehicles says in connection with North Carolina's current campaign to emphasize the individual's responsibility for traffic safety.

"Drivers in nearly three-fourths of all fatal accidents in 1947, for in

stance, were violating some traffic regulation at the time, as were three out of four pedestrians who were victims of fatal accidents."

Personal responsibility and the fact that "It Can Happen to You," Commissioner Rosser pointed out, is the theme of the traffic safety educational program being sponsored by the Motor Vehicles Department during April. "Your Life Is In Your Hands" is the official slogan of the program which is part of the national campaign sponsored by the National Safety Council.

"Most accidents go back," Commissioner Rosser said, "to the unfortunate fact that Man is still his own worst enemy, and that a traffic fool is everyone's enemy."

"Traffic accidents cost North Carolina 734 lives last year in addition to 7,490 injuries," he said. "With a little more thought, or care, or both, most of these accidents would have not occurred. Every individual must take responsibility for his own safety, must assume that, potentially, every life around him is in his hands."

The current drive, Commissioner Rosser said, offers everyone the opportunity to save at least one life, his own. After all, the "other guy", the

mysterious victim of so many accidents, might be YOU.

Elizabeth City Red Men Trounce Chowan Outfit

Chowan Tribe of Red Men proved to be no match at all against the Elizabeth City Red Men in a game of softball played in Elizabeth City Saturday night. The local Redskins some home with the short end of a 38-5 score.

Many errors on the part of Edenton Red Men accounted for a goodly number of Elizabeth City runs. "Garland Anderson, Elizabeth City moundsman, had the Edenton batters at his mercy.

The Edenton team used Henry Allen Bunch, Luther Kester and Dick Hollowell on the mound, but the Pasquotank boys made hits almost at will.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH SERVICES

Services at the First Christian Church have been announced as follows by the pastor, the Rev. E. C. Alexander:

Bible School at 10 o'clock Sunday morning. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Young people's meeting at 6:30 P. M. Evening service at 7:30 o'clock. Wednesday evening prayer service, 7:30 o'clock.

Everyone is welcome to all services.

CLOVER DEMONSTRATION

A demonstration containing five acres seeded to ladino clover and fescue last fall by L. R. Boyce of Center Hill community is showing excellent results, says County Agent C. W. Overman.

Mr. Boyce has a beautiful stand and an excellent growth and is now running hogs on this pasture, but the pasture will take care of several times as many hogs as he has. Similar good results have been obtained by several other farmers in Chowan County, who seeded ladino clover and fescue last fall.

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Three great service and safety organizations across the country are alerting car-owners everywhere this month on safety-checking their cars.

They list ten vital question marks for you to think about—How are your Brakes? Lights? Tires? Steering? Wheel alignment? Defective glass? Rear-view mirror? Muffler? Windshield wipers? Horn?

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