

E. L. Ward Finds Irrigation System Is Paying Dividends

First Chowan Farmer to Adopt Supplemental Irrigation

E. L. Ward, a farmer of the Edenton area of Chowan County, installed an irrigation system for watering truck crops and tobacco last spring. So far he has irrigated 12 acres of market corn, 3 acres of tobacco, and 4 acres of garden truck.

Ward says that irrigation pays off. According to R. C. Jordan, U. S. Soil Conservation Service farm planning technician working with the Albemarle Soil Conservation District, this has been Ward's oft-repeated answer to the often-asked question—"How do you like your irrigation system?"

This was quite a natural question to put to Ward, says Jordan.

This was because 1953 is the first year in which supplemental irrigation has been tried for row crops in Chowan County and because Ward happened to be the first Chowan farmer to purchase and use an irrigation outfit for such purposes.

It was just natural to expect that Ward's friends and the neighboring farmers would want to know "how he came out" in his new venture.

To all inquirers, his answer has always been enthusiastic and positive—"it pays off."

The job of carrying on regular farming operations on three farms and of applying irrigation water to the 15 to 20 acres regularly watered has kept Ward on the go. However, when he had time for talk he has furnished his questioners with additional information concerning his new rain making operations.

In substance his story of the project goes about as follows:

Twelve acres of Aristogold corn, 3 acres of tobacco, and 4 acres of other garden vegetables were watered. When the heavens dispensed no rain, Ward put his artificial rain maker to work. The market corn especially was not allowed to suffer from shortage of water. In turn it responded to the bountiful supply of soil moisture and additional plant food which it was able to extract from the land. It has now been harvested and sold to the early, high-priced markets.

With the returns from the corn all in results have been most gratifying.

Promise that you will be careful...

- Picnicking or Camping—** always put your campfire dead out
- Hunting or Fishing—** always kill your matches, smokes and warming fires!
- Motoring—** always be careful. When smoking, use your ash-tray!

Wherever you are, whatever you're doing, always be careful with fire. It's up to You!

Remember—only you can PREVENT FOREST FIRES!

Ward certainly did not need to employ any hesitancy in the relation of his account.

One hundred and seventy-five more crates of market corn were sold from each acre than from non-irrigated acres in other areas of the community. Prices received, due to earliness, were practically double those received for non-irrigated corn of the same age. The average selling price was approximately \$1.40 per crate. "When those figures are run up", as Ward says, "the total closely approaches \$3,000."

Expanded production from the 3 tobacco acres and that from the four acres of garden vegetables should push the total, in Ward's estimation, to well above \$4,000.

"And that," he likes to say, "is more than enough to pay for my total investment—including my pond and my irrigation outfit."

For an adequate water supply for the 18 acres to be watered it was necessary to excavate an 8 foot deep pond 3/10 acre in size. The pond is fed in times of rainfall from the intermittent flow of a small ditch and in other times from ground water.

The irrigation outfit consists of a centrifugal pump, aluminum pipe of different sizes for main and lateral lines, revolving sprinklers, and riser pipes for over-top applications.

In his new venture of supplement-

tal irrigation Ward was assisted by U. S. Soil Conservation Service technicians working with the Albemarle Soil Conservation District and collaborating with the Chowan Soil Conservationist, R. C. Jordan.

Joe P. Covington, S. C. S. Scientist, made a land capability map from which soil types, soil textures, and infiltration rates were determined.

William P. Weldon, S. C. S. Irrigation and Drainage Engineer designed the irrigation outfit to fit Ward's conditions. Included in the Engineer's recommendations were application rates for the given soil types, sprinkler capacities, pipe sizes and pumping pressures.

According to Jordan, several other Chowan farmers have requested similar assistance from the Edenton office of the Soil Conservation Service. These farmers will be furnished the help they need to get a tailor-made system for supplemental irrigation of the soils on their particular farms, he stated.

This service is available to farmers who wish to set up irrigation systems.

Brainy Gal

"Is my girl friend clever! She's got brains enough for two."

"Then she's just the girl you ought to marry."

Funeral Held For Thos. A. Smithwick

Prominent Merry Hill Farmer Dies as Result Of Auto Wreck

Funeral services were held for Thos. Allen Smithwick, 79, Merry Hill farmer, Wednesday morning of last week. Mr. Smithwick, who was a frequent visitor in Edenton, died the previous Monday night as the result of an automobile accident Sunday.

Deceased was a native of Bertie County and a prominent member of the White Oak Methodist Church, where services were held. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Martha J. Smithwick; a daughter, Mrs. W. J. Causey of Raleigh; two sons, R. P. Smithwick of Windsor and W. J. Smithwick of Rittman, Ohio; two sisters, Mrs. R. L. Smith of Merry Hill and Mrs. S. A. Adams of Merry Hill. Burial was in Edgewood Cemetery at Windsor.

Also injured in the wreck were Mrs. Smithwick, who sustained a fractured arm and leg and a sister, Mrs. R. L. Smith, who received a broken arm.

Injured also in the wreck were Paul Freeman, Negro driver of the other automobile involved and his wife and daughter. All victims of the wreck were hospitalized in the hospital at Windsor.

NEGRO CLUB PICNIC AUG. 28

The annual county-wide picnic of the Negro home demonstration clubs of Chowan County will be held Friday, August 28. It is also announced that the home demonstration clubs' queen contest will be held Friday, October 30.

133 Receive Old Age Assistance In June

During June 133 persons in Chowan County received old age assistance in the amount of \$3,422. Ten aid to dependent children cases received \$378; 13 aid to blind cases received \$471 and nine aid to permanently and totally disabled cases received \$278.

According to the monthly report of Mrs. J. H. McMullan, \$35.02 was spent for two general assistance cases and other financial assistance included six cases hospitalized in the county, \$312.50; one case hospitalized outside the county, \$17.27; one burial, \$95 and one nursing case, \$15.

Service cases included three adult parolees under supervision, four persons receiving free eye examinations through the N. C. State Commission for the Blind, nine child labor certificates issued, and 177 children receiving individual service.

HIGH, LOW MASSES SUNDAY EDENTON CATHOLIC CHURCH

Every Sunday (except First Sunday of every month, when first Mass in Palace Theatre, Windsor, at 8 A. M.), a High Mass (Missa Cantata de Angelis) will be sung at 8 A. M., and a Low Mass celebrated at 11 A. M., EST, each including Sermon, Holy Communion, followed by Rosary in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima for Conversion of Russia soon, Universal, Everlasting Peace, Sunday School, with Confessions for hour before Services, in St. Ann's Catholic Church, Edenton, stated Father F. J. McCourt, Pastor, who invites everybody to all Services. Week-days 7:30 A. M., Mass, Rosary, Saturdays 7:30 P. M., Choir meet.

Through heaven and earth God's will moves freely and I follow it, as color follows light.

—Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

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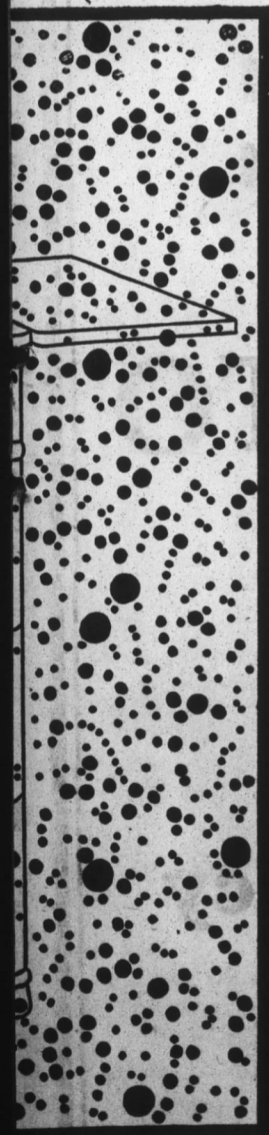
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