

## SOIL CONSERVATION NEWS

By JAMES H. GRIFFIN, Soil Conservationist

Marvin Evans of Rocky Hock is well pleased with the growth of his Bahia grass this year. He also thinks a lot of the Coastal Bermuda grass. Both of these grasses are well-suited for deep sandy land and will furnish lots of good summer grazing for livestock.

As you know, Coastal Bermuda grass is a crop of Common Bermuda and a variety of Bermuda grass from Africa. It does not make seed, therefore it can only be obtained from roots. Marvin got his grass roots from a farm near Tarboro. Another source of roots ("sprigs") is at Gatesville. Mr. Pollock, the agricultural teacher, has several acres of Coastal Bermuda grass.

Coastal Bermuda grass should be set in early spring. The usual recommendations is to set the "sprigs" in rows. Some people, including Mr. Evans, spread the "sprigs" over the land and disk them in. Cost of the Coastal Bermuda sprigs is about \$12 per acre plus about 500 pounds of fertilizer.

The next question will be "How do I get rid of it?" Several chemicals are available on the market for killing the grass. Most farmers can destroy it with the machinery already on the farm. It is not as hard to control as common Bermuda because it only propagates by the roots.

If you are considering this grass for your Conservation Reserve land come by my office and I will give you the complete data on this grass.

Bahia grass is another good grass to use for permanent cover. It is very easy to control and easy to get rid of when you want to destroy the cover. Several farmers in Chowan County have this grass for pasture. Benbury Wood seeded five acres this past spring. Bahia grass is a slow starter but once established it will furnish good grazing and cover.

Secirca Lespedeza is one of the best permanent legume cover crops. It will grow on almost any soil. It requires about two mowings per year and a little fertilizer and lime to get established.

As far as I know, there are only a few plantings in the county. W. E. Bond seeded it around his pond about two years ago. Lindsay Evans seeded it in a new ditch he dug this past spring. L. E. Twine seeded several eroded spots in his field about two years ago. He is using it to control erosion and to feed wildlife. Secirca is one of the best plants we have for wildlife feed and erosion control. Clyde Bunch on River road in Rocky Hock has Secirca Lespedeza seeded with his Bahia grass pasture. This was planted about 1952.

The N. C. Wildlife Commission is furnishing Secirca Lespedeza seed along with Bicolor lespedeza

to be used for wildlife strips. Secirca lespedeza is probably one of the best permanent cover crops we have for use here. It's easy to get rid of after the term expires on your Conservation Reserve contract. I will be happy to help any farmer on selecting a practice for the Conservation Reserve program.

Chowan County Supervisors met Wednesday night. It's time again to nominate a district supervisor for Chowan County. R. H. Hollowell's term expires December 31, 1958. Mr. Hollowell has stated that because of his health he will not accept nomination again. He has served the district since 1948 and has done an exceptional job.

L. C. Bunch chairman of the Albemarle Soil Conservation District, will call a special meeting of the district board of supervisors to act on the application from Burnt Mill Creek drainage district for assistance under the small watershed act (P.L.566). Burnt Mill Creek is the first group in the five county Albemarle District to make application for federal assistance under P.L.566. Their application will be forwarded to the N. C. State Soil Conservation Committee in Raleigh within a few days.

### Weekly Devotional Column

By JAMES MacKENZIE

Sometime ago I made a promise to the Lord that whenever a particularly objectionable movie played at the local theatre I would protest in one way or another. But I know when I'm licked. They have been coming so fast and furious of late that were I to protest them all I should have to hire a couple of secretaries, and at that would manage to do nothing else.

The latest display of filth and obscenity, advertised as "bold, scorching . . . she clawed and caressed her way back to the man she had to own, etc., etc." (And the advertising in out of town newspapers was even less restrained) is Cat On A Hot Tin Roof, fittingly starring Elizabeth Taylor. And to add insult to injury, this was the fare offered the youngsters at last Saturday's matinee.

Parents, wake up! These nasty films are being shown with increasing frequency, and children are allowed admittance if they have the MONEY. The Tri-County Ministerial Association last month unanimously passed a sweeping indictment of these, and parents and religious leaders would do well to warn their children of the dangerous influence such rotten, godless pornography can have on their lives. I for one



**CROP HATS**—All topped with fancy "party hats," these stacks of wheat in a field near Kehl, West Germany, are in the drying-out period. Rainy weather locally forced the farmers to the novel method.

have worked hard in Edenton and prayed hard, attempting to lead our young people in the path of wholesome Christian living, and I do not intend to stand idly by while a few greedy leeches tear down all I have tried to accomplish just so they may have a few extra dollars in their bank accounts.

Now let me use the rest of this week's column to conclude the article by Roman Catholic Leader Fulton J. Sheen, begun last week.

What was amazing about the Hebrew concept of history was that it saw purpose in the worst disasters; somehow God's purposes were being wrought in trial and persecution, unto spiritual blessing for the entire world. History to these people was both a promise and a judgment: a promise of blessing to all peoples through their Messiah and a judgment on themselves from time to time for their failure to be a worthy vehicle of revelation.

Suppose that tomorrow those charged with the responsibility of nations decided to give up three ideas which dominated the loose thinking of the nineteenth century: (1) Each nation is so self-righteous that any challenge of its opinion or attitudes makes the other nation an "enemy of peace." (2) Progress is automatic. (3) Human nature is essentially good. Suppose there were substituted for these ideas the basic legacy of the Hebrews to historical thinking: (1) Most men throughout the nation, and world, are as weak, and maybe as sinful as myself. (2) The corporate fact that "all men are sinners" has something to do with world conditions. (3) It behooves us, as Lincoln said, to humble ourselves before "the offended majesty of God, and ask for clemency and forgiveness."

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### No Comment

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"NO COMMENT" is a report of incidents on the national scene, and does not necessarily reflect NAM policy or position.

Washington — Improving economic conditions are bolstering the hopes of tax reform advocates that the next Congress will take action toward easing the oppressive burden of the present confiscatory tax system.

They were encouraged by Secretary of the Treasury Anderson's recent statement that present economic growth eases the way for tax reform and that:

"We are firmly convinced that the tax structure must be fur-

ther improved so as to provide the minimum of interference with the incentive of individuals which is so basically important to our free enterprise system."

This assertion by the Secretary of the Treasury followed Vice President Nixon's contention that tax reform is imperative because "our goal should be to fashion a tax structure which will create more jobs, more income and more genuine security."

Mr. Nixon advocated cuts in personal and corporation income taxes and adoption of a uniform manufacturers excise tax. These have long been advocated by industry.

Secretary Anderson, in a speech to the American Bankers Association, said that the "economic recovery now well under way is a factor which is on our side" in bringing about improvement of the government's fiscal situation.

"With progress in controlling the budget," he added, "we can deal more effectively with the economic and social burden imposed by our present high level of taxation, and make further strides toward tax simplification and reform so that our tax system can function as effectively and equitably as possible."

The Treasury Secretary's statement that "we now look forward to a period of growth" boosted the spirits of advocates of the Sadlak-Herlong tax reform bill, which is based on the nation's economic expansion. As economic growth continues, there would be a series of five annual cuts in personal and corporation income tax rates so that each would be lowered to a maximum of 42 per cent.

This legislation is advocated to remove the confiscatory tax roadblock to maximum economic expansion, in order to provide jobs for future generations and maintain the nation's military strength at whatever level is required.

Sentiment for the Sadlak-Herlong bill was checked somewhat during the recent session of Con-

gress by increased defense and anti-recession spending. However, at least two-thirds of the witnesses who supported tax reduction, during hearings before the House ways and Means Committee, favored the Sadlak-Herlong bill.

Now, with economic conditions improving, tax reform advocates think that sentiment for corrective legislation should increase substantially. They are going to do everything possible to bring that about.

REAL EVASION—The amazing exposures by the McClellan Labor Rackets Investigating Committee include a little-noticed incident that took place recently during the hearings and which pointed up the extreme position a labor official can take to avoid public discussion of his activities.

Chairman McClellan was questioning a witness reputed to be the business agent for a local Teamsters union in St. Louis. The witness took the fifth amendment after each question relating to union activities, even refusing to say whether he was a union member.

Finally, in exasperation, Senator McClellan asked: "Have you ever done a decent thing in your life that you can talk about?"

"Is that in the form of a question?" the witness inquired.

"That is a question," Senator

McClellan replied. "I refuse to answer," the witness responded, "on the ground it may tend to incriminate me."

**A Definition**  
"What is a cannibal, Dad?"  
"Well, if you ate your mother and me you'd be a cannibal."  
"Oh, I thought that was an orphan."

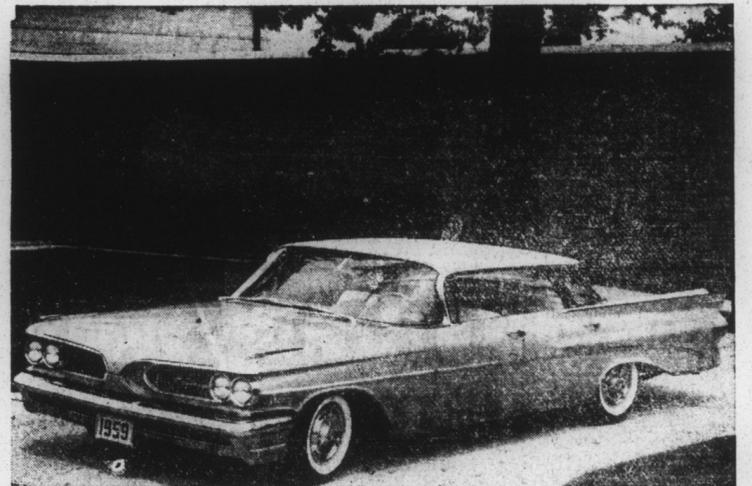
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