

## SOIL CONSERVATION NEWS

By JAMES H. GRIFFIN, Soil Conservationist

### Mulch - Planting

Mulch-planted soybeans on W. H. Winborne's farm near Crossroads look very good. Field examination reveals that the mulch-planted soybeans are the same size as the soybeans planted the conventional way on their other half of the field. This part of the field was prepared by burning the wheat straw, plowing and planting on rows.

Considerable time and labor were saved on the mulch-planted soybeans as compared to the burned side of the field. By mulch-planting, only one time over the field were needed, whereas, at least three trips were required on the burned field.

In the mulch-planting, the wheat straw was returned to the land again being burned in the other method. Moisture was saved by not breaking the land in the mulch-planting.

Good rainfall has occurred, which accounts for there being little or no difference in the soybeans size.

Mr. Winborne has cultivated the entire field of soybeans with little or no difficulty in the mulch-planted soybeans. According to field observation, his tractor wheels stayed on the high ridge of straw in the middle without difficulty.

This planting is beside the paved road so go by and examine it. Be sure you go in the field, because from the road, one planting looks much better than the other, and you might get the wrong impression.

J. B. Hollowell's mulch-planted milo looks very good, too. He didn't have as much wheat straw as Mr. Winborne. A slight weed problem might be present in the middle. This can be corrected by plowing out the middle earlier than planned.

### Contour and Strip Cropping

T. E. Corpore of Gliden has a few small "breaks" in his contour rows. These will be "doctored" this fall. Small "breaks" are expected the first year. His peanuts on these contour rows look very good. He reports that the rows have not been hard to cultivate and no problems have arisen. This fall, he is planning to install some small grain strips on another field to correct the erosion condition.

J. B. Hollowell of Crossroads is planning parallel small grain strips on one of his fields this fall. Sheet erosion is his major problem.

### Grass-based Rotation

A fescue rotation has been started by Fahey and Carroll Byrum on their "home farm" in Crossroads Community. Last fall, they seeded 25-30 pounds of fescue with their wheat on Class IIIe land. This spring they harvested the small grain leaving the fescue. Since then top-dressing has been applied and now the fescue looks very green. They plan to graze cattle on it the rest of the year. If conditions are favorable, they will graze it another year before turning the sod. Peanuts will be used behind the fescue sod.

Practices such as this improve the soil structure allowing more water (rainfall) to enter the soil. It prevents erosion because water runoff has been reduced to almost none. It saves water by storing it in the soil where it falls. This practice is adapted to tight, well-drained soils.

### Soil Test

Now is the time to take soil samples for your 1960 crop. J. B. Byrum of Ryland is taking soil samples for his 1960 crop. The soil testing laboratory is not rushed and weather conditions are good for taking the soil samples.

### Woodland Conservation

July and August are two good months to prepare woodland for pines. Brush can be disked and killed during these months. Bemby Wood of Greenfield is planning to disk some of his cut-over woodland. Cost is about \$20-\$25 per acre. These are on ACP payment of \$10 per acre for this practice. See your local ASC committee.

## CIVIC CALENDAR

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performances on Wednesday, September 2.

VFW Auxiliary will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock at the VFW home.

Ed Bond Post of the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary will hold a joint installation ceremony Tuesday night, July 21, at 8 o'clock at the Legion building.

A wool referendum will be held, with ballots to be voted between September 1 and September 30.

Chowan Tribe of Red Men will meet Monday night at 8 o'clock. Edenton Rotary Club will meet this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Parish House.

William H. Coffield, Jr., Post No. 9280, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

### At Nags Head

William Fuller left Monday to spend a few days at Nags Head.

## Francis Chesson Accepts Pastorate At Burgaw Church

Francis S. Chesson, formerly of Edenton, has accepted a call from the Burgaw Baptist Church at Burgaw, N. C. Mr. Chesson returned from Great Britain last November and since that time has been living with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Chesson, at Mackeys. He began his new work in Burgaw on July 15th.

Mr. Chesson graduated from Edenton High School, Wake Forest College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. After finishing seminary he was minister of Uniontown Baptist Church, Uniontown, Ky. He served the church for two years and then resigned to do post-graduate work in New Testament theology at the University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland. In December, 1958, he was graduated with the Ph.D. degree. His thesis was entitled "The Significance of the Resurrection for the Apostolic Message with Special Reference to the Apostle Paul." He studied under Dr. James S. Stewart and the late Dr. William Manson—two authors and scholars of world renown in the field of New Testament studies.

Last summer Mr. Chesson toured Europe and served in preaching missions in U. S. Air Force bases near Oxford, England and as guest chaplain in the U. S. Army bases at Heidelberg, Germany. Before accepting the call to Burgaw, Mr. Chesson served as interim pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Va.

## Elizabeth L. Barnes Institute Instructor

Mrs. Elizabeth Luton Barnes of Edenton was one of the teachers at the recent Christian Education Leadership Training Institute which was held at Dinwiddie, Va. A Christian education worker of high training, Mrs. Barnes was easily one of the top instructors to serve at the two weeks session.

Mrs. Barnes is conference director of the Christian Education Department of the Albemarle Conference of the Fifth Episcopal District of the A. M. E. Zion Church and in this capacity supervises thousands of leaders and workers in that area. An elementary teacher in the Edenton school system and Primary Section chairman of the Northeastern District Teachers Association and holder of key positions in several other fields of endeavor, Mrs. Barnes still finds time to attend to all of her duties as a religious figure.

Teacher of a course designed to guide individuals in the selection of a noteworthy career in life, this capable personality bases her work on the text, "Careers For You."

Because of the informative manner in which she taught, the young people literally swamped her class room each day and because of the stellar quality of her work, she has already been urged by Institute officials to be a member of the instructional staff of the Institute next year.

## Sweet Potato Crop Expected Be Down

Based upon reports from producers as of July 1, the North Carolina sweet potato production is estimated at 2,170,000 hundredweight, according to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service. A crop of this size would be 7 per cent less than the 1958 production of 2,325,000 hundredweight and 18 per cent below the 10-year average of 2,660,000 hundredweight. Current yield prospects point to 70 hundredweight per acre, compared with 75 hundredweight in 1958 and 61 hundredweight for the 10-year average.

The 1959 C. S. sweet potato production is forecast at 17,598,000 hundredweight, 1 per cent above 1958 production but 10 per cent below average. Acreage for harvest in 1959 is estimated at 273,700 acres, 3 per cent above 1958. Based on July 1 conditions, yield per acre is placed at 64.3 hundredweight, slightly below the record high yield of 65.5 hundredweight harvested in 1958, but well above the 1949-57 average of 55.5 hundredweight.

**NOTARIANS MEET TODAY**  
Edenton Rotarians will meet this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Parish House. President Jimmy Earnhardt urges every Rotarian to be present. The program will be in charge of Deb Dalton.

## Weekly Devotional Column

By JAMES MACKENZIE

Is the Virgin Birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ an important doctrine of the Christian Faith. Not according to the president of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in San Francisco, California who makes it no part of his personal creed. Liturgically, he says, he accepts the Virgin Birth; that is, he can with a clear conscience repeat the Apostles Creed, "I believe in . . . Jesus Christ . . . born of the Virgin Mary . . ."

However, he recites this with mental reservations, for he does not actually believe Jesus was born of a virgin. After all, he argues, only one Gospel, Matthew, mentions it.

Tragic that the president of a large seminary training young men for the ministry should openly deny the Virgin Birth of Christ. More tragic that his denomination, the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, should stand behind him in his unbelief, and affirm his right to disagree with the Word of God.

For the issue is basic. The Bible teaches in Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 1:18-25 that Jesus was born of a virgin. It also teaches in Luke 1:27 and following, but, after all, one cannot expect the president of a theological seminary to know too much about such an obscure book as the Holy Bible! For that matter, how often must a truth be mentioned in the Word of God before we may accept it as true? And if we may reject the authority of the Bible with regard to the Virgin Birth, may we not reject it on other matters?

And what has become of simple honesty? When this man, and the majority of Presbyterian ministers in his area who support him were ordained, they took certain vows. Among them were vows that they accepted the Bible as the infallible Word of God, and that they believed in the teachings of their denomination, one of which is the Virgin Birth of Christ. Further, they promised that if at some future time they changed their views they would withdraw from their denomination. These holy vows, made in the presence of God, they have broken. In simple honesty they should withdraw from the Presbyterian Church of which they are members, and unite with some denomination in agreement with their views. But not them!

When a man loses faith in the Bible, he can't be trusted to be open and honest. Besides, they have good positions with large pay—why expect them to be martyrs to their cause?

So they continue on, liturgically orthodox, and practically heathens—accepting money from simple Bible believing Christian people, and using it to destroy the faith of young ministerial students committed to their care.

What can be said in their favor? Only this: They are good businessmen, with soft jobs. All Judas got for doing the same thing they are doing was thirty pieces of silver.

### RETURNS FROM CARIBBEAN

Oliver F. Bonner, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver M. Bonner, Route 2, Edenton, returned to Norfolk, Va., July 1 aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Independence after eight weeks of training in the Caribbean Sea.

Returning to participate in Fourth of July activities, the Independence, newest of this country's attack carriers, sailed from Norfolk in late April on her maiden training voyage, putting finishing touches on the already highly experienced jet pilots and airmen of Carrier Air Group Seven. Later, she will become an important part of this nation's first line of defense, operating in far corners of the world.

### AUXILIARY MEETING

The Auxiliary of William H. Coffield, Jr., Post No. 9280, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the VFW home. Mrs. Doris Toler, president, urges every member to be present.

## Soil Conservation Stamp Scheduled For Issue Aug. 26

Cooperators of the Albemarle soil conservation district are among those honored by issuance of the world's first soil conservation stamp, according to Chairman L. C. Bunch.

The stamp, to be issued August 26 at Rapid City, S. D., is



a tribute to the nation's conservation farmers including the district cooperators of the local district which has been operating since 1945.

"The 4-cent stamp is in recognition of the farmers who are demonstrating good soil stewardship," Bunch said. "It is a salute to their soil conservation districts, and to the professional workers of State and Federal government who help them."

The stamp will go on sale August 26 at Rapid City, S. D., at the annual meeting of the Soil Conservation Society of America, a professional organization.

On the following day, the stamp will go on sale at other post offices throughout the country, including the Edenton Post Office.

Mr. Bunch said local observance of the issuance of the soil conservation stamp is being planned.

### ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Bell White of Belvidere announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Thelma Belle White, to Charles Turner Skinner, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Skinner of Hertford. The wedding is scheduled for Sunday, August 2.



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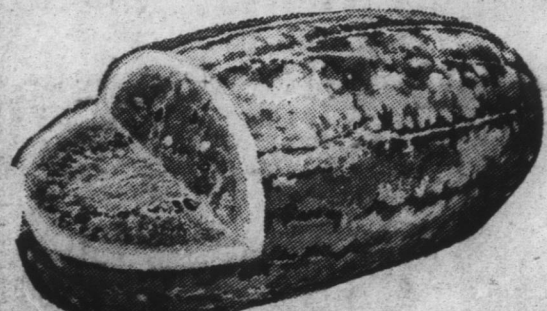
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