

SOIL CONSERVATION NEWS

By JAMES H. GRIFFIN, Soil Conservationist

Three nominating petitions as land judging and the poster have been filed with the State Soil Conservation Committee for the local district supervisor election December 7-12, according to H. F. Byrum, chairman of the election.

Nominated were: L. C. Bunch, Route 1, Sidney White, Route 1, and Claude E. Small, Jr., of Route 3, Edenton. All are eligible, if elected, to serve the three year term as district supervisor to the Albemarle Soil Conservation District.

Mr. Bunch is the present district supervisor, having served since the district was organized in 1945. He has been chairman of the five-county SCD since it was organized and has served as chairman of the Chowan County district supervisors since his election to the board.

He is a farmer and resides at Hancock Station on N. C. 32. He belongs to most of the other farm organizations in the county and is one of the leaders in the Pollock Swamp Watershed project.

Sidney W. White is a district cooperator of the Albemarle SCD since 1949. He has carried out several conservation practices including open ditch drainage, conservation crop rotation, cover crop and pastures. He is in the Pollock Swamp watershed and one of its leaders. Mr. White lives and farms on the Paradise Road. He is a member of most of the farm organizations here in the county.

Claude E. Small, Jr., is a district cooperator and a young farmer. He has a basic conservation plan and has carried out a number of conservation practices. Among them are ponds, open ditch, tile, cover crop, tree planting, and pasture. He has been active in other farm organizations in the county, having served on farm committees of some of them.

He is a farmer and lives at the Virginia Fork-Macedonia Road. Duties of a district supervisor include making a plan of operation for the SCD program. In the plan of operation are included the conservation work needed to be done, how it can be done and when. Contests such

Addison Hewlett Lions Club Speaker

Continued from Page 1, Section 1 the Coastal Plains, such as peanuts and tobacco. Mr. Hewlett stated that this interdependence creates markets for products within the State. He stated that a legislator has to learn this pattern of interdependence for he is called to decide matters that are not related to his home region at all. Mr. Hewlett stated that each section learns about each other will make the future of the State a glorious one.

Drawing on his background in the State Legislature, Mr. Hewlett discussed some of the problems facing North Carolina. "Without an educated population, you are without a future," he stated. He cited a visit to the Philippines he had made after World War II, and observing their efforts to have a democracy with an uneducated populace.

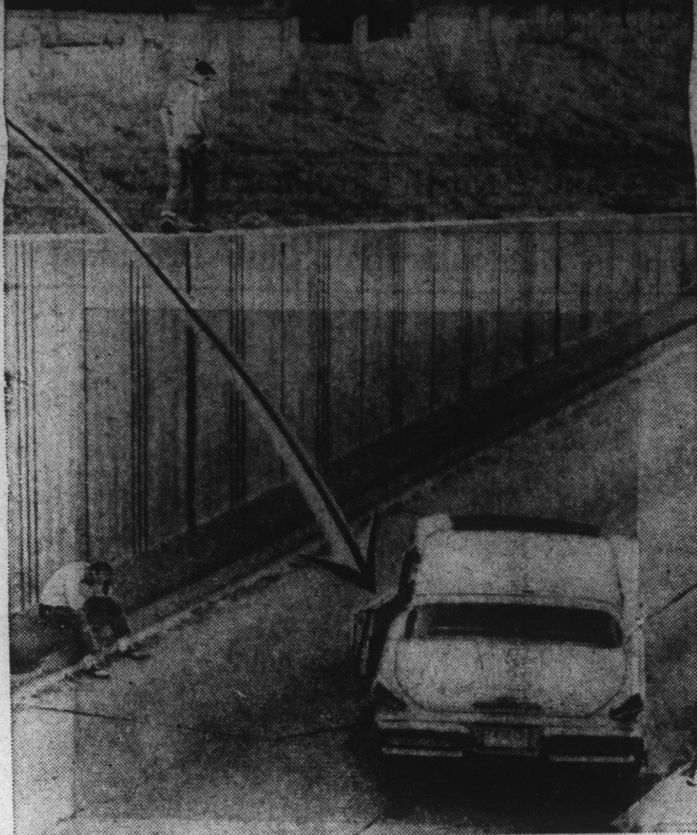
Mr. Hewlett reminded his listeners that "just to keep up is a tremendous job." He told his audience that North Carolina has about 20,000 additional school children each year, which makes necessary about 800 to 1,000 additional class rooms, not to mention teachers. But rather than just keeping up, he pointed out, North Carolina must go forward in the realm of education. He pointed out some of the efforts made by the 1957 legislature in the realm of education. One was the program for mentally retarded children, who are considered trainable; another was the program of community colleges, which makes higher education possible for persons who are not able to attend colleges away from their home. Another study being made concerns using school facilities during the 12 months of a year, and another study is being made concerning the merit system for teachers. The speaker injected his personal opinion in this matter, stating, "I don't know any test devised to measure the concern of a teacher for pupils."

A study is also being made concerning the talented student, in order that the particularly talented student can be educated to his maximum potential. "These are just beginnings," stated Mr. Hewlett. Also the State Board of Education is making a study of school curricula. "We should keep our focus on the child and his need, and help him realize his full potential. The State must see that the student has the facilities to meet his potential whether it be teacher, doctor, or other profession. We must inculcate in our children a desire to know. It is the duty of North Carolina to go forward in education, but always with the focus on the child and his need," declared Mr. Hewlett.

Another need discussed by Mr. Hewlett concerned agriculture. He pointed out that 28% of our people earn all or a part of their income from farming. He stressed that the State has a duty to go forward in the realm of agriculture as in industry. "We must provide a healthy climate for agriculture," he said. Marketing is one item mentioned by Hewlett, who admitted that the subject was hard to deal with but easy to talk about. He pointed out that we in North Carolina live in an area within a range of 41% of the nation's population, but furnish only 3.3% of the products to feed that population. "We must go forward in trying to see that we get our share of this market," he stated.

Mr. Hewlett stated that North Carolina has a very low per capita income, especially east of Raleigh, but that this fact is receiving the attention of the Industrial Commission. He emphasized that small towns in Eastern Carolina need industry to employ the overage from farms. "This drive for industry in the eastern part of the State needs to be carried on with enthusiasm," he stated, pointing out that when our people are making money, the whole economy feels it. He stressed that we must go forward in all of these realms, but with responsibility. "That is our past; it should be our future," he stated.

"Our greatest need," he stated, "is that our citizens continue to take an active interest in affairs of Government." He pointed out that the cost of State government is about \$1,200,000,000 including the federal portion. "That shows the financial magnitude of the State," he said, "but the financial side is not all; it calls for action and continued interest of all citizens; only in that way can we go forward and realize our full potential; if we do that we can look back on our past with pride and our present with assurance and strength, and the State of



LONG DROP — Jack Martin, 17, of Oakwood, Ohio, sits despondent on a curbing after his car dropped from the street above onto busy Rt. 25 in Dayton. He had fallen out of the car when he reached to close a door. He was not injured.

North Carolina will be a most interesting challenge," concluded the speaker.

Enumerators Named For Farm Census

Robert Smith, crew leader for the 1959 agricultural farm census, this week began the work of tabulating figures. He has announced his field enumerators, who will call on farmers for the required information and hopes the enumerators will meet with wholehearted cooperation.

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Christmas Parade To Be Held Dec. 3rd

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As the parade passes the Court House Green Santa Claus will dismount from his glittering sleigh to attend the children's party. He will be seated on a beautifully decorated throne to listen to each child's plea that he gets what he wants on Christmas Eve.

Charlie Swanner will act as master of ceremonies. Lanes will be roped off at the party for both the white and colored children. Members of the National Guard will assist in filling the bags and in the distribution to the white children. The colored Woman's Club will also handle distribution again to the colored children.

Following the parade all members of bands taking part in the affair are invited to the Coffee

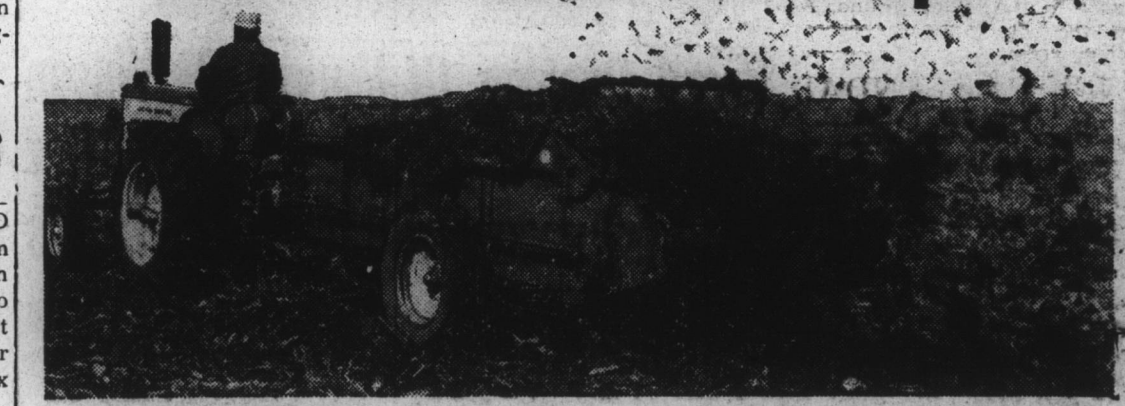
Congregations Of St. Paul's Church Called To Meet November 30

The vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church has called a meeting of the congregation for Monday night, November 30, at 8 o'clock in the Parish House. The annual meeting is for the purpose of adopting the 1960 budget and to elect new members to the Vestry. Members of the congregation not having submitted their 1960 pledges are urged to do so by this time. All are also requested to give

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