



From March until May, several farming communities will experience blowing sand or wind erosion.



Truck farmer, Milton Evans, knows the value of small grain strips planted between his melon rows.



Multiflora rose and loblolly pines serve as a windbreak and a wildlife area on this open field property line.

Rep. Evans Is Appointed

RALEIGH—Rep. Charles D. Evans of Dare County has been appointed to the N. C. Legislative Services Commission by House Speaker Liston B. Ramsey. The commission is responsible for managing the operations of the General Assembly, staffing the Legislative Building and contracting for services and materials required by the General Assembly. It is made up of House and Senate members appointed by the presiding officers of the two legislative bodies, with the House Speaker and Senate President Pro Tem serving as co-chairmen. Evans, a Nags Head attorney, is chairman of the House Committee on Governmental Ethics, vice chairman of the Insurance and Judiciary II committees and a member of the committees on the Appropriations Base Budget, Appropriations Expansion Budget, Highway Safety, Legislative Redistricting, State Government and Rules and Operation of the House. Evans was mayor of Nags Head in 1975-78 and a member of the Board of Commissioners for five years.

Conservation Practices Reduce Wind Erosion

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This is the time of the year when we begin to see a lot of soil blowing around. It is called wind erosion. The amount of wind erosion that happens to a section of land depends on several factors. One factor is erodibility, simply said, sandier fields are more erodible than clay or silty fields. Field roughness also determines the degree of erodibility. A ridged up field blows less than a flat, one. Wind velocity and soil moisture are other factors. The higher the wind speed the more soil is lost and the wetter the soil is the less it moves. Wind speeds less than 12 miles per hour are considered non-erosive. Also to be considered is the length of the field. Soil is blown away more the further it is from the windward side. The last and most effective factor is vegetative cover. Living or

dead cover reduces wind speed and prevents the winds force from reaching the soil particles. It also traps soil. Protection depends on quantity and size of residue present. Wheat stubble is better than corn. All these factors can be grouped together to make an equation. Wind soil loss can be measured by using all these amounts. There are farms locally that have broad flat sandy soils and they have a wind problem. Standard Soil Conservation Service recommendations are windbreaks, wind strip cropping, crop residue use and cover crops to combat blowing soil. Windbreaks are not widely used in this area but they have a place, certainly. They are mainly used around buildings here. But roads beside ditches offer a good place to establish a tree windbreak as well as

open field property lines. An added benefit is that it provides wildlife much needed cover. Wind strip cropping involves sowing wide strips of grain and planting corn or other crops in strips between the grain. Some truck crop and tobacco farmers use this principle when they leave a strip row of rye in their fields to protect the young crops from blowing sand. Cotton farmers have also found these small grain strips to be effective. Cover crops are very effective for reducing both

Vocational Ed.

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preciable factor in the state's economy," observed Clifton Belcher, State Director of Vocational Education. "Moreover, our surveys show, most of these students will continue in the fields of employment for which they have been preparing in the cooperative programs."

Belcher described the co-op programs as "a very vital ingredient of the total curriculum." Students gain on-the-job experience combined with classroom instruction under dual supervision of their employer and their teacher-coordinator. "This affords an unusual opportunity to assess the students' performance and their potential," Belcher said. "Cooperative programs are especially valuable in the way they orient students to the realities of the marketplace and the specific business or industry in which they intend to become employed," Belcher said. "They get a good chance to observe our free enterprise system in action and to become aware of the importance of positive work attitudes and productivity." Surveys of employers have indicated general satisfaction with the arrangements and supervision worked out by coordinators. Follow-up studies show that where long-standing, well organized cooperative programs are in effect, the rate of employment of student completers in the field for which they are prepared is quite high. Altogether, about 29 per cent of the students in occupational skill development courses across the state are participating in such cooperative programs. Marketing and Distributive Education and Trade and Industrial Education are the program areas most heavily involved, claiming 45 and 42 per cent of the co-op students respectively. Business and Office Education has 8 per cent, Agricultural Education 2 per cent, and Disadvantaged and Handicapped Special Programs about 2 per cent of the co-op enrollment. Well over half of the 546,754 students enrolled in grades 7-12 in North Carolina's public schools were enrolled in one or more vocational courses during the 1979-80 school year. Altogether, about 200 courses were being offered in schools across the state, with some 4600 teachers instructing some 26,300 classes.

Missionaries To Address Presbyterians

Dr. and Mrs. Sandy Marks, former missionaries to Zaire and Korea, will be at First Presbyterian Church in Edenton Sunday speaking at 11 a. m. and showing slides of their work at 7:15 P. M. after the Church Family Supper. Dr. Marks was in dentistry in Zaire, using a plane to fly to remote villages. He and his wife, Kitty, were serving during the turbulent times when the Congo became Zaire. After retiring from there, they again volunteered in May, 1980, for a short term in Korea, arriving in Kwangju just as the riots began. In Japan they met Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Mallinson, now of First Presbyterian Church, and were with them again in Korea. So next Sunday will be a reunion at First Presbyterian. They are currently in Chapel Hill, where Dr. Marks is teaching in UNC Continuing Education Extension in Dentistry.

ESC Recovers Overpayments

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or currently are claiming unemployment insurance benefits. Of that number, 97, or 70 per cent, were found to have been overpaid \$31,916. The commission classified 75 of those cases, representing \$21,058, as non-fraud and 22 representing \$10,858, as fraud. A claimant must be proven to have knowingly made a false statement on a claim for resulting overpayments to be classified as fraud cases. Non-fraud overpayments generally result from non-intentional filing errors where fraudulent intent cannot be shown. During January, 20 persons were tried in state courts for unemployment insurance fraud and all of them were convicted. Of the overpayments recovered \$24,210 was recovered through refunds to the commission and \$167,900.64 was recovered by withholding new benefits to claimants who had been overpaid.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education and Chowan County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Auction on Friday, February 20th at 12 o'clock at the School Maintenance Shop (beside Walker School) on Dick Street in Edenton. Items include:

1. 1970 Van
2. Old International Tractor
3. Creosote Posts (90)
4. Sheets of Tin (200)
5. Table Saws (2)
6. Radial Arm Saw (1)
7. Sander (1)
8. Typewriters (Manual & Electric)
9. Student Desks
10. Stoves (2) - (Gas & Electric)
11. Audio-Visual Equipment
12. Old Athletic Equipment
13. 1977 1 Ton Truck
14. Sewing Machines (2)
15. Shotguns (12)
16. Rifles (9)
17. 1 Desk and 6 old chairs from the old courthouse
18. Burroughs Posting Machine

Both agencies reserve the right to refuse bids. Items may be viewed on the morning of February 20th before the auction.

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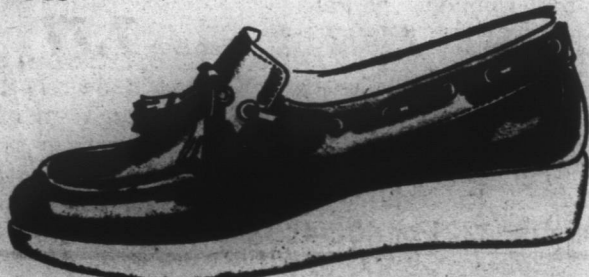
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