



ROADS TAKE LAND — Good roads are an areas greatest asset but with right-of-ways of 300 feet or more they consume nearly 40 acres of land per mile. Housing in the background shows urban creep over the adjoining cropland.



HOUSES OR CROPS? — Land that grows abundant crops also provides the best areas for house developments.

Yearly Loss Is Reported

It's hard to imagine with all the land being cleared in Northeastern North Carolina that the United States is losing 3-million acres of cropland a year. This information came from a recent survey of the Soil Conservation Service.

According to Neil Sampson, of the National Association of Conservation Districts, "For the first time in history of America, our land and water will soon be strained to meet our economic needs."

Maybe we don't see it so much here in Chowan and Perquimans counties, but nationwide farmland is being gobbled up at a rate of over 8,000 acres per day. Prime farmland, that is land that is well drained and flat, is being lost at a rate of 2,700 acres per day.

Where does it go? It goes to house lots, highways and right-of-ways and industry sites mostly. It's called urban sprawl. About 200,000 acres each year are lost to lakes and reservoirs.

Gov. Jim Hunt has proposed a bill which would allow Conservation District Supervisors in North

Carolina to have a say in whether or not the government can take prime farmland. In other words, projects such as building highways that use public money must take into consideration the impact on local prime farmland. However, at this point the definition of prime farmland for North Carolina has not been fully decided.

As population increases, it will be necessary to plant more, not less, in the United States. How much land do we have left? According to the SCS Inventory in 1977, we had about 127-million acres left that could be converted, but this land has problems that must be dealt with before it becomes productive. At present, our cropland in the United States is about 413-million acres.

There are many problems nationwide that would prevent agriculture from meeting future demands. Out West, ground water is lowered more and more each year by irrigation. Many farms and ranches have been abandoned. Many farms have become so

severely eroded that they are unproductive and have been left to grow up.

Conservation defined is wise use of a resource. It is looking to the future. With these problems across our nation, it becomes apparent that Northeastern North Carolina has an excellent future for agriculture. But it must be maintained and cared for, because in the future, we as a nation will need this land. If the United States is losing 3-million acres of farmland each year, it is obvious that our landowners and landusers are dealing with our most precious resource, our soil.

Dedication To Be Held

Teachers of the Sunday School at First Presbyterian Church will be dedicated this Sunday at the 11 A. M. worship. The pastor will preach on "Rabbi!"

The Church Family Supper will be held as a Cover Dish at 6:30 P. M. Rev. Richard Tatum of the Cann Memorial Presbyterian Church in Elizabeth City will be the guest speaker. He will be discussing the Youth Club program.

In former pastorates Mr. Tatum helped develop this midweek meeting of young children that involves parents in the project. Those who are particularly interested in this program are invited to come.



The first jukebox was installed at the Palais Royale Saloon, San Francisco, on November 23, 1889. It consisted of an electrically operated Edison phonograph with four listening-tubes, each controlled by a separate nickel-in-the-slot device.

Booster Club Holds Meeting

The Lawrence Academy Booster Club will hold their first meeting on Sept. 21, at 8 P. M. in the Lawrence Academy gymnasium. The program will be an open house for parents to meet and talk with their children's teachers. All parents are urged to attend.

The Washington Report

By Congressman Walter B. Jones
Congress reconvened on Wednesday, September 8 after more than one month's recess. I have enjoyed this time travelling around the District and talking with many constituents who have given me some insight as to what they consider the most pressing problems which the Congress should address.

Naturally, the problem of inflation and high interest rates were of major concern. It appears the problem of inflation and high interest rates were of major concern. It appears that the enactment of President Reagan's budget and tax packages has not yet convinced the large banks and other Wall Street institutions that the economy will improve. Most Wall Street experts cite the large deficits projected for the next four years as the reason for their pessimism.

The major issues facing the Congress upon their return is the passage of several appropriation bills and the consideration of budget cuts proposed by President Reagan. Because the new fiscal year will begin October 1, it is important this Congress proceed with all due speed on these matters.

The legislation considered by the House this week was approval of the appropriation bills for the Departments of State, Justice, Commerce and Judiciary, and for the Department of Transportation. The combined State, Justice, Commerce

and Judiciary budgets for fiscal year 1982 were set at a total of \$8.68-billion by the House. This budget is nearly one billion dollars less than the budget for these agencies last year. The Department of Transportation appropriations bill was passed at a \$11.1-billion level, over one billion less than last year's budget.

During the consideration of the Department of Transportation appropriations, an amendment was approved which makes the funding for the Panama Canal operations. The Jones Bill, which I sponsored, was approved by the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee earlier this year. It retains strict Congressional oversight and controls over the operation of the Canal. Some interests had sought to circumvent those restrictions by inserting more "open-ended" language in the appropriations bill, but this end-around effort was rejected by the full House.

Another amendment offered by the Committee sought to add \$87-million to the Coast Guard appropriations. I felt strongly that the Coast Guard appropriations should be increased because of the additional duties which have been imposed in the last few years on the Coast Guard such as monitoring of the 200-mile fishing limit off the coast, full-time monitoring of drug traffic, and finally the handling of thousands of refugees, both Cuban and Haitian, that have been pouring into the country. The House did not approve this amendment. However, an amendment was approved later which added \$6-million to the Coast Guard appropriations and language was inserted which prevents any reduction in force of civilian Coast Guard personnel below the level existing on October 1st of this year.

Pork Festival Ticket Sale

Tickets to the 1982 Virginia Pork Festival will go on sale October 1. Tickets are \$12.50 and will be limited to four tickets per person. The sales policy calls for 12,000 tickets to be sold.

Announcement of the sale of tickets points out that tickets will be sold by mail only. Orders postmarked before October 1 will not be honored. Orders will be filled on a first come, first serve basis, based on date of postmark.

The Virginia Pork Festival, Inc., is a non-profit promotional - educational organization dedicated to the promotion of pork and pork products and to the recognition of the swine industry.

Walker PTA To Meet

The D. F. Walker Parent-Teachers Organization will hold their first meeting on Sept. 21, at 7:30 P. M.

There will be an open house to all the classrooms immediately after the meeting, with refreshments being served.

Special emphasis is being placed on membership for this meeting. All parents of D. F. Walker schoolchildren are urged to attend.



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