

Soil District Board Named In Graham

J. S. Howell was named chairman of the newly created board of supervisors of the Graham County Soil Conservation District.

Clyde Carringer is vice-president and Bruce Lewis is secretary-treasurer.

The soil district was created by voters of the county in December, 1953 and a charter from the secretary of state was granted March 16, 1964.

Since Feb. 1, 1955 Harry J. Cherry, Jr., has been serving as work unit conservationist. Since that time several farmers have made use of the service in making

soil surveys for installation of agricultural tile in wet areas.

Other farmers may get technical assistance on installing drain tile by contacting any member of the board of supervisors or the soil technician.

Assistance can also be given on contouring, open ditch drainage, contour rows, farm ponds, rotations, strip cropping and farm planning.

The soil conservation service's basic objective, Mr. Cherry said, is "to use each acre of agricultural land within its capabilities and treat each acre of agricultural land according to its needs."

The service is an agency of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture and was established by Congress in 1935. It is the successor to the Soil Erosion Service which was started in 1933.

The first district in the U. S. was organized in Anson County, N. C. in 1937 and since that time every county in North Carolina has been set up as a Soil Conservation District.

Graham HD Council Sets Tea Saturday

The Home Demonstration Council of Graham County will entertain at a tea and open house in the county home and farm agents' office in the Graham County Courthouse Saturday from 2 to 4 p. m.

The tea has been arranged in observance of National Home Demonstration Club week which was last week.

All women of the county and Robbinville are invited to attend. The receiving line will be made up of council officers and club presidents will assist in serving. Officers are Mrs. Blaine Carver, chairman; Mrs. David Riddle, vice chairman and Mrs. John McRae, secretary.

Mrs. Hardy Sharpe, newly elected district federation president, will also receive.

GARDEN TIME

BY ROBERT SCHMIDT

It is a well known fact that the early tomato blossoms or blossom clusters often fail to set fruits. This may be due to a number of factors but is usually due to cool temperatures early in the growing season when the first two clusters of blossoms appear. It has been found that applications of certain plant hormones to the blossoms will cause fruits to set. In many cases these fruits are seedless or almost seedless. Experiments have shown that, in the case of tomatoes, it is

Sutton Elected School Supt.

The Graham County Board of Education Monday elected Guy Sutton of Sylva as superintendent of County Schools after, by two to one vote, they had refused to rehire Supt. K. S. Clem to the post. The action was taken at a special meeting called some two weeks ago.

A petition with some 1,202 signatures was presented in behalf of Clem's election.

In earlier action the board had rehired Mrs. Gladys Jordan as secretary and Robert Carr as supervisor.

Attend Auxiliary Meet At Fontana

The following members of the American Legion Auxiliary of Robbinville attended the District Meeting at Fontana on Thursday, May 5: Mrs. Ed Corpening, Miss Ellen Carver, Mrs. Lloyd Millsaps, Mrs. Wayne Carringer and Mrs. James Herrington.

Mrs. Corpening gave the response to the welcome and Mrs. Herrington gave the report of the Robbinville unit.

300 Graham Children Get Polio Vaccine

Some 300 Graham County first and second graders will receive their second Salk polio vaccine injections before the end of school.

The children received the first injection in April.

Children from Mountain View and Stecoah schools came into Robbinville where the clinic was set up.

The first and second grade population in Graham County is around 450. The vaccine went to the some 300 whose parents requested it.

The shots were administered by Dr. Nettie Parrette and Dr. R. G. Parrette. Mrs. Gerald Postelle and Miss Helen Ghormley assisted. Mrs. L. W. Wilson and Mrs. Lewis Enloe served as registration assistants.

Mrs. Joe Carver and Mrs. Eloise Walls gave suckers to the children. The candy was donated by local merchants.

Fair Committees Are Assigned

Plans are already underway for the fall fair and achievement day sponsored by the Graham County Home Demonstration Clubs.

At a recent council meeting chairman and committees were appointed as follows:

Four-H Club contests Mrs. Bill Porter, Mrs. John Childers, Mrs. Dillard Adams, Mrs. Hugh Beaver.

Clothing, Mrs. Walt George, Mrs. Julia Carver, Mrs. Frank Everett, Food conservation, Mrs. Robert Hyde, Mrs. Harley Brooks, Mrs. Jeff Colvard.

Gardening and food production, Mrs. Jut Colvard, Mrs. E. C. Cody, Mrs. J. C. Hodges.

Flowers and flower arrangements, Mrs. Booth Crisp, Mrs. Gertrude Hornbuckle.

Fashion Show, Mrs. Blaine Carver, Mrs. David Riddle, Mrs. Harry Owens.

Food and pantry supplies, Tappoco Club, Mrs. W. C. Moore, Mrs. Joe Jenkins.

House furnishings, Mrs. W. D. McClung, Mrs. Jesse Hyde, Mrs. Alfred Archibald, Mrs. Tommy Crisp.

Arts and Crafts, Mrs. R. A. Brock, Mrs. Tony Ayers, Mrs. John McRae.

only worth while to spray the hormones on the first two or three clusters. These hormones are now available to any seed store under trade names such as "Blossom Set," "Sure Set" and "Fruitone". They should be used according to the directions given by the manufacturer, otherwise they may cause damage or heavy wrinkling of the tomato fruits. The material should be sprayed on the open blossoms with an atomizer or fine spray. Since all the blossoms on a cluster do not open at one time it will require at least two applications for each cluster. Many commercial growers are now using fruit setting hormones successfully and there is no reason why they should not be successful in the home gar-

Lions Hear HD Members On Program

In observance of National Home

den especially in cool growing seasons. The fact that many fruits would be seedless might be an added attraction or incentive.

Demonstration Club Week the Graham County Home Demonstration Club Council and two Four-H Club members presented a program for the Robbinville Lions Club on Graham County Home Demonstration Club projects.

The Four-H'ers on the program

used the topic "The Four-H Way to a Better Tomorrow". The Home Demonstration theme for the program was "Our Clubs - A Channel of Service for the Future."

Mrs. Blaine Carver, council pres-

ident, Mrs. Joe Carver and Mrs. Richard Stewart took part on the program. All are members of the Good Neighbor Home Demonstration Club.

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