

Soil Conservation NEWS

By JOHN SMITH

of appropriations and by contributions from business and private sources, amounted in value to at least 20 million dollars in 1957. In some States the counties furnish funds which districts use to rent office space, purchase equipment, or hire clerical help. In various other ways, local funds contributed by civic and municipal groups, business firms, associations, clubs, and the like are made available in nearly every soil conservation district. These funds are often used in such activities as field days, tours, workshops, and training courses. They pay for awards, prizes, and scholarships; for newsletters, reports, publications and releases.

There is still another form of private help that is extremely valuable, the dollar-value of which can only be estimated broadly. This includes time, efforts, and expenditures of thousands of citizens who lend personal support to districts because they believe in this approach to an urgent problem. We can only guess at the tremendous educational value of conservation subject matter in advertising sponsored by local firms in support of soil conservation district programs. A host of soil-and water-conservation activities—contests, awards, and recognition programs—are conducted by farm publications, newspapers, bankers groups, and others.

The officials of soil conservation districts themselves still serve without salary. And because of their interest, they serve also on important committees of State and national associations of soil conservation districts. This development on the part of State and local interests while it may have come as a natural consequence of the people understanding of soil and water conservation and appreciating the importation, received some helpful prompt ing. A few years ago, the National

(This is the last in a series of two articles by D. A. Williams, Administrator, Soil Conservation Service, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Washington).

Most State governments are appropriating larger and larger sums at each session of their legislatures to help soil conservation districts carry on their work. These appropriations are used mainly to finance the State Soil Conservation Committees (boards or commissions in some States). The committees, in turn, represent the State in program development in soil conservation districts and give administrative guidance to districts. In 1957, these State appropriations approached 5 million dollars.

In addition to the State funds, county and local funds and facilities, made available to districts through local government grants

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FIVE GENERATIONS — Five generations in one family are represented in this photo. Left to right are: Mrs. Sally Wallace, 91, Mrs. Dixie Harris, 66, and Mrs. Elva Payne, 48, all of Culberson Route 2, and Mrs. Katherine Burrell, 19, holding her six-month-old son, Bradley Burrell. Mrs. Burrell lives in Plymouth, Mich.

Association of Soil Conservation Districts set out to encourage organized community support of the program. It was called "The Program for Greater Service." The estimates I have cited here are proof enough that this activity has been successful.

We can look forward to still more help from non-Federal sources. In fact, I am convinced that the flow of such assistance has just begun. In some States, legislation has recently been enacted to permit county governments to make funds available to soil conservation districts. The amount of funds appropriated by the States themselves was materially increased during 1957, and we can expect still more help from this source.

Business and industrial firms are constantly on the lookout for ways in which they can give more effective help. There'll be ways for all of them to lend a hand—and a mighty useful hand it will be.

As the soil-and water-conservation program has moved forward an increasingly large percentage of the total SCS appropriation has grown each year into the cost of supplying trained scientists to soil conservation district. These technicians take help directly to farmers and ranchers who want to solve their soil and water problems.

The Federal Government cost of these services to farmers and ranchers in soil conservation districts in 1957 was just under 73 million dollars.

We calculate that non-Federal sources in 1957 were providing these same districts with help worth at least 25 millions—more than one dollar of non-Federal funds for every 3 appropriated by the Congress.

This is a bargain American taxpayers are getting for their Federal conservation dollar. It is a development that has come about slowly and that still has far to grow. And only recently have we come to appreciate the full significance of this development to conservation and to effective teamwork between Federal and non-Federal segments of our society.

This is a sign that the soil conservation district movement has come of age. It is a fulfillment of the belief and hopes of those who 20 years ago saw in soil conservation districts a great new opportunity for democratic action in the best traditions of our Democracy.

Hubert Sneed Named To Dean's List

Hubert Sneed of Murphy, now a student at King College, Bristol, Tennessee, is named on the Dean's List of the college for the semester just completed having averaged B or better in all his courses.

Fifty-three students at King were thus commended for their excellent records.

The son of Mrs. Evelyn Sneed of Murphy, he is a member of the sophomore class and is majoring in Psychology.

Bobby O'Dell Member Of Missile Command

Pfc Bobby L. O'Dell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard O'Dell, Route 3, Murphy, is a member of the 3d U. S. Army Missile Command, Fort Bragg, N. C.

O'Dell, a mechanic in the command's Supply Company, entered the Army in October 1955 and was last stationed in Korea.

The 21-year-old soldier was graduated from Murphy High School in 1954.

HINTS TO FARM HOMEMAkers

All seed Irish potatoes sold in North Carolina are certified to protect the commercial grower. A national survey shows that 85 per cent of farms lack water to supply rural fire department.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE IN THE SUPERIOR COURT NORTH CAROLINA CHEROKEE COUNTY WALTER W. WATSON,

Plaintiff,
-vs-
FERNE L. WATSON,
Defendant.

TO: FERNE L. WATSON

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: The plaintiff is seeking a divorce from bed and board against you on the grounds of wrongful abandonment more than six months next preceding the commencement of this action, and is seeking to be awarded the custody of Sarah Sue Watson, Martha Lee Watson and Naomi Lou Watson, three minor children born to the marriage between plaintiff and defendant.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than March 28, 1958 and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This 3rd day of February, 1958.
K. W. RADFORD
Clerk Superior Court

ADMINISTRATOR NOTICE NORTH CAROLINA CHEROKEE COUNTY

The undersigned, having qualified as administrator of the Estate of James E. Donaldson, deceased, late of Cherokee County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, at his address, Route No. 2, Culberson, North Carolina, on or before the 13th day of February, 1959, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to this estate, please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 11th day of February, 1958.
EVERETT BRUCE

ADMINISTRATOR NOTICE

NORTH CAROLINA CHEROKEE COUNTY
Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain chattel mortgage executed by Paul Crawford, dated the 25th day of November, 1954, and recorded in Book 189 at Page 570, records of Cherokee County, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and said mortgage being by its terms subject to foreclosure, the undersigned mortgagee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at Andrews Pure Oil Station in Andrews, Cherokee County, North Carolina, at 12:00 noon on the 4th day of March, 1958, the following articles of personal property:

All of the stock in trade and filling station equipment located in or about the service station known as the Andrews Pure Oil Station in the Town of Andrews, Cherokee County, North Carolina, including all of the inventory and merchandise therein, and including, but not limited to, the following:

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- 2 Hydraulic Jacks
- 1 Electric Water Cooler
- 1 Coal Heater
- 1 Speed-O-Matic Battery Charger
- 1 Electric Coca Cola & Soft Drink Cooler
- 1 Trickle Charger
- 1 Wall Type Slow Charger
- 1 Desk
- 1 Cabinet.
- 1 Alemite Grease Gun, Serial No. 985632
- 1 AS Spark Plug Cleaner
- Miscellaneous Tools, Stock, Auto

This the 23rd day of January, 1958.

Galusha Pullium
Administrator
26-6tc Andrews, North Carolina

ADMINISTRATOR NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Mark K. Pullium, Deceased, late of Cherokee County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at his home in Andrews on or before the 23rd day of January, 1959, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 23rd day of January, 1958.

Galusha Pullium
Administrator
26-6tc Andrews, North Carolina

ADMINISTRATOR NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Vina Sawyer Kilpatrick, Deceased, late of Cherokee County, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at her home in Andrews, on or before the 30th day of January, 1959, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

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Elizabeth Kilpatrick
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