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## Soil Conservation News

By JOHN S. SMITH

About four years ago, I visited the Emory Sneed Farm near Peachtree School to survey a ditch which was planned by Mr. Sneed. During the time I was on the Sneed farm I noticed that one cultivated field was being plowed up and down hill. A discussion followed of the merits of contour cultivation as contrasted to the straight-row, up-and-down hill method which was being used.

Emory was convinced that he was losing soil from the fields as the result of running the rows up and down hill, and readily agreed to change the next year to a contour system. The following spring the field was planted on the contour and this system has been followed since, when the field is planted in row crops.

Last week, Emory stopped me on the street and told me that switching from a straight row to a contour row system was one of the best moves he had ever made on the farm. He said that the yields of corn and soy beans both had increased very noticeably since the switch. There are several reasons why crop yields do increase when rows are run on the contour.

First, the moisture which falls on the field soaks into the ground rather than run off into the branches and creeks. Second, the fertilizer which is applied to the crop stays in the soil where it can be used by the plants for which it was intended. In a straight-row system, the fertilizer rapidly leached out and carried down the hill to end up in a swamp, creek, lake, or some place else where it is of no value to the farmer who bought it or to the plants for which the farmer purchased it.

Third, much less of the soil in the cultivated field is carried off by each rain. Since the water soaks into the ground instead of running off, there is nothing to cause the soil to erode and wash away.

Many other farmers have had similar experiences to Emory Sneed when they switched from straight rows to cultivation on the contour. Several farmers in Cherokee County have carried this a step further and plant their fields in Contour Strip Cropping Systems. This leaves only half of each field in cultivation each year with the other half in small grain, grass or other close-growing crops. The soil protection offered by this method is much greater than a simple contour row system.

### Sanford Confident

BOONE, N.C. — Democratic gubernatorial nominee Terry Sanford said state employees need not fear for their jobs as a result of the fall elections "because the Republicans are not going to win."

Sanford made the comment in reply to Republican criticism of a leaflet circulated Monday among state employees. It told them they could lose their jobs in the GOP wins in the fall.

Sanford, in a statement, said: "As I understand, the employee associations which are unofficial groups, sent out a reprint of a newspaper story. The story stated that when political parties change, state jobs change."

"We saw that in Washington when the Republicans took over in 1952. We will see it again in Washington when the Democrats take over in 1960. That's the way it has always been."

## Backward Glances...

30 YEARS AGO

AUG. 23, 1930 — Homer Ricks was saved from drowning last week while in swimming in the Valley River about the old power plant.

Mr. Ricks was swimming in eight or ten feet of water when he became strangled.

Frank Davis, Murphy boy with the United States Marines, has been assigned to service in Nicaragua, according to a letter received by his mother, Mrs. E. E. Davis this week.

Frank's birthday was the 18th of August, and he tells his mother that he would never have guessed that he would have spent this birthday out of the states.

Miss Mary Norvell returned to Raleigh, Sunday, after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Norvell.

Misses Dot Heighway and Eloise Fain returned home Tuesday from Washington, Indiana where they have been visiting Miss Fain's sister, Mrs. W. J. Linderman.

20 YEARS AGO

AUG. 22, 1940 — An active campaign was begun this week by Miss Sara Ruth Rosey in her drive for election to the office of National Committee Women of the North Carolina Young Democrat club. The election will take place at the annual convention in Raleigh September 12-14.

Another step for Murphy in its aggressiveness is a modern little florist shop recently opened at 114 Peachtree Street, a location formerly occupied by the Specialty Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Lee of Dalton were visitors here Tuesday. Mr. Lee is the former publisher of the Scout and Mrs. Lee was a teacher in Murphy High School.

Master Steve Crawford of Andrews spent several days here last week with his grandmother, Mrs. Bessie DeWeese. Many persons in this community are employed by the Utah Construction Company on the tunnel and dam being constructed on the Nantahala River. The tunnel mouth is only a few miles from Topcon.

10 YEARS AGO

AUG. 17, 1950 — The dedication of Moss Memorial Baptist Church, Tosquitee, will take place Sunday, September 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Smith of Baltimore, Md. announce the birth of a daughter, Barbara, Saturday, Aug. 19. Mrs. Smith is the former Faye Martin of Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Elliott spent Saturday in Franklin as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bernard.

Burke Edward Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Moore, was the winner of a field of fifteen entries in the Soap-Box Derby sponsored by the Summer Recreation program last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Savage and daughter, Peggy spent a few days this week visiting relatives in Gainesville, Ga.

### Folk School Discontinues Friday Dancing

The regular Friday night dancing at the John C. Campbell Folk School will be discontinued for the winter months. The last dance was held this past Friday night, August 19. With schools opening and the football season near, there are too many conflicts to continue the Friday night dancing during the fall.

## Words of Life

C. A. Smith, Pastor

Murphy Methodist Circuit

WHICH WAY ARE WE GOING?

We are going somewhere. In the Book of Job we read, "I know the way that I take" (Job 23:10). Job was like a traveler on a lonely road. Satan had been permitted to wound him and strip him of all that he had. Because of his sorry plight, friends thought Job was on the wrong road, that he had done some grievous sin. But Job knew better.

Let us look at the Christian life as a road. First, we would say that a road leads in some direction. David, the Lord's anointed made a road into the land of the Philistines, the enemies of Israel, an dwelt there. He soon became so like the people

among whom he lived that he could go out against "innocent nations without provocation, make war against them, and utterly destroy them. It was a sorrowful day for David and the people of Israel when he made that road into the land of the Philistines, for it led them all away from God. It is today with every Christian who makes a road into the land of sin and disobedies the laws of God. "Whither have you made a road today?" God is asking us. May it not have been into the land of sin and death, but rather may it have been in the presence of the Lord Jesus, opening the way for peace, love, and life.

Life is a road. The story is told of the illiterate man who admitted that he could not read. "I can read figgers, but not words. I can tell how far, but not where to go," he said. Obviously, his partial knowledge did him very little good. It would be of no value for him to know how far the road led, if he knew not the direction or the destination. The Christian's way is different. We have no way of knowing how far, but we do know the direction and the destination. Christ is the Way and the destination is God.

It is good to know that Jesus is the Way. There are roads that are hindrances to progress rather than means of progress. Dirt roads I am speaking of, and one might well place the emphasis on "dirt". There are the roads which are so full of holes and bumps that you are thrown from your seat, even if you are driving. Even if they lead to somewhere, you cannot be sure of getting there. You might break down on the way. The purpose of a road is not only to guide you to some place, but to make it easier for you to make the trip. A road is not a moving thing, something to carry you forward. But if you supply the energy, it will perform the function of a good road, reducing friction and taking the jolts out of the ride.

I think Jesus fulfills this purpose. He leads us to our destination, taking the jar and friction out of life if we keep in His Way. One of His aims is to make life easier, and this He does if we "Take His yoke upon us". Of lost wanderers it has been said, "They have gone out of the way."

Every road has an end. So has our life. A minister referred to a road in California which began in the olive groves, but ended in Death Valley. Many of us take a road in life, never asking, "Where does it end?" At first there is fun, excitement, and thrills. It is hard to believe that it ends with anguish, broken faith, shame, tears, and despair. The road we take today may seem satisfactory, but today is not all of life. We must look ahead and see where the road leads, where it will end.

### Murphy Blood Donors In Short Supply

Only twenty-eight pints of blood were donated by area citizens during the recent visit of the Bloodmobile to Murphy. "Red blooded" Americans who are willing to donate their blood seem to be in short supply in these parts. This program is vital to public health and safety and must have the support of the public to survive. Your blood is needed. Who knows, you may need it someday yourself.

The Red Cross workers from Asheville were assisted by local doctors and nurses and volunteer workers.

Those who donated blood were: Murphy: Miss Lois Mull, W. Frank Forsyth, Timothy Brother Hyland, H. A. Mattox, Anne Trede, Steve Crawford, Doyle C. Burch, Jerue Babb, Robert L. Kirby, Harry W. Mattox, Alden E. Coward, Edward Rae Moore, Edythe Howard, Mrs. Juanita Hall, Frank Ingram, Jr., George Allen, Mrs. Edna Whitley, Harry E. Bishop, Walter Carringer, Mrs. Jack Lunsford, Frank Sudderth, W. A. Tuttle, Nick Howell.

Hayesville: Sister Mary Agnes, Warno: Thed Stephens. Cullerson: Atlas Ledford, Mrs. Bonnie Ledford. Brassstown: Margie Payne.

### BP&W Club Meets At Howards'

The Murphy Business and Professional Womens Club held their regular monthly meeting with a picnic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Howard on Hiwassee Lake.

Mrs. C. L. Alverson, president presided over the business. The new year books were given out, and each member was reminded of the National BP&W week, October 2 through 8.

Mrs. Ruth Cheney, chairman of the Health and Safety committee had charge of the program. Dr. W. A. Hoover gave a talk on Tension and Mrs. R. S. Bault a talk on Guidance in Schools. Twenty-one members were present and four guests.

## Kidd Brewer's Raleigh Roundup

GOOD SAVINGS.

Since August 1, North Carolina merchants along the line separating us from Virginia have been doing a brisk business in cigarettes.

Reason: The first of this month began the Virginia tax on cigarettes and cigars. North Carolina is now the only state on the entire Atlantic seaboard free of the tobacco tax. So, cigarettes in this state cost 30 cents per carton less than in Virginia — and 50 cents less than in Georgia, Tennessee, and South Carolina.

This should mean more business for all merchants on the far-stretched borders of the Old North State.

NEW HONORS... Louis Wilson, formerly of Chapel Hill, Winston-Salem, and Raleigh — and now director of information for the National Plant Food Institute in Washington, D. C., is one of five men selected by the Agricultural Hall of Fame to serve on its new Public Relations Committee.

Wilson at one time reported for the Winston-Salem Journal and came to Raleigh as Kerr Scott's publicity man in 1937 when Scott turned out Willie Richardson, Willie, who had been private secretary to Gov. Cameron Morrison before being associated with Will Graham, who Scott defeated, went with the State Board of Health, retiring only a few months ago.

We congratulate Hop Wilson on this new honor. He is a capable man... and during his five years with Kerr Scott began building the springboard which 11 years later was to catapult him into the Governor's chair.

THE BEST... If you do not get "Wildlife in North Carolina", which comes out monthly and is only \$1.00 per year, you are missing the best magazine bargain going now in this State. The editor: Rod Amundson.

ONE MORE TIME... We are advised that Luther Hodges, who has within the past five years covered a good portion of the Western Hemisphere in the quest for new industry for North Carolina, plans yet another trip. This time he and the entourage will go to Chicago. One of the coldest places this side of Greenland in the wintertime is Chicago. Nevertheless, we hope this jaunt will come in November — after the Elections — for the Governor and all his assistants will be needed to hold this State in line this fall. Better no trip at all than early fall.

AGAINST SPENDING... This talk about Candidate Kennedy being such a big spender — and opposition to him because of his so-called learning to high taxes reminds us of the following little true story:

A young man lived with his parents in a Public Housing Development. Now he had attended public schools, of course, and had participated in the free lunch programs. Later he entered the Army. Upon discharge, he kept his National Service Life Insurance.

He enrolled in the State University, working part-time at the State Capitol to help along his GI education check. Following his graduation he married a public health nurse and bought a home with an FHA loan. He was fortunate enough to secure an RFC loan to go into business.

As time went on a baby blessed the home — born at the City Hospital. The young father bought a little farm with help from the Veterans Land Program from the government. His father and mother lived very comfortably on the farm on their social security and old-age assistance checks. REA lines supplied electricity, the government helped him clear his land, the county agent was good enough to show him how to terrace it. The government built him a fish pond.

Sometime later he put the farm in the Soil Bank. The payments helped him completely to retire the indebtedness. He read books from the public library. The child grew up, entered the public school, ate free lunches and rode the school bus, played in the municipal park and swam in the public pool, and joined Future Farmers of America. His father's money was in the bank — insured by an agency of the government.

The man owned an automobile, so he favored the federal highway program. He signed a petition asking for Uncle Sam's help in developing an industrial development project to improve the economy of the area. He was a leader in a move to get the new federal building — and in fact went to Washington with a group to ask the government to build a power dam costing millions so the area could be protected from floods and be provided with cheaper electricity.

He was also a leader in a move to get his specific type of business special tax write-offs and exemptions. "I wish to protest all this government spending — and the high taxes that go with it. I'm getting tired of it. I believe in rugged individualism. I think people should stand on their own feet... without expecting hand-outs. What we need is a return to Principles of our Constitution... and the policies of States' Rights."

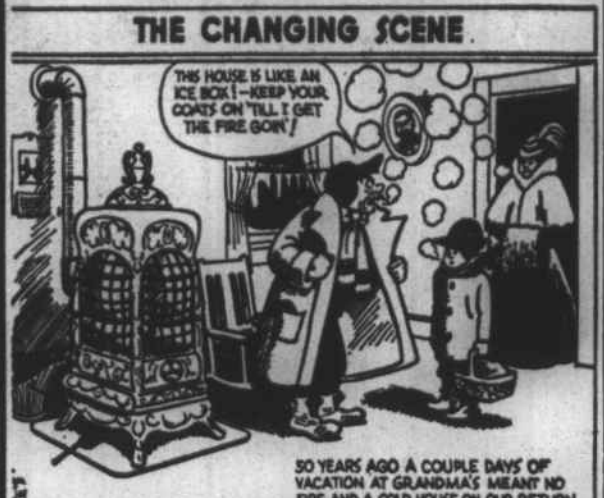
Ever knew this man? Like to see what he looks like? Don't want to see him... don't want

to see what he looks like? Then tomorrow morning when you shave, brush your teeth or hair — or otherwise use the bathroom — better keep your eyes closed or you will see him grinning or glowering at you from that medicine cabinet mirror underwritten by the Federal Housing Administration.

BRACING... We won't mention names here, for reasons you will see in a moment, but we heard the other day about this certain 17-year-old boy who took his girl to the dance at the country club on a recent Saturday evening.

A thunder storm knocked out the lights for a minute. The young swain did what came naturally — planted a kiss on his pretty young partner. There was really nothing much to it. Just a peck, really, or at least meant to be. Like a lot of other good-intentioned things, it didn't turn out that way. When the lights came suddenly on, there the young man stood hopelessly nuzzling at the girl's neck. The braces on his teeth were caught in the girl's necktie.

ANOTHER BUILDING... Last week it looked as if the way was being cleared for the State to have a handsome new Art Center to house its million dollars' worth of objects d'art now displayed in the old Highway Building on East Morgan Street.



THE CHANGING SCENE. THE HOUSE IS LIKE AN ICE BOX! — KEEP YOUR COATS ON 'TILL I GET THE FIRE GOIN'!

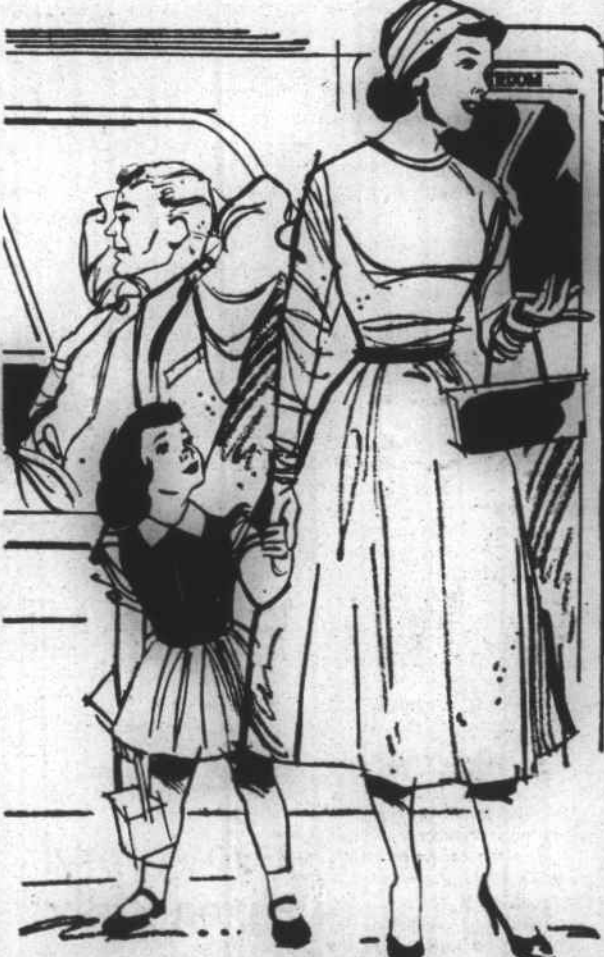


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