



**Completed Course**

Four veteran attendant personnel at John Umstead Hospital, Butner, completed a 26-day course in Geropsychiatry on the Nursing Care Unit of the hospital. The course was designed to teach the specialized treatment and care of the aged patient, and focused on the biological, psychological and sociological aspects of aging. Receiving certificates for completion of the course were Mrs. Sarah Newton of Butner (left, front); Mrs. Marjorie Melton, Oxford, (left, back); Mrs. Mandy Loyd, Franklinton (right, front); and Mrs. Mozelle Robbins, Louisburg (right, back).

**Woman On Greece's Court**

Athens - A tall, attractive 38-year-old woman has been elected to serve as an associate justice on the State Council—the first woman ever to join Greece's highest court. Miss Penelope Athanasopoulou, who has practiced law in Athens since 1954, was among four new persons chosen by the 24 member State Council.

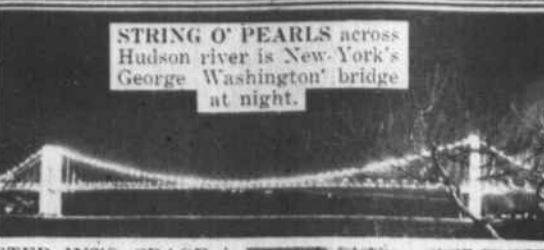
**Hoax Proves Fatal**

Womburn, England - Someone called a newspaper and falsely reported the death of Mrs. Gertrude Thomas. When her 67-year-old mother read the notice, she had a heart attack and died three days later. Mrs. Thomas, alive and well, said the person who called the paper had killed her mother—calling it murder.

**Rested Too Long**

Rockford, Ill. - When Miss Carol Brown, a 17-year-old employee in the cosmetic department of a local store became ill, she went to the employees' lounge to lie down. Miss Brown awakened after store hours to find herself alone and called her boyfriend who called the assistant manager to let her out of the store.

**People, Spots In The News**



STEP INTO SPACE is taken nimbly by President Nixon, leaving dais to greet friends at Eisenhower dinner.



'NEW MODEL' autos were created by early-fall snowstorm that dumped 16 inches of snow on Rocky Mountain area. Some drifts reached 7 feet.

**Alfred Cooper Hicks Is Named Conservation Farmer Of Year**

Aventon - Alfred Cooper Hicks, outstanding young Nash County farmer and community leader, has been chosen "Conservation Farmer of the Year" for Nash County.

Conservation has been a tradition in the Hicks family for many generations. A portion of their neat, comfortable, home was built in 1735. This tradition of preserving buildings has spread over to the conservation of the land.

Alfred Cooper, his wife, Ann, and two daughters, Phyllis and Sue, live in the Aventon Community in the northern part of Nash County.

Alfred and his brother, Fred, jointly own an 800 acre farm on which they produce both crops and livestock.

Most of the open land on the farm has moderate or steep slopes and needs intensive conservation treatment to protect it from erosion.

Alfred became a cooperator with the Soil and Water Conservation District in 1947 and each year since that time has established some conservation practice on the farm.

A beef herd of approximately 60 brood cows has been developed to utilize some of the land in permanent pasture.

Hicks has also been one of the pioneers in minimum tillage and sod planting in Nash County. Planting in a narrow furrow and treating with chemicals to control grass and weeds is one of the leading conservation practices in reducing soil losses.

Most of the farm is now fenced, allowing full use of the fields for field cleanings and winter grazing. One unique feature of the Hicks farm is that each fence line through the woods has a strip 10-15 feet wide cleared adjacent to the fence. The strip serves the dual purpose of providing a fireland and improving accessibility for maintaining fences.

Terraces and grassed waterways are now established on most of the cropland along with a conservation cropping system.

Woodland also is receiving attention as part of the long-range conservation program on the farm. Thirty-five acres of cutover woodlands has been treated and planted to loblolly pine seedlings.

Alfred Cooper's interest in conservation is not limited to the boundaries of the Hick

farm. As Chairman of the Nash County ASCS Committee, he has helped guide the use of funds provided the county to get as much permanent type conservation as possible.

All members of the Hicks family are active members of the York's Chapel Methodist Church. The lessons learned at church and Sunday School about being good stewards may account for much of the conservation program on the Hicks farm today.

The Conservation Farmer

of the Year in Nash County is recognized annually by the Nash Soil and Water Conservation District. The selection is made by the five members of the Nash Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors. -The Nashville Graphic.

Fred and Alfred Cooper are sons of Mrs. F. W. Hicks, Sr. and the late Mr. Hicks, formerly of Louisburg and the grandsons of the late Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Hicks of Louisburg.



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**Statue To Prop Tower**

Bromley, England - British architect Peter Hammond has suggested that Italy could save the leaning tower of Pisa by building a huge statue alongside to hold it up. The statue should be of the man responsible for the tilt in the first place, William of Innsbruck, an architect, according to Hammond.

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