# bacco Growers Losing Tons Of Soil Through Poor Row Pattern

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eriments just completed by Copley at the Soil Con- on Experiment Station near have substantiated this soil loss. Copley is soil conservationist for the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station. The tests have shown that hard rains are responsible for most of the loss. Copley says at least 80 per cent of the total loss comes during late spring and summer.

Along with the amount of soil lost under different conditions, these studies showed how we might reduce erosion, Copley says. Turning under organic materials such as winter cover crops and other crop residues helps soce. But frequently these residues have rotted and disappeared before the June and July rains.

One of the most effective control measures for this summer period is a correct row pattern with moderate row grades. In these tests good row drainage was obtained with grades as low as six inches per 100 feet. Grades above 12 inches per 100 feet caused no increase in the amount of water coming from the rows, but merely made the water run faster. This means we don't need steep rows to get good drainage from tobacco land, Copley explains.

As the row grade increased, the soil loss increased rapidly. With each 1 per cent row grade there was roughly four tons of soil lost per acre. At this rate, many tobacco fields with steep rows are losing 15 or 20 tons of top soil per acre each year.

Copley recommends the "strong method" of row layout which is fast becoming popular with tobacco farmers. Continuous fall in the rows results from having the rows follow the upper terrace when the interval is narrowing and follow the lower terrace when the interval is widening. The first row in each interval—the guide row—is located by use of a string stretched across the interval.

North Carolina Agricultural Extension Circular No. 329 describes the procedure. Those interested can secure a copy from their county agent, or by writing to the Agricultural Editor at State College, Raleigh.


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# Solicitor Moore Favors End Of Judge Rotation

### Says Abolishment Of Present Plan Would Make For Greater Efficiency At Less Expense

Solicitor Clifton L. Moore of Burgaw declared himself in favor of abolishing the rotation system for judges in an address here Thursday evening before the Whiteville Rotary Club.

"If you want to save time and have more efficiency, you've got to abolish rotation," the Burgaw attorney asserted.

Moore declared the rotation of judges "undemocratic" and "expensive to both the judges and the State." Under the present system, he said the voters of one judicial district were able to impose their choice on other judicial districts for nine-tenths of the time in direct violation of the democratic theory of government.

"If we choose an outstanding man, we keep him only six months out of every five years," the solicitor continued. "If we should select a poor judge, rotation places him at the top in the administration of justice in nine other districts which have had no voice in his election."

Solicitor Moore, however, was most critical of the inability of judges under the present system to become responsible for the dockets in their districts. He pointed out that unnecessary delays in the trial of cases often were caused when lawyers and defendants "don't like the looks of the current judge in the district."

He admitted that rotation had some merit, but contended the arguments against the system far outweighed its advantages.

Solicitor Moore referred to "our judicial system as the heart and citadel of American freedom" and said the major reform which North Carolina could make would be to abolish the policy of shifting judges one district to another.

# Garrell Becomes T. C. Postmaster

### New Appointee Takes Over Job From Mrs. Leona Brown Who Held Place For Nearly Two Years

TABOR CITY, Sept. 5—Willard Garrell, World War II veteran and former merchant, assumed the postmastership of Tabor City on the first day of the month.

He took the place of Mrs. Leona Brown who held the job for nearly two years following the retirement of D. F. McGougan.

Garrell was confirmed by the United States Senate the latter part of August.

Mrs. Brown, who has been in public service in various capacities over a period of years, expressed appreciation to the people of the community for their cooperation during her term as postmaster and said she planned to take a "nice, long rest."

# John M. Barkley Will Be General Chairman Again

### Great Harvest Event Will Be Staged For Fifth Successive Year By Civitan Club And Merchants Association

### VARIED PROGRAM IS PLANNED THIS YEAR

### Farmers Day Is Non-Profit, Free Entertainment Event Solely In Appreciation Of Public Patronage

The fifth annual Farmers Day, an outstanding harvest event in Columbus County, will be staged on Friday, Sept. 30.

Announcement that the date had been fixed was made today by spokesmen of the sponsoring organizations, the Whiteville Civitan Club and the Whiteville Merchants Association.

Simultaneously, it was announced that John M. Barkley will again be general chairman. Under his direction, Farmers Day has become an event which annually draws from 10 to 15 thousand people from this and nearby counties.

Contacted following the date release, Barkley said a more varied program was planned for this year. He indicated that the changes would be made with a view of adding interest in the day-long entertainment.

Farmers Day is a non-profit event in which everything is free to the farmers and others who attend. It is a courtesy promotion solely in appreciation of the patronage of business houses and the tobacco market.

Barkley said program details would be made public as the various features were arranged.

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# Schools Settle Down To Work

### First Two Days Largely Taken Up With Registrations

Figures on school enrollments in the county are not available and no accurate report will be possible for several days, it was learned today from the office of the Board of Education.

A casual survey indicates, however, that the first of "war babies" has placed the school enrollment for the county system at an all-time high. There is nothing official, it should be made clear, to substantiate that belief.


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