

Farm Review & Forecast

Election Set For Monday

JACKSON — The election for Supervisor of the Northampton Soil and Water Conservation District will be held on Monday, December 6, W. W. Grant, of Garysburg, is candidate for re-election. There are no other nominees. He was nominated by petition signed by twenty five qualified voters.

The term of office is three years, beginning January 1, 1966. The board of supervisors is the governing body of the Northampton Soil and Water Conservation District. There are five members, who serve without pay. Three are elected and two appointed. The terms are staggered. This week with up to date parallel terraces. He is using large earth moving equipment to tear down the old terraces and reshape the field. Two grassed waterways will provide protected outlets for the terraces.

Mr. Vaughan is chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the Northampton Soil and Water Conservation District. He has already strung out drain tile in one of his fields in preparation for a contractor to install it. More tile is planned to be installed later in other wet spots. Field borders of fescue will be used around the edges of all fields. He says this will help hold down weeds and other undesirable growth. It will also provide a lot of protection against erosion. Soil improving cover crops will occupy an important place in the crop rotation.

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Soil Fertility Facts..



N. C. Takes National Lead In Cucumber Production

RALEIGH — North Carolina has become the nation's leading pickling cucumber producer, a position it is expected to strengthen during the next few years.

Tar Heel pickling cucumber acreage expanded by 2,000 to 3,000 acres during the season just past. This growth, coupled with a drop in acreage in Michigan, has placed North Carolina ahead in U.S. production.

Specialists at North Carolina State University at Raleigh believe the Tar Heel production lead will continue to improve for two or three more years. A good indication of this are the 5,000 to 6,000 additional acres of cucumbers North Carolina farmers are expected to plant in 1966.

Labor is the key factor in the state's rise in national prominence as a pickling cucumber producer, as explained by Extension Specialist George Hughes. "The elimination of the importation of Mexican labor into Michigan and Wisconsin has been the primary factor in the loss of acreage in those key states and the expansion of our own production," Hughes said.

White North Carolina was increasing its acreage this year to about 25,000, Michigan lost roughly 8,000 acres and Wisconsin 1,000. North Carolina now has about one-fourth of the total U.S. production.

Hughes observes that, "If Northern producers haven't mechanized within the next couple or three years, we should hold our relative position among the leading pickling cucumber producing states." Suitable machine harvesters are not yet available. Available labor is a key factor for North Carolina but not the only one, Hughes points out. "The

Conway

By MRS. LEE BRITTLE
Mr. and Mrs. John Muriel Draper and family of Winston-Salem were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Draper during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Davis spent Friday night and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. James Edmundson in Roanoke, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Brantley DeLoach and sons of Durham visited relatives here during the holiday.

Patricia Futrell of Elizabeth City was home for the weekend. Mrs. Burton Barnes has returned home after spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Kirkham, Jr., in Richmond, Va.

Dr. Lucy Rawlings Freedy and family of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, was called home Tuesday night due to the death of her father, B. M. Rawlings.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gary Ricks and son of Tennessee spent the holiday with his mother, Mrs. Fred Ricks.

Miss Rennie Spivey of Richmond, Va., was guest of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Bridgers Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brittle and Mrs. C. W. Brittle spent Thanksgiving Day with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Belote in Newport News, Va.

Glen Warren of Frederick Military Academy, Portsmouth, was home for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Barnes and family of Raleigh were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward James Thursday.

Mrs. Noah Burgess returned home Sunday after spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Burgess in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. George R. Evans spent Thanksgiving Day with Dr. and Mrs. John Kapp in Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lanier of Chapel Hill spent some time during the holidays with Mrs. J. D. Lanier.

Mrs. E. J. Vann has returned home after spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Mason Vann and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Bruce in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Vick, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gary Ricks and

Referendum Vote Soil District Supervisor

JACKSON—Northampton County farmers approved all four referendums on Tuesday, November 23, by a large majority. The number of eligible producers voting, however, was much smaller than last year. The results of the referendums are as follows:

Peanut Marketing Quotas—1302 Yes; 3 No; 1305 Total.
Cotton Marketing Quotas—1291 Yes; 13 No; 1304 Total.
Cotton Lease and Transfer—1130 Yes; 145 No; 1275 Total.
Cotton Promotion Assessment—1134 Yes; 82 No; 1216 Total.
Northampton County joined with 44 other cotton counties in North Carolina in approving lease and transfer of cotton allotments across county lines. This means that it is possible for Northampton County farmers to lease or purchase cotton allotments from 44 other counties in North Carolina. The county office will assist farmers in transferring cotton allotments by maintaining a list of those farmers who would like to lease or purchase allotment and also a list of those interested in leasing or selling. Lists will be exchanged between 45 eligible counties beginning the first week in December. The county office will assist only in determining

the availability of allotments whereas the actual transaction will have to be entered into between the two individual producers. All lease and sale agreements must be executed in the county office where the cotton allotment was originally established for 1966.

Lease and transfer provisions for flue-cured tobacco have been extended for four years beginning with the 1966 crop. Lease and transfer will now be on a pound for pound basis. The person leasing tobacco will be limited to the number of pounds obtained by multiplying five acres times his current year's farm yield. All lease agreements will be on a year to year basis, and leases for the 1966 crop year must be filed in the county office not later than April 1, 1966.

STRANGE BARBER POLE URBANA, Ill. — Paul White is a barber who owns an unusual barber pole. The stripes run backwards therefore causing the pole to spiral down instead of up. White had tried everything to fix it all to no avail. He concludes that the stripes were painted backwards or upside down or something.

Woodland

Mrs. Faye Fulcher spent Thanksgiving weekend with her sister in Dunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Harland Todd had as weekend guests Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Anderson and family of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Major Hatcher and son of Newport News, Mr. and Mrs. Dunn Lester and children of Falls Church, Va., and Mrs. L. M. Anderson of Roanoke Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Joyner and sons and Mrs. Daisy Lassiter spent Thanksgiving with M/Sgt. and Mrs. Willie Boyce of Hampton, Va. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Claude Beech of Newport News.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Kirby and children, Charles and Ellen of Winston-Salem spent Thanksgiving holiday with her mother, Mrs. Marguerite Bazemore, Mr. and Mrs. Alan B. Johnston and son, Chris of Kellord were Saturday evening dinner guests.

Miss Sarah Ann Joyner of Guilford College was weekend guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Joyner.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Reinhardt and daughter, Gwen, accompanied by Miss Mary Iva Reinhardt of Catawba College, Salisbury, spent Thanksgiving holiday in Newton with relatives.

Mrs. Anna O. Parker and Edward Outland of Raleigh spent Friday in Richmond, Va.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY Soil Conservation Notes

By JOHN B. LITCHFIELD
Soil Conservation Service

Last week W. F. Harris of Pendleton, worked out a conservation plan for his farm in cooperation with the Northampton Soil and Water Conservation District. He used a soils and land capability map that was prepared by the Soil Conservation Service as a guide in deciding on how to use and treat the land. Borings were made in the field to check out information shown on the map.

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PLAN FOR 1966—

- (1) Shred and turn under cotton and corn stalks as soon as possible. This will reduce disease problems, particularly collar rot, pod rot, and "Blue Mold" Southern Stem and Root Rot.
- (2) Subsoil while soil is dry for maximum benefit. Subsoiling wet soil is of little or no value. It's like pulling a string through a cheese—it seals back together.
- (3) Take soil samples now to avoid spring rush.
- (4) Bring soil reports by the office for study and interpretation.
- (5) Apply lime and potash now where needed.
- (6) Break cotton and peanut land as soon as possible.

PEANUT SEED

- (1) Make seed arrangements now.
- (2) Serious consideration should be given to the multiple variety concept.
- (3) Consider two or three different varieties such as Florigiant, Va. 56R, Va. 61R, NC-1, NC-2, NC-4x, NC-5, and mixture of 1/3 Ga. 119-20 + 2/3 NC-2.
- (4) Check seed saved for germination. TZ test will give energy as well as potential germination.
- (5) Store seed in cool dry place, free from rodents.

NEMATODE SAMPLES

- (1) Nematode counts in soil can be made by pulling (1) pint of soil, 6" deep at random in each field. Place soil in plastic bag, seal and bring by the County Agents Office within 24 hours after sampling.
- (2) Nematode damage is one of the most serious production problems. A nematode assay is a valuable tool in planning your '66 program.
- (3) This service is made available to peanut growers through the cooperation of the Plant Pathology Department at NCSU and the Peanut Growers Association. The service is free to peanut growers.

SOIL SAMPLES ARE DELIVERED TO LABORATORY AT LEAST ONCE EACH WEEK. TAKE 'EM NOW.

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