

Soil Conservation News



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Raccoon Creek Excavation Work Is Now Under Way

Excavation work was started this week on Raccoon Creek through the John Morrow farm and the Mountain Experiment Station. The contractor is having some difficulty digging the gravel out of the bottom of the new channel. Since depth is essential to good drainage, this stream is being lowered about two feet as well as being straightened.

burg of Balsam is setting white pine on about two acres of severely eroded land.

Now that it has stopped snowing, conservation farmers throughout the county are spreading lime on land, preparatory to seeding sod crops for erosion control. We saw Grover Ferguson of Fines Creek, W. V., Davis of Crabtree, and Joe Haynes of Iron Duff, to mention just a few, moving lime this week.

The State Highway Department is getting the shoulders and banks on the new Fines Creek road ready for seeding this spring. The work is being done under the supervision of H. A. Coggins, landscape supervisor from Sylva.

"From the busiest corner in the modern city to the windblown country fields, human livelihood is a product of the land."—Morris E. Fonda in "The Lord's Land."

Pvt. Hargrove Has Duty At Ft. Benning

Pvt. Troy E. Hargrove, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Hargrove of Canton, Route 3, has assumed a new assignment in the business department of Headquarters Company at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Pvt. Hargrove entered the Army in June, 1955 and completed basic training and a course in mechanical schooling at Fort Jackson, S. C. He also attended Armored and Business School at Fort Knox, Ky. where he was graduated in February.

HENRY BURRESS IS TRAINING IN AF

Henry S. Burress has arrived at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas where he will take basic training. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burress of Lake Junaluska.

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BOYS' CHAMPIONS in the CDP basketball tournament at Bethel last week were these Fines Creek players: (first row) Bruce Kirkpatrick, S. T. Swanger, and Jerome Rathbone; (second row) McClain Justice, Wayne Kirkpatrick, Bobby Rogers, and Wayne Trantham. (County Agent's Photo).

NCEA Says Unionization Of Teachers Unprofessional

The recent resolution passed by a group of Canton teachers has caused comment from over the state, including an article "Under the Dome" of The Raleigh News and Observer, which carried the following: Out of the Raleigh headquarters of the North Carolina Education Association has come word that unionization of teachers "would be an unprofessional thing to do."

This view is not shared by the head of the State Federation of Labor who says his organization is interested in unionizing as many teachers as possible.

"We are definitely interested in organizing the teachers," W. Millard Barbee of Durham said.

with other Tar Heel teachers, staying out of classrooms next fall if they didn't get a raise.

REACTION—The Canton proposal drew quick retort from educational leaders. They frowned at the mere mention of the word, "strike," and said the NCEA would come out with a legislative program calling for a pay increase without the threat of a walkout.

As to the unionization report, Mrs. Ethel P. Edwards, executive secretary of the NCEA, said:

"We consider teachers professional people. We feel our problem should be taken care of by professional organizations. For teachers to join a union would be an unprofessional thing to do."

Barbee, the union official, said there's a teachers' union active in Durham now. "I think it was organized in 1950," he said. Known as the American Federation of Teachers, the union is an affiliate of the American Federation of Labor, Barbee said. He said the union was a member of the Durham Central Labor Union and the North Carolina Federation of Labor.

Barbee said a teachers' union also is active in Forsyth.

ACTIVE—Barbee conceded that the unions are not as active as union leaders would desire. He said union officials are making constant efforts to strengthen the local unions and gain new members.

"Where the teachers are organized," Barbee said, "they fare better than the unorganized teachers do."

Unionization of teachers generally has had a rough time of it in this State. In some Northern states, especially in New York, unionization of teachers has proceeded rather rapidly, but resistance in North Carolina has seemed to be firm.

Most educational leaders believe that the rank-and-file teacher is opposed to unionization, although some of the "more vocal" will stand up for the union.

ANSWER—The answer to the teacher salary problem does not lie in unionization, say many educators. They look to the local supplement.

In turning to the local supplement, they aren't discounting a State-level raise.

But they realize that a State raise for all teachers, even a small one, would be a costly proposition.

The United Forces For Education has announced a legislative program calling for a minimum salary schedule of \$2,600 to \$4,100 for teachers holding A-certificates. The pay scale now is \$2,430 to \$3,420.

Hard-headed educators know that if the proposed salary schedule were adopted, it would mean a tremendous outlay. A majority of the teachers, they note, are in the upper salary bracket where the increase is largest.

That's why they look hopefully to the local supplement. They would prefer a small raise at the State level, boosted by the local supplement as the surest way to get more grocery money for the State's teachers.

Jackrabbit Capital

JORDAN, Mont. (AP)—This small Montana town once called "the most lonesome town in the United States," has so many rabbits that it claims to be the jackrabbit town of the world. One shipper sent 17,000 rabbits to market, but old timers claim as many jackrabbits are on hand now as ever were.

FHA Supervisor Explains Farm-Home Loan Program

By THEODORE T. TURNLEY
FHA Supervisor

Spring is just around the corner and it's the aim of the Farmers Home Administration in Haywood County to help families farm better so they can live better and provide educational advantages for their children.

We have two tools with which to do our job. They are credit and supervision—or guidance in good farm practices to accompany loans.

In the Farmers Home Administration program of supervised credit, qualified family-type farmers receive both credit and guidance in making and carrying out sound farm and home plans. Since the agency does not compete with banks and other local credit institutions, loans are limited to persons unable to get

suitable credit elsewhere. Loans are made for production purposes—to buy livestock, equipment, fertilizer, lime, seed, insecticides or other supplies; for farm ownership—to buy family-type farms or to enlarge or develop inadequate farms; to construct, remodel or repair houses or other farm buildings.

We encourage planning and adopting good farm and home practices. In planning special attention is given to improving crop yields, increasing milk and meat production and conserving the soil. The major agricultural goals include proper land use, balance of livestock with feed crops and full use of the family labor supply. Families cooperating with the Farmers Home Administration are encouraged to take advantage of services offered by other agricul-

Unexplained Crashes

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. (AP)—Can you imagine several heavy concrete-mixing trucks charging into each other, then backing off and ramming again? It happened at a concrete supply company garage. Night prowlers drove the trucks out of the building, banged them into each other several times, then parked them back inside, police said. Damage: \$200; explanation: none.

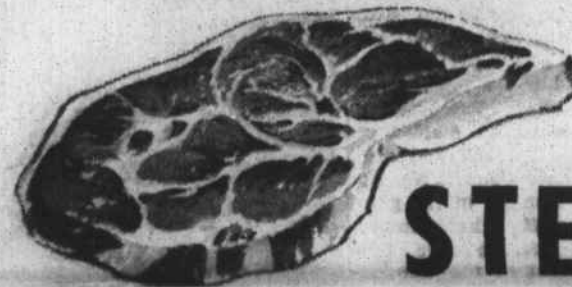
tural agencies. The Farmers Home Administration office for Haywood County is located on the third floor of the courthouse just above the county agent's office. This office welcomes opportunities to explain the program to individuals or groups.

The county supervisor or members of the County FHA Committee are always happy to arrange visits to borrower's farms. Printed leaflets describing the different loans and services in detail are available on request. Letters, telephone inquiries or calls at the county office are cordially invited.



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