

Soil Conservation News

Good Drainage Pays Big Profits

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Soil Conservationist

"Tile drainage has made me more money than anything else I've ever tried. It is the most effective way of draining my farm," said George Creech of the Wildwood community. He said his tile drainage system cost him \$500, but he was sure it had made him over \$2,000 this year alone by keeping his tobacco from drowning.

Creech contacted the soil conservationist, representing the local soil conservation district, for help in working out an effective drainage plan on his farm. The location, size and depth of the tile was planned. Fifteen hundred feet of tile was laid last winter and he expects to put in about 1,500 more feet this fall.

George knew that tile drainage or even a complete drainage system was not all that his farm needed. With technical help provided by the Lower Neuse Soil Conservation District he developed a plan which included tile drainage, open ditches, grass waterways, crop rotation and planting row crops on the contour.

He has cut about one mile of drainage ditches on his farm. He feels that the only additional ditches he now needs would be for tile outlets.

With adequate tile drainage, Mr. Creech felt that grassed waterways would be the most effective way of removing the surface water. Last year he shaped and seeded about 1,000 feet of waterways in fescue grass. He found that this not only provided excellent outlets for surface water, but provided

very adequate turning space at the end of his rows.

George had been following a tobacco-rotation. He wanted to put something in his tobacco rotation which would help control root knot and improve the condition and water holding ability of the soil. Since fescue grass is resistant to nematodes, is very deep rooted and produces a lot of green manure, he wanted to put this in his tobacco rotation.

This fall, he will seed small grain and fescue on the land which he plans to put in tobacco in 1960. After harvesting the small grain, the fescue will remain on the land until February of 1960 when it will be turned under. He plans to continue this rotation each year.

Mr. Creech was losing a lot of top soil from some of his best tobacco land. With the assistance of a soil conservation technician, he laid off his tobacco rows on the contour or around the "hills." He is well pleased with the way it controls erosion.

Since the water soaks in the field where it falls, instead of running off, it also is effective in distributing rainfall.

George has planted a strip of sericea lespedeza around the woods to provide wildlife cover and turning space at the end of his rows. He has also seeded about 1 1/2 acres of bicolor lespedeza, sericea lespedeza and beans for wildlife cover and food.

Mr. Creech has cooperated fully in his conservation work with the Lower Neuse Soil Conservation District.

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... soil conservationistL. H. Laurance
Joins SPA Staff

Raleigh (AP)—A Tar Heel has come home from Alabama to fill the job of public information officer for the State Ports Authority. Louis H. Laurance, 29, went to work Monday, succeeding W. W. (Budd) Willson who resigned a few months ago to become managing editor of the Wilmington Morning Star.

After Oct. 1, Mr. Laurance will take on duties as administrative assistant to SPA Director D. Leon Williams. His salary will be at least \$7,000 per year, Mr. Williams said.

Laurance, a native of Murfreesboro, graduated from the University of North Carolina School of Journalism in 1956. He worked with chambers of commerce in Benson and Roanoke Rapids before going to Birmingham as executive secretary of the Alabama State Medical Society.

He visited the state ports office at Morehead City Wednesday.

Alaska Trip

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ers, and getting the fires out is a problem.

When there are big fires, the government picks up any men it can find to battle the blaze. It is even suspected that some of the natives who want work for a little while set the fires.

Henry says Alaska would be a good place to make money if you're single, can live in a tent, and shift for yourself. A man with a family would find things rough.

Souvenir Basket

He didn't burden himself with souvenirs. They're quite expensive. For example, the smallest set of ivory salt and peppers costs \$8 to \$10. His one souvenir is a birch-bark basket he bought at an Indian village. He got to the village on an airplane trip with a minister. There was access to the settlement only by air.

By sharing expenses, the trip to Alaska cost John and Henry only \$80 each. Coming back, it was a different story. There were blowouts; one night Henry had to walk seven miles to get new parts for his generator, and his headlights were broken.

Eighteen hundred miles of the way was over dirt road. The big tractor trailers would roar over the road, throwing rocks in all directions. That's how the headlights hit the casualty list.

Coming back with Henry were four other fellows, two from Texas, one from Kansas and one from Florida. They got off at various points cross-country. John is staying in Alaska until October to do some hunting.

Henry got back in Beaufort Monday night—all four wheels still going around. How did the old hometown look?

"Mighty good!"

Farmer Finds Cash
When Razing Chimney

Bowling Green, Ky. (AP)—Charles T. Hays, a farmer, was tearing down the chimney of his house when he discovered a metal box containing \$5,000 in cash.

Hays, who has lived in the house 20 years, said he didn't know who had hid the money, but added: "It was enough to be appreciated."

Tobacco Farmers Can Get
Top Prices by Good SortingBy HARRY VENTERS
Assistant Farm Agent

Within the next few weeks, most county tobacco farmers will sell their crops on eastern belt markets. Price prospects are the best in recent years. By following approved marketing practices, farmers can be assured of top prices.

The proper sorting of tobacco should have begun several weeks ago, when you first began priming

your tobacco. The very minimum amount of sorting that should be done now that harvest is complete is: (1) Sort each barn of tobacco separately. (2) Take out all green and red leaves and market them separately. (3) Separate thin and heavy leaves. (4) Keep all trashy and short leaves out of good grades.

No one likes to buy something he does not want, and if you have two or more grades of tobacco

mixed in the same pile, you may be forcing someone to do just this. A buyer may want one grade but not the other, but if he buys one, he has to buy both. Usually he is not willing to pay as much for such a mixed pile because he is being forced to take something he does not want.

From the long-range standpoint, good sorting is important if we are to meet competition for our export trade. Flue-cured tobacco

growers depend heavily on their foreign markets. Since World War II, about 1/3 of the tobacco produced has gone to foreign markets.

Other tobacco producing countries are competing strongly for these markets. Buyers for these countries have constantly reminded us that they want their tobacco sorted as to color, length, group, etc.

Poor sorting might cause us to lose part of our foreign markets, because our competitors are generally doing a better job of sorting; every leaf in a pile being almost identical. If we don't prepare the product like the buyers want it, someone else will.

Good quality, uniform light is necessary if a good sorting job is to be done. Many growers are find-

Firm's Library Discards
Book Used by President

Atlanta (AP)—When the Southern Bell Telephone Co. recently cleaned out its library, one of the books discarded was a \$25-page tome entitled "The American Technical Society Telephony." The library card in the back showed it had been taken out just once, 27 years ago by a young college trainee named Ben S. Gilmer. Gilmer now is president of Southern Bell.

ing it profitable to install electric lights in their sorting rooms. Good light will reduce eye strain, supply a more uniform light, and lengthen the working day. Good light also speeds up sorting.

Julian Wade Gets 60 Days
For Public Drunkenness

Julian Wade, a well-known defendant in Morehead City recorder's court, was given a 60-day sentence on the roads by Judge Herbert Phillips Monday. Wade was found guilty of public drunkenness.

Judge Phillips issued an order for police to pick up David C. Godwin who failed to appear for trial on two counts of assault. Godwin allegedly assaulted Sammy Polard and George Sauced.

Harold Bass, Morehead City, found guilty of driving drunk, was ordered to pay \$150 and costs of court. Leon Strickland, Greenville, also guilty of driving drunk, was fined \$100 and ordered to pay costs.

Durwood B. Willis, Beaufort, pled guilty to careless and reckless driving after the state amended the warrant to include that count as well as driving drunk. He was not tried on the drunken driving charge.

Agrees to Judgment

Judge Phillips fined Willis \$100, ordered him to pay court costs and required him to deposit his license in the clerk's office for three months beginning Nov. 18. Willis agreed to the judgment.

Two defendants were found guilty of driving without glasses when their licenses required them. Ashe B. Exum of Snow Hill paid costs. Frank A. Grantham, Morehead City, paid \$25 and costs. He was also found guilty of running a red light.

Edwin Lewis, Marshallberg, paid costs after being found guilty of indecent exposure.

Forfeits Bond

Earl P. Fulford, Morehead City, forfeited a cash bond rather than stand trial for driving without a license. William Ahland, Cherry Point, was found not guilty of fighting on the street and disturbing the peace.

The state elected not to try four defendants. They were H. M. Fralick, Raleigh, charged with using loud, profane and vulgar language in a public place; Albert Hayes, Winston-Salem, charged with having no privilege license; William A. Herring, Columbia, S. C., charged with driving without a chauffeur's license; and A. T. Ateyeh, Morehead City, charged with public drunkenness and vagrancy.

Cases were continued against D. R. Prizler, Pierson Willis, James Collins, Louis G. Casper and Berkin Snyder.

Boys Sell Berries
With Phone Call

Georgetown, Ky. (AP)—David Gregory and his younger brother, Charles, picked more strawberries than their mother wanted. They tried to sell the extra berries without success.

David then started calling friends by telephone. No sales. Then Charles took the phone. "I'll sell them," he said. Charles dialed the operator. "Wanta buy some strawberries?" he asked. The operator turned him over to the chief operator. Charles repeated his question.

"Sure," the chief operator said, "I'll take six boxes."

The two boys sold six boxes of berries to the chief operator and seven more to other telephone employees.

Do you have a litter bag in your car?

Need Instruments
For School Band

Instruments are being sought for use in the beginners' band, Beaufort School.

If anyone has a band instrument tucked away in a closet, stored in a trunk, or lying in the attic, it might well be used to give a youngster an education in music.

If you are interested in helping the band, contact Charles B. Jones, director, phone PARK 8-3316. The instrument need not be in perfect condition. The band has limited funds which can be used for minor repairs.

Three Reserves
Win Promotions

Three members of the local Coast Guard reserve unit were advanced in rating at the training meeting Tuesday night at Fort Macon. Jerry Lewis, Davis, was advanced to machinist mate second class; Lon L. Lewis, Davis, was advanced to engineman first class; and Alfred Bell, Morehead City, was advanced to gunner's mate first class.

Coast Guard recruiter Donald Willis says that all reservists are eligible for promotion upon completing requirements. He suggests that young men between 17 and 21 see him at the Morehead City postoffice building to learn of opportunities in the Coast Guard Reserve.

High school seniors 17-18 1/2 years old can enlist now and defer their six-months active training until after graduation. After the active training, they can complete their eight-year obligation by attending reserve unit training meetings.

Men 18 1/2-21 years old without prior service can enlist, take six months active duty for training and complete 5 1/2 years in a reserve unit.

If participation in the first six years of enlistment is satisfactory, only two weeks of active duty training is required to complete his eight-year obligation.

Willis reminds prospects that membership in a reserve unit means attendance at weekly drills and participation in a two-week training session each year.

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In its very first year of development twenty-three families have purchased homesites in PINE KNOLL SHORES, the fabulous Theodore Roosevelt property on Bogue Banks.

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This immediate acceptance of PINE KNOLL SHORES as both a resort and year-round residential area is solid testimony of its worth . . . its worth not only for today but its worth for all the years to come as the ideal and delightful area for polite and comfortable living.

It is readily accessible to the mainland over a wide causeway and new, handsome concrete bridge tying in with Morehead City's principal thoroughfare, the continental coast to coast highway, Route 70.



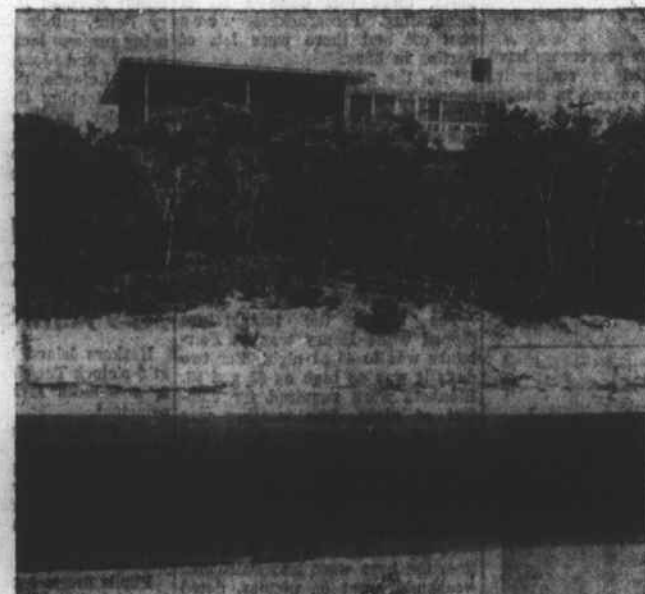
House in the Woods

Highlights At A Glance

- Two waterfronts — the Atlantic Ocean and Bogue Sound
- High, undulating land
- Roads already paved
- No road assessments
- Dedicated park areas on both Ocean and Sound
- Rolling hills, ideal sites for split level homes
- Home construction investments will range from \$12,000 to \$70,000
- More days of more sunshine than any place in the Carolinas
- Year-round outdoor living
- Golf, fishing, swimming, boating

Drive to PINE KNOLL SHORES today. Look over the multitude of homesites and select yours NOW! PINE KNOLL SHORES is an opportunity you should consider if you and your family desire to have a home near the Ocean or the Sound.

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