

## Many Accomplishments Of Soil Conservation Service In 1957

Earl B. Garrett, North Carolina leader of the Soil Conservation Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, has announced that farmers cooperating with the 37 soil conservation districts made gains in protecting and improving land and in managing the water on their farms. These gains are shown in a report just released by Garrett on the accomplishments from January 1 to December 31, 1957. It reveals that district cooperating farmers continue to give practices and measures involving water their major attention.

The report shows that conservation crop rotations were applied on the 148,000 acres during the period and cover crops for land protection were applied on 174,000 acres. Crop residue was

returned to the land on 219,000 acres. The use of crop rotations, cover crops and utilization of residue helps in protecting the land and conditions the soil; all of which enables water to go into the soil readily without running off the land and contributing to flood.

According to the report, district cooperating farmers, with the assistance of the Soil Conservation Service employees, constructed 4,635 farm ponds as water storage reservoirs for irrigation, livestock watering, fish production and recreation. According to a survey recently made, there are about 39,000 farm ponds in the state. There were 2 1/4 million feet of tile installed and 1,628 miles of open ditches dug benefitting 82,349 acres. A greater part of the



No Time For Recess — Completely surrounded by textbooks used in spare time study, Capt. John J. Scott of the Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station works toward his Master's degree in Education.

The captain enlisted in 1938 as a private without a high school diploma. Since 1946, when he decided on getting an education, he has attended schools after working hours in Hawaii and North Carolina, receiving his high school diploma, a Bachelor's degree in history, and completing most of the work toward a Master's degree.

After retiring from the Marine Corps in June, Capt. Scott will receive his Master of Arts degree from East Carolina College in Greenville. He then plans to devote two years of full time study toward a Doctor of Philosophy degree and accept a position on the staff of a North Carolina college.

drainage work was done in the eastern part of the state, but the farm ponds were in all parts.

Farmers in districts applied 7,476 acres of strip cropping, contour farmed 69,684 acres of land, and constructed 1,660 miles of terraces.

Terraces and strip cropping made it easier for these cooperating farmers to follow contour farming. Contour farming, strip cropping and terracing retards soil washing and enables water to soak into the land. Improved pastures which are designed to keep enough live vegetation on the land to protect the soil and reduce runoff were applied on 58,000 acres. Tree planting for the purpose of protecting the land from erosion and heavy runoff was applied on 20,374 acres.

Garrett pointed out that soil surveys to obtain soil data on which soil and water conservation plans and programs are based have been completed on over 14,500,000 acres. The N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station coop-

erates with the Soil Conservation Service in making these surveys. Farmers in districts improved 2,835 acres of land for wildlife food and shelter. This consisted of planting and managing woods field borders, odd corners in cropland fields and other areas.

The Service also assisted 14,087 farmers in the Agricultural Conservation Program at the request of the ABC County Committees. This assistance consisted of site selection and supervision of construction of permanent type practices such as drainage facilities, terraces, and farm ponds.

There are 89,000 farmers cooperating with districts in protecting and improving their lands and in managing water on their farms. All of the 100 counties in the state are in organized soil conservation districts.

may I express again sincere appreciation for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely yours,  
Gladys Cropsey,  
Executive TB Worker  
Pasquotank-Perquimans-Camden TB Association

### Union School PTA In Meeting Monday

The PTA of Perquimans Union School presented its Founders Day program during a meeting held Monday night in the school library. The meeting opened with the group singing PTA Anniversary song after which Selena Baker recited a poem, "I Am A Child." A sketch of the life of A. N. Holland was given by Mrs. Lucy Johnikins and a tribute to past PTA presidents was given by H. E. Daughtry. Mrs. W. C. Stroud gave a reading, "Builders". A discussion on the subject

of "PTA, A Functional Organization," was conducted by Mrs. Marian Frierson and Mrs. Mary E. Newby.

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### Letters To The Editor

Mr. Max Campbell,  
The Perquimans Weekly,  
Hertford, N. C.

Dear Mr. Campbell:

The Pasquotank-Perquimans-Camden TB Association joins me in thanking you and your newspaper group, for the splendid cooperation and effort you have given to us. Without your help and understanding in getting facts before the public, at a time when it was most important, we could not have raised the money so urgently needed to continue our work in Health Education, Case Finding and Rehabilitation in the Tuberculosis program.

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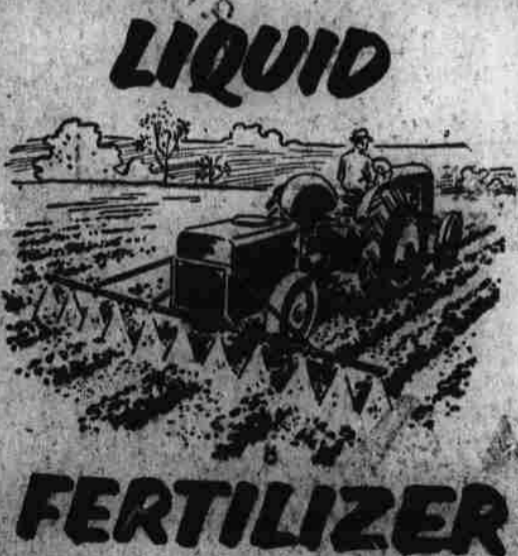
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