

More Farmers Adopt Conservation Of Soil Program In Chowan

R. C. Jordan, Soil Conservationist, Assisting Farmers In Work

Complete soil and water conservation farm plans have been prepared recently for Eli T. Byrum, W. E.

Bunch, T. Wallace Jones, William S. Jordan and Paul Ober. The Albemarle Soil Conservation District assisted these farmers in setting up their plans. All of these farmers have included in their farm plans, among other things, measures to maintain and build the fertility of their soils. In some cases measures for saving soil have been planned. For instance, Eli T. Byrum of the Rocky Hock area has planned to terrace and contour cultivate some of his land which is washing badly. He has grown tired of hauling dirt to fill up washes in his fields only to see it in turn carried swiftly away and deposited in Pollock Swamp or its tributaries. In 1949 Mr. By-

rum plans to put into practice soil and water saving practices recommended to him by the local representative of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service. He thinks it is time to try more effective methods than the old method of dirt hauling—"rob Peter to pay Paul".

W. E. Bunch, also of the Rocky Hock section, plans to continue to rotate his crops and to grow soil improving and wind erosion control cover crops. In addition, he plans to start using *Crotalaria spectabilis*, a self-seeding, summer legume to aid in the job of increasing the fertility of some of his well-drained loamy sand soils.

Paul Ober, having some of the same types of soil as Mr. Bunch, plans to use some *Crotalaria* also. In his peanut-truck crop rotations Mr. Ober plans to start using a mixture of rye and vetch to faster improve his store of soil fertility. He believes that vetch can serve as a valuable soil building agent and that it will be better than rye alone, particularly when used to follow such crops as watermelons and cantaloupes. In his mill-pond field Mr. Ober has a low-lying bottom area which is badly drained. To improve the drainage of this he plans to install 250 feet of 4-inch farm drain tile, outletting it in Bennett's Mill Pond.

T. Wallace Jones has set up the practice of tile drainage in his soil conservation plan. Recently he dug about 10,000 feet of dragline ditch. These he can use as outlets for farm drain tile which will be laid in some low bottoms. Mr. Jones says he plans to further improve his land drainage by purchasing a grader for sloping all of his tap ditches. He, like the other farmers mentioned above, plans to build soil fertility by use of crop rotations, cover crops and soil building legumes and fertilizers.

R. C. Jordan, Soil Conservationist of the Soil Conservation Service, will assist these farmers in the application of these practices, as planned by these farmers.

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Mrs. Mattie E. Yates Dies After Long Illness

Mrs. Mattie E. Yates, 68, wife of John H. Yates, died at her home on Hicks Street Tuesday, May 25, after an illness of about a year. She was a native of Sumter, S. C., and has been a resident of Edenton for the past ten years.

Surviving are her husband, John H. Yates; three sons, J. E. Yates of Chicago, Walter Yates of South Norfolk, Va., and Frank Yates of Hagerstown, Md.; six daughters, Mrs. W. J. Jones of Fayetteville, N. C., Mrs. J. S. Dutka of Norfolk, Mrs. J. L. Nixon of Portsmouth, Mrs. R. A. Lassiter of Edenton, Mrs. Charles Young of Beaver Falls, N. Y., and Mrs. J. W. Daly of South Norfolk; two brothers, Gilbert Frost of Sumter, S. C., and Charlie Frost of Columbia, S. C.; three sisters, Mrs. Katie Dixon of

MISS BETSY GOODWIN BRIDE OF WESLEY M. CHESSON, JR.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Goodwin announce the marriage of their daughter Betsy to Wesley M. Chesson, Jr., Wednesday, May 26, in Raleigh, N. C.

Georgia, Mrs. H. T. Turner of Mayesville, S. C., and Mrs. John Spiciger of Charleston, S. C. Twenty-eight grandchildren and one great grandchild also survive.

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