

## Oliver J. Forehand Improved Farm By Drainage Practices

### Soil and Water Conservation Plans Prepared For Several Farmers

Oliver J. Forehand, farmer of the Cowpen Neck section of Chowan County, has recently completed an open ditch drainage job on his home place which is situated near Macedonia Baptist Church. The drainage improvement job was needed to dry up a spring-wet area in his permanent pasture. There was once an old ditch that penetrated the pasture, but it has become about completely filled up. Surplus water from the pasture and crop lands which were adjacent to it could not move on out. The ordinary flow of water was completely blocked at farm road crossings. The outlet end of the ditch needed extra depth for some five hundred feet or more if effective water removal was to be accomplished. The wet, water-logged portion of the pasture was producing bull grass and water grass—species very unpalatable to Forehand's cows or hogs. The more palatable lespedeza was crowded out.

Oliver wanted this condition remedied and set himself about it. He has dug a dragline ditch 1,645 feet long. The ditch was located so as to follow the lowest points of elevation. The banks were sloped on a 1 1/2:1 ratio to prevent caving and filling up. Concrete culverts were installed at farm road crossings. Spoil dirt will be spread with a bulldozer.

R. C. Jordan, soil conservationist, and George Conner, Jr., of the Chowan Work Unit of the Soil Conservation Service, assisted Mr. Forehand with the surveying, staking out, excavating and yardage computations. The Production Marketing Administration will assist with the excavation costs at the rate of ten cents per cubic yard of dirt removed.

Oliver plans to renovate the pasture, seeding it to better adapted and more profitable species. This work will have to await the spreading of the spoil dirt.

Oliver believes in conservation farming. He set up a soil and water conservation farm plan with the Albenarle Soil Conservation District in 1944. Since then he has been putting on the ground the practices planned in his farm plan. Among the practices established to date are these:

- (1) Crop rotations for soil building,
- (2) winter cover crops and winter legumes for prevention of soil blowing and fertility improvement,
- (3) terraces and broadcast border strips of Sericea lespedeza for controlling soil washing,
- (4) reseeding pasture for increased grazing, and
- (5) establishment of wildlife border strips consisting of Bicolor and Sericea lespedeza for wildlife food and cover.

These practices have been established as outlined in his farm plan with the technical assistance and supervision of R. C. Jordan, local farm planning technician of the Soil Conservation Service.

Last month soil and water conservation farm plans were prepared for William S. Privott, J. Elton Jordan, Mrs. E. L. Winslow and William B. Shepard. Similar conservation practices will in turn be applied to the land owned by these farmers.

Life is estial only to the wise.  
—R. W. Emerson.

## IN WASHINGTON

### Is Atomic Warfare Wise or Just?

The investigation by the House Armed Services Committee is more than an attempt to discover why there is dissatisfaction and discontent among high ranking naval officers in connection with the defense program of the United States.

The hearing at Washington is rapidly involving the soundness of a war plan which has been adopted by the civilian head of our armed services. It is based upon the belief that long-range, intercontinental bombing, through the use of the atomic bomb, can produce a quick and easy victory for this country by rapidly blasting another country and its population to smithereens.

This concept of the next war is termed a "bad gamble with national security" by Admiral Arthur W. Radford, who also raises the moral question involved in the indiscriminate bombing that goes along with what is termed "the atomic blitz."

Calling the B-36 program a "billion dollar blunder" and the machine "an airplane of 1941," Admiral Radford said that the technique is not likely to win a war and, if it does by mass rather than precision attacks, would leave so much death and chaos in the world that the United States could never win a subsequent peace for "a livable world."

The Admiral went further and said that he was now convinced that aerial bombing of civilians during the second World War, by conventional as well as by atomic weapons, was wrong and gave "no regard" to the ultimate objectives of peace. Other competent military experts have testified that, in their opinion, the use of our air force, in the recent war, to give tactical support to military operations would have been productive of greater benefit and might have materially shortened the fighting.

We are not nearly so much concerned with the Admiral's belief that the B-36 planes are "useless defensively and inadequate offensively" as we are in the necessity of the United States to determine, as a matter of national policy, whether it intends to use airpower or any other weapon in mass attacks upon helpless civilians, with

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Q—I know that \$150 is payable for burial expenses at a veteran's death. Is the same award made at the death of his widow?

A—There is no provision of law that would allow a burial based on the death of a widow.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Boyce announce the birth of a son, Elton Keith, born Sunday, October 9, at Chowan Hospital. The newcomer weighed in at 7 pounds and 11 ounces.

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the deliberate intention of blasting a population as well as the industries of a nation.

It should not be over-looked that the atomic bomb, as a super-weapon, will not always belong exclusively to the United States. Consequently, it is not necessarily certain to be used in any future warfare. The reader should note that the use of gas has been outlawed by the nations and that, so far, at least, large-scale gas attacks upon civilian populations have been avoided. Apparently, neither side in any war has been willing to invite the inevitable retaliation.

This attitude may well govern the nations in the use of the atomic bomb. If such a chance exists, and there is any prospect that the nations will outlaw the bomb, except when pin-pointed upon military objectives, the United States should not be the country to make its use inevitable. We should be prepared to use the atomic bomb if any other nation uses it, just as we have been prepared to use gas and germs if any other nation used them against us.

It is quite a different thing, however, from basing our entire theory of future warfare upon the indiscriminate use of the atomic bomb.

Why Try to Get the Voters Out? In nearly every election, there is an organized attempt to persuade the voters to register and to participate in the election at hand. The consequence is that a large number of voters put their names on the books and go to the polls without having much inter-

est in the issues at stake in the election.

We question the benefit to be gained by the republican form of government in the mass herding of citizens at the polls. There is no virtue in the size of the vote cast. It would be much better, in our opinion, to permit voters to follow their inclination as to registering and as to voting.

It can hardly be argued that a voter, lacking the interest necessary to spur him or her to qualify for the ballot box, is apt to become suddenly endowed with wisdom at the polls. It might be much better to permit elections to be decided by those who take an interest in government, are concerned with the issues, at hand and prepared, as good citizens, to participate intelligently, in the election.

This view runs counter to that of professional politicians and do-good reformers. It follows the common-sense experience of practically every organization controlled by its members. On some questions, there is only slight interest taken by the members and on others, there is a large turn-out. The same rule naturally comes to mind in connection with elections. If a percentage of our po-

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tential voters is not interested in the issues to be decided at the ballot box, they might as well stayed home. The alternative is to see them herded to the polls, as a mass, voting as per instruction or inducement, and usually without intelligent concern as to the workings of their government.

### Edenton Trio Attending State Nurses' Meeting

Misses Emily Russell, Annie Ruth White, nurses at Chowan Hospital, and Miss Kathleen Leary of the local Health Department are in High Point this week attending a meeting of the North Carolina Nurses' Association. The trio expects to return to Edenton today (Thursday).

The highlight of the meeting was an address by Mrs. Louise P. East,

president of the North Carolina State Nurses' Association, which was delivered Tuesday morning. Mrs. East in her message attempted to answer some of the charges being made regarding the position of the association affecting both the nursing profession and the public.

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