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L. C. Bunch and J. A. Webb, Jr., Attend **Statesville Meeting**

Ballentine Points Out Over Production Is Fig Farm Problem

L. C. Bunch and Joe A. Webb, Jr. members of the Chowan County Board of Soil Conservation Supervisors, attended the eleventh annual meeting of the North Carolina Association of Soil Conservation District Supervisors which was held at Statesville on Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

Bunch and Webb reported a program schedule which included several interesting talks and discussions on pertinent and timely conservation topics.

The two-day meeting opened on Wednesday morning and concluded at noon on Thursday.

State Agriculture Commissioner L Y. Ballentine addressed the Supervisors on Wednesday night. Commissioner Ballentine said that overproduction the big farm problem now, is only temporary. The real problem, he added, is whether future generations will be able to produce enough to maintain a high standard of living.

The Commissioner said that this depended on two things-how well we use and conserve the soil, and whether enough economic stability can be maintained in agriculture to make it a thriving and progressive business.

Progress has been mad in the soil conservation program, he asserted even though it was started after the productivity of 100 million acres had been lost. Because of the progress that has been mad and because of renewed efforts he felt there is some reason to face the future with optimism.

Farmers are learning to determine the capabilities of their land and to use it accordingly, he stated.

Ballentine spoke to the Supervisors at their banquet session.

David S. Weaver, Director of the Water Rights in North Carolina."

Weaver said that the era of the bulldozer has brought about destruction of forests and cover on a large scale. The result has been that the water supply is less dependable at a ing. time when the demand for water is constantly increasing.

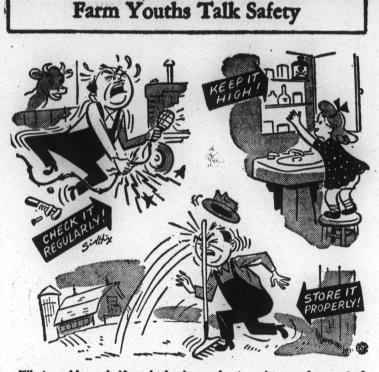
He emphasized the fact that a high percentage of farm problems is connected with water, which is usually

too pree or too abundant. Ver said that water laws in most states are obsolete and need to be brought up to date. He outlined some of the efforts being made in North Carolina along this line.

Officers for the 1954 year were elected as follows:

S. Vernon Stevens of Broadway, president; A. D. Swindell, Pantego, first vice president; Charlie Ladd, Durham, second vice president; Vernon W. Coltrane of Greensboro, secretary, and L. O. Page of Raleigh, treas-

J. T. Graham of Cleveland was presdent for 1953 and i charge o the meeting. In giving his annual report, he told of progress made during 1953 and said that he was particularly pleased that the State's first pilot flood control project had been started in Alexander, Iredell and Rowan counties. Other speakers on the program were Highway Commissioner June Scarborough of Statesville, Dean D. W. Colvard of N. C. State College, Lunette Barber and R. B. Hazel of the State Wildlife Resources Commission, Mrs. B. C. Parker of Albemarle, Katherine Hoskins of Sumfield, and Representative Hugh Alexander of Kannapolis. In discussing soil and water conservation efforts, Congressman Alexander warned that "we are still using our soil resources at a rate faster than we are building them up." He praised Congress for its passage of the Upstream Pilot Bill which authorizes 62 small watershed projects, including one in North Carolina. On Thursday committee reports were adopted and four delegates were elected to the National Convention 11 New Orleans next month. The dele-STORY OF THE MAN WHO SAW LINCOLN SHOT Only one person is alive who saw Abraham Lincoln struck down by an assassin's bullet. He gives an eye-witness account of the fateful drama in an exclusive interview in the February 7th issue of THE AMERICAN WEEKLY Magazine in Colorgravure with the BALTIMORE SUNDAY AMERICAN Order From Tour Local Newsdealer



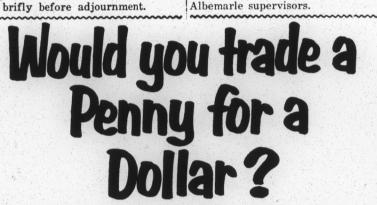
What would you do if you had only one day to make your farm safer? That's what newsmen asked a group of young safety experts at the recent National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. They were winners of awards presented by General Motors in the National 4-H Farm and Home Safety Program. "I'd declare a 'safety day' and turn out the whole family to locate and mark all hazards on the farm," was the answer of Margie Sellers, 17, Whitesboro, Texas. Margie was one of eight national winners awarded \$300 college scholarships by GM, which also presented expense-paid trips to the 4-H Congress to both national and state winners among the 425,000 4-H youths who took part in the safety program. All the youngsters agreed that although safety demands continuing, day-by-day attention, it might be good to set aside one day for elimi-nating hazards—and then go at the job as though there would be no more time for it. "It would make you decide what safety improvements were most simportant, and then concentrate on them," said George N. Fleming, 18, Simms, Montana. "I would check the things that get most use, such as farm machinery and home appliances, and make sure that they were in safe operating condition." Gayle Givens, 17, Frederick, Oklahoma, observed that a "safety day" would be a hard blow against one of safety's most dangerous enemise-procrastination. She and Erich Willen, 17, Westminster, Maryland, both national winners—said that if they had only one day for safety they would concentrate on the home. "That's where most accidents happen," Erich explained. "I would check things like stairs, rugs, and medicines."

What would you do?

N. C. Extension Service spoke to the gates elected were President S. Vern-| L. C. Bunch as president of the Algroup on "Water Conservation and on Stevens of Broadway, Past Presi- bemarle Soil Conservation District, dent J. T. Graham of Cleveland represented the district as well as Cho-Treasurer L. O. Page of Raleigh, and wan County in the association meet-A. C. Edwards of Hookerton. ing.

Over 200 supervisors from all parts Other supervisors representing the Albemarle District were George Winof North Carolina were at the meetslow of Perquimans County and Regi-

E. B. Garrett, State Soil Consernald Gregory of Pasquotank County. vationist of the Soil Conservation Service, addressed the association meetfrom Elizabeth City, accompanied the ing brifly before adjournment.



• You can if you use Natural Chilean Nitrate of Soda

Nick George Defends **State School System**

(Continued From Page One) earn," George said, in answer to the second question. "In spite of the nu- disturbed because some of the subjects merous compositions required of chil- have been rearranged and some of the dren in former days, few children who facts in them are no longer stressed started in the first grade ever acquir- as they used to be. These same peoed this ability by the time they left ple are not disturbed by the changes school which, in most cases, was very in other walks of life-that they call early." The speaker pointed out that progress, yet they are surprised when the modern school tries to teach and they find that education, too, has to interest children to express on pa- made progress." per their own opinions, discuss their children and even to adults.

a simple one." George continued. "It and the laws of the United States, beinvolves first of all having something ing loyal and patriotic. To the school, to say and the writer must have the necessary vocabulary and be able to arrange the words in sentences and a person of good character, a good paragraphs that will adequately ex- neighbor, a good worker, and one who press what he may have to say. Then thinks of the welfare of other people comes the matter of spelling, punctu-in the community and in the country Homemakers of America Club, and ation, and penmanship. All these things present problems to the child which he must master before he can do satisfactory written Englishproblems that require a great deal of practice on his part and ingenuity fore, parents and teachers together beon the part of the teacher.

"The subject of spelling has always "The subject of spenning has diverged he is b been a disturbing one," declared the habits. speaker. "There has been a tremendous amount of research to discover just which words should be taught to neglects spelling, and no former generation can prove that the average than the average child in ours. The fact that so many children left school early is some sort of proof that the result could not have been too suc- president, presided. cessful.

more children are learning to read, club for the telegram congratulating were shown a safety film which was

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teachers use different methods to derway for a card party to be held teach the 3 R's than were used with sometime in February. The date will the older generation. Others were

own experiences, and explain what some people the word 'Citizenship' has they do and what they read to other only a vague meaning - something connected with voting for the right

"The problem of good writing is not candidates, upholding the Constitution besides his own. This cannot come from a textbook alone. Habits of be-future plans are undecided, but we feel havior are developed early in a child's life. The kind of citizen he eventually becomes, he must be trained. Theregin working on the growing child, and chosen Rufus Ray Alexander. Ray throughout his entire school career he is being trained in good citizenship

ever tried so hard as ours to help in the Stagecraft Club here in school. every child. In former days spelling levery individual regardless of race, Ray is one boy that has definitely dewas done by drill, today the child must creed, wealth or residence to make the know the meaning. No modern school most of his God-given talents. While we are still a long way from perfection, the fruits have been conspicuous child in its school was a better speller and magnitude of the enterprise is as a last step, a job as a diesel engi-neer. There isn't any doubt about it, immense."

Mr. George was introduced by Miss faith we seniors have in him. Inez Felton and Mrs. Evelyn Jackson,

A letter was read from Mrs. Inglis "Every national survey shows that Fletcher, in which she thanked the

write, and do arithmetic today than her on the recent award she won. Mrs. arranged by Marvin Wilson. The picwas true in our previous generation. Adelaide Chesson reported that the ture, "The Case of Tommy Tucker," Although methods of teaching may Hotel Joseph Hewes has been select- was projected by Robert Marsh and have been improved, there has been ed as a location for the USO Club. had to do with highway and pedesno let-up on the 3 R's, for readin', Mrs. Leon Leary told the group that trian safety.

writin', and 'rithmetic are still the plans for the proposed swimming pool foundations of the curriculum. Some are shaping up rapidly, and Miss Inez people are disturbed by the fact that Felton announced that plans are unbe announced later.



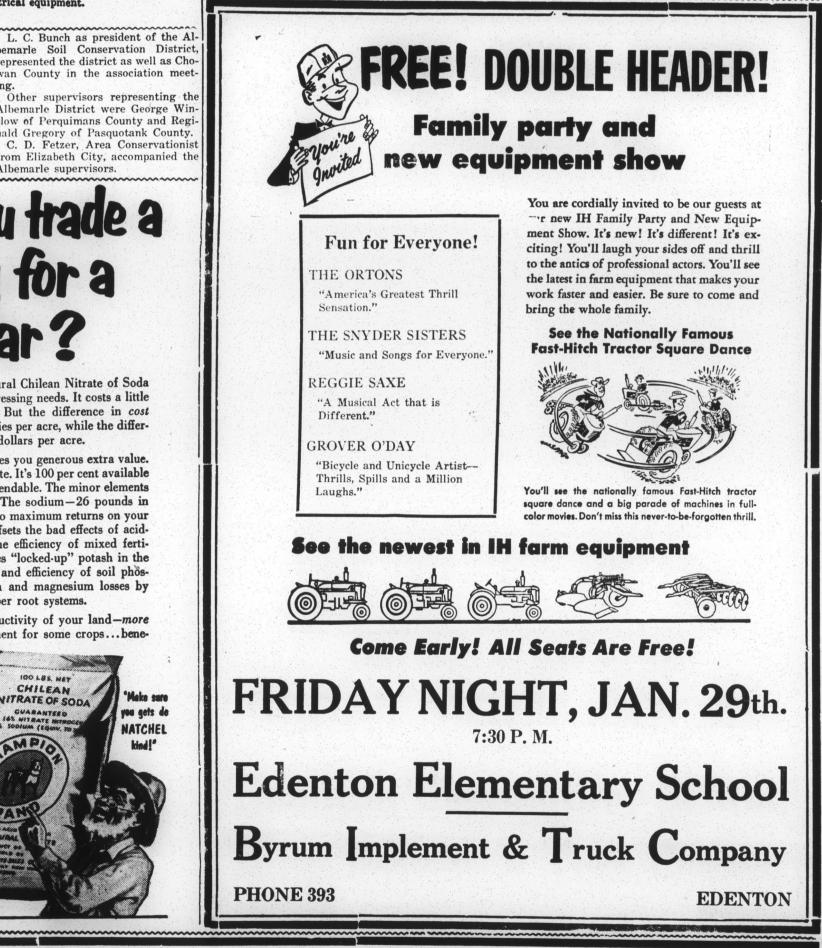
Well, exam time has come and pass-In conclusion Mr. George stated, "To everyone has gotten back into the old ed. The excitement is all over and swing. Exam grades are not known, but we sincerely hope everyone had real good luck and passed.

For our Senior girl this week, we have chosen Miss Helen Marie Jones. Helen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erie Jones of Route 3, and was born in Chowan County on June 9, 1936. Helen is the quiet type, but prefers sports to anything else, except, of has been in it for four years. Helen's this plucky gal will make some lucky guy a fine wife.

And for our Senior boy, we have was born September 1, 1935, and is the son of Mrs. Johnny Scales. Ray must like nature for he told me that he liked fishing, hunting, and tinker-"No large nation in all history has ing. The latter being proved as he is cided his future. After graduation he plans to enter the Navy and after the Navy into a diesel school, and finally, he will succeed. That's how much

SHOWN SAFETY FILM

Rotarians at last week's meeting



would concentrate on the home. "That's where most accidents happen," Erich explained. "I would check things like stairs, rugs, and medicines." Hope E. Caswell, 17, Canton, New York, said she would concentrate on eliminating fire hazards. "They are often the least obvious," she said. "And a bad fire is just about the most serious disaster that can hit a farm." Other suggestions included proper storage of tools; building sturdy pens for livestock, and checking electrical equipment. What would you do?

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