

Drainage Facilities Benefiting Farms

Two More Farmers Express Satisfaction With Results

Chowan farmers are constantly noting the benefits of drainage facilities which they have installed upon their farms. Their comments are nearly always in the affirmative.

Just last Monday, Lester Copeland, stopping by the Soil Conservation office and commenting upon a ditch which he dug with a dragline in 1952, said, "You know when I was digging my ditch I thought it was costing me a lot of money, but if it had cost me just twice that much it would still have been a paying proposition."

"Before I dug that ditch," he continued, "you could hardly get a wagon across the land." "Now," he says, "you can work it almost anytime."

Upon further reflection he recalled that his ditch had never stopped running water but one time and that was during the summer drouth of 1953.

The drainage improvement to which Lester referred was located on his farm in the Ryland community of Chowan County. The drainage condition of several acres was changed from a water-sogged state to that of readily cultivable soil.

As soon as a dragline contractor becomes available Lester and his father, A. H. Copeland, plan to dig another ditch to improve the drainage on several acres of their land.

Marcel Ward, a farmer of the Gliden community, was commenting last week upon a drainage improvement which he installed in the spring of 1953. He said, "those bottom areas which I tilled last year drained out after heavy January rains in no time at all, while those without the tile drains held water half leg deep for a week or more."

Marcel was asked the question of whether or not his tile drains were any good. His prompt reply was, "Yes sir, they are paying off."

The bottom areas to which Marcel referred were located on his river road farm. Last year he installed over 2,000 feet of six-inch tile drains to drain the worst of them.

As soon as a tile trenching machine can be obtained he plans to drain the wettest of those which are left. He will use approximately 1,000 feet of six-inch tile to make the needed improvement.

The drainage improvements which were made on the Copeland and the Ward farms were laid out and installed with the assistance of R. C. Jordan and George A. Conner, Jr., Soil Conservation Service technicians working with the Albemarle Soil Conservation District.

Happy are the families where the government of parents is the reign of affection, and obedience of the children the submission of love. —Bacon.

The ties of family and of country were never intended to circumscribe the soul. —Channing.

A house without a roof would scarcely be a more different home than a family unsheltered by God's friendship, and the sense of being always rested in His providential care and guidance. —Horace Bushnell.

COLORED SCHOOL NEWS

Boy Scout Troop No. 91 celebrated Boy Scout Week with a special program in the high school gymnasium Friday, February 12. A special feature of this program was the pinning of Scout pins on 23 Boys Scouts and presenting cards to 10 Explorer Scouts by the principal, D. F. Walker. Thomas Sharpe is Scoutmaster and James Wilhoite, advisor to the Explorers.

"Preventing and Controlling Disease" is the unit now being taught in the biology classes at Edenton High School. The aim of this unit is to equip the students with an overview of the problem of disease and its implications to the individual, the family and the community. A positive approach is being used throughout to impress the students with the value of achieving and maintaining personal good health, as a duty to himself and his community. C. S. Newsome and Thomas Sharpe are the biology teachers.

The boys' basketball team journeyed to Maple Friday to play the Currituck County boys' basketball team. The Edenton Hornets won by a score of 36-35. The Hornets haven't lost a game this season. Hats off to C. S. Newsome and his boys.

Pictures of the library were taken recently by Mr. Wynn of the Public Relations Committee. Mrs. M. Crumpton, librarian, has announced that 59 new books have been added to the high school book collection.

The annual Boy Scout drive was held during Boy Scout Week. E. A. Anderson, principal of P. W. Moore High School, Elizabeth City, is area chairman of high schools. Teachers and students here contributed a goodly sum which will be turned over to the Coastal District of the Tidewater Council, Boy Scouts.

"Mind Over Mumps" will journey to Elizabeth City State Teachers College Thursday, February 18, to participate in the annual invitational Dramatic Festival to be held at the school. This is a one-act comedy that has already participated in the Northeastern District Festival and was voted as the best play here at the school in its festival.

A. A. Gay, Field Scout Executive for this area, was a visitor on the campus last week. He was here to talk with principal and teachers about our Boy Scout program. He was quite pleased with the rapid progress we have made in such a short time.

On January 29, the senior class was invited to Elizabeth City State Teachers College to a very interesting basketball game between the Elizabeth City "Pirates" and the "Minors" of Washington, D. C. The game was very interesting and everyone was so hospitable that we could not help but enjoy ourselves. We wish to thank Mr. Wilhoite, Mr. Walker and Dr. S. D. Williams, president of State Teachers College, for making it possible for us to take such a trip.

On February 12, the fourth A grade presented a short play during the assembly. Being Lincoln's birthday, the program was centered around the life of Lincoln.

The title of the play was "Lincoln Goes To Gettysburg." Some highlights

Old Friends Meet Again



RETURN VISIT—President Celal Bayar of Turkey, shown above with then five-star General Dwight D. Eisenhower, is paying a visit to renew an old friendship. At the invitation of President Eisenhower, Mr. Bayar is travelling coast-to-coast visiting the towns and cities of America. His visit recalls the cooperation between these two great republics during the Korean War, and the economic and military partnership that binds them in peace.

of the play were: scenes showing Lincoln during his early life, his journey from Washington to Gettysburg and the delivery of the Gettysburg Address, which was done by Barbara Valentine.

Since Negro History Week was also celebrated at that time our program included biographies of some of our famous Negroes, who have made worthwhile contributions to society.

A music clinic was held in Elizabeth City State Teachers College on February 12, and was attended by music teachers, and elementary teachers in this area of the state.

Mrs. Mable Collins, and Miss Helen Brayboy, represented Edenton Elementary, and High School, along with Mrs. R. L. Byrd, supervisor of instruction.

The clinic was conducted by Miss Evelyn A. Johnson, and Mrs. Elizabeth Martin of State Teachers College. Miss Johnson conducted the primary activities, while Mrs. Martin conducted the upper-grade activities. They discussed problems that confront the elementary teacher in her music class, and offered helpful suggestions for these problems. Among the many problems discussed were singing, listening, and rhythmic activities; instrumental performances, and choral conducting.

The clinic proved to be enjoyable, and very informative to all teachers attending.

News About Clubs In Chowan County

By MRS. IMOGENE COCHRANE Home Demonstration Agent

Pruning: When is the best time to prune? The old answer was "Prune when the knife is sharp." And it's still about as good an answer as I can give. In other words prune lightly throughout the year as the plants need it. This is a good time to prune a number of plants, especially grape vines, fruit trees and overgrown shrubs.

shrubs.

If your shrubs are completely out of bound, perhaps the only thing to do is to saw them off near the ground and let them grow out again. An even better suggestion might be to replace them. Most broadleaf plants like ligustrum, abelia, etc., will grow back when severely pruned. But narrow leaf plants such as junipers and arborvitae can only be pruned moderately without danger of killing them.

The idea, of course, is to keep your shrubs pruned lightly throughout the year. The heavier pruning should be done on flowering shrubs such as Forsythia, spirea, etc., immediately after blooming in order to not lose the blossoms.

When pruning, keep in mind the natural shape of the plants. Some plants like pyracantha, for instance, are supposed to be open, airy and informal. Boxwood, on the other hand, tends to grow compact and formal. Consequently we shear the boxwood and thin out the pyracantha or just let it grow. An important thing to remember is that several branches put out within a few inches of where a cut is made. Therefore, stagger your cuts (don't use hedge shears) unless you want a compact plant like boxwood.

Do as little pruning as possible on shade trees. Never remove the tap leader, especially on young trees. Remove dead or diseased limbs and sometimes thin out the limbs on young trees. Cut next to the trunk, or another limb, never leave a stub.

Roses: Why can't I grow roses? Most of the time the answer is "you fail to control diseases." Other things are important, of course, but controlling diseases is a must. The Pathology Department recommends Gerbam, sold as Fermate. Apply this material about every ten days starting when growth starts continuing until frost. It can be applied as a spray (2 level tablespoonsful plus spreader-sticker, according to manufacturers' directions to one gallon of water), or as a dust (1/2 lb. mixed with 4 1/2 lbs. of talc dust.) You may occasionally need to add sulphur to control mildew. Some vines, fruit trees and overgrown

materials that control both disease and insects. These materials are usually available from your seed dealer.

Schedule

Advance Joint Meeting—Monday, February 22, 7:00 at Advance Community Building—Covered dish supper.

Rocky Hock and Beech Fork Meeting—Tuesday, February 23, 7:00 at Rocky Hock School—Covered dish supper.

Gum Pond Meeting—Wednesday, February 24, at 7:00 at Rocky Hock School—Covered dish supper.

Oak Grove Meeting—Thursday, February 25, at 7:30—Oak Grove Community Building.

New Booklet Gives 1954 Sewing Ideas

A new sewing booklet recently published by the National Cotton Council will be a boon to homemakers who are ready to start their spring sewing projects.

Called the "1954 Idea Book for Sewing With Cotton Bags," the booklet is filled with thrifty suggestions for brightening wardrobes and homes. It describes the pictures wearing apparel, household accessories, gifts, and toys that can be made from the cotton fabrics used for packaging feed, flour, fertilizer, and other farm products.

Articles pictured in the sewing booklet can be made from standard Simplicity patterns, the Cotton Council notes. In addition to the wardrobe and home furnishing items, a special section is devoted to "scrap bag ideas"

explaining how to make quilts, unusual gifts, and toys from colorful bits of cotton bag fabrics or small five and ten-pound containers.

The 24-page booklet is available from the National Cotton Council, P. O. Box 76, Memphis, Tenn.

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—W. J. Cameron.



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