

Removal Of Water From Land Claims Farmers' Attention

Several Drainage Projects Completed In County

Farmers of the Chowan Work Unit of the Albemarle Soil Conservation District have been busy in recent weeks with the application of soil and water conservation practices to their farms.

The removal of excess field water is at the present time most in the minds of the farmers cooperating with the Soil Conservation Service through their soil and water conservation farm plans. Installations of improved drainage facilities are now being made as fast as available machinery will permit.

Colbert W. Byrum, a farmer of the Ryland Community has recently completed the digging of a dragline diversion ditch. Colbert's new ditch will intercept vast quantities of woods water and divert to a swamp outlet. Approximately 25 acres of newly-cleared land will not now be subjected to water logging with each rain.

Colbert plans to improve the drainage condition of one or two bottom areas with the use of tile.

C. B. White, a farmer of the Center Hill community, also dug a short diversion ditch to protect several acres of his good Bear Swamp land from being flooded by woods water. White is leading this excess water through a system of dragline ditches to the Bear Swamp Drainage System which was dug several years ago with the assistance of the Soil Conservation Service.

B. P. Monds, another farmer of the Center Hill community, has just completed the excavation of two dragline ditches. One of Monds' ditches was a diversion ditch for intercepting and diverting woods water to Bear

Swamp Lateral No. 2A. The other Monds' ditch was a relief lead ditch outletting in the main ditch of the Bear Swamp System.

J. P. McNider, who farms two Bear Swamp tracts, is planning a complete revision of drainage facilities on one of the tracts. Mr. McNider used a ditch designed to receive water from four new sloped or V-type ditches which he contemplates constructing in the near future.

N. E. Jordan, a farmer of the Gliden community, dug a new dragline ditch recently to improve the drainage on twenty or twenty-five acres of his land. The Jordan ditch will be employed as an outlet for the drains as well as for removal of surface water.

T. W. and J. M. Fleetwood, Jr., farmers of the Yeonim community, have just finished digging approximately a half mile of dragline ditch. Between 35 and 50 acres will be benefited by this new drainage facility.

A. H. Copeland, a farmer of the Ryland area, is now engaged in construction of new waterways for a sizeable area of his farm land. Large quantities of field water now impounded in low bottom areas will be moved on out to a swamp outlet.

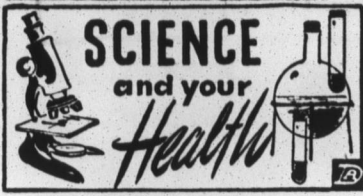
All of these farmers have received technical assistance from county technicians of the Soil Conservation Service working with the Albemarle Soil Conservation District.

According to R. C. Jordan, Soil Conservationist, S. C. S., the assistance given these co-operators included planning for improved drainage, preliminary surveying, cost estimating, ditch designing, ditch layout, construction supervision, and certification of performance for Federal cost-sharing payments.

The Federal cost-sharing payments were made by the Chowan Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

RECOVERING FROM OPERATION

Friends of Raymond L. Everett will be interested to know that he underwent a laryngectomy operation at McPherson Hospital in Durham Wednesday of last week. He is recovering very nicely according to latest reports.



PROPER POSTURE By Science Features

"Stop slouching and stand straight," is excellent advice often given to children with poor posture. Undue stress is put on muscles and weight-bearing joint surfaces by incorrect carriage. This can lead to fatigue and pain that may result in muscular tightness and a limitation of motion.

Deformities are often found during routine physical examinations, according to Dr. John G. Kuhns of Boston University. A child has normal posture if the head is balanced over the torso without any forward or backward displacement, the chest projects further forward than any other portion of the body, the spine has proper curvature, the stomach does not protrude and the shoulders do not stoop.

If the chest is out, the doctor says, the shoulders cannot be rounded since the same muscles control both. If the stomach is pulled in, knock-knees and "duck" feet are unlikely to occur. The common deformities result when one or more correct posture habits are not in effect.

Posture should be taught to children when the youngster begins to stand and walk. The child should understand what he is doing wrong and should get a full explanation and examples of proper posture, the doctor added. If corrective exercises are necessary, they should be given by a doctor to develop coordination and balance in the muscles as well as an awareness of good carriage.

Senior Hi-Light

BY JANE YOUNT

Here I am again. Seems to me that you all would get tired of me week after week, and maybe some of you do. Anyway, here I am, bringing you the lives of two of our charming seniors.

First let's review Miss Betty Christine Harris, better known as Mickey. Mickey was born April 29, 1934 and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Harris of Route 2. Mickey's favorite likes are any kind of music, movies and eating. She had a hard time choosing her favorite food (as she likes all food) but finally settled for fried chicken. She loves to cook and satisfied herself by joining the school's FHA Club. Mickey's not sure where she is going to work after graduation but she does know she is going to work. Personally, I believe she would make a better wife for some lucky fellow.

And our senior boy is Master Ted Richard Wright who prefers to be called "Kart". Kart is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Wright of 406 East Queen Street. Kart is a member of the Monogram Club and has been for

three years. And a mighty active member I might add. His favorite likes are sports, hunting, fishing, dancing and eating. This latter confirmed by the fact that it is better not to have any chocolate cake within ten miles of him as he goes stark, raving mad over it. Ted plans to enter the Naval Air Force one year after graduation and there will be some very sad Edenton and Chowan girls after he leaves. But cheer up girls, remember,

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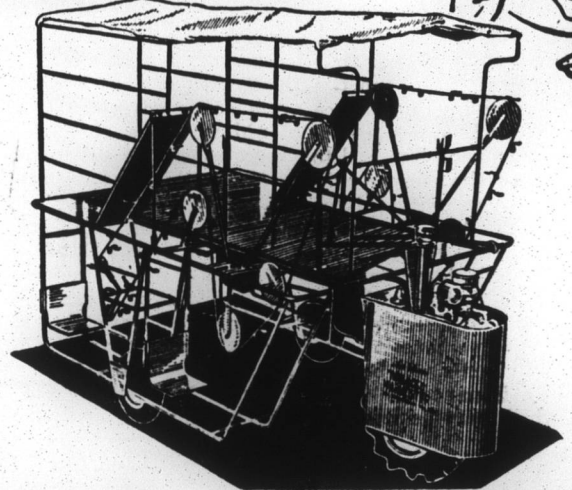
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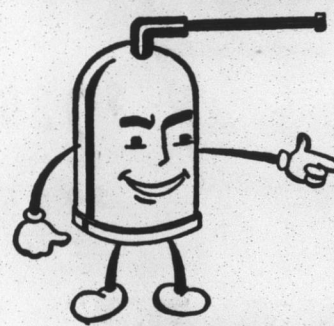
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