

# W. E. Bond Using Irrigation System For Thirsty Crops

## Outfit Timely and Proving Valuable on Farm

W. E. Bond, a farmer of the Edenton area of Chowan County, got his irrigation outfit in a most appropriate time. The recent dry weather which has come upon this area has made the use of it a most welcomed farm practice.

Mr. Bond remembers well the drought of 1953. The losses which he was forced to take because of the lack of water made an indelible imprint upon his memory. Come 1954 his tobacco and market corn would not suffer a repeat performance—this was his determination and unchangeable decision.

Over the winter of 1953-54 he began a course of action. Plans were initiated. Fields for supplemental irrigation were selected. Topographic surveys were made. Infiltration rates were determined for the soils to be irrigated. The necessary maps were made and water reservoir facilities investigated. Finally an irrigation system tailored to meet his needs was designed.

The irrigation outfit was purchased—but difficulties in getting a reservoir excavated began to arise. One dragline dredge mired down in the swamp and then was moved out without moving a shovel of dirt. The next dragline contractor completed the job but found the going exceedingly rough. Stumps—big stumps—and submerged and buried logs 4 feet in diameter had to be extricated. Nevertheless, the job was done and a pond 1/10 of an acre in size was ready for use.

Mr. Bond's tobacco plants were ready too. They were set on twelve acres of land. Several acres of snap beans were also ready or located on a field adjacent to the pumping station.

No rains were coming. The soil was dry. Water—precious water—was the limiting factor. Those tobacco plants needed it for sufficient survival. The snaps had a side application of fertilizer but couldn't use it—no rain came to make it soluble and available as plant-food.

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TEXT: "Truth may not be stranger than fiction; it is more disconcerting." — Anon.

An old bachelor surprised his friends and married. A few months later the bridegroom was visiting among his former companions when one of them asked,

"John, tell us about this marryin' business. Jes' what kind of a match did you make?"

"Well," John replied, "I didn't do as well as I expected." He paused and thought a moment. "And to tell you the truth, I don't think she did, either."

Rare is the individual who is able to look at himself and see his own shortcomings. More rare is the one who will admit them. Someone once wrote, "If we saw ourselves as others see us, we wouldn't believe it." Yet, it is after a truthful weighing of our worth that we begin to grow. Too often we hold to a dream of our perfection and refuse to admit our faults. We say, smugly, that we know we are not perfect, but secretly we think we walk near the head of the parade.

An honest moment before a mental mirror now and then, will bring a most fitting sense of humility. The reflection we see will make us more tolerant of others, too.

By now—at last—and in the nick of time the pond had filled with that priceless water and the pump was in place. With the touch of the starter the motor was rotating and the pump was at work. Rain!—No, but water was on its way to quench the thirst of Mr. Bond's tobacco plant roots and to set his snapbeans to accelerated

growth on the fertilizer that could now be assimilated.

Mr. Bond's plans were now transformed into reality. Rain from automatic, whirling sprinklers was something that he could see and feel. Supplemental irrigation was no longer something to dream about but an actual fact on his farm.

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The pay off would come with the use of this new water conservation practice. Mr. Bond hopes, of course, that its use will not be necessary. However, in its use, when needed, he expects to be rewarded for his efforts and enterprise.

Technicians of the Soil Conservation Service working with the Albemarle Soil Conservation District assisted Mr. Bond in his new venture. The irrigation system was designed, according to R. C. Jordan, Chowan Soil Conservationist, to meet the particular soil conditions on the Bond farm and for an area of twenty-five acres.

## You Can Enjoy Coffee Say State Specialists

With the price of coffee soaring, you may have been wondering just how you can make the same amount of coffee yield more cups.

Virginia Wilson and Jewell Fessenden, State College nutritionists, say that the answer is to let no coffee go to waste. Make only the amount of coffee the family will drink at a meal and make it good. They add that using coffee substitutes or the same grounds more than once will give you something hot to drink, but will lack the full-bodied flavor and aroma of good coffee.

For best results with your coffee making, follow these suggestions: (1) Buy good coffee—that is the brand that suits your taste. Finely ground coffee makes a richer, stronger beverage than more coarsely ground coffee. For coffee at its best, but only small quantities at a time, and keep it in air tight containers and use it before it becomes stale.

(2) Keep your coffee maker absolutely clean. Miss Wilson and Mrs. Fessenden point out that more coffee results from failure to keep your coffee pot absolutely clean than from any other one factor. Wash your coffee maker thoroughly right after use. It will also be easier to keep out stale odors and flavors if you wash with clean, soapy hot water and then rinse thoroughly.


(3) Use water that is freshly drawn and boiled for making coffee. Water that has stood or boiled too long gives coffee a flat taste. Measure coffee

and water you use if you want good coffee the way you like it every time. For weak coffee, use one level teaspoon coffee for 1/2 cup water; for medium coffee, use two level teaspoons coffee for each 1/2 cup of water; and for strong coffee, use three level tablespoons for each 1/2 cup water. Adding just a pinch of salt will also lend a mellowness to your coffee.

**Embarrassing!**

Leaving his coat and hat downstairs, he quietly opened the drawing room door, where the buzz of voices announced the presence of company. Dropping on his hands and knees, he entered, making funny noises distinctly resembling the braying of a donkey. Aware of a dead silence, he looked up and found the guests assembled for an 8 o'clock dinner regarding him with disgust not unmixed with alarm.

The children's party was next door.



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