SOIL CONSERVATION NEWS

By JAMES H. GRIFFIN, Soil Conservationist

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Chowan County farmers have again accepted tile drainage as one of their major projects this spring. About 3,500 feet of 6-inch drainage tile has been ordered by about 20 farmers in Chowan County. Carroll Byrum installed 3,700 feet of 6-inch drainage tile in January. Mr. Byrum reports that this tile is doing his job very well.

Claude Small, Jr., tried 1,000 feet of 6-inch drainage tile in early January. He reports that his tile is doing a very good job and he wants to start early this fall in installing some more tile on the farm he lives on. He says that after a rain that the water disappears in the low bottom where he installed the tile almost immediately. Before installing the drain tile water stood in the field after every rain and caused a hardship on him in cultivating this fertile bottom land. This bottom was in the middle of his cultivated field and when one end of the field was dry enough to plow, the other end was too wet.

Drainage tile seems to have solved his problem. Mr. Small put 3 tons of crushed rock over the tile in the lowest spot of the bottom. This crushed rock facilitates the drainage of this field. Other farmers have reported similar good results with drainage tile.

Gilliam Wood is installing 7,700 feet of 6-inch drain tile on the Hayes farm. A dragline is constructing the open outlet drainage ditches now to provide outlets for the tile drainage system. Mr. Wood says that he has never seen the Hayes farm so wet as it is now in these bottoms on the farm. These bottoms are causing him considerable concern in cultivating his land. Part of the field is dry enough to plow and plant and the other part is too wet. He has found that these bottoms do not generally produce good stands when we have a wet spring as we are having now. Also, Mr. Wood feels that the money he spends on drainage is well spent toward producing a good crop. Other farmers have made a similar statement concerning drainage. The tile drainage machine started installing the tile Tuesday of this week.

Dr. H. E. Nixon of Elizabeth City has started a drainage improvement program on his farm in Chowan County. His farm is located near Carroll Byrum's farm. The existing outlet ditches on his farm are completely filled up with silt from a slight sheet erosion problem he has on the farm. A complete open ditch drainage system is planned for the farm and construction was started Tuesday of this week. Dr. Nixon has just become a district cooperator with the Albemarle Soil Conservation District. A soil survey will be made of his farm and a soil and water conservation plan prepared in cooperation with the district. The plan will include the new drainage system, crop rotations to prevent sheet erosion, woodland conservation, pastures, sod waterway and other conservations that are needed to improve the farm and increase income.

T. O. Asbell of Center Hill is leasing Dr. Nixon's farm now and suggested a soil and water conservation plan to Dr. Nixon.

Farmers who need drainage work should request it early in order to get the best plan drainage system possible. Soil Conservation Service technicians are prepared and ready to render service to district cooperators and others in the Albemarle Soil Conservation District.

Solves Problem For Water Pond

Marvin Jackson of Edenton has found that it is not necessary to have a muddy stock-watering pond. He dug a livestock watering pond in 1955 as part of his soil and water conservation plan with the Albemarle Soil Conservation District.

After the pond was dug the clay particles did not settle as expected and his cattle did not like the muddy water. Something had to be done and Mr. Jackson is a man who will seek out information. In the meantime a gasoline motor and pump was set up temporarily beside the pond. This method served until a solution to the problem was found.

Mr. Jackson put 400 pounds of land plaster or agricultural gypsum in his 0.1 acre watering pond. He says that the pond cleared up almost over night and now the bottom can be seen even in the deepest part of the pond (10 feet). The cattle seem to enjoy the water both for drinking and wading and the pond is one of the best sources for livestock water.

Gypsum causes the clay particles suspended in the water to come together and settle to the bottom, leaving the water clear.

Here is now to figure how much gypsum is needed: Calculate the acre-feet by multiplying the surface area of the pond in acres by one-third of the maximum depth of the pond measured in feet. Apply agricultural gypsum at the rate of about 400 pounds per acre-foot of water in the pond. As a rough rule of thumb, 700 pounds of gypsum should be enough to treat the average one-half acre pond. For small ponds, gypsum can be broadcast by shovel over the surface area; on larger ponds it should be spread from a boat or raft.

This gypsum is not harmful to fish or other marine wildlife and because of the small amount used will not affect the water for irrigational purposes or livestock drinking water.

Negro Home Demonstration News

By MRS. ONNIE S. CHARLTON, Negro Home Demonstration Agent

The sixteenth annual State Council meeting of Negro Home Demonstration Clubs will be held in Raleigh at the Memorial Auditorium Wednesday, March 26, at 10:30 A. M. The theme is "Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World." The principal speaker will be Mrs. Harry B. Caldwell of the North Carolina State Grange. In the afternoon movie slides will be shown, giving some of the homemaking achievements made by the different counties in 1957. We would like to have a large delegation attending from Chowan County.

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Saturday, eighteen Junior 4-H Club girls, carrying Clothing as a project, met at the office for a training school. Each girl was given her unit requirements for project credit. We then gave the beginners a demonstration on how to make a sturdy sewing box and equipment needed in their sewing box. These girls will meet again March 29, bringing their equipped sewing box and first article for sewing in their unit. Four-H Leaders will help supervise the girls in their respective neighborhoods. Those present were: Lillie Blount, Jean Hall, Sarah Carter, Doris Perry, Ruby Simons, Ernestine Williams, Delois Guy, Rosa Gregory, Della Brown, Yvonne Reddick, Lois Carter, Brenda Johnson, Donnelle Blount, Carrie Harrell, Carolyn Moore, Esther Nixon, Roberta Jernigan and Rosa Nixon.

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Two very interesting and helpful Health films were shown at the meeting of the County Home Demonstration Council Saturday. They were "Life Insurance" which brought out the importance of getting a complete physical examination each year and "Cancer Facts For Women." Club officers will make reports in their respective home demonstration club meetings on the films.

The following Council officers were elected to serve 1958 and 1959: President, Mrs. Mable Jordan; vice president, Mrs. Martha Ruth Carter; secretary, Mrs. Pattie Fayton; assistant secretary, Mrs. Mattie Bonner, and treasurer, Mrs. Rosa Overton.

WASHINGTON REPORT

Washington—"If my critics are saying we are doing too much for farmers, I must take issue."

Believe it or not, but the person who made that statement was Secretary of Agriculture Benson.

I don't think anybody will disagree with what the befuddled Benson said in this particular instance, but it has taken him a long time to see the light.

The statement was made in an attempt to refute charges that Benson has unnecessarily run up the cost of operating the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Of course the Secretary got indignant when such a thing was suggested. I suppose he figured he'd rise up on his hind legs and let the world know that more ought to be done for farmers.

On the other hand, considering what he has done—and deliberately—to destroy the farm program, it is hard to believe he would make such a statement.

In fact, the whole purpose of the Benson farm plan is to give less and less assistance to farmers.

In order to help stop the Benson plan for lower and lower farm prices, the Senate Agriculture Committee last week voted overwhelmingly to turn down, in effect, the new Benson-Eisenhower farm price program. Benson and the President have asked Congress to give the Secretary of Agriculture authority to make additional sharp reductions in the price support level.

It is obvious that there is very little support for such proposals in Congress. When the Senate committee voted last week, only three committee members—of a total of 15 members—voted against a resolution that would freeze all price supports at the 1957 level for this crop year.

Until this year, the Senate Agriculture Committee has been almost evenly divided on the Benson farm price program. The fact that only three members of the committee are still willing to go along with the Administration on its farm price support proposals is evidence enough that Benson and his policies are steadily losing favor.

There is no way of knowing how long the Secretary and the President will refuse to face facts about their policies, but Congress doesn't seem to be in any mood to listen to their proposals any more.

Instead, Congress is going about its own business of writing a new farm price support program. Whether or not it will be the answer, there is no way of knowing. But one thing is sure: it will be an improvement over what we have now.

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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Johnson of Halifax, N. C., announce the birth of their second child and first son, Edward Franklin, born March 4, in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital. Mrs. Johnson is the former Miss Virginia Downing of Route 2, Edenton.

Legal Notice

North Carolina,
Chowan County.

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of T. W. Jones, deceased, late of Chowan County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before March 14, 1959, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 13th day of March, 1958.
ELSIE G. JONES,
Administratrix,
Edenton, N. C.
Mar13,20,27,Apr3,10,17c

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the authority conferred upon the undersigned by order made by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Chowan County, North Carolina, in the special proceeding entitled, "Gilbert R. Hare and wife, Lorene B. Hare, Edward J. Hare and wife, Myrtle W. Hare, Petitioners, vs. Lillie H. Dixon and husband, Charlie T. Dixon, Cornelia H. Perry and husband, Claude Perry, Defendants," the undersigned Commissioner will offer for sale at public biddings, for cash, to the highest bidder at the Court House door in Chowan County, North Carolina, at 11:30 A. M., on Wednesday, April 16, 1958, the real estate in Third Township, Chowan County, North Carolina, to-wit:

Beginning at a point, a chopped gum at the Northwest corner of Cornelia Hare Perry's lands; thence North 16 deg. East 818 feet along K. R. Hare's line to a chopped white oak, Twine corner; thence South 66 deg. 15 min. East 1307 feet along J. Parker line to a chopped hickory; thence South 71 deg. 45 min. East 1262 feet along J. Forehand line to an iron stob in center of swamp; thence South 17 deg. West along run of said swamp 1380 feet, more or less, to a stake, Southeast corner of Cornelia Hare Perry lands; thence North 54 deg. 20 min. West 2669.5 feet along Cornelia Hare Perry's line to the point of beginning, containing 60.3 acres, according to Survey Plat of W. Leslie Morgan, Surveyor, dated January 25, 1957, and being the same lands devised by Will of D. R. Hare, deceased, to his heirs at law, said Will having been duly probated and recorded in the office of Clerk of Superior Court for said County and State.

A deposit of ten per cent (10%) in cash of the purchase price will be required of the successful bidder or bidders at the sale. All bids will remain open for ten days from date of sale for raised bids as required by law. Purchaser or purchasers of the land will have immediate possession upon delivery of deed.

Dated and posted this 15th day of March, 1958.

WELDON A. HOLLOWELL,
Commissioner.
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ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of Julius Hilton Roberts, deceased, late of Chowan County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Edenton, North Carolina, on or before the 20th day of March, 1959, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This March 20th, 1958.
LILLIAN W. ROBERTS,
Route 1, Box 378
Edenton, N. C.
Administratrix of Julius Hilton Roberts.
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NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

North Carolina,
Chowan County.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust executed by E. L. Simpson and wife, Cenison Simpson, to Herbert Leary, Trustee, dated April 10, 1952, and recorded in DT Book No. 63, Page 400, in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Chowan County, North Carolina;

And whereas under and by virtue of the authority vested in the undersigned as substituted Trustee by an instrument in writing dated February 17, 1955, and recorded in Book No. 11, Page 239, in the Office of the Register of Deeds in Chowan County, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, and said instrument being by the terms thereof subject to foreclosure, and the holder of the indebtedness thereby having demanded a foreclosure thereof for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness, the undersigned, substituted Trustee, will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Court House Door in Edenton, North Carolina, at 11:30 A. M., Saturday on the 12th day of April, 1958, a one-third undivided interest in and to the hereinafter described lands situate in Fourth Township, Chowan County, North Carolina, to-wit:

All the right, title and interest and estate of the said E. L. Simpson in and to that certain tract of land known as the Sallie Long farm, adjoining the lands of Joseph A. Webb, and bounded by Middleton Creek and the Yeopim river and being the place where the late Jno. R. Simpson lived and died and being the same land conveyed to John R. Simpson by Moses Hobbs and wife, Oct. 1, 1896, and registered in book E, p. 22 Chowan County Registry, containing 112 acres, more or less.

Dated and posted this 10th day of March, 1958.

WELDON A. HOLLOWELL
Substitute Trustee.
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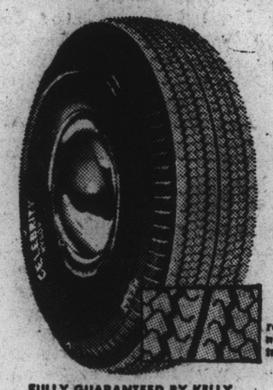

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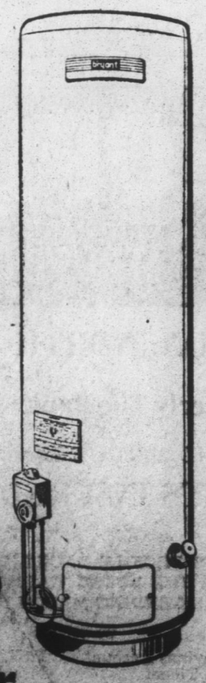

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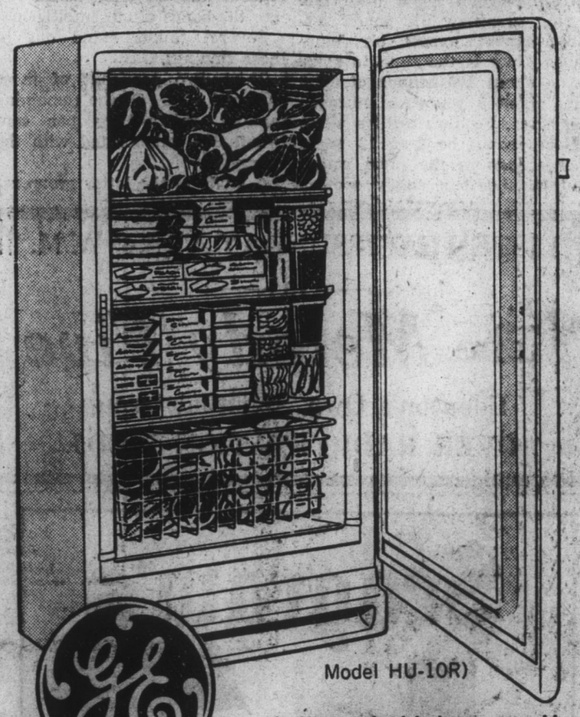

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