

SOIL CONSERVATION NEWS

By JAMES H. GRIFFIN, Soil Conservationist

Pollock Swamp Watershed
Monday afternoon, L. F. Thompson, head, SCS Watershed Planning Party for North Carolina, visited this watershed. The local SCS Work Unit Conservationist called in a flood-damage report to the watershed planning group in Raleigh as required. Wallace Goodwin, Sr., chairman of the local landowners, called in and reported the damages done by the 5.3 inches of rain Saturday and Sunday. He asked that someone visit the watershed and see the results of this rain. Mr. Thompson was quite impressed by what he saw and made photographs for the records. Monday morning the Work Unit Conservationist made photographs of the damages, too. Water overflowed new and old drainage ditches and in many areas flowed over fields, roads and the woods. On some farms, bridges floated away and farm roads were washed out. Public roads were flooded and washes occurred in many places.

Maybe the old saying "That a little good can be found in everything" should be applied to the past rainy week-end. It could mean that Pollock Swamp Watershed landowners will get their watershed project sooner. Interest and needs of the local landowners are some of the factors considered in determining which watershed gets a project. There landowners have both.

The State Soil Conservation Committee has given these people a priority for watershed planning and it's just a matter of time before work will start. Interest of the landowners in the watershed will determine when it starts.

Burnt Mill Creek Watershed
I. S. Blanchard, Route 2, Edenton, has been appointed contract officer by the drainage Commissioner of Burnt Mill Creek drainage district.

This small watershed project was approved on June 25, 1959, by E. B. Garrett, State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, for operation. Since that time, the engineering plans have been prepared by Soil Conservation Service engineers. It will be open for bids for construction of nine miles of open channels within the next two weeks. Public notices will be given and specifications for the construction will be furnished bidders. Interested contractors should contact I. S. Blanchard. Structural measures (canals) will cost an estimated \$34,734 according to the watershed work plan.

Conservation Farm Plans
Chowan County Supervisors have a problem on their hands. They have 118 applications from district cooperators (landowners) for technical assistance in preparing soil and water conservation plans on their farms and not enough technical services available to fill the requests. To add to the problems, district cooperators with old conservation plans are asking that their plans be brought up-to-date.

At their monthly meeting in January, the district supervisors decided to use what technical assistance available from the U. S. Soil Conservation Service for planning on a first come, first serve basis. They approved conservation farm planning assistance to Jimmy Parrish (two farms), Edenton; R. O. Evans, Edenton; A. R. Spruill (revised plan), Edenton; J. G. Wood (revised plan), Edenton and W. E. Bond (revised plan) Edenton, during January and February.

In March, they have approved technical assistance for conservation farm planning to Wilbur Hare and David Lee Hollowell, both of Tyner. At their February meeting, the district supervisors will approve at least two more farms to be planned in March.

At the January meeting, the district supervisors prepared their objectives for 1960. They plan to hold a woodland conservation field day about July 14 on a district cooperator's farm, sponsor the annual conservation poster contest in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades of Chowan County schools, furnish prizes for the FFA land judging contest and the 4-H soil and water conservation contest. Continue the monthly SCD newsletter "Northstar" and assist watershed groups in obtaining small watershed projects. Get at least two farmers in the county to plan and apply the needed soil and water conservation practices with all agricultural workers working together in planning and applying the practices. Soil conservation will be furnished to all workers by the district.

Conservation Practice Application
The Chowan County district supervisors met with the local ASC committee in January and worked out plans for handling the ACP requests in 1960. In past years, a flood of requests for drainage have "swamped" SCS personnel in November and December. The district supervisors feel that a better distribution of requests from the ASC committee is desired.

In 1960 farmers, requesting cost-share assistance from the ACP programs and technical assistance from the district and the U. S. Soil Conservation Service must first come to the local SCS office before signing a request for cost-share assistance under the ACP program. This system worked very well during the recent sign-up period. Both committees are working together in 1960 and more conservation practices on the land should be the result. Chowan County district supervisors have set a deadline of November 15, 1960, as the last date to receive a request from the ASC committee for service under the 1960 ACP program.

A. C. Griffin is digging an irrigation pond on his farm to irrigate tobacco. Mr. Griffin has conservation plan No. 481 with the Albemarle SCD. He became a district cooperator in September, 1954.

Thomas E. Corpew of Tyner, on Mrs. E. N. Elliott's farm, has installed 2,000 feet of six-inch drainage tile under the 1960 ACP program. He has conservation plan No. 581 with the Albemarle SCD. He has requested a soil waterway in March to provide a surface water outlet and to prevent erosion.

John L. Parrish of Rocky Hook community is planning an open ditch this spring. He has conservation plan No. 566.

W. D. Pruden of Edenton is planning a livestock watering pond on his farm at the Naval Base. He is a district cooperator and needs a conservation plan.

Colbert W. Byrum of Gliden community is planning to install about 2,000 feet of six-inch drainage tile this spring. Mr. Byrum installed 4,000 feet last fall without any cost-share assistance from ACP. The district furnished the technical assistance. He has conservation farm plan No. 471 which he has requested the district supervisors for technical assistance in revising his plan.

L. E. Francis of Edenton is planning to enlarge his irrigation pond this spring. He has conservation plan No. 74.

L. N. Hollowell of Hertford, who recently purchased the A. M. Forehand farm, is planning to dig a livestock watering pond. Mr. Hollowell is not a district cooperator at the present.

Marvin Evans of Bandon is planning to install about 1,500 feet of six-inch drainage tile this spring. He has conservation plan No. 553 with the district. He plans to use ACP-cost-share assistance for installing the tile.

H. F. and Carroll Byrum are planning to install 2,000 feet of six-inch drainage tile on the Churchill farm and 2,300 feet on the Garrett farm. Both of these farms were planned in December, 1959.

Jimmie Parrish of Edenton is planning to install about 3,000 feet of six-inch tile on the home farm. His conservation plan number with the SCD is 614.

Dedication Of Fish Hatchery In Spring

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brood stock of the species to be produced. "Progress on building construction is now progressing rapidly, with over 50 percent completion of the hatchery buildings and residences. It is expected that these buildings will be ready for use this season.

"Career personnel have been selected to staff this station. Probably some part-time assistance will be required.

"The President's budget for the fiscal year 1961 contains an item in the amount of \$173,000 for construction at the Edenton station. These funds will be used to provide additional pond and for catfish rearing facilities. "Your continued interest in the program at the Edenton National Fish Hatchery is appreciated."

Gene Ward Winner Jaycee DSA Award

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position in Rocky Mount.

He is an officer in the North-eastern North Carolina S & L organization, holds offices in the Rotary Club, Jaycees, Cotton Club, heads the Edenton Scout movement for the Rotary Club and plays a prominent role in other endeavors of a community nature.

He is the sixth winner of the Edenton DSA honor. Others include Jimmy Ricks, Luther Parks, Joe Conger, Jr., Gilliam Wood and Dr. Ed Bond.

The principal speaker for the program was Bob Cox, immediate past president of the National Junior Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Cox, as usual, was in top form, and made a very interesting address regarding challenges which face young men of today. He emphasized the retention of the individual's personality and striving for the greatest potential. He said it was evident all over the nation and the world that there is decay and erosion in individual personality. "We are gradually going more and more into erosion," he said, "afraid to stand for this or that, because we may miss a sale or save something that may make someone get mad at us. But a return to individual personality will result in rewards which are beneficial for mankind."

Mr. Cox was introduced by Joe Conger, Jr., and in beginning his remarks Cox said tribute to the Tenth District, saying it was the best in the state.

President West Byrum, Jr., was master of ceremonies and the invocation was by George A. Byrum. George Lewis introduced Russell Twiford, 10th District vice president, and Gene Ward introduced Al Harrison. James Perry introduced special guests at the meeting which included Mayor John Mitchener; W. E. Bond, chairman of the County Commissioners; Thomas Byrum, chairman of the Board of Public Works; Joe Conger, Jr., past 10th district vice president; Mayor Levin Culpepper of Elizabeth City; Henry Clay Stokes of Hertford; James Price of Aboskie; W. P. Jones, Harry Smith, Jr., Kermit Lavton, Mrs. Jackie Ricks, W. M. Cozart and J. Edwin Bufflap.

AROUND THE FARMS IN CHOWAN COUNTY

By C. W. OVERMAN, Chowan County Agent

The Time For Soil Testing has been here and is still here. Many of you Chowan County fellows have called on us for soil containers and information sheets, but there are so many, many more of you who have not made a move to have your soil tested.

Soil testing is the most important practice in producing crops. If you take your soil sample properly and give the correct information on your soil sheet, the Soil Testing Division will tell you how much lime you need, if any, the analysis of fertilizer to use and the amount per acre for the crops you plan to grow. It is possible that following a soil test report on peanuts, for example, may save you as much as twelve dollars or more per acre, as well as improve your yield and quality. The same thing is true with most other crops we grow.

In some states, farmers have to pay as much as five dollars or more per soil sample to have their soil analyzed. It seems to me that I remember seeing the report of one state in which it cost approximately fifteen dollars per soil sample. In North Carolina, this service is free to you farmers. Yet, a large majority of you will not take advantage of it. Maybe if you had to pay for it you would value it more. May I urge you to see some of your agricultural workers for soil containers and information sheets, take your soil samples and have them analyzed, and plan your 1960 fertilization program accordingly.

The Pork Cutting-Out Demonstration held at Bristow Perry's on Tuesday morning was most interesting and informative. Dr. John A. Christian, Extension Meat Specialist from N. C. State College, conducted the demonstration. Some fifteen or more people attended the demonstration, showing considerable interest and indicating that many new things were learned.

Dr. Christian demonstrated the proper way to make the first cuts on a pork carcass and then he showed the different individual cuts that could be made. He also showed how some less

desirable cuts might be made into cuts that are more desirable and tasty. He discussed curing mixtures and curing process. The control of meat insects and protecting the home meat supply against rodents and other pests were discussed.

We gave out to each attendant a copy of the U.S.D.A. Farmers' Bulletin No. 2138 entitled "Slaughtering, Cutting and Processing Pork on The Farm" and also a copy of Extension Circular No. 405 entitled "Curing Hams, Country Style." These bulletins are illustrated with pictures showing how to make the various cuts and how to do the job from beginning to end. There are some copies available at our office and if you are interested, please come by our let us know you want a copy.

Community Meetings got started off with an excellent occasion at Advance Community Building on Monday night. The ladies served a wonderful meal which was enjoyed to the fullest. Our program entitled "Working Together In My Community" was discussed and illustrated largely by Extension Specialist Robert Long.

Mr. Long showed the movement of community development in the State of North Carolina up to the present time. He showed slides and pictures of farm, home, community and youth improvement projects which had taken place over the state. Tuesday night, we meet with Oak Grove Community; Wednesday night, we meet with Gum Pond Community, and on Thursday night with Rylan Community. Next week, we meet with Yeppim Community on Monday night, Beech Fork-Rocky Hook Community on Tuesday night and Gliden Community on Wednesday night. We hope that you people will attend these community meetings, because we know we have something which should inspire you toward better farm and community living.

There is nothing more tragic in life than the utter impossibility of changing what you have done. —John Galsworthy.

Permission Asked To Move Monument

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pressed the hope that the Commissioners would act favorably upon the request.

Mrs. W. P. Earnhardt informed the Commissioners that it was definitely determined that the Court House Green was decided to the county. She also pointed out that the overall dimensions of the proposed park at the waterfront will be 40 feet wide and 162½ feet long and the base of the monument six feet square. The brick on sand in the plaza around the monument will be 60 feet long and 23 inches wide, giving ample room for various kinds of ceremonies. Grassed area at each end of the plaza will be 46 feet by 23 feet. Mrs. Earnhardt also advanced the idea that the County Commissioners budget an appropriation annually for use of upkeep and restoration of historic shrines.

After the Woman's Club delegation presented their request, Mrs. J. L. Hassell read a letter of protest which was dictated by her father, J. L. Wiggins. The letter follows: "As a citizen of Edenton and Chowan County I wish to reg-

ister my protest to your body on the issue of the removal of our Confederate monument from its present site on the Court House Green to the foot of Main Street.

"I am enclosing an article which I wrote several weeks ago expressing my sincere reasons against the removal of our monument.

"As one of the oldest living residents who participated in the erecting and dedication of our monument, and as one who has served Edenton and Chowan County in many civic ways actively for thirty-three years, I have always been on the side of forward movement for our community.

"Our monument was erected through the untiring efforts of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. These ladies procured the privilege of erecting our monument from the Board of County Commissioners at that time and elected to erect it on the Court House Green as the most suitable place.

"I do not think that the lower end of Main Street is a suitable location for our monument as in times of high tides this area is often flooded, the surroundings which consist of a warehouse, a pressing establishment, a one hundred foot or more water tank, our police

station and a large area devoted to big building are not complementary to a war memorial. Also, the small area between the two avenues of traffic is not adequate as the site for our major monument.

"I appeal to you as the governing body of our county to let our Confederate monument remain on the Court House Green where it was placed fifty-two years ago.

The Commissioners took no action on the request, but decided to make a decision at the March meeting on March 7. In the meantime, they plan to study the situation, do some research work of their own and investigate if they definitely have a legal right to give permission to move the monument.

A decision will, no doubt, be made at the next meeting, and the Commissioners are anxious to hear any objections at that time.

During the meeting, Commissioners also discussed briefly comments heard about consolidation of Chowan High School and John A. H. High School, as well as employment of an electrical inspector for schools and damage done to farms as a result of the heavy rain over the week-end.

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Town Of Edenton, N. C.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a SPECIAL ELECTION will be held in the Town of Edenton, North Carolina, on the 16th day of February, 1960, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of said Town, for their approval or disapproval, the following proposition:

PROPOSITION

Shall the qualified voters of the Town of Edenton approve the bond ordinance which was adopted by the Board of Councilmen of said Town on December 28, 1959, and which (1) authorizes bonds of said Town of the maximum aggregate amount of \$557,000 to finance the enlargement and extension of the sanitary sewer system maintained and operated by said Town, by constructing a new sewage disposal plant and interceptor sewers, pumping stations, sewer mains and other facilities needed to connect such plant with such sanitary sewer system and by acquiring the lands or rights in land and equipment needed therefor, and (2) authorizes the levy and collection of an annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds; and also approve the indebtedness to be incurred by the issuance of said bonds?

In the event that a majority of the qualified voters of the Town of Edenton, voting at said election, shall approve said ordinance, the bonds thereby authorized will be issued and a tax will be levied for the payment thereof.

The polls for said election will open at the hour of 6:30 o'clock, A. M., and will close at the hour of 6:30 o'clock, P. M., Eastern Standard Time. Every person offering to vote must be a legally registered voter.

The polling place which has been designated for each polling precinct and the persons who have been appointed to act as Registrar and Judges of Election in each such precinct are as follows:

FIRST WARD: Registrar, Mrs. Sadie Hoskins; Judges of Election, M. A. Hughes and Mrs. S. F. Hicks. Polling Place, Municipal Building.

SECOND WARD: Registrar, Mrs. Ruth Stokley; Judges of Election, H. A. Campen and Mrs. Haywood Bunch. Polling place, Chowan County Court House.

THIRD WARD: Registrar, Mrs. Corinne Thorud; Judges of Election, Shelton Moore and Mrs. Sarah Wilson. Polling place, Electric and Water Plant on West Freeman Street.

FOURTH WARD: Registrar, Mrs. W. W. Porter; Judges of Election, John Lee Spruill and Mrs. W. E. Mills. Polling place, National Guard Armory on North Broad Street.

Each Registrar will be furnished with the registration book used in his polling precinct at the last regular election held in the Town of Edenton (being the regular municipal election held on May 5, 1959) and he will revise the registration book so that it will show an accurate list of the electors previously registered in such polling precinct and still residing therein, without requiring such electors to register anew. Each Registrar will keep the registration book in his polling precinct open for the registration of new electors on each day (Sundays and holidays excepted) for the period beginning Friday, the 29th day of January, 1960, and ending on Saturday, the 6th day of February, 1960. The book will be kept open on each Saturday during such period from 9 o'clock A. M., until 9 o'clock P. M., and on other days during such period from 9 o'clock A. M., until 5 o'clock P. M., Eastern Standard Time.

Said notice shall be published at least once in The Chowan Herald, a newspaper published in Edenton, North Carolina, at least thirty days prior to the date of such election.

The polls for said election shall be opened and closed at the times and at the places, and electors shall be registered for said election in the manner stated in said notice. The respective persons named as Registrars and Judges of Election in said notice are hereby appointed to be such Registrar and Judges of Election and are hereby authorized and directed to register electors for said election and to hold and conduct said election as provided by law.

By order of the Board of Councilmen of the Town of Edenton.

Dated: January 12, 1960.

L. S. BYRUM,
Chairman Chowan County
Board Of Elections

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