

SOIL CONSERVATION NEWS

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Are you a cooperor of the Albemarle Soil Conservation District? If you are not, here are some of the things you will be missing. First, a soil survey map of your farm. The Soil Conservation Service furnishes your district with a trained soil scientist, Ed Karnowski, who prepares these maps. Each soil found on the farm is listed according to name, capability and treatment needed.

Another service offered through your district is trained technicians to assist you in planning the needed soil and water conservation practice on your farm. These technicians are engineers, agronomists, biologists, foresters and others you might need in preparing your conservation plan. The future is for those who prepare for it.

After you have prepared your conservation plan, the district furnishes you the needed technical assistance to carry out the plan. New practices or necessary changes are made as needed in your conservation plan.

Your conservation district was established by you, the landowners, within the district. It was established under state law, N. C. district law 1937, and is a subdivision of state government. Officers, District Supervisors, are elected by landowners once a year to run the district and carry out the purpose of the district soil conservation service.

Memorandums of understanding are entered into between the district and governmental agencies to carry out the district's conservation program. Such an agreement has been entered into between your district and the Soil Conservation Service, the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, SCS furnishes the district the necessary technical assistance for carrying out the District's program of soil conservation. Other agencies furnish assistance to the district.

Recently the N. C. Forest Service entered into an agreement with the Albemarle Soil Conservation District to furnish woodland management assistance to district cooperators in carrying out their conservation plans. However, N. C. Forest Service can furnish assistance to non-cooperators under their agreement with the district. SCS does assist ACP participants on drainage and certain soil and water conservation practices. Otherwise, you can not receive technical assistance from the CSC unless you are a district cooperator.

To become a cooperor, you make an application and are accepted by your local district supervisors. Local district supervisors are L. C. Bunch, H. F. Byrum and Joe H. Webb, Jr. See these men if you wish to receive the service available through your soil conservation district.

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



Washington — The Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights recently heard expert testimony on the constitutional rights of the mentally ill. The hearings demonstrated that our hopes were well founded that new light would be cast upon a problem that has become one of the most neglected areas of the law. My observation as Chairman of this Subcommittee is that after further study has been made of the testimony of eminent psychiatrists, attorneys, and mental hospital superintendents, it is altogether possible that an enlightened revision of the statutes governing the mentally ill may be made. Sen-

ator Alexander Wiley, a member of the subcommittee, aptly stated at the opening of the hearings: "The investigation pertains directly to the rights of a tremendous segment of the population. This indeed is the first time that the Congress of the United States has undertaken to look into the legal aspects of mental illness." The hearings brought forth statistics showing that "over 250,000 people are committed to mental institutions each year," and that "over one-half of the hospital beds of the entire country are devoted to the care of the mentally ill."

Legislation Summary — Presi-

dent Kennedy and the Congress have accomplished much during the first eleven weeks of the new Administration. The early part of Congress was concerned with the election of leadership, the filling of committee vacancies, and the disposition of rules procedure. Following this the Senate has passed the Depressed Areas bill, the Temporary Unemployment Benefits act, the Sugar Act Extension, the Feed Grains Program, the OECD Treaty ratification, the Reorganization Act, and the Federal Judgeships bill. All of these bills have gone to the President except the Federal Judgeships measure which at the date of this writing has been reported by the House Committee for consideration by the House, and the Depressed Areas bill which is in a Senate-House conference to iron out differences in the Senate and House versions of the bill. The Congress has thus far enacted four of the 16 measures for which the President has asked priority action. Five other bills have been passed in one or the other halls of Congress.

Foodhandlers School Planned April 25-27

Plans for a foodhandlers school to be held April 25, 26 and 27 in the Pasquotank County Agricultural Building, are announced by K. J. Eyer and D. G. Brown, sanitarians of the District Health Department. The school which will cover three days will be sponsored by Pasquotank-Perquimans-Camden-Chowan County restaurant operators, the State and local Health Departments.

This school, restaurant operators and health officials believe, is the answer to the untrained personnel problem and will act as a refresher course for the foodhandler having years of service. This will help both the employee and the employer to provide better services which the public demand and are entitled to. This short course of instruction, using films, lectures, demonstrations, exhibits and discussions will give the essential facts about sanitation, which should be observed at all times and in all public eating places. Invitations will be extended to foodhandlers employed in restaurants, soda fountains, school cafeterias, hospitals, nursing homes, private clubs, colleges, persons interested in summer employment at beaches, private maids, etc.

Some years ago most people ate three meals a day at their own tables. Some who were



DOUBLE TROUBLE — Identical twins Randy and Ricky Jones, of Dallas, Tex., fell into double trouble after Christmas. Each was trying out a new set of roller skates. Within an hour each had broken his arm.

wage earners or school children carried a lunch prepared at home. For most folks, however, to "eat out" was an event filled with excitement. Now life is different. The lunch pail gathers dust on the closed shelf, and even mama, grandma and the baby go out to dinner.

The day of public lack of interest in sanitation is practically a thing of the past, health officials point out. Restaurant operators realize that patrons who are impressed by restaurant cleanliness will return time after time to surroundings which please their optics as well as their palates. What does better foodhandling mean in terms of community benefits? First, it means better foodhandling personnel efficiency. Second, safer foodhandling assures stronger barriers to safeguard the community health. Third, a better foodhandling service creates a bigger and better community business.

Interest in what goes into the mouth of the general public has increased and the man in the street is being educated to believe that he doesn't have to eat "living dirt". "Perhaps 90% of all infections are taken into the body through the mouth. They reach the mouth in water, food, fingers, dust and upon the innumerable objects that are sometimes placed in the mouth,"

health officials pointed out. "The dirt you can see makes you angry, but the dirt you can't see makes you sick," they say.

Mrs. Inglis Fletcher Honored Friday

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toric homes and buildings is sponsored by the Edenton Woman's Club. Buildings will be open from 10 A. M., to noon and from 2 P. M., to 5 P. M., Friday and Saturday and from 2 P. M., to 5 P. M., Sunday. Other events include the showing of the film, "Ye Towne on Queen Anne's Creek", at 5:30 P. M., Friday and 8 P. M., Saturday at the John A. Holmes High School, an antique show Friday and Saturday at the Barker house and daily waterfront tours. Headquarters for the tour will be the Hotel Joseph Hewes.

Mrs. Fletcher first came to Edenton in 1937 and returned to make her home at Bandon (open for tour) in 1944, where her hospitality has become known throughout the state and nation.

Mrs. Fletcher was instrumental in promoting the first pilgrimage in 1949 and it was Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. Charles Cannon, who conceived the idea of

the Elizabethan Gardens at Roanoke Island. She was appointed a member by the Governor to the Tercentenary Charter Commission and is an active member of the N. C. Society for the Preservation of Antiquities, Roanoke Island Historical Society, Tryon Palace Commission, the State Art Society, the Colonial Affairs, the N. C. Federation of Garden Clubs, the Folklore Society, the Carolina Writers and the international P.E.N. Club.

In addition to being an honorary member of the Edenton Woman's Club and the Business and Professional Women's Club, she encouraged improvements to the assembly room at the Court House by presenting two oil portraits and was instrumental in saving the James Iredell House, which is now owned by the state and in the care of the James Iredell Association and the Edenton Tea Party Chapter, DAR, of which she is a member. Mrs. Fletcher is a life member of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce.

She has a vital interest in attracting tourists to Edenton and one of her present ambitions is to see a college established here.

Mrs. Fletcher has said, "North Carolina settlers were not common men and here in North Carolina the kind of democracy they sought to achieve has somehow worked out better than anywhere else in the world." Here in Chowan County and North Carolina Mrs. Fletcher has greatly contributed to the preservation of our heritage and to a better tomorrow for the state.

Trio Elected As Hospital Trustees

At a recent joint meeting of the Town Council, Board of

Public Works, County Commissioners and the medical staff, the following men were elected to the board of trustees of Chowan Hospital:

B. F. Bateman of Tyner was appointed by the County Com-

missioners. **Robert S. Atkinson, Jr.**, was appointed by the medical staff. **Clayton C. Hobbs** was elected by the joint boards.

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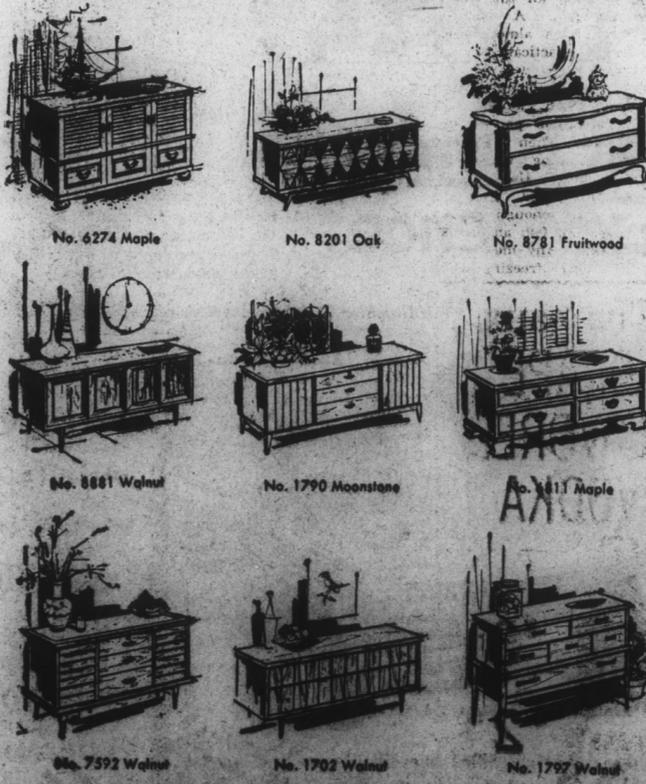


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