

# SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



Washington — The Senate has passed the Federal Aid to Education Bill (S. 1021) which I supported. The principal of Federal support antedates the Constitution and was established by the Northwest Ordinance of 1787. It has been restated many times in federal education programs including the so-called GI Bill of Rights in 1944 under which practically every veteran was eligible for education benefits. In more recent years Americans have seen a close relationship between education and national survival. This feeling was well expressed by President Truman in 1949 when he said: "Education is our first line of defense." Since 1871 several hundred bills have come before Congress to authorize Federal financial assistance for the general support of public schools. Five times in 1884, 1886, 1888, 1948, and 1949 the Senate passed these measures. In each of these years they failed in the House. Once in 1872 the House passed a similar bill which was not acted on in the Senate. Last year after both Houses passed the bill, the measure failed in the rush toward adjournment. No conference was held between the two Houses to iron out differences on the bill.

Bill—S. 1021 authorizes \$2.5 billions over a three-year period in grants to states for construction of public schools and

payment of teachers' salaries. N. C. will get an estimated \$33.7 millions the first year under the Senate bill. The funds are to be distributed by the state education agencies without Federal control. The bill went through the Senate without any major amendments. After long debate it was adopted essentially as the President proposed in his February 24th message to Congress.

Need—The greatest natural resource which America has is a trained, skilled, educated people. The tasks which must be performed to keep our society functioning in the space age grow ever more intricate and demanding. As a result we have unemployment due largely to an abundance of unskilled labor and at the same time we have a shortage of doctors, teachers, scientists and skilled technicians. All, I think, recognize the educational needs of this country. The Federal Government with its superior taxing powers collects three-fourths of all taxes in this country. This has made it necessary for the state to turn to it to help solve the educational problem which we face.

### Pushed Out

First Soloist—Did you notice how my voice filled the hall tonight?

Second Soloist—Yes, dear. In fact, I noticed several people leaving to make room for it.

## SOIL CONSERVATION NEWS

By JAMES H. GRIFFIN, Soil Conservationist

L. C. Bunch, Chairman of the Albemarle Soil Conservation District, announces that he will meet with the chairmen of the Roanoke-Chowan, Pamlico and Coastal Plain Soil Conservation Districts in Greenville, N. C., at 10 A. M., June 12, to make plans for the sixth annual meeting of the districts in November. This meeting has been held in Edenton, N. C., for the last three years. Each of the meetings were well attended with around 500 people from the 18 counties covered by the four soil conservation districts.

This annual meeting is rated as the best soil conservation district meeting in the state. Most of the business items approved at this joint meeting are adopted at the State Association meeting in January. Several other districts in the state have followed the example set here in holding an annual dinner meeting.

Mr. Bunch says he does not know where the meeting will be held this year but that one will be held. Each board of supervisors in the four districts have recommended that the meeting be held again this year.

### New Secretary

Mrs. Catherine McMullan has been employed as office secretary in the SCS Office. She replaces Mrs. Thurman Alfred who resigned recently due to illness.

### Dove Food Planting

Earl White is planting an acre of Browntop millet for dove food on the Hayes Plantation of Gilliam Wood's at Edenton. The seed is being furnished to him through the local soil conservation district by the Soil Conservation Service.

Mr. White has already seeded several acres of Browntop millet for erosion control and summer cover crop. The odd corners of

a field he terraced this spring has been seeded. Part of this planting will be used as a water disposal area for the contour rows and terrace.

Browntop millet is a summer annual well-adapted to most soils in the county, such as class IIw, IIIw and IIs, IIS. Seeding rate is 20 pounds per acre drilled or 8-10 lbs. in 2-ft. to 3-ft. rows. The row method is usually best for doves or for grazing cattle.

### Wild Soybeans

Earl White has a good two-year-old planting of wild soybeans on Hayes farm. These seeds were furnished by the Plant Material Section, SCS through the local SCD.

This vine-running soybean looks very promising for quail food. Seed will probably be available next year.

Mr. White has a two-year-old planting of Dillen's tickclover (Baggerward) which quail used this past year. It, too, looks very promising for use as a wildlife food.

### Canaan's Temple Drainage Project

T. O. Harrell, Edenton, opened sealed bids on this drainage project last Thursday night at the Post Office building. Low bidder was Richard D. Peele of Elizabeth City. His bid was \$2,950.20 for 4.5 acres of clearing and 14,515 cubic yards of excavation. There are 33 farms in this group drainage project in the Yeopim community.

SCS furnished the engineering services through the Albemarle Soil Conservation District. After the engineering plans were completed, the group applied and received cost-share assistance from the ASC committee through the ACP program.

Mr. Peele, contractor, plans to start work this week.

### Hairy Indigo

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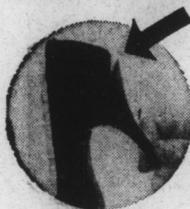
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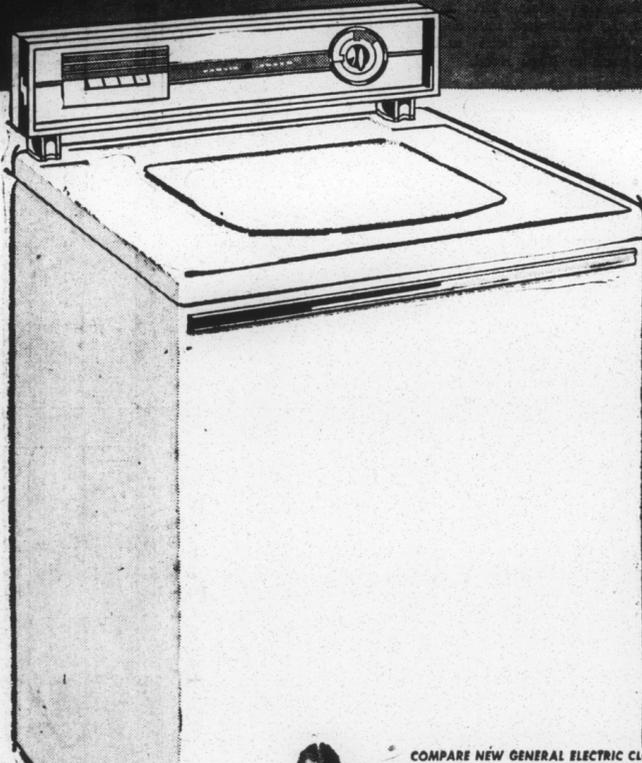
### Small Grain Harvest

Harvest time is here. Don't

be lazy and burn the straw. Any lazy person can do that. Be a man and leave the straw to the soil where it belongs. Yes, I know it will be a little trouble because you don't know how to do it. But SCS technicians, County Agricultural Agents, Vocational Agricultural teachers and your equipment dealer can show you how to do it and save you cash. This straw can save you moisture, help control weeds, slow down erosion and make next year's crop better, even help make the crop behind the small grain this year better. Fahey Byrum of Edenton, rigged up his planters last year and mulch-planted about 50 acres of soybeans behind small grain with very good results. Mr. Byrum says mulch-planting is the easy way and saves money by not breaking the land. Are you lazy or smart? Your actions in handling your small grain straw will tell your neighbors.

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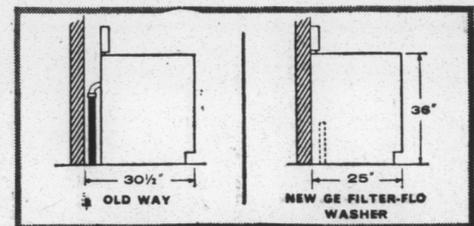
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