

SOIL CONSERVATION NEWS

By JAMES H. GRIFFIN, Soil Conservationist

Supervisors of the Albemarle Soil Conservation District met last Wednesday night, October 11, at the Chowan Work Unit office in Edenton. Chairman L. C. Bunch called the meeting to make plans for the Burnt Mill Creek dedication and ground-breaking of Pollock Swamp Watershed on November 16, near Edenton.

It was decided that the ceremonies would be held on L. C. Bunch's farm in the Pollock Swamp Watershed. His farm is located about 3 miles north of Edenton on N. C. 32 highway. The program will start at 2 P. M., and last, until about 3:30 P. M., with tours of the watersheds after the ceremonies.

The board of supervisors asked that the town of Edenton, civic clubs, and others be invited to assist them with the program.

H. A. Leary, Camden district supervisor, was selected to give the welcome for the Albemarle Soil Conservation District. Chairman Bunch declined because of a recent illness. Mr. Leary is the vice chairman of the district. Committees were appointed by Mr. Bunch to secure certain things needed for the dedication and ground-breaking services.

An invitation is being extended by the supervisors to the Cherry Point Marine Band. It is hoped that a short band concert can be held just prior to the 2 P. M. program.

Work Unit Conservationist J. M. Griffin and Chowan County Supervisors H. F. Byrum and J. A. Webb, Jr., were appointed on a committee to work with Chairman Bunch on the local arrangements.

Burnt Mill Creek Watershed
The final touches are being added to the channels in the watershed. A \$16,963.80 contract has been awarded by the drainage district for shaping the spoil, installation of culverts and surface inlets, land preparation, fertilizing, liming and seeding fescue grass along the channels for a roadway.

Waff Brothers of Edenton was the successful bidder. Mr. Waff is making good progress with a lot of the spoil bank spread and some culouts and surface inlets installed. Seeding of the fescue will start next week. This work is to be completed before the dedication of the watershed on November 16.

Pollock Swamp
"When are we going to start the construction of the channels" is the question asked by almost every landowner in the watershed. Many landowners have told me that they had to plant their crops over this year due to the wet condition and flooding in the watershed this spring. They hope that next year's crop will be a better crop with the new channels giving flood prevention and drainage.

Pollock Swamp Watershed has been approved for operations by State Conservationist R. M. Daily of the Soil Conservation Service. When construction starts is now up to the local organization, Chowan County Drainage District No. 1. Maybe it won't be long now.

The ground-breaking services for the watershed is scheduled for November 16.

Donald A. Williams, administrator of the Soil Conservation, is to make the address for this event. The site selected for the ceremonies is L. C. Bunch's farm

in the watershed. Mr. Bunch is chairman of the Albemarle Soil Conservation District as well as a landowner in the watershed.

Coastal Bermuda Grass
Another good comment has been made by a farmer about coastal bermuda grass pasture. Frank Ward, manager of L. N. Hollowell's farm says, "Coastal Bermuda grass pasture, if properly fertilized, will produce more grazing on one acre than any other pasture grass known to me." Mr. Ward made this statement to Conservation Aid G. A. Conner last week when he was helping him with a conservation practice.

Many Chowan County farmers who have coastal bermuda grass pastures have found out just what Mr. Ward said.

Edgar Earl Hollowell says his second year coastal bermuda grass grew faster this summer than his cattle could eat it. Mr. Hollowell farms the Oakridge farm of Leary Brothers near Edenton.

If you have sandy land and want a grass for cattle, try coastal bermuda. Time to start this pasture is March or April.

Legion Auxiliary Holds Meeting

Edward G. Bond Unit No. 40 American Legion Auxiliary met Thursday at the home of Mrs. Johnetta White with 14 members present.

The meeting was opened in the usual manner with Mrs. Mary Leary, chaplain, leading in prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and was followed by the treasurer's report.

A motion was made and duly carried for the following obligations of the unit to be met: Central Fund, Hospital Library, Day Treasury, Educational Loan, Treasury Bond, Veterans Thanksgiving, Band Association and Teenage Club.

A report was given by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. The unit voted to accept the Constitution as presented.

Various other reports were heard with the membership chairman reporting the drive was complete and the quota met.

The past president, Mrs. Lorraine Rogerson, was presented a past president's pin by Mrs. Lillian Holoman.

The ways and means committee discussed several money-making projects to be held in the near future.

The Auxiliary will hold its November meeting with Mrs. Lillian Holoman.

Harvest Home Day At Kadesh Church

Harvest Home Day will be observed at Kadesh A.M.E. Zion Church Sunday, October 22. At 2:30 o'clock the Rev. J. A. Sawyer, pastor of the Church of God in Christ, will preach.

At 3 o'clock the Rev. Andrews, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hertford, will preach.

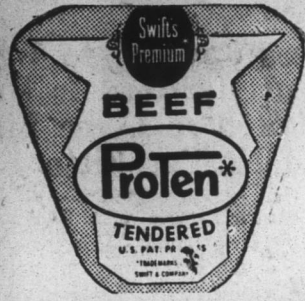
At 3:30 o'clock the Rev. John Trotman, pastor of St. Stephens Baptist Church of Elizabeth City will be the preacher.

Dinner will be served at the church at 1 o'clock.

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