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Grassed Waterways
Frank White, Jr., recently seeded several natural depressions in his field to grass for grassed waterways. The areas will be left in grass throughout the year for surface water to accumulate and run across without washing. After the grass is established in the natural depressions then the water can run down the slope without washing. Open ditches are used to drain water off of flat land where grassed waterways are used on sloping land. The grass prevents the water from washing the soil. Ralph Hollowell and C. H. Eure are planning to establish some grassed waterways on their farm in a few weeks.

Group Cooperation
J. A. Wiggins, Joseph Byrum, Beecher Ward and Mrs. Dorsey Boyce have just completed constructing a group ditch that will benefit the drainage of all of their farms. The group of landowners requested assistance from the Soil Conservation Service last fall in planning the drainage. We prepared a set of plans to cover the improvements involved and the landowners started to work clearing the right-of-

Town Council Adopts New Weed Ordinance

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men took no action until after a meeting with the Zoning Board. Town Administrator W. B. Gardner was authorized to advertise for two police cars and a truck for the Street Department.

Extending Moseley Street was considered and Mr. Gardner was instructed to investigate the problem of right of way and report at the next meeting.

Again the situation of Dennis Basnight was discussed relative to damage caused by the highway curb at his service station. Again no action was taken due to the uncertainty of the station or the state's right of way was constructed first.

Mr. Gardner made a project progress report in which he stated that due to some major unexpected problems, the new Municipal Building will probably not be ready for occupancy until November 1. All other projects of the town have been completed, he said.

The Councilmen adopted a new ordinance regarding cutting of weeds. The new ordinance requires owners in possession of any lot to cut down within four inches of the ground all weeds, grass or other noxious growth at least four times a year. The first cutting shall be not later than June 15, the second not later than July 15, the third not later than August 15 and the fourth not later than September 15 of every year. If these provisions are not complied with, the town will do the cutting at a charge of \$10 per hour with a minimum charge of \$5.00 which will be collected as in the manner for other city taxes.

way for the ditch. 1,890 feet of the ditch were constructed then and the landowners decided to wait until recently to construct the last 1,890 feet. The one ditch will provide an outlet for all the farms involved. One person could not drain their farm without affecting the other landowners. So they decided to pool their resources and construct one ditch that will solve all of their drainage problems. Preston Monds and Mrs. Georgia Toppin are also in the process of constructing a group ditch. Maybe you and your neighbor could solve your problem by constructing a group ditch.

High Cost of Living or Cost of High Living
Who's to blame for the high cost of living, or the cost of high living? Everybody points the finger at someone else, but economists at Virginia Polytechnic Institute can at least shed some light on the cost of food. For instance, cellophane bags containing carrots cost three times as much as the producer got for the carrots. The label on a can of tomatoes costs more than the tomato grower got for the tomatoes in the can, and the cost of laundering a shirt once is more than the farmer got for the cotton in it.

The matter of an appropriation for the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library was discussed. Due to a proposed new fire station, the old Municipal Building will probably be sold and it was the hope of library officials that at least \$15,000 from the sale would be appropriated for the new library. The general opinion was, however, that money from the sale of the building should go toward building a new fire station. However, the Finance Committee was instructed to investigate the possibility of securing funds in behalf of the library.

Due to present trash receptacles in town being worn out, the idea was discussed to secure new and more attractive receptacles. Mr. Gardner was instructed to investigate the price. J. D. Elliott reported on the progress of a new fire station and stated that Jack Pruden is now engaged in furnishing an architect's drawing of the proposed building. The Councilmen also considered a more economical plan for the town's insurance. Mr. Gardner was appointed as agent of record and instructed to submit a report on the insurance premiums and the protection provided.

W. E. Bond, Chairman of the Chowan County Commissioners, presented a request for the town to provide space for the automobile license examiner and social security representative in the present town office on a temporary basis. Mr. Gardner was instructed to investigate to see what arrangements can be made. The public have an insatiable curiosity to know everything except what is worth knowing. —Oscar Wilde.

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