

Chowan Golf Pro Fires

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 Two, don't forget to put your name on the sign-up sheet for the men's team to play in the Roanoke Golf Association. I have to have two 18-hole scores for each player before March 22. Play will begin on April 5.

Effective as of now, I will have a book on the counter for every member to sign before he starts play. The reason for this is so we can look at the book to see if you are on the course and about where you are so that we can get hold of you in case of an emergency. Also I need to know how many rounds are being played on the course for maintenance reasons so that I might get the course in the best possible shape for the number of rounds being played. This sign-in book could save your club and you some money.

The reason I don't want you to practice on the course is to keep the course in the best possible playing shape. If you dig it up by practicing I can't keep it looking as good as it should. I will be doing a lot of work on the course as it gets warmer and if we have to repair where players have been practicing it just costs us more time and the club more money. This is your course, so please help me get it in shape for you. Above all, please don't practice wedge shots to the greens. This just tears them up more and they are in bad enough shape as it is. However, I have lowered the mowers in order to eliminate

some of the bumps and they are putting a lot truer now and faster, I might add.

We are working on trees this week and hope to start some work on the traps next week. We would like to have a beautiful course for our members to play on, and you can rest assured that I will do everything in my power to make this come true. All members can help us do this by repairing ball marks on the greens (even if they are not yours), raking foot prints out of traps, keeping all papers and cans until you get to a trash can. (More cans will be placed in about a week, just as soon as they are ready).

Remember, your pro shop is always open, rain or shine. Please drop in.

Draft Questions

A. There is no way to determine when any registrant in I-A who is subject to random selection, will be called for induction.

Q. I was ordered for induction to report in December, 1968. My local board postponed my induction until February, 1970. Does the lottery affect me?

A. No. Unless there is some reason for your being deferred, you should expect to report on the date in February that the local board advises you to report. The lottery does not affect the status of any registrant who is ordered to report for induction, when the original reporting date is prior to January 1, 1970.

Farmers Offered Wide Crop Variety

By William W. Reid

Farmers in the United States can now select from 603 varieties of tomatoes, 320 varieties of sweet corn, 92 different varieties of cantaloupes, 82 varieties of lettuce and 39 varieties of spinach. Facing such an array of varieties, how does an individual farmer select the two or three varieties which are most apt to produce at a profit for him?

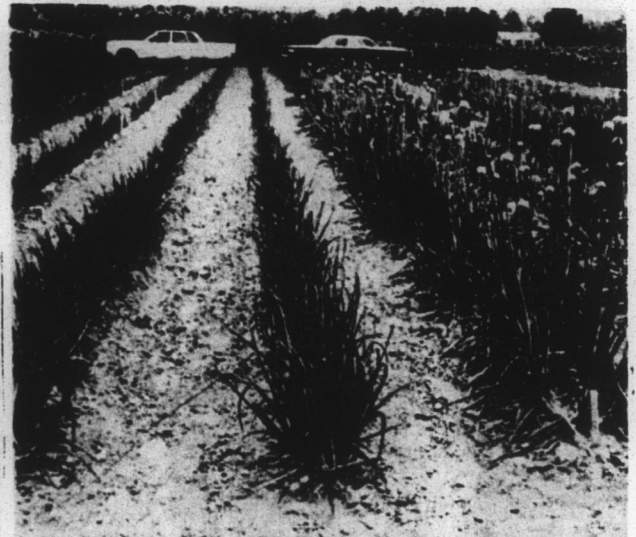
Obviously a grower cannot take the time or expense of evaluating this many different varieties. It would simply cost too much and take too long. This is a situation then where the Agricultural Extension Service of N. C. State University serves the agricultural economy of Chowan County in a direct fashion. Since 1964, investigations have been taking place on farmer's farms here in the county—looking for the best varieties of cantaloupes, sweet corn, watermelon, lima bean, onion and cabbage.

Because of the actual testing of new varieties which occurs on vegetable-growing farms in the county, the

evaluations made and the results obtained are more realistic and more applicable to Chowan agriculture. We are not now required to accept—for example—the results of agricultural research in Canada on a specified variety, but can turn to our own records for evidence of performance under our own conditions. This gives growers a greater assurance of production and profit when newer varieties show evidence of superior performance over those we have been producing.

One example of plot-work-testing occurred last year (1968) on Yellow Hammer Road when 24 varieties of onions were direct-seeded on two separate dates. The objectives here were several: (1) to determine which variety was best; (2) to determine the best time to seed; (3) to determine if seeded onions would produce under Chowan County conditions, and (4) to try to find another crop that farmers could produce at a profit.

On-farm testing is planned for 1970 with cantaloupes, sweet corn and watermelons in the Rocky Hock area. The possibility of using plastic and paper mulch for melon production may also be explored.



TEST PLOT—Onions at right of picture were seeded in the fall (September) while those at left were selected the following February. None of the 24 varieties seeded in February produced seed stalks, but size of bulb was relatively small. Heavy percentage of the September seeded onions produced seed stalks but, of those which did not seed, size of bulb was very satisfactory. Photo taken June, 1968, near Tyner.

Senator Sam J. Ervin Says

WASHINGTON—The public school system faces its worst crisis in history if the federal government persists in its course of destroying the "neighborhood" school by demanding that students, faculties and administrators be shuffled about like unfeeling pawns in a chess game.

What started out 16 years ago as a monumental Supreme Court decision against segregation in the public schools has turned into a growing nightmare of confusion in recent years. The federal courts and HEW administrators have required actions never contemplated in the original Brown decision. These have taken the form of "forced busing" to achieve "racial balance," the establishment of numerical quotas and the assignment of teachers to particular schools to meet such quotas.

For example, if neighborhood schools are not located in racially mixed districts, a decree is rendered compelling school boards to resort to geographical rezoning, to bus school children from one school district to another and to "pair schools."

The South, which has borne the full impact of these rulings, has learned that integration has been assigned a primary role by the federal courts and HEW. These branches of the federal government have created the feeling that education of children is secondary importance.

Time and again in recent years, school boards and taxpayers have felt the brunt of trying to meet impossible deadlines that the federal government would have difficulty in meeting if it were carrying out such orders. As a consequence, students and parents, teachers and principals,

school boards and taxpayers are constantly frustrated as they await the next ruling on the fate of their local school.

All of this and much more has been aired in the Senate recently as it has undertaken to write a new elementary and secondary education act. I have offered several amendments to this bill which I hope that the Senate will adopt, because I think it would restore common sense principles in the functioning of our public schools. I have urged that we restore to local school boards the power to administer their schools without impairing in any way their constitutional obligation under the equal protection clause of the 14th amendment. If enacted, my amendments would confer on parents the right to choose the public schools their children would attend.

It is ironic that Congress must again seek to resolve this dilemma. On three occasions since 1964, it has said in unmistakable language that "desegregation" shall not mean the assignment of students to the public schools in order to overcome "racial imbalance"; that no department of the federal government shall "require the assignment or transportation of students or teachers in order to overcome racial imbalance"; and that no federal funds "shall be used to force busing of students—or the attendance of students at a particular school in order to overcome racial imbalance."

In spite of these unequivocal provisions, we find the federal courts today requiring some of the very things forbidden under these statutes.

What Congress will now do is problematical, since much

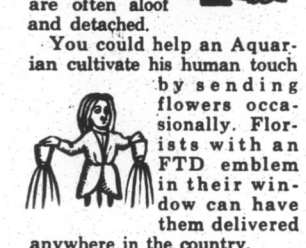
of the nation has not yet felt the brunt of these federal policies. In my judgment, however, it should emphatically state that we must preserve our public school system, and the "freedom of choice" method is the best means of doing this. For this reason, I shall press for the adoption of my amendments.



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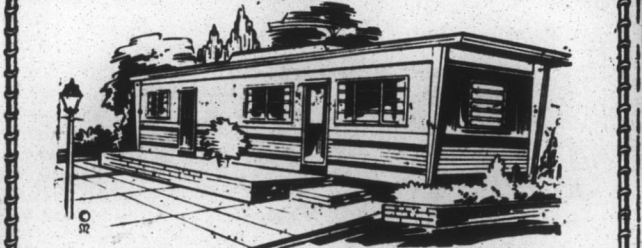


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A. Yes, both your wife and son can receive payments until he reaches age 18. Payments may be continued to your son until he is 22 years old if he is in school full time.

Q. Because I work full time in my business, I have not applied for retirement benefits. I'll be 65 in three months. I then plan to take my wife on an around-the-world cruise that will last several months. Someone told me I could draw social security benefits for the months I will not be active in my business. Is this true?

A. Yes. As well as being able to receive a check for the months you are not active in your business, you will be eligible for Medicare. To avoid losing protection, come to the social-security office as soon as possible to file your claim. Bring whatever records of age you have available and your last year's federal income tax return. Also, bring your cancelled check or other receipt showing the return was filed with Internal Revenue. Do this within three months before you reach 65.

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