

EXTENSION SCENE

North Carolina

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE

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Ownership of land is one of the most highly ingrained characteristics of our culture. Usually the ownership of large quantities of land is associated with great wealth, and there is generally a desire by everyone to own some land. Therefore, it is nothing strange when one hears a description of another's land as being prime land. Also, it is a common characteristic of most individuals who call to secure information regarding land rental rates to describe their land as prime farmland.

Within a general context I felt that I had a relatively good concept of the meaning of the phrase prime farmland, but recently when USDA's new statement of land use policy came across my desk, I had an opportunity to review the specific definition for prime farmland. After reviewing that information, I felt that it was important enough and a term that was used too often that perhaps the readers of my column would like to read for themselves the actual definition that has been given to prime farmland by USDA.

The general criteria for prime farmland is land that

has been the best combination of physical and chemical characteristics for producing food, feed, forage, fiber, and oilseed crops and also available for these uses (the land could be cropland, pastureland, rangeland, forest land, or other land but not urban built-up or water.) It has the soil quality, growing season, and moisture supply needed to economically produce sustained high yields of crops when treated and managed, including water management, according to acceptable farming methods. In general, prime farmlands have an adequate and dependable water supply from precipitation or irrigation, a favorable temperature and growing season, acceptable acidity or alkalinity, acceptable salt and sodium content, and few or no rocks. They are permeable to water and air. Prime farmlands are not excessively erodible or saturated with water for a long period of time, and they either do not flood frequently or are protected from flooding. Some examples of soils given by USDA that qualify as prime farmland are Palouse silt loam, 0 to 7 percent slopes; Brookston silty clay loam, drained; and Tama silty clay loam, 0 to 5 percent slopes.

With this definition in hand it is readily apparent that soils in this area such as Norfolk sandy loam is definitely prime farmland. Other local soils fitting into the prime category would certainly include aycock and marlboro. Naturally, the soils mentioned are not exclusive of some other excellent soils in this area.

There are numerous specific criteria in the definition of prime farmlands and some of

these include such factors as pH levels between 4.5 and 8.4 in all horizons within a depth of 40 inches or in the root zone if the root zone is less than 40 inches. Also the soils must have no water table or have a water table that is maintained at a sufficient depth during the cropping season to allow cultivated crops common to the area to be grown.

The soils must not be flooded frequently during the growing season (less often than once in 2 years.) The soils must have a permeability rate of at least .06 inches per hour in the upper 20 inches, and less than 10 percent of the surface layer, which is the upper 6 inches, in prime soils consists of rock fragments coarser than 3 inches.

Should anyone desire a copy of the specific criteria for prime farmlands as well as unique farmlands, prime forest lands, wetlands, and flood plains, a call to the Extension Office is all that will be necessary.



SOLDIERS
IN THE U.S. ARMY CAN SEE IN THE DARK INSTANTLY USING GOOGLES EQUIPPED WITH NIGHTVISION. THEY MAKE LANDSCAPES AT NIGHT APPEAR 10,000 TIMES BRIGHTER--ALMOST AS BRIGHT AS DAYLIGHT!

Union Chapel honors Retirees



The retirees are shown above from left to right, Mr. Sanford Locklear, retiring teacher, Mr. Wade C. Hunt, A special retirement dinner was held on Friday night May 28, 1982 in the school cafeteria. The program consisted of a special guest speaker, Mr. John L. Carter, with entertainment by Mrs. Dale Lowry and Mrs. Kathy Biggs. A meal was served following the program. Mr. Sanford Locklear was presented a with a gift from

principal of Union Chapel School, and Mrs. Cathie L. Locklear, retiring teacher assistant. The School Staff by Mrs. Sara B. Locklear and was presented a plaque for 45 years of service by Mr. Wade C. Hunt.

Mrs. Cathie L. Locklear was presented with a gift from the School Staff by Mrs. Mary L. Carter and also a plaque for 14 years of service by Mr. Hunt.

The Sunday School Lesson

A Ministry of the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association

AN OPPRESSOR LIBERATED
Luke 5:27-32; 15:1-7; 19:1-10
by Rev. Kelly Sanderson,
Pastor of Pinesy Grove Baptist Church

I invite you to read these scriptures in their entirety from the Holy Scriptures. This Sunday's lesson deals with a man who was an oppressor and "his liberation. As a result of his liberation, many oppressors were liberated from oppression. Zacchaeus was a rich man and he had reached the top in his profession. He was a publican, one who collected taxes for a foreign power. He added extra taxes so he could have the extra for himself. As a result of this, Zacchaeus' people hated him.

We can see in this lesson that Zacchaeus was very wealthy, but he was not very happy. He had searched for happiness in position, in wealth, but he could not find it. This is the case today. We have people looking for happiness in their jobs, political arenas, social circles, but they are still not satisfied.

Zacchaeus had heard about Jesus, the one who would talk and eat with sinners, and he was determined to see him. This tax collector was so determined that he would not let anything or anyone stop him. He did not let the press (crowd) stop him or his status. In many cases today, the unsaved cannot see Jesus for the press of the crowd. In other words, many say that "I am not good enough to be saved" or "I am so good I don't need to be saved." My friends, Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost. He did not come for the righteous or those that say they are. He came for those who need a physician.

Zacchaeus was so determined that he went where he knew Jesus was coming by. He climbed into a sycamore tree to see Him. Luke 19:5-6 states, "And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house. And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully." These scriptures let us know that Jesus is looking, and that He sees us.

But, if we are to be saved, we must make haste (Be urgent), and we must come down (humble ourselves), and recognize that today is the day of salvation for tomorrow is not promised.

After Zacchaeus received Jesus joyfully, he made steps to show all the community that he was a changed man. Luke 19:8-9 "And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold." This is always true. When Christ comes into one's life, the individual always changes. A testimony is useless, worthless, and careless unless it is supported by deeds that come from the depths of the heart. Jesus demands more than a change in our words, He demands a change in our lives.

So, if you want to seek Jesus, be like Zacchaeus, seek Him (Jesus) where you know He is coming by. Don't look for Him in a dance hall, a gambling joint, a beer can or a whiskey bottle. Don't look for Him in a political position or a social class. Let us look for Him in a Bible study or in a worship service some place. Seek and ye shall find, but let us seek in the right attitude and the right place.

Yes, we see Zacchaeus, an oppressor liberated by the love of God. All men can be liberated by this same love. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

This great story of Zacchaeus ends with Luke 19:10 "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." I pray that before you leave this life it can be said about you as it was about Zacchaeus that he was liberated. There is only one way that one can be spiritually liberated and that is to accept the Lord Jesus as his personal Savior.

The Lord bless you and may heaven shine upon you.

"It's the good loser that finally loses out." Kin Hubbard

LUMBERTON SCHOOL PLAN PROPOSED

Lumberton-Legislation is being considered this week under which the Lumberton Board of Education will return to the Robeson County School System an area which the Lumberton district wrongfully annexed in the past.

The school board unveiled the plan last week to return the Clyburn Pines-Country Club neighborhood to the county school system.

State Rep. Horace Locklear,

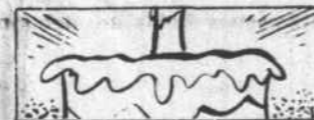
D-Robeson, is sponsoring the legislation in the General Assembly this week, possibly today. Under state law all changes in local school district boundaries must be approved by the General Assembly.

Dr. L. Gilbert Carroll, superintendent of Lumberton City Schools, said by returning the area to the county school system, Lumberton should gain approval from the U.S. Department of Justice

for other annexations made during the early 1970s.

"Most of the objections of the Justice Department were in that area (Clyburn Pines-Country Club)," Carroll said. Clyburn Pines-Country Club was brought into the city school system in 1970. The Barker Ten Mile and Lake wood Estates neighborhoods were annexed in 1968.

Last January justice department officials rejected the annexations as having unbalanced racial makeup.



When it comes to cake baking, shiny metal pans are best, because they reflect heat away from the cake and produce a light brown, tender crust.

-Vote- DALTON P. BROOKS

FOR Robeson County Board of Education DISTRICT IV

INSTRUCTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The purpose of this approach is to improve student learning; prepare learning materials; redesign courses and make instruction systematic. The intellectual base for this approach is the utilization of instructional media and the availability of electronic technology.

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Our administrators should become instructional leaders by creating an effective environment for teaching and learning; seek to improve interpersonal relationships; enhance team functioning and create policies that suggest effective teaching and learning. The bases for this improvement is found in the discipline of organizational theory, organizational change and group processes.



PLANS FOR FUTURE GROWTH

Developing administrative and academic long-range plans for future growth are necessary and essential. We need to know where we are and where we are going.

I propose an instructional improvement approach that would include faculty development, instructional development and organizational development. To assert ourselves for excellence, these three methods should be evident in our school systems.

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

The purpose of this approach is to help members acquire knowledge, skills, sensitivities, and techniques related to teaching and learning. The bases for this approach is found in clinical, developmental, and social psychology. The academic staff can make sure our teachers have an ongoing enrichment program.



Your Vote Will Assure That the Board of Education Develop Administrative and Academic Plans for the Future!

ELECT DAVID PARNELL
For N.C. SENATE

"You Can Talk To Him --- And He Will Listen"

Hoke & Robeson Counties



"CAPABLE LEADERSHIP FOR A SAFER TOMORROW"

-Vote- McDUFFIE CUMMINGS
For "ROBESON COUNTY SHERIFF"

- *Manager - Town of Pembroke
- *B.S. - Pembroke State University
- *Former Auxillary Police Officer
- *2 Years Police Dispatcher
- *Member Robeson County Democratic Party
- *Chairman - Advisory Board Pembroke Elementary & Middle School
- *Former Vice-Chairman - Robeson County Board of Social Services
- *4 Years Church School Superintendent - Sandy Plains United Methodist Church
- *Married, 5 Children



"COMMITTED TO THE WELFARE OF OTHERS"

Paid for by Supporters of McDuffie Cummings for Sheriff

Ever Great Church News
by Mrs. Leacie Brooks

VACATIONERS

The granddaughters of Mr. and Mrs. Welton C. Wilkins, Sr. have returned home after a week's vacation with their parents and grand parents. Mrs. Mark Kies and daughter Amy from Genevieve, Mo., the daughter and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Welton C. Wilkins, Jr., Mrs. Daryle Brooks and daughter Candice of Colorado, daughter and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewert C. Wilkins of Baltimore, Md. A dinner was given at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Welton C. Wilkins, Sr. A heart shaped cake was presented to them which read welcome home Donna and Amy, Stephanie and Candice. The cake was accented with red roses, green leaves and blue letters. Other relatives attending the dinner were Mr. Mickey Wilkins of High Point, Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Locklear and family of Pembroke, Mr. and Mrs. Welton C. Wilkins, Jr. and family of Lumberton, Mrs. Johnny Allen and Mark Allen of Lumberton, Mr. Dock Wilkins and Richard Wilkins of Lumberton, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Locklear of Pembroke, Mrs. Rebecca Locklear and family of Pembroke, Mrs. Gladys Jacobs of Pembroke. The other friend was Miss Robbin Lowry of Lumberton.

BABY SHOWER

A baby shower was given by the Allen family in honor of Mr. Matthew Brewington, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lee Brewington. The shower was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lee Brewington. A host of relatives and friends attended. Many beautiful gifts were presented. Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Allen for dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Eugene and family of Roanoke, Va. and Mrs. Harold Collins and family of Pembroke.

The lesson study foundation for the Christian family taken from Genesis 2:18-24 and Mark 10:6-9.

A three fold outline. Number one- origin of the family. No. 2- unity of the family and no. 3- sanctity of the family.

The Rev. Edmond Locklear, Jr. preached from St. Luke 14:16 Sunday. The subject was "Come all things are now ready." It was a wonderful message.

Please pray for Sister Margaret Oxendine. She's in serious condition.

Pray for all our sick loved ones. Also those who are out in sin.



Victor Hugo published his last great work at the age of 81.