

# Soil Erosion, A Menace To Farmland

For years soil erosion has been considered a menace to the welfare of the nation with emphasis on the damage to farmland. What has, perhaps, been overlooked by many is the damage eroded soil does to everyone, everywhere. As we clean our drinking water, as we dredge our harbors, as we watch our reservoirs diminish in their capacity, we are reminded of this problem.

that more than a half billion cubic yards of eroded soil is dredged each year from streams, navigation channels, estuaries and harbors at a cost of 40 cents a cubic yard. Cost of keeping it out of these places through proper conservation practices would be only a fraction of that.

Not only is sediment procured from farmland—it comes from building sites, along roads, and streambanks. Conservation work can reduce sedimentation by as much as 90 percent, according to the publication.

## Reserve Drain Studied

Senate Investigations have launched a study of U.S. troop levels in Korea and at home to determine if the Vietnam war has drained reserve strength to a dangerous low.

You can read more about this in a new publication of the Soil Conservation Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, called "Sediment - It's Filling Harbors, Lakes and Roadside Ditches." Ask your local Soil Conservation Service representative for a copy. He is Wilton U. Smith, work unit conservationist assigned to the Franklin soil conservation district located at Louisburg, North Carolina.

### OUR FABULOUS FARMERS

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### IN SERVICE OF UNCLE SAM

ELROY L. BRANDON

HAMPTON, Va.—Technical Sergeant Elroy L. Brandon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brandon of Kittrell, N.C., has arrived for duty at Langley AFB, Va.

Sergeant Brandon, a supply inventory supervisor, is assigned to a unit of the Tactical Air Command.

He previously served at Clark AB, Philippines.

The sergeant, who served during the Korean War, entered the Air Force in November 1961.

A graduate of Henderson (N.C.) Institute, he attended Willenberge University, Springfield, Ohio, and the University of the Philippines.

His wife, Evelyn, is the daughter of Joseph Wilder of Franklin, N.C.

### Drive-In Mortuary

Atlanta—Hirschel Thornton, an Atlanta mortician, is building an extension on his funeral home which will feature a drive-in window for people to drive by and view the remains of a friend or relative.

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## 1967, Wake Electric's Best Year

N.C. Brummitt, President of Wake Electric Membership Corporation, told the electric cooperative's members that 1967 was their best year. Over 800 members, their families and friends attended the annual meeting last Friday night. The number of electrically heated homes increased 46%. The average member increased his use of power from 454 kilowatt hours to 481 kilowatt hours with a drop in cost to the members, and 258 new services were constructed. System improvements were completed on schedule, capital credits in the amount of \$78,000 were returned to members and an additional \$10,000 was paid to estates of deceased members.

Brummitt said Wake EMC must take the lead in full development of the seven county area served by the member-owned business.

One of the highlights of the Wake meeting was roundtable on which Wake's director, H. L. O'Brien, from Granville County spoke on the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Directors. Manager J.L. Shearon pointed to the need for supplemental financing and how cooperatives work together; and William T. Crisp, the Cooperative's attorney, reviewed the application of the 1965 Utilities Act as it applies to Wake Electric and the other 31 EMCs in North Carolina.

The members re-elected J. M. Ferrell, Durham County; C.E. Young, Wake County; and Ben L. Husketh, from Granville County, to three year terms on the Cooperative's Board of Directors.

Mrs. Obie T. O'Neal of Rt. 1, Wake Forest, won the portable color television set and Mrs. Edgar Gooch of Route 1, Franklin, won the color console set given as attendance prizes at the meeting.

W.O. Fuller, retired merchant of Louisburg, serves on the Cooperative's Board of Directors and Johnny Hayes, grandson of Mr. Fuller and a student at Louisburg College, was one of the young people helping with various duties at the meeting.

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# ROWE'S MEN'S SHOP

## Carolina Telephone Rejects Merger

Tarboro—The following is a statement made by H. Dall Holderness, president of Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company, at the annual meeting of the company's stockholders held in Tarboro on March 22.

"On March 4, 1968, officers of United Utilities, Inc., proposed to the management of Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company that the two companies be combined by way of a tax-free merger. It was anticipated that such a proposal would be received and this fact was communicated by Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company to its stockholders.

"The feasibility of merging the two companies has been discussed by the managements of the companies and has also been considered by the Board of Directors of the Carolina Company at a meeting held this afternoon. The Plan was not acceptable to the Directors of the Carolina Company."

Rottet succeeds the late Henry W. Jordan, Jr., of Ashboro, and Lewis replaced E. B. Gammons, director of planning, who served during the past year. Lewis' election is in keeping with the company's policy of providing wider corporate experience for its officers.

Directors re-elected were: R. Russell Braswell, Rocky Mount, N.C.; Edwin P. Brown, Murfreesboro, N.C.; Ennis Bryan, Scotland Neck, N.C.; W.G. Clark, Jr., Tarboro, N.C.; Henry G. Connor, Wilson, N.C.; Marshall Y. Cooper, Henderson, N.C.; J.F. Havens, Tarboro, N.C.; and H. Dall Holderness, Tarboro, N.C.


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### Tests Stopped

Washington -- A spokesman for the space agency said test flights of the X-15 rocket plane would be discontinued because there were no provisions for X-15 test flights in the 1968-69 budget. The plane had hit a top speed of 4,400 miles an hour and an altitude of 354,200 feet.

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