

Roadbank Protection For Conservation Of Soil

Says Farmers Can Save Their Land

Farmers have become conservation conscious on their farm land, according to R. E. Dunn, Wilkes conservationist, but very little so far has been done towards controlling one of the worst erosion problems—that of highway and road cuts. These raw, unsightly banks are so commonplace that the average person accepts them as fact and does not realize that thousands of dollars worth of farm land is ruined each year by a condition that could be remedied if the farmers owning such land realize it. Part of the damage is caused by the gradual eating back of the banks into good farm land, causing fences to topple over into the road and generally creating havoc with adjoining lands, but this is only a minor part of the real damage being done to nearby lowlands. Have you ever noticed the many acres of fertile bottom land that have grown up in brush or are producing poor hay, the ditches silted full and probably not producing a tenth of what it is capable of doing toward the betterment of the farm? These roadbanks are not causing this condition entirely but they are a contributing factor. During the winter when freezing and thawing takes place tons of soil are washed off these banks down into the lowlands. Three or four times as much soil will wash off a given area of roadbank than will wash off an equal area of cropland during the same rain. Why? Because the roadbed is generally steeper and bare of vegetation. On the cropland part of the rain fall soaks in but on the roadbank the majority runs off at a high velocity, taking with it a tremendous amount of soil. Most farmers owning land adjoining roads with these conditions can do something about it with very little expenditure of time and money. The main problem is to establish some permanent close-growing vegetation. This can be done in several ways, depending upon conditions. One of the easiest methods is to obtain kudzu seedlings or crowns from an old planting and plant them in a prepared bed above the bank. This bed should be prepared by

FOOD CONSERVATION SYSTEM DRAWING NATIONAL INTEREST

The state-wide Food Conservation Workshop, which was held at Raleigh recently, began a movement which will carry safe and practical methods of food preservation to every county in North Carolina. Eighty-five food nutritionists, representing college, extension and commercial home economics departments, united to carry the message of food production and food conservation to every family in the State. Following the Raleigh conference, two-day training courses are being held in all counties; for block leaders in the towns and cities, and for neighborhood leaders in the county districts. Demonstrations in the latest methods of steam pressure canning, hot water cooking, freezing, drying and brining will be given. Every effort will be made to conserve, without food spoilage, all of the surplus fruits and vegetables that came from this year's crop of Victory Gardens. The food situation is serious, but the workshop conference pointed out that North Carolina victory gardeners can have a year-round supply of fresh vegetables and can easily can enough of the surplus supply to fully take care of the situation, if everyone who can grow a good garden, cooperates. Victory Gardens are not rationed and neither are the home-canned products from these gardens rationed. The unified program of North Carolina nutritionists is in the National spotlight. Several Government representatives from Washington were present at the Raleigh conference and they will present outlines of the North Carolina program as a pattern for other states to follow. The number of livestock is eleven percent greater than a year ago. Hogs and poultry will probably continue to show large increases. Growers are urged to conserve protein feeds.

DUKE POWER HAS BIG JOB

Today the steam-electric and hydro-electric plants of Duke Power company are producing one and a quarter million horsepower to serve war industries, military camps and homes throughout the piedmont Carolinas. The Duke Power company is faced with the task of contributing to the nation's increased electric energy requirements even though the company has already sent over 750 employees to the service. Despite materials and labor shortages the company is attempting to serve the people of this section as in the past 40 years. A statement from the war department sums up the government's attitude toward public utilities: Behind the front line weapons stand the public utilities. Power must be provided before a gun can be made, a shell turned, a plane built, a tank assembled or a soldier housed. Our army is dependent upon the public utilities and they are giving us the power that will help to smash the nazis and the Japs. "These companies, while preserving an essential core of power for civilians, are meeting the heavy demands put on them by the army and navy. Electric energy requirements this year are fifty billion kilowatt hours above those of 1940. At the same time critical materials like copper, zinc and aluminum and complex equipment like turbo-generators, are hard to get. But whatever the problems, they are making good on the job of bringing the production line up to the firing line." Mexico has a new war on tuberculosis-shooting courses in her public schools.

PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAM OF AAA GAINS DURING YEAR

More North Carolina farmers took part in the 1942 farm program of the Agricultural Adjustment Agency than in any previous program, according to figures supplied by H. A. Patten, state AAA executive assistant at State College. Records of the State AAA Office show that of 240,404 farm operators in the state last year, 228,240 participated in the AAA program. A total of 213,045 farmers participated in the 1941 program. Payments to North Carolina farmers for carrying out approved soil-building practices and crop adjustment measures amounted to \$12,600,883 under the 1941 program, as compared with more than \$14,000,000 in the previous year. "Reductions in total 1942 program payments were due to automatic elimination of parity payments. Chile is trying to establish tuberculosis.

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Loans may now be obtained on cotton stored on farms. It must be sampled and classed by the proper authorities and the storage building must be approved.

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Two thousand Pitt county 4-H club boys and girls have joined the victory food drive. Gardens, poultry, and hogs are the principal lines of work.

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