

Soil Conservation In Wilkes

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Mr. Roby Rhodes, of the Haymeadow community made a fine cutting of Alfalfa hay last week. This alfalfa was sown two years

ago last fall and is still in fine shape. If Mr. Rhodes keeps up his good treatment with high potash fertilizer, he will continue to get good hay from this seeding for several years to come.

Mr. Pedro Brooks of the Dehart community recently had the personnel of the Wilkes County Work Unit of the Tri-Creek Soil Conservation District assist him in staking a diversion ditch to carry

the water around a wet place in a bottom field. This is one of the many things Mr. Brooks intends to do as a practice necessary to carry out a complete Soil and Water Conservation plan on his farm.

Last year Mr. Roy Gilliam bought a good farm near Traphill, N. C. Recently Mr. Gilliam had the planning technician from the Soil Conservation Service assist him in preparing a land use map and plan on his farm. Among other things this plan provided a rotation of good soil holding hay crops and small grain on the better laying upland fields. Good pasture on the more rolling land, did a cropping system on his bottom land where by he could sow crimson clover in his corn when he lays it by in order to raise corn on the land each year and at the same time hope to increase his yields per acre.

Mr. James Pardue who lives on highway 421 near Clingman has a fine field of grass and clover on a piece of steep land laying along the highway. Mr. Pardue recognized the fact that his steep land was good only for growing a good soil holding crop and he is doing an excellent job of using it according to its capabilities.

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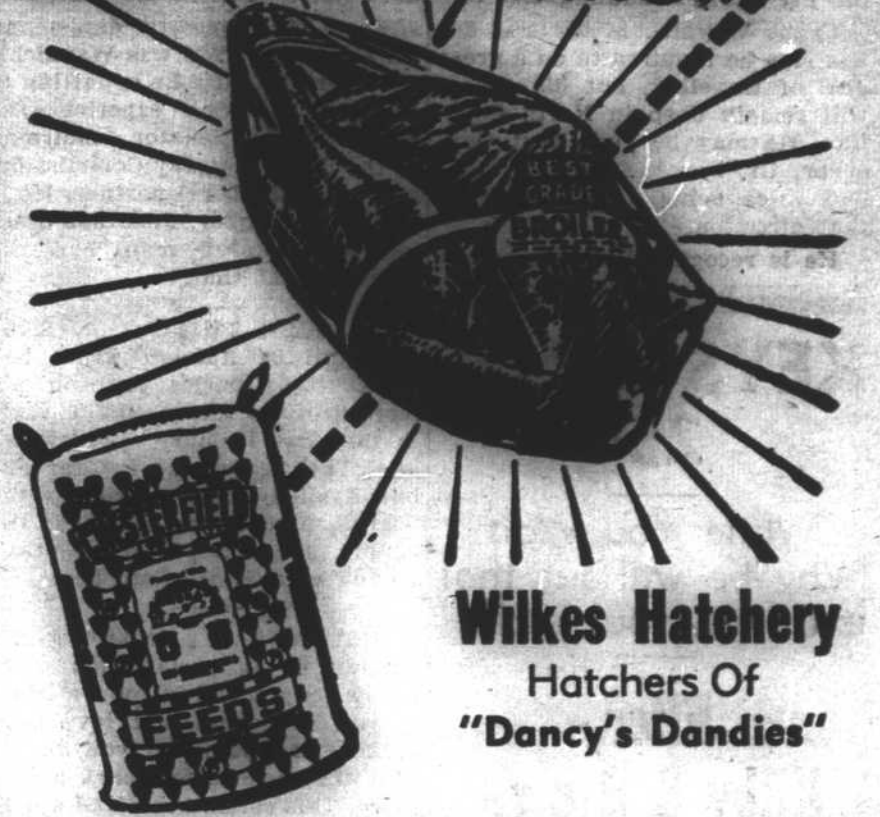


LOVELY SPANISH DANCER Pepita Marco is shown in happier days holding a picture of her erstwhile fiance, bullfighter Mario Cabre, whom she now calls a "hypocrite." Pepita, who became engaged to Mario 18 months ago in Madrid, stomped on his pictures and tore up his love letters as reporters interviewed her in her New York apartment. (International)

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New Taxes Would Hit Low Income

If all personal incomes in excess of \$10,000 a year were confiscated by Uncle Sam, it would barely give him the additional money needed to wipe out the \$5 1-2 billion deficit and finance the \$1 billion first year's cost of the new Federal spending programs proposed in the 1951 budget.

Since the nation faces a choice of submitting to higher taxes or reducing Federal spending if Uncle Sam is to live within his income, the Council of State Chambers of Commerce today pointed up some of the difficulties in increasing Federal revenues.

This study revealed that if, for instance, the Federal Government set \$50,000 as the maximum income that could be retained by individuals and took outright all income above \$50,000, it would get only about \$843 million more than it gets now from present taxes on those incomes. This \$843 million would be enough to run the Federal Government only one week.

Or suppose Uncle Sam called \$25,000 the most anyone could

have and took everything made above that figure. That would give the Government a little over \$2 billion in additional revenue. This is just a little less than the Government intends to spend on agricultural activities and subsidies alone in 1951.

But, of course, Uncle Sam would never think of taking such a big tax bite because he knows he would destroy all personal incentives to earn that much again.

The survey showed further that in spite of the high taxes on incomes of \$100,000 and over, Uncle Sam collected only 1.2 billion from 10,844 persons with such incomes in 1947 which is the latest year for which complete statistics are available. This total was only 6 1-2 per cent of all income taxes paid that year. And tax rates on incomes over \$100,000 that year ranged from 6.7 per cent to as high as 91 per cent.

On the other hand, 51 million taxpayers reporting incomes of less than \$5,000 in 1947 paid \$8 1-2 billion which is 48 per cent or almost half of the income taxes collected that year.

The Council said, "There is no getting around the fact that any additional burden of taxes must fall on the lower income groups. They have only two choices: submitting to more taxes or demanding cuts in present spending with a halt to new spending."

Mrs. Wright, 83, Is Claimed By Death

Mrs. Margaret Caudle Wright, 83, died Monday morning at the home of her son, J. L. Wright, in the Thurmond community. Surviving are her son, with whom she resided; two grandchildren; one brother, H. A. Caudle of Sparta; and one sister, Mrs. Tyson Wilmoth of Thurmond. Funeral was held Tuesday at 2 p. m. at White Rock Methodist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

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