

### Among Friends Of The Soil

This is No. 6 used for growing tobacco and the new string method of laying off rows was advised as a substitute for the straight rows on a mild slope. Terraces would, according to the technician, be needed, but would be broad and fairly flat—the ridge not steep enough to interfere with use of machinery in the field. Farmer A said he would accept the technician's

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suggestion about the terraces and contour rows on tobacco land.)

**BY FRANK GLOVER**

Technician. "I notice you have eye growing as a cover crop. That is a good practice."

Farmer A. "I'm sure glad I'm doing one thing right from the conservationist viewpoint. Most everything so far has been wrong."

Technician. "Oh, no, I've been looking at other things too. I notice you have in several places lespedeza or something left to be turned into the land. That's an absolute necessity for best conservation and for the most profitable crop yields. Organic matter—plenty of it—is one of the first needs for conservation. Land needs to be productive enough so it can quickly grow a good cover—the more productive it is the less loss of soil may be expected. And while all that is being done, it is putting money in the bank for such farmers who practice turning good amounts of cover crops and residue from crops harvested back to the soil. You seem to be doing this on most fields. Why not work out a system of cropping this tobacco field so it won't have to be in tobacco every year?"

Farmer A. "I'm not sure of a crop anywhere else. I can't afford to take a gamble on a whole tobacco crop, and I know I can depend on a fair crop here."

Technician. "The way I see it, you are taking a considerable gamble as it is. Pretty soon you may have had trouble with nematodes. They came root knot or swelled stem. This field is defin-

itely losing soil because of the high percentage of the time when it has no cover, besides the way the rows are now being run. Rye puts a little organic matter into the soil, but not enough for best conservation."

By this time they had walked across the tobacco field and stood looking at the one across the field ditch. The technician was looking at his photographic map.

Farmer A (looking at map also). "I notice your map is colored—one field in one color and others in other colors. Makes it look pretty, but what are the colors for?"

Technician. "I conored it in the office, following the findings of the soil survey. By doing that I can tell at a glance the use capability of each place. Now take this field in front of us. That field is where you could really get advantage from tile drains. Then it would probably make better tobacco than this other field. Certainly just as good. I would say put in a line of tile with a few laterals, grow your tobacco here one year and on the other field the next. It would be better to have a third field so any one of them would be in tobacco only once in three years, but the map doesn't show another that would be safe to use. What say we use some tile here instead of out by the road where you first suggested wanting some?"

Farmer A. "That's a deal. That is, if you can show me where it should go and how to put it in."

Technician. "We will do that if we can agree on these terraces and the way you run your tobacco rows back there. Here the rows could and probably should run about straight. There's just about enough natural fall and the land will not wash. You have a ditch here deep enough so that it will make a good outlet for the tile drains."

"Now that you are going to fix this field up for tobacco with tile drainage, let's see if we can figure out a good tobacco rotation or cropping system. Some farmers like to plant tobacco one year followed by a winter cover and corn the next year, while others like to plant tobacco two years straight and put in other crops for two years. Which would you prefer?"

Farmer A. "I believe I would like to plant tobacco two years with winter cover between tobacco, and plant other crops for two years."

Technician. "That being the case, how does this sound to you—Plant tobacco in this field next year, followed by winter cover, tobacco again the second year, followed by small grain and lespedeza the third year, followed by corn the fourth year and then back to tobacco. The corn will use up the nitrogen put in the ground by the lespedeza."

Farmer A. "I've been wanting to change my tobacco around but I never thought about fixing this field for tobacco with tile. I'll be glad when that tile is in the ground and running water. That rotation sounds good. I'll use it."

(Editor's note: Next week Farmer A will complete the planting on his farm, putting each acre to its best use and for treatment of each according to its needs. Don't miss the visit next week.)

### Bellamy Urges Civic Action On Waccamaw Plan

**Candidate Sees Need For Federal Aid In Development Of Eastern North Carolina**

Hargrove Bellamy, Wilmington wholesale druggist who is a candidate for Congress from the seventh district, recommended "united civic effort" in support of the Waccamaw River flood control and drainage project in his message to the Whiteville Rotary Club Thursday evening.

The Wilmington man reviewed the status of the Waccamaw project and gave his unqualified endorsement to the proposal for the construction of a canal to reclaim the farm lands now under water or too wet for cultivation. He urged that all civic clubs get together and back the proposal.

Mr. Bellamy voiced the opinion that Eastern North Carolina had been sadly neglected in the matter of federal aid for development and pledged himself to remedy the situation "if the opportunity presents itself."

Calling attention to the section's dependency on tobacco, the candidate declared it the responsibility of leaders and thinkers to promote, not only diversification in agriculture but new industries.

### Production Of Pigs Is Urged

**Department Of Agriculture Recommends 10 Per Cent Increase For This Year**

The nation needs more pigs. Growers are urged by the U. S. Department of Agriculture to increase production this fall by at least 10 per cent to provide a minimum of 34,400,000 pigs—3,000,000 more than the total produced in the fall of 1947. These pigs would be marketed as hogs in the spring and summer of 1949.

Officials also pointed out that with prospective smaller output of other meats and continued high consumer demand in 1949, an increase of even more than 10 per cent in the 1948 fall pig crop would be desirable. Individual producers having favorable conditions are urged, therefore, to expand farrowing by more than the 10 per cent increase requested as a national goal.

The increase sought in 1948 fall pigs, together with a larger spring pig crop in 1949 would help to offset the declines expected in the output of beef, veal, lamb and mutton in 1949, and to keep the total supply of all meats from falling below about 140 pounds per capita for U. S. consumers. This compares with 143 to 146 pounds per capita available this year and a 35-year peak of about 155 in 1947.

A more favorable hog-feed ratio is in prospect for 1948-49 than during the past several months. Prices of feed grains are expected to be somewhat lower in the 1948-49 feeding year which begins next October, and there is the further prospect that hog prices will continue relatively high.

### D. J. Smith Family Moves To Durham

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Smith are moving to Durham, their former home, this week. Mr. Smith's health has been failing for a year or more and this fact prompted their return to Durham.

Moving here about four years ago, Mr. Smith has been very active in the business life of the town, engaging in the real estate business so long as his health permitted. Both he and Mrs. Smith have also been very active in the civic life of the town. Their removal to Durham is a matter of general regret among Southport people.

### Mrs. Hufham Is Club Hostess

The Mill Creek Home Demonstration Club held its regular monthly meeting with Mrs. Helen Hufham. Ten of the fifteen members attended with everyone participating in the discussion on the "Finishes For A Dress" was given by the leader, Miss Corinne Green.

Delicious refreshments were served those present by the hostess during the social hour.

### AT HOME ON LEAVE

S. Sgt. Harold M. Holmes of the U. S. Army air forces, stationed at Bergstrom Field, Texas, is spending a 30 day leave at home with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Holmes, in Shallotte.

### Rotary Meeting Opened In Rio

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, May 16 (Special)—With an at-

tendance of more than 3,500 Rotarians and members of their families from Europe, Asia, Africa, the Islands of the Pacific, and North, South and Central America, the 39th annual convention of Rotary International convened here today.

Two chartered steamships and many special airplane flights brought 1,500 convention attendees to Rio from the U. S. A. in what was perhaps the greatest mass civilian movement ever made from North America to Brazil.

### FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

I am a candidate in the Republican Primary in May for the nomination as a member of the Board of County Commissioners.

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**I. E. REYNOLDS**  
SHALLOTTE, N. C.

### FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

As a candidate for the nomination for member of the Board of County Commissioners on the Republican ticket, I will appreciate the vote and support of the men and women voters of Brunswick county.

**LONNIE EVANS**  
ASH, N. C.

### POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

I am a candidate on the Republican ticket for the office of Register of Deeds, subject to the will of the voters in the Primary Election on May 29.

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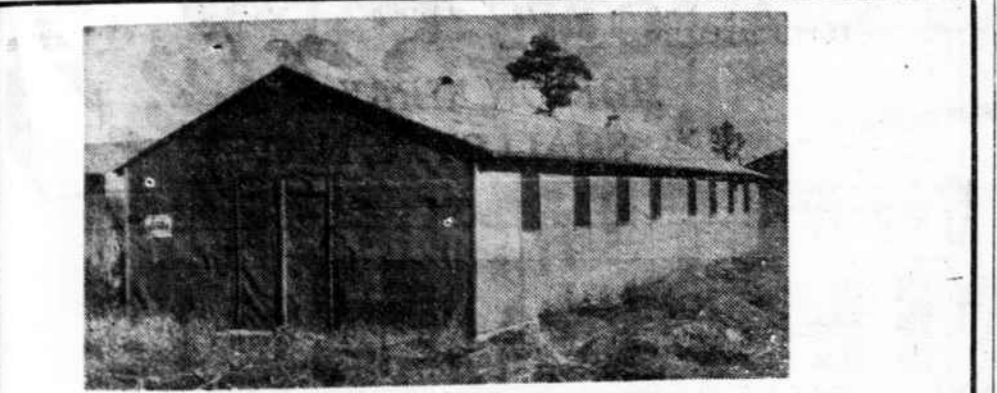
**B. A. RUSS**  
Longwood, - - - N. C.

### FOR COMMISSIONER

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