

## **Produce 'N Protect Campaign Underway**

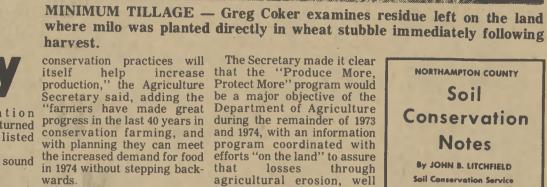
With farmers expected to heads the Soil Conservation sound boost food production in 1974 Service in North Carolina. by bringing several million pasture, the Department of Agriculture is giving top priority to controlling soil erosion on newly plowed land, it was disclosed today by Jesse L. Hicks of Raleigh, who



practices," on land returned He pointed out that to production, and listed acres into production Secretary of Agriculture Early several reasons why formerly set aside or seeded to L. Butz has urged "using "First of all, use of the several reasons why is the "First of all, use of sound



**GRASSED WATERWAY** on the Jesse Moody farm near Seaboard illustrates seeding in tall fescue for protection from erosion.



"As the Number One controlled in recent years, are guardians of the nation's not repeated as the demand natural resources, farm for agricultural commodities operators have a surges. responsibility to themselves and to future generations to Agriculture also anticipates cooperation use the soil wisely. The Secretary of Agriculture asked the Soil **Conservation Service** "to give first priority to helping farmers and ranchers with their conservation plans." He also called on the Agricultural Extension Service staffs to renew their efforts to demonstrate that "conservation farming pays, and is more productive" at a when increased time

production is needed.

Conservation losses through agricultural erosion, well

The Department of

that operators will be cultivating their land more Conservation District. intensively as they seek to increase yields per acre. "It is vital that we protect

emphasized. These include plowing and

stripcropping, terracing and land forming, grassed Most of the croptand on the waterways and field borders farm is sloping. This has waterways and field borders farm is places where water technique.

added

techniques, the Secretary with thin topsoil. Small gullies

"While there is plenty of difficult additional land in the U.S. In ord In order to slow down water that can be used for crop leaving the field and reduce production without erosion, Vincent has decided endangering our basic soil and to build diversions to break water resources, there are the slopes into shorter also millions of acres of farm sections. Grassed waterways and ranch land with soils so will be used, where they are prone to wind or water erosion needed, to provide protected that they should never be used outlets for the diversions. for crops," Secretary Butz Grass field borders will also ntinued. be used for additional "Such land should remain in' protection to the land. continued

or under other The plan is scheduled to be tive cover," he said carried out over a period of grass vegetative, cover, We do not want to risk several years. starting another Dust Bowl.'

Soil Conservation L. E. Bolton of Rich Square Service, or SCS, works says that land forming. through nearly 3,000 local soil drainage land grading, that he water conservation had done on his farm last year districts to help farmers and has proven worthwhile. ranchers develop and carry An old ditch was converted out conservation plans. SCS into a grassed waterway. The also works with the National land next to it was graded so Association of Conservation that surface water could Districts. Both SCS and readily drain to the waterway Extension Service work and other prepared outlets. A directly with farmers, field border along the advising them on techniques woodland edges of the field to protect and improve their was also graded to provide an land and water. outlet for excess surface water. A survey was made last Library week for another section of the field that he plans to grade this fall. An additional

outlet ditch.

waste lagoon.

Garysburg will demonstrate

her corn shuck dolls and

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flowers and Mrs. A.

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The Secretary made it clear be a major objective of the

Notes By JOHN B. LITCHFIELD **Soil Conservation Service** 

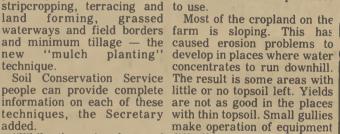
Arthur Vincent, of the Vultare community worked out a conservation plan for one of his farms last week in

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

Soil

with the Northampton Soil and Water

Technical assistance was provided by Soil Conservation Service personnel assigned to the land from soil erosion with the district. A soils map with proven conservation interpretations for various practices," Secretary Butz uses is one of the technical services provided. Assistance was also given in deciding on planting on the contour, what conservation practices



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#### (1) Early Stalk Destruction

(a) Insects, nematodes, and diseases can continue to reproduce as long as food supply is available and other environmental factors are favorable.

(b) Stalks disced immediately after harvest will cut down on the number of these pests for next year's crop. This in, turn will reduce the use of pesticides and help to hold down production costs.

#### (2) Traffic Pans

Traffic pans or hard pans have developed through the years in most fields in the county, especially on sandy loam soils.

- (a) The chisel plow has proven to be an effective tool in eliminating traffic
- (b) The chisel plow should be operated at a depth of 10 to 14 inches deep as soon as possible.
- (c) Do not operate the chisel plow when the soil is wet.

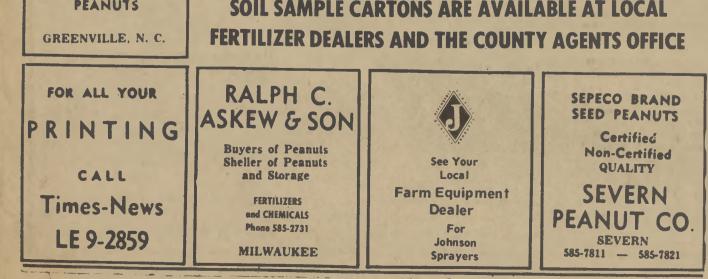
#### (3) Bedding Land

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- (a) Bedding land for peanut, cotton, corn, and soybean production has proven to be beneficial in Northampton County.
- (b) Fall bedding following the chisel plow with a rolling cultivator or disc bedders will reduce erosion, increase water holding capacity of the soil, and allow soils to warm up earlier in the Spring.

November is an ideal month to take nematode and soil samples. Plastic bags and cartons can be obtained from the County Agents Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY



# Display

JACKSON - Northampton County 4-H'ers and Extension the field. agents will be working together Monday on setting up a 4-H display in the Northampton County Library.

The Buxton Room will serve as a background for the review of 4-H activities to include handicrafts, photographs, newsclippings, trophies, outstanding 4-H Long Time Record Books and actual demonstration props used by winning 4-H'ers According to Becky Brittle, 4-H cordinator, this display formation of the house. will highlight outstanding 4-

H'ers and events for 1973. minimum of 150 cubic feet "If you want to know what 4capacity for each sow and a H is all about, then plan to stop similar amount for each litter by the Northampton County of pigs. A holding pond will Library sometime during the month of November," she collect excess effluent and hold it until it can be spread on the land.

**Reading Teachers** Meet At Creecy

RICH SQUARE - The Northeastern North Carolina Women Take Council of the International Reading Association Wednesday held a meeting at Part In Fair Creecy School here. "Carnival of Reading" was

the theme of meeting. Four counties

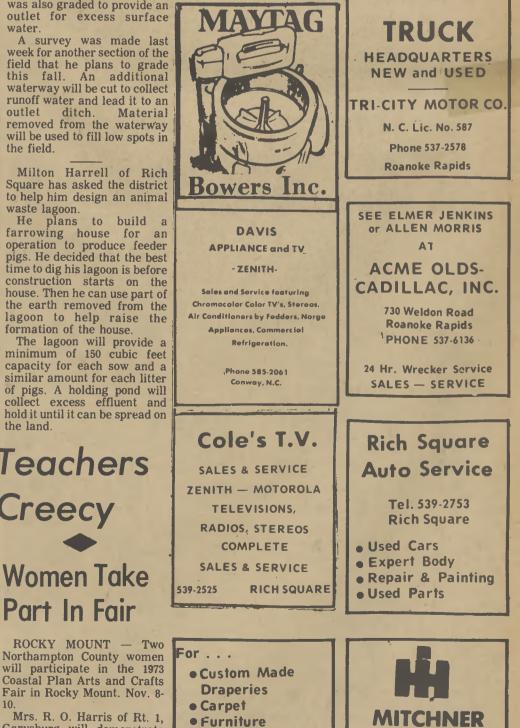
Northampton, Northampton County women Bertie, Hertford and Martin, were will participate in the 1973 Coastal Plan Arts and Crafts Fair in Rocky Mount. Nov. 8represented at the 3 p.m district meeting. An estimated 150 persons 10

attended the event for reading teachers. Reading aides, new teaching techniques and new approaches to reading Strickland, also of Rt. 1. education were covered in the Garysburg, will demonstrate session.

her pine needle craft. Rita Griffith, reading Over 70 craftsmen and teacher at Creecy, was chief artisians will participate in hostess for the event. the fair at Tarrytown Mall.

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