

Clearing Up The Streams

"Cooperate with Nature and the Almighty by making your crops fit the land and the shape of the land, instead of trying to make the land fit your crops."

This is the advice to farmers from Dr. H. H. Bennett, Chief of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, who was recently named as 1944 "Man of the Year in Southern Agriculture" by a leading Southern farm publication (The Progressive Farmer).

In setting forth a 10-point "Southern Soil Conservation Platform," Bennett emphasizes the importance of proper use of the land by explaining that primarily this means using the most level land on each farm for row crops, moderately steep slopes for grass and grain, and keeping all very steep slopes in trees and grass.

As another point in the 10-point platform, Bennett suggests "A better Southern farming system, including

especially better planned rotations, less land in row crops, and a better balance between crops and livestock.

Contour farming, listed as point No. 3, is another form of cooperation necessary to save soils, Bennett declares, adding that "straight line plowing in a sloping country defeats Nature and invites disaster."

"Grow soil-holding and soil-building crops with or after all soil-robbing crops, with a constant effort to have two-thirds as much green land in winter as in summer," Bennett urges as point No. 4. The slogan, "The South will come into its own when its fields are green in winter" deserves constant emphasis, he says.

Other points listed are:

5. Adequate high quality terracing.

6. Strip cropping to control erosion on long, gentle slopes.

7. A vegetative mulch on the soil surface.

8. Kudzu, crotalaria, sericea lepedeza, and annual lespedeza—The "Big Four" among crops for saving and improving Southern Soils.

9. Drainage of too-wet lands as a companion conservation measure to moisture-holding practices on too-dry land.

10. Cooperation with one's neighbors in activities of the local soil conservation district to control erosion—the first necessity for all Southern farm progress.

Blankets and clothing for children, women and men are urgently needed in devastated war areas. . . . What Can You Spare That They Can Wear?

Four Of Person Fighters Deep In German Area

Lt. Darcy Bradsher And Others, Veterans From Italy, Now In Germany.

Four Roxboro and Person County men, Lt. Darcy W. Bradsher, Cpl. Herman H. Garrett, Jr., Cpl. Jesse W. Wagoner and Cpl. Willie O. Long, the last two from Hurdle Mills and Wooddale, are with the Sixth Army in Germany in the 697th Field Artillery battalion, formerly at Cassino, in Italy, over a year ago, according to information received here today.

The 697th fires big 240-mm howitzers in cooperation with the U. S. Seventh Army troops in Gen. Jacob L. Dever's 6th Army group.

These 240's helped destroy the famous Sinsierhoff fortresses, bastion of the Maginot Line before Bitche, France. The battalion's observer went forward with infantry troops and was fired on by the fortress's

gunners while directing fire from a position 1,000 yards away. Twelve direct hits reduced the 10-foot concrete walls and brought the surviving Germans running out to surrender.

"Since the effective range of these big howitzers is 13,900 yards, and the maximum range much greater, we find that ground and Cub plane observation is not always sufficient," explained Lt. Col. Floyd T. Christian of St. Petersburg, Fla., battalion commander. "For observing some long-range targets, we use fighter reconnaissance planes. We knocked out a bridge in Saarbrucken with a fourth round and destroyed six out of ten 170-mm. guns in Italy with this fighter observation."

The 697th is a descendant of Alexander Hamilton's Battery of the Revolutionary War and was the first 240-mm. howitzer unit in action in World War II. It has put 331 days in the line since the first shell fired on Jan. 30, 1944, in Italy. Prime Minister Winston Churchill fired one of its guns on German position north of Pisa, Italy.

Used clothing can save lives overseas. . . . What Can You Spare That They Can Wear? . . . Take it to churches, schools, collection depots.

W. B. Hester Has High Promotion

William W. Hester, now in the Pacific area, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hester, Hurdle Mills, has received a direct appointment as a second lieutenant in the Coast Artillery Corps. Prior to receiving his commission he was a sergeant in the headquarters of a Coast Artillery unit at a South Pacific base.

Lt. Hester, a graduate of Elon College, was an engineering aide of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in Raleigh, until October,

1941, when he entered the army. In June 1943, after completing extensive training including basic Coast Artillery training at Fort Eustis, Virginia, he left for overseas duty in the South Pacific.

Hester's commanding officer, in an informal ceremony at the unit headquarters.

Naked, frozen children and adults in war-torn countries need clothing and blankets. . . . What Can You Spare That They Can Wear?

Think of it! Your used clothing can save lives in war-torn countries! . . . What Can You Spare That They Can Wear?

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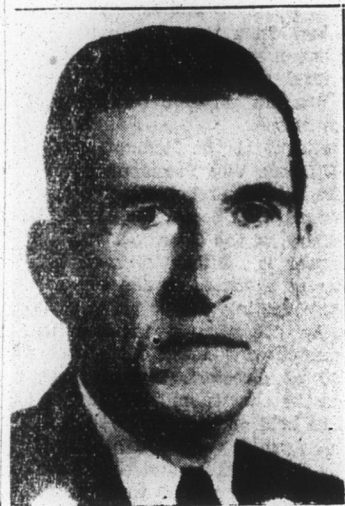
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