



BEFORE
This field of C. M. Haithecock near Churchill is a typical Warren County field. Before the land smoothing operation the 25-acre field was

cut up with fences, hedgerows and other obstacles. Now with grassed waterways and parallel terraces Haithecock's tractors can go for

AFTER
1500 feet before turning around.

Land Smoothing Operations Put Fields In Shape For Tractor Use

By NAT WHITE
Soil Conservationist
Farmers in recent years have found that they must get more efficient. Many Warren County farmers have mechanized their farms and found that extensive changes

needed before the tractors could be used to best advantage. For maximum efficiency the tractors need to run from one side of the field to the other before stopping or turning around. The old terraces that were installed when most farmers were using mules are usually not suited to tractor farming. A complete overhaul of the fields is often needed before the farmer can efficiently farm with tractors without causing serious erosion. In this operation hedgerows, stumps, trees, bench terraces, and all other obstacles are moved from the field. Waterways are shaped, eroded areas top soiled, low places smoothed out, and parallel terraces constructed.

The sketches above show a field on C. M. Haithecock's farm near Churchill. Before the land shaping operation

Norlina FFA Chapter Meets

The Norlina F. F. A. Chapter held its regular monthly meeting on Friday, December 6. President Richard Bender presided over the meeting and Wade Schuster had the devotion.

After the opening ceremony, the group sang Christmas carols, and later played basketball since there was no special business on hand.
George Holtzman
Reporter

Pvt. Richardson Now In Germany

U. S. Forces, Germany—Army PFC Weldon F. Richardson, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Richardson, live in Warrenton, N. C., is participating with other members of the 51st Infantry in Exercise SABRE KNOT in Germany.

The week-long field training maneuver, designed to test winter combat readiness, involves approximately 30,000 troops.

Richardson is assigned as a mortarman in the infantry's Headquarters Company in Mannheim.

He entered the Army in October, 1961, completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C., and arrived overseas last April.

The 24-year-old soldier is a graduate of Warrenton High School.

Ways and Ways
A housewife was interviewing an applicant for a job on her household staff. "Do you know how to serve company?" she asked.

"Yes, ma'am; both ways," was the reply.

"Just what do you mean by 'both ways'?"

"So's they'll come back and so's they won't."

Might Be It
"Your husband has a new suit, hasn't he?"

"No, I'm quite sure he hasn't."

"Well, something about his appearance is different."

"Oh, now I know what it is! Didn't I tell you I have a new husband?"

the field was cut up with hedgerows, fences, trees, stumps, and corners. Now Haithecock's tractors can go for 1500 feet on the same rows by simply picking the plows up at the waterways. This same operation is being done by many other Warren County farmers.

Farmers interested in fixing a field for tractor farming should keep the entire field open until the operation is completed. Since the winter rains have set in it is a good idea to plan the operation for the summer months. At that time a farmer can be reasonably sure of getting heavy equipment to do the job at a time when the land will not be damaged.

On most fields the land shaping will cost about \$50 per acre. This will be repaid with the first crop of tobacco grown on the field.

Santa To Visit Norlina Postoffice

Santa Claus will make his annual visit to the Norlina Postoffice on Wednesday, December 19, from 3 p. m. to 5 p. m., Postmaster W. K. Delbridge, announced Wednesday.

Delbridge said that last year Santa Claus talked with over 140 while at the post office. It is desirable, he said, that the pre-school age children come early, in-as-much as the school children would be coming in about 3:45.

Yellow Jackets Win First Games; To Play Double-Header At Enfield

The John Graham Yellow Jackets, winner in their first game of the season last Friday night when they took a double-header from Davie, journey to Enfield Friday night.

The Enfield girls, a powerhouse in the conference last year, barely defeated Norlina on Friday night of last week, and the Enfield boys were no match for the Norlina players.

Playing without the services of star of last year Billy Benson, who was in a Winston-Salem hospital, the locals showed potentials in their game with Davie. Benson tore a ligament in his knee in football play and is expected to be out for the remainder of the year.

Showing promise was Phil Qualls, a senior, who transferred this year to John Graham from Aurelian

Springs. Qualls was high scorer for the locals and did a good defensive job on Buck Dickens, outstanding player of last season, who was held to 10 points.

Blalock, Drake and Coleman each scored eight points and Rogers netted 4, which with Qualls' 10 gave the Jackets a 38-27 victory over the Davie boys.

Knox Polk led the Yellow Jacket girls to a 24 to 22 victory with 15 points. Weaver netted 4, Jones and Fuller 2 each, and Mustian 1.

Following tonight's game the Yellow Jackets will play their next game here on next Thursday night, Dec. 20, with Littleton.

Norlina, which will play at Aurelian Springs Friday night will play at Aycock on next Tuesday night.



The deer shown hanging from a pole was killed near the Harry Limer place on November 23 and reported here with picture this week. The hunters are Thurston Aycock, Vance Neal, Lonnie E. Hall, D. E. Hudgins and Horace Twitty.

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Tobacco Farmers Urged To Attend Public Hearing

Tobacco farmers are urged to attend the public hearing on the tobacco situation which will be held in Memorial Auditorium, Raleigh, on Friday and Saturday, December 14 and 15. Erich E. Hecht, chairman of Warren County Study Committee, and Frank Reams, County Extension Chairman, stated Thursday.

The meeting will begin at 10 a. m. Friday when tobacco companies, Fine-Cured Tobacco Stabilization, research scientists, etc., will present their views and on Saturday the tobacco producers will testify.

People desiring to form car pools should be at the county agent's office, Warrenton, at 8:30 a. m. on Friday and Saturday.

Daekes Rites To Be Held Friday

Louie Daekes, 76, died early Wednesday morning at his home near Ridgeway. A retired farmer, he was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Lee Hamme of Warrenton, Mrs. Carrie Greenberg of New York City, Mrs. Mamie Roberson of Norlina; five sons, Weldon of Ridgeway, Henry of Henderson, Louie, Jr., of Norlina, Fritz of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Cicero Daekes of the home; one sister, Mrs. Mina Dortch of Warrenton; two brothers, Gus of Manson and Henry Daekes of Raleigh, 14 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Friday at 11 a. m. by the pastor, the Rev. M. E. Franke.

It will pay you to use The Warren Record classified advertisements.

\$200,000 Loan Made To Halifax E. M. Corporation

A \$200,000 loan to the Halifax Electric Membership Corporation of Enfield has been approved, according to a telegram received Thursday morning from Congressman L. H. Fountain.

The loan is for the construction of 25 miles of distribution lines to 300 new rural consumers and provide improved service to present consumers in Halifax, Warrenton, Martin and Nash Counties.

Happy Holidays
Sympathetic Wifey: "Dear, you must have had a terrible day at the office, you look so tired and hungry. How would you like a nice steak with a baked Idaho potato, a superlative salad and big fish of apple turnover?"
Trucking Tycoon: "Not tonight, dear. I'm too tired to go out."
Growing tobacco requires about 375 manhours per acre, far more than any other field crop.



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