

# HUGE EROSION PLAN MAPPED

Program To Be Launched In Fifteen W. N. C. Counties

Plans for a huge soil erosion control project in 15 Western North Carolina counties were announced in Raleigh by Dean I. O. Schaub of North Carolina State college.

The project, according to an Associated Press dispatch, will provide for the planting of 2,000,000 to 4,000,000 trees on worn out, abandoned and eroding fields.

### TVA To Furnish Seedlings

Schaub explained that the TVA would furnish seedlings and the county agents, the extension service and TVA foresters would supervise the projects. The farmers applying for the trees will furnish materials and prepare the site for planting, set out the trees and provide protection from fire, grazing and other hazards.

The project is being sponsored jointly by the N. C. agricultural extension service and the department of forestry relations of the TVA, and will be carried out within the TVA watershed areas.

Any farmer is eligible to obtain the seedlings, provided he has land needing erosion control and will cooperate in the program.

### Losing Soil Wealth

Farmers of this section are losing thousands of dollars in soil wealth through the destructive agency of erosion. Trees planted now, he pointed out, will provide wood and fence posts eight or ten years hence.

Trees to be distributed will include black locust, yellow poplar, shortleaf pine and Virginia pine. In selecting areas for planting, primary consideration will be given to the purpose of stopping or controlling existing erosion and prevention of future erosion.

Counties included in the program are: Buncombe, Avery, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Henderson, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga and Yancey.

R. W. Graeber, extension service forester, has been conducting meetings to instruct farm agents in the counties involved.

# London Welcomes New Mayor



Formerly sheriff of London, Sir Frank H. Bowater (second from right) has been elected mayor of the English city and was sworn into office Wednesday, November 9, at the traditional lord mayor's show.

### Advice Is Offered On Moving Shrubs

Wife: "We've got too many shrubs next to the house. Let's move some to the corners of the yard."

Husband: "I'm satisfied like they are, but if you must move them do it yourself or have it done."

Accept the challenge, Madam, it's not hard. John H. Harris, extension landscape specialist at State college, will tell you how. He says:

Most people have success moving shrubs and trees during the dormant season, preferably in November and December. If the plant to be moved is deciduous (drops its foliage in the winter) it is not necessary to remove a ball of earth with the plant. Care should be taken, however, to remove all the roots possible with the plant and avoid bruising the roots as much as possible. A ball of earth should be moved with evergreens. A two to six-foot native plant is usually the best size to move.

The hole in which the plant is to be placed should be dug considerably larger and deeper than is necessary to take care of the longest roots. Use only topsoil to fill this surplus space. Place the plant in the hole the same depth that it was growing originally and tamp the soil around its roots until the hole is three-fourths filled. The remainder of the soil should be filled without packing.

Prune the plant enough to balance against the loss of roots. This usually means cutting from one-third to one-half the top from the plant. Fertilize at the time of transplanting or early the next spring.

Immediately transplant deciduous plants, or at least keep the roots moist until they are reset. Leave a disk shape hole around the new position for the purpose of collecting water for the plant.

### Hogs Do Well On Soybean Pasture

A clear-cut comparison of the value of the use of green soybeans as a hog pasture instead of allowing the porkers to feed on cultivated and matured soybeans is shown in a report made by T. A. Smithwick, a Merry Hill farmer, to H. W. Taylor, extension swine specialist at State college, through B. E. Grant, Bertie county agent. The extension service highly recommends grazing from soybean leaves.

In 1936 and 1937 Mr. Smithwick says he planted soybeans in rows on a one-half acre field and cultivated them to maturity. He turned 15 hogs into the lot and they cleaned up the field in about two weeks.

This year Mr. Smithwick sowed about two bushels of soybeans thickly on the same one-half acre tract about May 1. When the beans were about one foot high on June 20 he put 14 gilts and one barrow on feed in the lot. They totaled 870 pounds in weight. On August 6 he put 10 more barrows from the same farrows as the first lot in the field. They weighed 730 pounds. The hogs were fed what corn they would eat, supplemented with a feed mixture of one-half peanut meal, one-fourth fish meal and one-fourth cottonseed meal, which cost about \$50. The corn was grown on the farm.

On September 19 all 25 hogs were

ants are: 2 cups of rice water or potato water, 1/2 cup of chopped carrots, 1/4 cup of chopped turnips, 1 tablespoon of chopped onion, 2 tablespoons of fat, 1/2 tablespoon of flour, 1 teaspoon of salt, 1 teaspoon of chopped parsley, 1 tablespoon of chopped green pepper.

Cook chopped vegetables until tender. Melt fat in saucepan, add flour and salt and cook until blended. Add rice or potato water and bring to a boil. Chopped vegetables and parsley are added last. Serve hot.

Miss Thomas also recommends shepherd's pie, shirred eggs with rice, stuffed cabbage with sausage, vegetable casserole and cheese, lamb stew, brunswick stew and French casserole ham, as ideal "one-dish" or "main dish" meals.



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