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Man's Answer To Drought Is Successful

Ten Orange Farmers Lead Way To Progress With Irrigation Units

By LOUIS KRAAR

Ten Orange County farmers are leading the way in the fight against that old dilemma — drought — by using modern irrigation methods.

After three dry, profitless years, the county has seven tobacco farmers and three growers of other crops switched to what seems to be man's answer to dry seasons: But scientists predict the county will have many more dry years in a row, more years of poor crops, in other words. That's why agriculture officials want to see many more irrigation units in operation in Orange County.

Is it worth the money and the trouble to buy an irrigation unit? That's what Orange County farmers are thinking. If one goes out to the Cedar Grove section — the tobacco-growing heart of the county — the irrigation-users will answer all these questions themselves.

What's more, they'll stop work long enough to tell you the value of irrigation.

Take J. L. Phelps, for instance. The irrigation equipment for his 20-acre tobacco fields cost him \$3,500 — or about \$175 per acre. If you look out into the fields you will see a full, quality leaf. He's had two pickings already, and his land will yield about 2,000 pounds of tobacco per acre.

"I think the outfit will pay for itself this year," Jack Phelps declared this week. "A great deal depends on the season from here on out."

"We'll have a better quality tobacco than last year."

Such is the farm of J. L. Phelps, who installed irrigation this past spring. Still, the drought-breaking rains of two weeks ago were important, to



IRRIGATION ON THE FARM OF T. G. PHELPS
Note Sprinklers in Background

him, for his water supply had been consumed just the day before the rains came.

If you move on down the road to Jewel Allen's farm, you'll see another example of irrigation that's paying off. Allen had decided this spring to install an irrigation system next season. "I've had a couple seasons in a row now during which I've just broken even," he explained. "After I saw how dry this season was going to be, I figured why wait another year."

Allen's irrigation outfit cost him \$4,600 for his farm of almost 15 acres. His irrigation unit was perhaps the most costly because of the great distance of his fields from his water source.

"That's the problem," he explained, "getting the source near the fields."

Jewel Allen has some advice for prospective irrigation users: "If I was starting out all over again to buy an irrigation system, the first thing I'd do is contact a farm conservation man and two different irrigation salesmen. Then I'd get them all out here at the same time."

"Sure, it's some trouble moving the pipes around." (It's necessary to shift the pipes, because only several acres at a time can be sprayed.)

"But once you get your irrigation system set up when it's dry, you know it's worth all the work."

Next year Allen plans to build two or three more ponds. This is an effective way of getting the water source closer to the fields.

Allen shares his irrigation unit with his tenants. They pay for half the cost of irrigation and, of course, pitch in to help move the pipes. The 21 sprinklers that he has can water about two acres in a single setting. For an inch of water per week, his pump runs approximately three hours and 15 minutes.

Over at Bob and Jesse Hensley's place, irrigation means use your ingenuity and save money. The fields are near the water source on the Hensley farm. That means the amount of expensive piping which carries the water to the fields is cut down greatly. Actually, it's this piping that causes the cost of irrigation to vary so much.

The Hensleys rigged up an old saw mill tractor with a pump. This bit of ingenuity, along with being close to a water source, meant that it cost them less than \$1,700 for their entire irrigation unit.

Bob and Jesse Hensley have only a little over six acres of tobacco, proving that a smaller farm can benefit as much as larger ones from irrigation.

That's the story of irrigation on tobacco farms in the county, whether it's Jewel Allen's place, or Bob and Jesse Hensley's, or J. L. Phelps' farm.

What it takes to install an irrigation system is a water source — usually ponds, a pump, and enough pipe to get the water from the ponds to the rows of tobacco. Add some sprinklers, the number depending on the size farm, and you've got a man-made answer to nature's stiffest sentence to tobacco — drought.

Over fifty Orange County farmers took time out last week to look at irrigation in operation in a tour jointly sponsored by the Soil Conservation Service and the Vocational Education Department of Cedar Grove. County farmers who saw irrigation were impressed. Their biggest problem now is finances. With three or four poor years in a row, the financial outlook for many is serious.

However, Lacy Gibson, of the Farmer's Home Administration, had some hope for the financially distressed farmers this week according to Assistant County Agent E. P. Barnes. By fall, it appears, the government may be able to make some aid available to build ponds and buy irrigation equipment — if other credit is not available.

Barnes and other agriculture officials look to next year, when they hope to see 25 to 50 irrigation units in operation throughout the county. And as other farmers view this modern agriculture technique, they know it won't be long before they — like J. L. and Garland Phelps, Jewel Allen, Bob and Jess Hensley and Munn Allen — are using irrigation.

Police Launch Statewide Hunt For 2 Bandits

Two unshaven young men walked into the Carrboro Branch of the Bank of Chapel Hill yesterday afternoon and walked out with between \$12,000 and \$15,000 which they took at gunpoint.

Police officer W. L. Hester described the robbery a few minutes after it had occurred:

The two robbers, believed to be in their early thirties, entered the bank at approximately 1:25, a few minutes before closing time. One of them asked for change for a dollar bill. When the teller, Mrs. James Sturdivant, turned to give him the change, one of the bandits walked toward the bank.

The robbers told the teller to hand them the money, then they asked for the money in the vault. Both men were armed.

The two men told the teller, Mrs. Sturdivant, and Hubert Neville, branch manager of the bank — the only persons present — to lie down on the floor behind the counter. They did as they were told.

After the men had gathered together the money, they asked Mr. Neville if he and his teller would smother in the vault. Mr. Neville told the robbers that they would. The robbers warned Mrs. Sturdivant and Mr. Neville not to move. They picked up Mrs. Sturdivant and carried her in the back of the bank.

The robbers were believed to have left in a black car.

A state-wide alarm went out for the two men who were described by police as follows: One is about 165 pounds, with black hair, and was wearing a green shirt. The other had brown hair, weighed about 150 or 160 pounds and wore a light grey shirt "like a soft drink salesman."

Charge Of 'Discrimination' Hurlled At Commissioners

The Board of County Commissioners gave formal approval Monday night to the \$806,065.50 budget, the largest yet in the county's history, which it had approved tentatively three weeks ago.

The action came, however, only after a heated session in which charges of "discrimination" were hurled at the Commissioners by a county employee. The protest led to the temporary holding in abeyance of salary increases to two clerical workers, but no change for the protester.

Mrs. Faye Patterson, an assistant in the office of the Register of Deeds, heatedly told the Commissioners her office was being discriminated against with increased work load without increased compensation, while other employees were faring better on the salary scale with less tenure. The whole question, she charged, boiled down to which officer had the most "pull" with the commissioners.

One of the big issues involved was who was to do the microfilming work. Mrs. Patterson recently has done the bulk of this work for both her office and the Clerk of the Court's. When Miss Jackie Burton, stenographer for the clerk with less than a year's tenure, received a pay increase to \$2,244 per year, the same salary Mrs. Patterson has been receiving as second assistant to the Register of Deeds, she saw red. At one point in the argument, Mrs. Patterson served notice that she was doing no more microfilming for the Clerk's office. At several points Register of Deeds J. Ed Laws joined in the argument in support of his employee.

Mrs. Patterson in the new budget had been scheduled to move up into the first assistant's pay

Mrs. Patterson Protests Increased Work Without More Pay; Two Raises Are Delayed

commissioners reiterated their previously discussed policy of having uniform pay scales for clerical help in all offices and not allowing any raises until after at least one year's tenure.

The budget adopted by the Commissioners Monday night was the same in all respects as was tentatively approved on July 6. In addition to formal adoption of the budget resolution, the board formally set the 62c tax rate for the county as a whole, set the Chapel Hill School District supplementary tax at 12c per hundred dollar valuation, and approved the same Schedule B and dog tax schedules of last year.

Following the salary protest, the

Irrigation Of Pastures Pays Off In State

Being prepared to supply additional water when it is needed may prove to be good insurance against pasture losses during the hot, dry months of summer and fall.

Howard Ellis, in charge of agricultural engineering for the State College Extension Service, says Tar Heel tobacco farmers are pretty well aware of the importance of irrigation. But the dairy and beef cattle farmer may not be so sure.

Ellis says that during dry summers, such as North Carolina has experienced during the last three or four years, the grazing capacity of pastures can be increased 50 per cent with irrigated water.

In tests recently conducted by the Tennessee Dairy Experiment Station, returns from pastures that were irrigated averaged about \$100 more per acre than non-irrigated pastures — after cost of irrigation and other costs were deducted.

The tests compared irrigated orchard grass, alfalfa, and Laidino clover pasture with non-irrigated. It was found that the irrigated plots provided 257 cow-days of grazing per acre, compared with 176 days for the non-irrigated plots.

Partnership Of Graham And LeGrand Ends

The law firm of Graham & LeGrand in Hillsboro has been dissolved, effective the first of this month.

The firm headed by A. H. Sandy Graham, present chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, was formed one year ago following the death of Mr. Graham's long-time partner, J. Dumont Eskridge.

Although his law office here will remain open, Mr. Graham said, he has no announcement at this time relative to a future partnership. Mr. LeGrand, who serves as county court prosecutor and town attorney for the Town of Chapel Hill, has returned to a full-time schedule in his office at Chapel Hill.

The firm of Graham and LeGrand has held the appointment as County Attorney for Orange and the County Commissioners have taken no action yet to bring the appointment up to date. Mr. Graham or the firm headed by him has acted as County Attorney since prior to World War I.

Bids For Courthouse Furniture Are Opened; No Decision Yet

The Board of County Commissioners Monday night opened bids for equipment of the new courthouse, including office furniture and benches for the courtroom.

No decisions were made following the opening, pending a check with the low bidder who failed to follow specifications on furniture and a decision on the type of bench to be bought from a among several presented.

S. T. Wyrick & Co. of Greensboro was low bidder on the furniture, \$5,092.67 after discounts, but offered the Hanes desk rather than the Myrtle Desk, or better, which was specified by the county. Other equipment men present at the opening said the Hanes desk lists for about \$10 cheaper than the Myrtle, therefore could not be better. Other bidders, all offering the Myrtle desk, were Southeastern Equipment Co. of Siler City \$5,412.83; Durham Office Supply \$5,260.44 and Alfred Williams and Co. of Raleigh \$5,291.11.

The benches bids were offered by Southern Desk Co. of Hickory and Carraker Church Furniture Co. of Monroe. Southern' lowest bid was \$3,958.42 and Carraker's \$3,354, both for selected Appalachian red oak.

\$6,000 was budgeted for office equipment and \$4,050 for courtroom benches.

To-Guard Against Fire & Crime

Merchants Patrol To Aid Police In Checks On Business Firms

If you happen to see one or more uniformed men riding about Hillsboro and its outskirts or walking about the streets checking door entrances after Sunday, August 1, it will not mean necessarily they are police officers.

They may be employees of the new Merchants Patrol which will begin operations here Sunday as a branch of the well-established Durham Merchants Patrol.

This announcement was made here yesterday by V. T. Craddock, president and manager of the concern, who indicated some 25 business firms in the area had expressed a willingness to participate in the service.

The patrol, according to Craddock, will provide local homes, merchants and industry with a protection service by uniformed, trained patrolmen on a regular fee basis. Charles Smith of Hillsboro, who has had experience with the firm in other cities as well as other experience as a watchman and guard, will be in charge of the operation here.

"We will cooperate 100 per cent with the Police Department and other law enforcement authorities," he stated.

In addition to local stores, service stations and other business establishments, the Merchants Patrol will service industrial concerns, churches and even private homes—both within the city and in outlying areas—Craddock said.

He emphasized that the service is designed to supplement the city's regular police protection of business and industry. Other North Carolina cities which have merchants' patrol services are Charlotte, Asheville, Greensboro, High Point, Thomasville, Winston-Salem, Burlington and Durham.

Craddock cited newspaper items from some of these cities reporting that police had apprehended criminals, and firemen had promptly extinguished fires in business property as a result of tips from merchant patrolmen.

Each member of the patrol will be in constant contact with his headquarters, and can summon help from the patrol, police or firemen, he said.

Watchmen's clock "key stations" will be located at frequent strategic points on each patrolman's route, and he will be required to punch the clock at stipulated periods on each of his rounds.

The patrol will place signs on each building subscribing to the service, warning everyone concerned that the building is protected by the Merchants Patrol, and offering a reward for the apprehension of anyone stealing or damaging property of the business.

At the beginning of the patrolman's tour of duty each night, he will place a gummed tape "seal" across entrances to each building on his route. If, on his second round, he finds the seal has been broken, he will suspect immediately that the establishment has been entered and will call police.

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Credit Court?

It might be hard to make the accusation stick — that Orange County justice is heavily weighted in favor of the people with money.

In fact, a cursory examination of the records will indicate the exact opposite to be true.

As of last week, a total of \$8,491.65 is being carried on the books of the Orange County Recorder's Court in unpaid costs, fines and forfeitures, some of it dating as far back as 1950. The amounts owed by delinquent defendants who have been granted leniency by Judge L. J. Phipps range from 95c to \$420.87.

College Denies Allegations In Suit With Discharged Profs

Catawba College attorneys this week denied that the two former professors who are suing the college were discharged wrongfully.

Appearing before Superior Court Clerk E. M. Lynch for a scheduled hearing Tuesday, attorneys on both sides of the case agreed to wait until Aug. 10 for the hearing. Catawba College attorneys requested the continuance because they said an additional lawyer who was out of town — Bonner Sawyer of Hillsboro — was going to be brought in on the case.

The husband and wife professor team, Mr. and Mrs. Christopher J. Thomas, are bringing suit against the college for which they worked over eight years for what they call a "tortuous, malicious, and fraudulent" discharge. They were dismissed from Catawba College two years ago for alleged disloyalty to the administration.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, both music professors, gained the backing of the American Association of University Professors this spring after an investigation that started in 1952.

The college was ordered to bring certain papers and documents to the hearing. Some of these documents, if produced, would indicate financial irregularities and homosexual practices at the college. Catawba attorneys, Linn and Linn of Salisbury, charged this week that the application for these papers "is not made in good faith." They contended that it was "for the purpose of harassing and oppressing" the defendants.

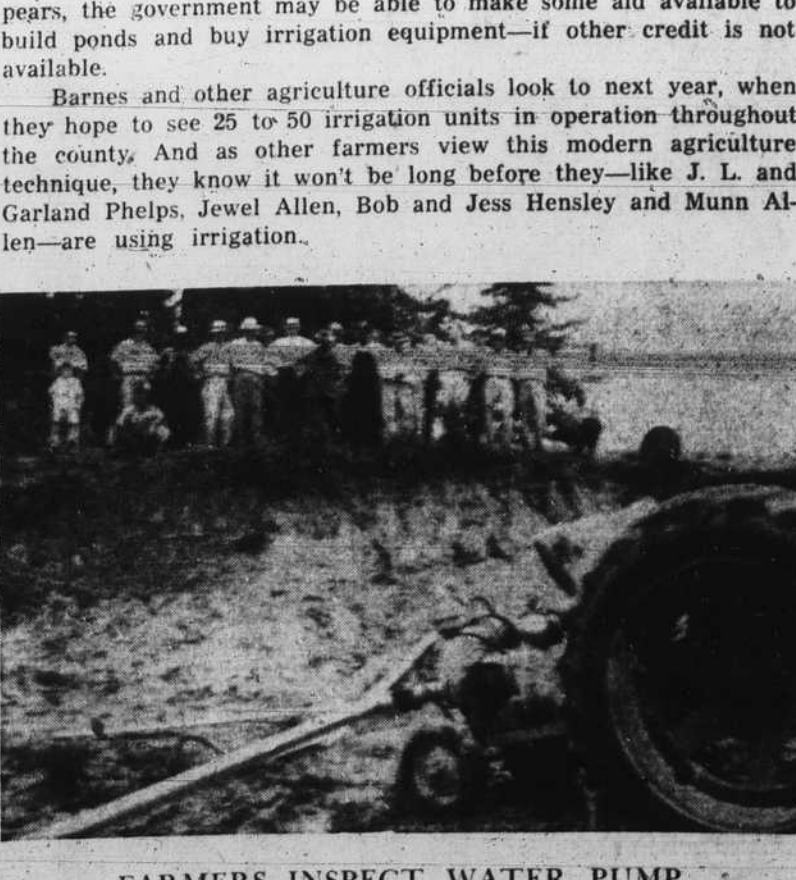
The papers requested, said the college's attorneys, "other than those in the possession of the plaintiffs and are not pertinent to the merits of the plaintiffs' proposed action."

OPEN BIDS TODAY

The Board of County Commissioners will meet today at 2 o'clock to open bids on the completion of the basement section of the new courthouse. \$18,000 has been set aside for this work.

MILNER SPEAKS TO LIONS

Charles Milner of the University Department of Education spoke to the Hillsboro Lions Club Tuesday night and showed slides on Iran, to which he was assigned by the State Department in an educational capacity last year.



FARMERS INSPECT WATER PUMP
Jewel Allen Shows Them How It Works



TOUR LOOKS AT FINER TOBACCO CROP
Irrigation Makes The Difference

KIDU BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup

AGENCY? ... The thing that disturbs people most when they go to Washington these days is particularly if they have an opportunity to dip below the surface of normal governmental action. The lack of confidence in the future peace of the States. In other words, the situation seems to be girding so to speak, for an all-out economy.

hear little hints here and there which make one uneasy. A of ours has just returned from Washington. He says there to be a strange nervousness. We seem to be uncertain the best move to make. Our relations—our general approach—seem to move us forward, two steps side and then three steps back. The gets the impression that going around in circles.

known fact that the Office of Mobilization has set up a plan for controls. They may not it, but in the National in the Senate Office in the various departments in, the House Office you can get pretty full on to the effect that recently set up a rather plan for price, wage, and controls in the event of emergency.

question seems to be: What emergency?

people wanting controls as attempts to hold down is constituting an emergency. We all saw last week how despite talk of declines in things else, are likely to go heights.

seem to be getting ready in Washington. You it, but you can't put your to be depression. Now it war, all-out inflation, combination of each.

... Glad to report that Marshall, administrative assistant to Gov. W. and now vice president of personnel of J. A. Construction Company, has become a deacon in the leading Baptist churches Queen City.

... An interesting in connection with Board of Conservation and is worth repeating: Carrboro's three young muses of the Young Democrats, to the last to get a major appointment. Don Gilliam Jr., had N. C. Burial Commission. George Fountain had been Superior Court judge, several months Simmons was assistant to C&D Director Douglas, waiting on him hand. As they say in the old Ben's, every wish was command.

this job was completed, high praise, certificates of etc., from the Governor Simmons returned to his business. Gene last week appointed to the Board, success. Eric Rodgers of Scotland who is now executive assistant to the director. Gene flew in the tobacco market in Georgia the swearing-in.

met him upon his arrival waiting for his luggage usually asked former boss Douglas, he asked, "when he sworn in and what will be?"

told him he would be next day and "your duty is to tell me what to do, are to carry out the instructions of the Board."

trained eyebrows and a expression, Gene said: "Do you, Mr. Douglas, that I am said that was correct. Gene while creased the county of Gene Simmons as he in a voice you could to the smokehouse: get my baggage and put it in. Let's go to the hotel, ROUNDUP, page 2)