



YOUNG COLONISTS - These four youngsters, attired in colonial costumes made by Mrs. Maggie Lowe, performed the minuet Saturday at a gathering in Red Springs. Left to right, are Laura McLeod, Teresa Copper, Thomas Bounds, and Dorcas Hostetler.

Lumber Bridge News

By Lib Sumner

Mrs. Amanda Small of Fair Bluff spent the weekend with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Britt.

Mr. and Mrs. Frances D. Graham spent Saturday in Roseboro with their sister-in-law and son, Mrs. Clarence B. Graham and Jeff Cooper Graham.

Mrs. Lillian Monroe of Hamlet and Mrs. Will McCormick of Ellerbe spent Sunday with Misses Ruth and Ruby Forbes.

Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Schell spent the weekend at their cottage, at Holden Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Horton of Baltimore, Maryland are spending this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

H.E. Horton.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Jackson and son, Brian moved into their new home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Williford of Fayetteville spent Sunday afternoon with her mother, Mrs. A.F. Tolar.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Forbes took their daughter, Mrs. Bob Schoch to Vanceboro Thursday. Mrs. Schoch had been spending some time with her parents recuperating from surgery.

Mrs. Joe Hough spent last week in Greensboro with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hough. They have a new daughter, Christine Elizabeth. Mr. Hough and Mr. and Mrs. John Tyler drove to Greensboro Sunday and Mrs.

Hough came home with them.

The Rev. Robert Glasgow spent last week in Avoch, Pennsylvania with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Glasgow.

Ladies of the Lumber Bridge and Rex Presbyterian Churches attended the meeting of the Fayetteville Presbytery at the First Presbyterian Church in Sanford last Monday. Mrs. Jimmy Shaw, Mrs. Mary McNeill, Mrs. H.P. Johnson, Miss Julia McIver and Miss Alene Shaw from Rex and Mrs. Henry Bullard and Mrs. N.H.G. Balfour from Lumber Bridge. They attended the Garden Tour in Southern Pines in the afternoon.

Mrs. Curtis Britt is spending some time in Jacksonville, Florida with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mitcherson and children. Mrs. Mitcherson will undergo surgery this week and Mrs. Britt went to be with her.

Miss Lina Chason spent Sunday with Mrs. J.E. McGougan and Misses Dorothy and Verna McGougan.

Mrs. Catherine Cox is still very sick and is in McCain Hospital.

Mrs. Frank Collins is sick with a virus or flu.

Mrs. Ethel D. Gibson's hand is improving after surgery two weeks ago.

Deaths And Funerals

Daniel Brock

Graveside services for Daniel Addison Brock were held Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Raeford Cemetery.

Brock, 82, a retired contractor, was a long-time resident of the county.

He is survived by his wife, Della; his son, Frank Brock, and a sister, Mrs. Edgar Jamerson of Dillwyn, Va.

SCS Activities

F. O. Clark, District Conservationist

Editor's note: This is the last of a two part series written by the state conservationist on the history of the Soil Conservation Service.

Farms Served First

In the early years of the Soil Conservation Service, the technical expertise of soil conservationists began just beyond the city limits. SCS provided service to farmers; the main clientele of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Farmers are still being served with a variety of programs, including many much more advanced than those in the days of Hugh Bennett - but now conservation work has literally "gone to town" with a number of services to urban interests.

So while farmers have benefited from terraces, conservation cropping systems, grassed waterways, contour planting, wildlife food and cover, farm drainage systems, and reforestation, the folks in town have also received benefits.

One of the most popular conservation practices in North Carolina is farm ponds. The total number of ponds is now nearing 67,000 and more are being built each year. While farmers value such ponds for stock water, irrigation, water supply for home, fire prevention and other uses, many of their city cousins enjoy fishing in the same ponds. Most farm ponds in North Carolina are well stocked with fish.

Soil surveys were originally planned to help farmers plan the best use of their land - which tract for crops, for pastures, for forest or other use - and they still serve their original purpose. But now the same data can help an urban planner locate a sanitary landfill, show best sites for home building or shopping centers, and even help with the decision on where to place a new municipal park - or reservoir.

Newer programs such as watershed protection and resource conservation and development projects serve both rural and urban people. Watershed dams may prevent flooding in a mountain farmer's prized "bottomland" which produces corn or vegetables, while the same type of project in an urban area can protect built-up housing areas, shopping centers and entire towns. Lakes behind the dams can provide recreation or a municipal water supply.

Despite the smaller number of employees in North Carolina, the Soil Conservation Service continues to respond to current needs of farmers, or urban individuals and increasingly to requests for assistance from local units of government.

North Carolina's new Sedimentation

Pollution Control Law, now in force statewide but being supplemented with local ordinances in most counties, creates a demand for technical information on sediment control. SCS people and supervisors of North Carolina's local soil and water conservation districts work together to meet this new demand.

A farmer wants to put in a new farm pond, or to provide food and habitat for wild game. SCS technicians will tell him where to put the pond and how to install wildlife and other conservation measures on the land.

Recently SCS people and district supervisors have worked to provide county-level appraisals of potential for outdoor recreation, as numbers of people increase and recreational needs keep pace. More than 90 counties have published such appraisals, complete with detailed maps.

Good progress is reported on the statewide progressive soil survey, a responsibility of SCS in North Carolina as well as the other 49 states. Surveys have been completed in 20 counties and work is underway in 15 others.

The Soil Conservation Service works

cooperatively with other agricultural and natural resource-oriented agencies as well as with units of government at all levels. It is this cooperative effort that has helped SCS play a significant role in improving the landscape and the environment during the past 40 years.

What will the next challenge be? No one can be sure. But if scientific, accurate technical knowledge on conservation of natural resources is needed, the Soil Conservation Service will be in there pitching - and answering the need as it has since it was "born" 40 years ago.

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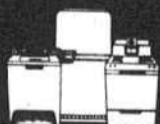
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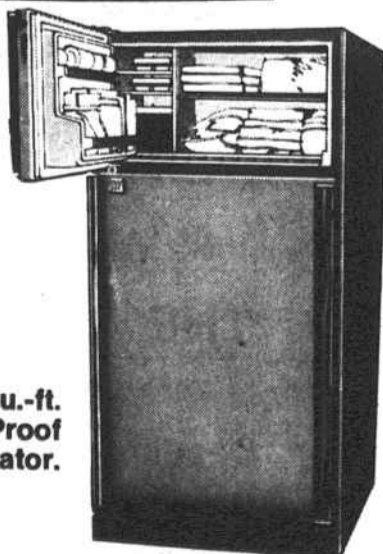


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