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FLAPJACK MAN- Kiwanis member Younger Sneed, Jr., took command at the griddle and kept the flapjacks sizzling for the annual pancake supper last Thursday night at the Gibson cafeteria. The dinner was termed a success, although the exact amount of money raised for worthy causes had not been determined.

SCS News

F. O. Clark, District Conservationist

Almost every county in the Coastal Plain has some soils subject to wind erosion. These are sandy soils in large open areas where the wind has a long "sweep". Generally damaging winds occur in early spring during the land preparation, planting, and early growing season.

Soil is swept from the fields and deposited in woods, field ditches, roads, and homes. The result is loss of soil fertility, ditch cleaning for farmers, increased maintenance costs for the highway department, and extra cleaning for the housewife. Wind erosion, however, is usually more damaging to young crops than the soil. In some years this is quite severe.

Heavy crop residues on or near the surface will protect the area covered from soil robbing winds. Thus, prepare your land so as to leave residues standing or on the surface. The finer the residue material the more area it will cover.

Planting row crops in crop residues, planting winter cover crops, or planting grass sod without land preparation are effective ways to prevent erosion. Although this system must be combined with special fertility and weed control practices, it leaves the soil covered

and reduces wind erosion.

Wind strip cropping is the planting of alternate strips of small grain and cultivated crops. Plant strips at right angles to the direction of the prevailing wind. The small grain strips provide barriers which push the wind above the soil surface. Effectiveness depends on denseness of the small grain stand and height. Good protection may be expected for a strip on the leeward side as wide as ten times the height of the small grain and decreasing protection up to 15 times the height. Strips should usually be six to eight feet wide, but a 2 1/2-foot strip of rye in each tobacco truck row, cotton skip row, or melon row middle should provide adequate protection.

These strips may be destroyed after danger of wind erosion has passed. Generally, strips should be a part of the rotation or cropping system and should be planted wide enough for harvest as hay or grain. The width of strips is varied to suit equipment on the farm, kind and use of crops, crop rotation, etc.

For permanent type wind erosion protection, establish hedges of evergreen trees or shrubs within or around fields. (Trees and shrubs other than evergreen offer much less protection during the windy season.)

The size, shape, and slope of fields influence the number of rows needed. Public and private roads, property lines, rides, and other things should be considered in locating windbreaks.

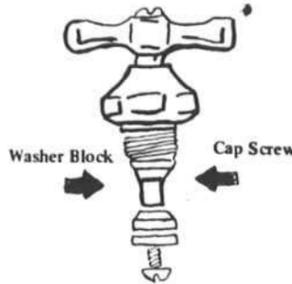
In general, plant two to five rows of trees or shrubs shaped six feet apart. Stagger trees in the rows and space them no more than seven feet apart. This gives a maximum of density. Pines and cedars are usually best for this purpose.

Wind breaks do not provide protection until well established which generally requires three or four years. However, they protect wider adjacent strips because of their height. Your County Agricultural Extension Office and your Soil Conservation Service technicians can help you plan and establish control measures.

Farm Items

By Agricultural Extension Agents

Now is a good time for cow-calf producers to maximize cornstalk grazing and trim dollars from winter feed bills. Have emergency feed available and watch cows closely. Ice-free water should be available at all times. If a cow begins to lose weight or if bad weather sets in, turn to emergency feed. This may be hay, corn silage, corn residue, ear corn or other feed. Stocking rate depends on corn grain yield, length of grazing period and weather conditions. One medium fleshed cow has been kept successfully on two acres of cornstalks for more than 110 days. Vitamins and minerals were the only supplement given. Corn yields were one hundred bushels per acre.



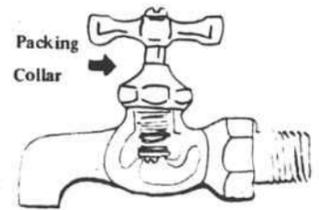
1. Shut off home's water supply, or turn off valve below sink if equipped with one. 2. Using crescent or monkey wrench, unscrew packing collar by turning counter clockwise. Do not use pipe wrench as it will mar nickel finish of faucet. 3. By hand, unscrew faucet handle by turning counter clockwise. 4. Remove old defective washer by unscrewing cap screw from washer block. 5. Replace with new washer recommended by your local supply store. 6. Reassemble faucet - If faucet still leaks, chances are the washer is not seated properly and you need a new faucet. Have your local dealer recommend the proper replacement.

Feeder pigs sold through the tele-auction sales at the graded quality feeder pig markets after Jan. 1, 1976, will be required to have tails docked. Hog producers who finish out their pigs in confinement frequently have severe tail biting problems. On some farms, simple nutritional deficiencies can cause anemia and this in turn results in tail biting. Anemia can also be caused by parasited or bacterial infections. Overcrowding, insufficient feeder or water space, poor ventilation, stress or simple boredom are other causes. Pigs should have their tails docked on the first or second day of age. They should be cut one half inch from its base.

Three Steps To A. Successful Hedge is the name of a new bulletin on this subject. Persons interested in information about this form of marketing can get a copy at the county agents office.

Leaky Faucets

That irritating "drip, drip, drip" hits every home sooner or later. And not only is the leak irritating, it costs you money. Even the smallest leak wastes hundreds of gallons of water if not repaired. Here's how to do it.



**Little Mint Income
Down For Quarter**

The Little Mint, Inc. (OTC) reported earnings of five cents per share for the first quarter ended September 30.

The company had earnings of \$42,062, or 5.3 cents per share, compared to \$73,036 or 9.3 cents per share last year, a decline of 42 percent. Revenues for the period totaled \$1,011,982, up 11 percent over the \$912,043 reported a year ago.

Little Mint's average number of shares outstanding on Sept. 30 was 787,694.

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