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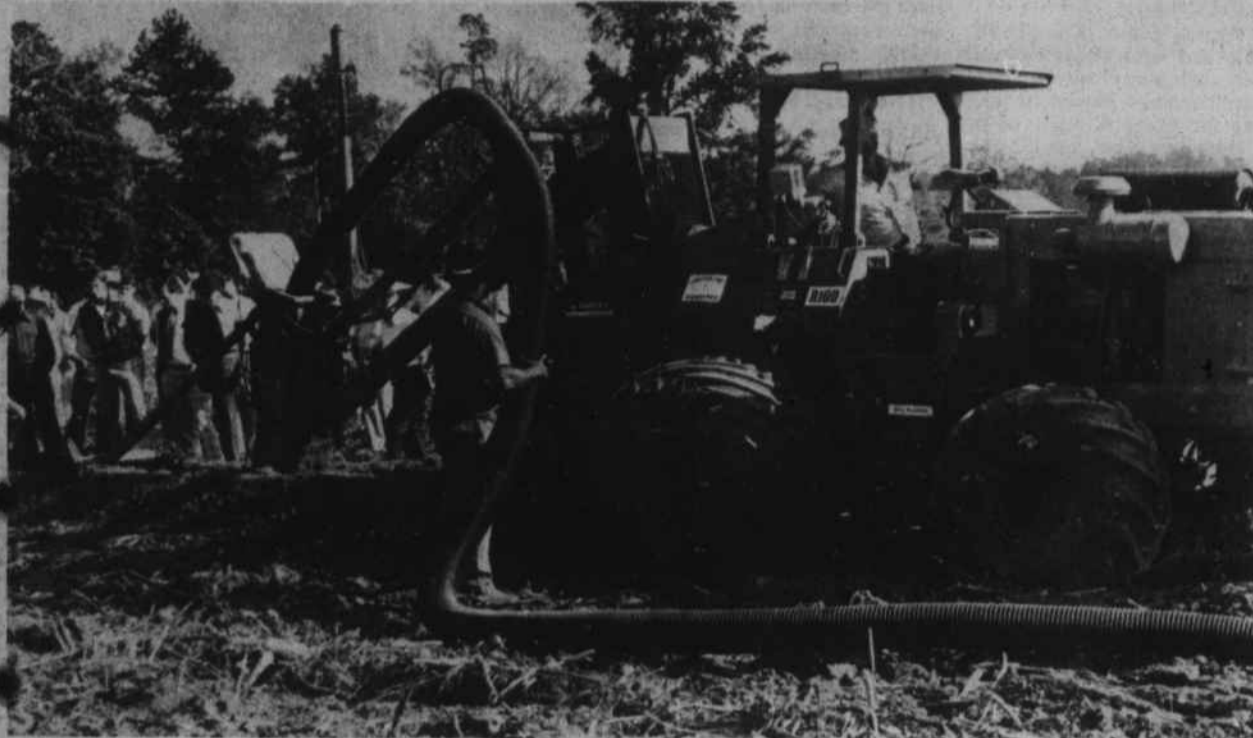
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SONAR TILE INSTALLATION - The Duplin Soil and Water Conservation tour stopped at the Charlie Thomas farm near Magnolia for a demonstration of the tile

installation by the use of sonar waves to control the depth of the tile in the field.

Photo by Emily Killete

Duplin Soil And Water Conservation Farm Family Of The Year Named

By Emily Killete

The ninth annual Duplin soil and water conservation tour was held last Tuesday and the Richard Boyce family of Wallace was named Conservation Farm Family of the Year.

The purpose of the tour was to present projects within the county which demonstrate soil and water conservation in action, said Otho Lee Holland, vice-chairman of the Duplin Soil and Water Conservation District.

The first stop on the tour was the Richard Scott farm near James Kenan High School, showing coastal bermuda grass planting. Scott explained he had been unable to produce crops on the land, but the dry soil made good pasture land.

The Charlie Thomas farm on Highway 117, north of Magnolia, was the second stop for the tour group, where tile installation was underway. The tile demonstration used sonar waves to control the depth the tile was being laid, explained William F. Pickett, a member of the Duplin Conservation District. According to Pickett, about one mile of tile for field drainage could be laid in a day at a cost of 95 cents a foot.

The tour continued with a look at a farm pond on the Horace Ward farm near Magnolia. Next, the tour visited a land-clearing project on the Charles Hawes farm outside of Rose Hill. Hawes said he was clearing 215 acres of wet land, and he had to construct more than three miles of ditches to drain the land. Upon completion, Hawes said he would have 185 acres for cultivation. The land-clearing project began in 1976 and is in the process of clearing the

roots from the fields. The tour group watches as a Rotoveyer sifted the top 12 to 15 inches of earth for roots which the machine picked up.

The tour continued to the Richard Boyce farm near Wallace where erosion control measures were explained by Ken Futreal, Duplin soil conservationist. Boyce constructed about three acres of waterways and about 4,000 feet of terraces which slow the rush of excessive water down slopes and prevents soil erosion. Boyce was named conservation Farmer of the Year due to his efforts in controlling erosion on his farm.

The limestone mine, owned by Billy Fussell, was the next stop on the tour. Fussell led the group into the 60-foot limestone pit and explained the mining procedures. From the limestone mine outside of Rose Hill,

the tour continued to the Duplin Wine Cellars where the group was guided through the winery and tasted samples of the different wines.

The last stop on the tour was the Rose Hill Restaurant for dinner and the presentation of the conservation poster contest awards and the conservation Farm Family of the Year award. Mrs. Betty Williams presented trophies to the poster winners on behalf of the ladies auxiliary of the Duplin Soil and Water Conservation District. The poster contest was for sixth grade students in all county schools, and three posters from each school went to the final round of competition, said Mrs. Williams. This year the theme of the posters was conservation of soil and water, and the winners were: first place - Sabrina Grady of the B.F. Grady School;

second, Kristie Rhodes of B.F. Grady; and third place, Raymond Stroud of Kenansville Elementary.

Joseph L. Williams, a member of the Duplin Soil and Water Conservation District, presented the Richard Boyce family with the Conservation Farm Family of the Year award. Boyce accepted the award on behalf of his family and commented that he believed in conservation and has spent the last 25 years improving his farm. Through the installation of waterways and terraces on his farm, Boyce said he could leave the land in better condition than he had found.

The tour was sponsored by the members of the Duplin Soil and Water Conservation District, the Duplin Soil Conservation Service, and the United Carolina Bank (formerly Waccamaw).



CONSERVATION FARMER OF THE YEAR - Richard Boyce, Conservation Farmer of the Year, was presented a plaque by Joseph Williams on behalf of the Duplin Soil and Water Conservation District members.

Boyce, pictured on the left, has been working with the conservation service to control erosion in recently cleared fields on his farm.

Chancellor Thomas To Speak In Duplin

Chancellor Joab Thomas, ninth chief executive of North Carolina State University, is coming to Duplin County. Dr. Thomas will be the featured speaker at the annual meeting of Duplin County alumni of NCSU on Thursday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. The evening will begin with a social hour at the Duplin Wine Cellars at six o'clock.

A real "down home" dinner will be served at the Rose Hill Restaurant. Dr. Thomas will bring those in attendance up-to-date on the state of the University and its



operations. There will be good fellowship for everyone.

All NCSU alumni and friends of the University are urged to attend this special event. Put your name in the pot by calling J. Michael Moore, program chairman at 296-1996.

Dr. Joab L. Thomas became the ninth chief executive of NCSU, the youngest in its 89-year history, on January 1, 1976.

Veterans' Week Celebration In Warsaw Parade Saturday 11 a.m.

Survey Shows Positive Attitude About Duplin Schools

A majority of students, parents and educators in the county are positive about the work the schools are doing, but blacks and people from small schools tend to be more positive than whites and people associated with large schools, a recent survey shows.

The survey, conducted by Dr. Austin Carter, assistant principal at North Duplin School, as part of his doctoral dissertation, was presented to the School Board.

Carter sent the 26-question survey to 459 students in grades 7-12, 485 parents of students in the system, and 478 educators serving the 18 schools and central office. All students receiving the survey responded, while 93.1% of educators and 66.8% of the parents returned the surveys. Questions were in the form of statements, with which respondents were asked to agree or disagree.

Carter found black students had significantly more positive attitudes about their schools than did white students. Sixty-six percent of black students were positive in their responses, while only 63.9% of white students were. Black educators and parents were only slightly more positive than white educators and parents, Carter found.

Although a majority of each group agreed the curriculum in the school system is sufficient, a majority of each

group also agreed more imaginative learning programs are needed. In response to this, Carter recommended development of new curriculums to improve attitudes.

Other findings showed that parents, students and educators agreed teachers show concern about individual students and teachers, and students have close working relationships with each other. All groups agreed county schools have problems with student absenteeism and that the schools need to place more emphasis on discipline.

Seventy percent of educators, 80 percent of students and 65 percent of parents agreed the schools are doing an adequate job of teaching the basic skills of math, reading and science. While a majority of students and educators agreed the schools are adequately teaching moral and ethical responsibilities, only 45 percent of parents held this belief.

The widest variance of opinion came on the question of how well students like school. A majority of parents and educators expressed the belief students look forward to going to school every day, but only 25 percent of students agreed with them.

Overall, 61.65 percent of students, 54 percent of educators and 52 percent of parents responding to the survey said they believe most people in the county are

satisfied with the educational programs of the schools.

Less than half of each group agreed the quality of educational programs in Duplin is high when compared to other school systems in North Carolina. On this question, however, at least 40 percent of respondents in each category expressed no opinion, indicating they had no knowledge of the quality of schools in other counties, Carter said.

The survey also showed each group believes students are being taught to get along with each other and to respect the rights of their fellow students. It also indicated parents, students and educators believe students are being adequately instructed in responsible citizenship.

All groups strongly agreed the rules and regulations affecting students while they are in school are reasonable.

Four Duplin Towns Receive Award

Rose Hill, Magnolia, Beulaville and Kenansville will be recognized by Governor Jim Hunt as recipients of the Governor's Community of Excellence Award Nov. 15 during the first annual Governor's Conference on Economic Development in Raleigh.

A representative of each town has been invited to receive the award during special ceremonies in Raleigh. These four Duplin County towns were the four of 77 North Carolina towns which earned the coveted award this year, according to Larry Cobick, executive director of the economic development divisions of the N.C. Department of Commerce.

"I am proud of the progress which has been made by these towns and communities all across North Carolina," Gov. Jim Hunt said.

To qualify for the awards, the towns had to meet the basic criteria required by new industry. These included: an organization for putting together and presenting the town's story, adequate labor, industrial sites, financing and access to markets.

The awards will be presented during an evening banquet at the Jane S. McKimmon Center. During an afternoon session, a number of nationally recognized speakers are scheduled to appear.



Photo by Emily Killete

SYMBOL OF EXCELLENCE AWARD - Reeves Brothers of Kenansville received a five-year Symbol of Excellence Award from the Sears and Roebuck Co. Presenting the award were buyers from the Chicago office of Sears who said the award stood for outstanding performance and

quality products. Pictured, left to right, Byron Zimmermann, national Sears buyer; Sy Haber, vice-president of Reeves Brothers, and president of the Consumer Products Divisions; Dennie Bell, Reeves Kenansville plant manager; and Wayne Doyel, senior Sears buyer.

Reeves Bros. Receive Five Year Award From Sears

By Emily Killete

Reeves Brothers of Kenansville received their 5th "Symbol of Excellence Award" from Sears and Roebuck this past week for the Comfy home products manufactured by the plant.

Wayne Doyel, senior buyer, and Byron Zimmermann, national buyer for the Sears Roebuck Company in Chicago, presented the award to Sy Haber, president of the Consumer Products Division, and vice-president of Reeves Brothers, Kenansville's Reeves plant manager was on hand to participate in the event along with plant executives and special guests.

The award was not a one-year award as presented the previous four years, but a

five-year award including this year. According to Zimmermann, in order to receive the award, the company must meet the standards which Sears sets in performance, such as shipping on time, good communication, and producing a quality product. However, the retail stores do the voting for the award winners, Zimmermann said, and only 450 of 1,200 companies receive such an award.

Haber said the Comfy line of products is part of the Consumer Products Division of Reeves. The Consumer Product Division consists of Comfy, home furnishings; Cinderella Knitting, men and boy's briefs; and West Knitting, thermal underwear. Haber said Reeves has increased its business with

Sears by 100% over the past year in the Comfy line of products. According to Doyel, Sears buyer, the reason for the increased business with Reeves is that the Comfy products are the best value and quality merchandise Sears can provide at a reasonable price.

At the conclusion, Haber

expressed his thanks to the employees of Reeves for their effort and dedication to a job well done. Haber added that he would start working on efforts to receive the award another five years with the help of all the people who work to produce the Comfy line of home furnishings.

Bridge Closing In Duplin

NCDOT will close the bridge on Secondary Road 1812 to through traffic for approximately two weeks. The bridge is located approximately one mile southwest of Cedar Fork, and will be closed from Nov. 5-19. This will allow main-

tenance crews to replace the bridge by installing drainage pipe to carry water under the road. The pipe will be covered with dirt fill extending the road across the creek. Traffic will be detoured over local roads.