

SOIL CONSERVATION NEWS

by Lewis Dameron

S.R. Hensley of Prices Creek and Harris Gortney of Roses Branch have recently constructed farm ponds on their farms. These ponds were built on unproductive areas, they have put this idle land to good use and to work for them. It will now furnish them food for the table as well as many days of recreation and relaxation.

Personnel of the Soil Conservation Service assisted these two farmers with the surveying of their pond sites and in ordering fish for stocking purposes, through the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Lester Byrd of Jacks Creek and Tom Morrow of Higgins have recently drained some wet areas on their farms by using tile drainage. These wet areas, some of their most productive land, are now dry and suitable

for row crops and meadows.

B. B. Hensley of Beelog has seeded some alfalfa on his farm this spring. Alfalfa production is one of several soil and water conservation practices planned by Mr. Hensley in his complete soil conservation plan. This plan prepared in cooperation with the Yancey Soil Conservation District contains a soils map and a land use map of the farm showing how he plans to use each field.

Vacation time is here. Time to hit the open road. Hit the road, but don't hit anything else. Don't be a "Hurry Bug" in the heavy summer traffic. Slow Down and Live!

Sign at a railroad crossing: "The average time it takes a train to pass this crossing is 14 seconds, whether your car is on it or not."

GOV. HODGES SUGGESTS CAUTION IN MINERAL AGREEMENT

Governor Hodges urges North Carolinians to "proceed with caution" before they sign leases granting others the right to search for minerals or explore for oil on their lands. The governor has been advised by Dr. J. L. Stucky, head of the Department of Conservation and Development's Division of Mineral Resources that a number of companies are actively engaged in investigating mines in North Carolina or inquiring about prospective mine sites. Dr. Stucky states that "their interest in North Carolina should be welcomed by all of us who desire to have the State's mineral explored and developed."

Since it is possible that persons not familiar with minerals and mining may make contracts not to their best interests, the governor and the state geologist urge all owners of supposedly mineral-bearing land to be certain they do not sign contracts granting mineral rights that they might regret later. They suggested that landowners consult mining experts in their communities before making any such agreements.



SKI CHAMP . . . Willa McGuire, international and national water ski title holder, practices her stunts at Cypress Gardens, Fla.

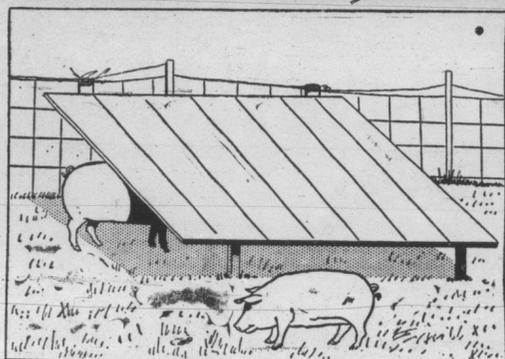


STUDY U.S. FARMS . . . Nine girls from India arrive on S.S. Independence to study homemaking on American farms. They are: Asha Dawesar, Pushpalata Karnik, Atlys-Sultana, Kiruberathy Cross, Usha Sud, Eitz. Mammen, Pushpa Mitra, Hamlata Singh and Surrender Saini.

WE CANNOT SAY TOO OFTEN —



FENCE LINES



• **TEMPORARY SHELTER** . . . One farmer in need of a temporary shelter for young pigs in an open feed lot removed one of the sliding doors from a corncrib and used it as shown. Baling wire was used to hold roller units against top of fence.

YANCEY MEN ENLIST IN NAVY

Four Yancey County men enlisted in the U. S. Navy and are now receiving their recruit training at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes III.

The men enlisted are, Ray Johnson and Charles Delena Bryant from Bee Log, N. C.; Howard Edwards from Higgins; and Willie Howard Chrisawn from Micaville.

Upon completion of their recruit training, they will be given a fourteen day leave period to visit at home before reporting to their new duty station.

"I REMEMBER" BY THE OLDTIMERS

From Mrs. Maud Shawyer, Harlowton, Montana: I remember the first school that I attended on the banks of the Gallatin River in Montana when I was six years old, in 1878.

It was the first school in the district, which had just been organized. The building was of newly hewn logs. The door was made of unplanned lumber. There were two windows on either side of the building. We had some kind of a blackboard. The desks were home made and we used slates and pencils. There were nine children attending. We used McGuffey's Reader and the Barnes History. I still have them. They are prized possessions.

Miss Lay was our first teacher. She had been teaching in Missouri and came out to Montana to teach. She told me about an experience she had in Missouri as she was on her way home from school late one afternoon.

She was on horseback, riding leisurely, when she heard a panther scream. It came so near that she could see it. Terribly frightened, she pulled the veil from her hat and threw it down. The panther stopped and tore the veil into shreds. Then it caught up with her again and she threw her hat to the ground. While it was doing that she urged her horse on as fast as she could and never saw the panther again.

She said that she had heard of others using that method of escape when being followed by a panther.

(Send contributions to this column, The Old Timer, Community Press Section, Frankfort, Kentucky.)

my P P PET PEEVE by Mike Bennett

PITY the younger generation—no matter which way it turns it runs smack into criticism, invariably from some wise elder highly upset over the fact that young folks just won't act the way older folks think they should.

The latest (and perhaps the silliest) complaint being lodged against the new generation is that it is walking with both feet on the ground and a business-like eye to the future. It seems that some educators took a look at the most recent crop of graduates and cried out in great alarm, "Where are the dreamers, the idealists, the would-be conquerors of science, business, finance and Mars?" The obvious implication being that high schools and colleges are turning loose upon our burdened economy thousands of hungry job-seekers, which we already have plenty of. What is needed, they imply, are dedicated souls, not plain Joes and Janes who'll be happy with forty hours or less, plus paid vacation and retirement.

Now those of us who remember the time when high aspirations and ambitions were considered the mark of an idle dreamer should get a good laugh out of the fact that the time has changed. There was a time when kids were told they would never amount to a "hill of beans" unless they got their noggin out of the clouds and their feet back on the ground where both visibility and food were more secure.

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