

by TONY SHORT

The annual Future Farmers of America landjudging contest was held last Thursday at Roanoke High School in Robersonville. Competing were ten teams in two separate federations, including the Coastal and Albemarle. The contest is sponsored in part by the North Carolina Association of Conservation Districts. The winner of the Albemarle Federation was the Camden Chapter, Northeastern was second and Gates was third. These teams were presented checks from the Albemarle Conservation District, which includes Camden, Currituck, Pasquotank, Perquimans, and

Chowan Counties. The individual high score for the competition was Georgia Johnson, also of Camden. She was also awarded a check from the district. Soil judging is an educational tool. It helps the F.F.A. student learn more about the capabilities and the problems of different types of soil. Such things as soil texture, slope, structure, and drainage are considered. Knowing these properties, a determination can be made for soil suitability for various uses. For example, a soil with certain clays in the subsoil may cause problems for house foundations.



FFA land-judging students inspect a soil pit at the annual contest held this year in Martin County. (Soil Conservation Service photo)

Perquimans Gardening



By Jean Winslow

Now that trees are dormant, a good choice for landscaping in our area is the waxmyrtle, which may be moved now. Native to North Carolina, it grows in sandy swamplands. You see it everywhere. We have one which has been trained into a small tree, with multiple branches. I especially like it in the winter, as it is evergreen, with broad leaves that have a pleasing aroma when crushed. N.C. Agriculturists caution that while the waxmyrtle is hard to transplant, it will survive with adequate water, good soil, and most important of all, adequate drainage. I've seen it on sale at large nurseries, but not around here. Here's something for the birds: In my time-consuming and exhaustive research (i.e., I ask the Bird Lady) I have compiled a list of plants which are popular with birds of this area. The following is for some of the birds on our scene right now. Purple finches like seeds, cherries, crab apples, dogwoods, millets, pyracantha, sumac, and sunflowers. Baltimore orioles like artificial feeds, which I'll get to in a minute. You can count on them basically for the same as finches, except they love plum trees too. Catbirds, thrashers, cardinals and robins like all of the above, including hollies. Chickadees, titmice, and nuthatches are more selective: oaks, sumacs, sunflowers, and suet. Sumac is by far the most popular plant with bird species. This brings us to our annual

publication of the recipe for Chickadee Pie, which of course is popular also with finches, orioles, and others at this season. In case you don't remember, mix up ground or finely chopped suet with cornmeal, peanut butter, corn, or table syrup, and place in a citrus rind. Raisins, old bread and cake are also suggested for dessert. Don't forget to build a feeding tray close to a window where you can observe all the comings and goings of hungry guests. By the way, we had otters in the river back of our house recently. They swam under the pier, and those lucky enough to observe them (guess who wasn't home?) said they came in so close you could see their whiskers. Otters are first-rate

swimmers with webbed feet and a powerful flattened lateral-shaped tail. In this area, otters are attracted by fish for which they dive and catch under water. Usually, during the day, an otter will stay inside its burrow, which he prefers to be under the trunk of a fallen tree. He hides the upper ventilating entrances under roots and branches, and when alarmed will silently slide out the lower entrance which is under water. An otter is said to be a very rewarding pet, who will follow his trainer anywhere. They are taught to catch fish in some of the eastern countries. Wish I had one. All those sixty-eleven kids who swim here in the summer would have a ball rafting with my playful friend.

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County sets cotton meet

A cotton production meeting will be held at the Perquimans Agricultural Extension Office in Hertford on Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m. The meeting is sponsored by the Perquimans County Agricultural Extension Service. The featured speaker will be A.C. York, Extension Cotton Specialist at N.C.S.U. The title of his talk will be

"Aspects of Modern Cotton Production". The Chowan Cotton Gin Cooperative President, Carroll Bass and several board members will discuss the gin's operation in 1981 and the outlook of cotton in the area. "It has been about twenty years since we grew cotton in Perquimans County and much

has changed over this time," said Bill Jester, County Extension Chairman. "With some of our farmers in lighter soils showing interest in cotton because of its drought tolerance, good price and the nearness of a gin, we thought a meeting to discuss cotton production and its economics would be appropriate at this time."

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LEGALS

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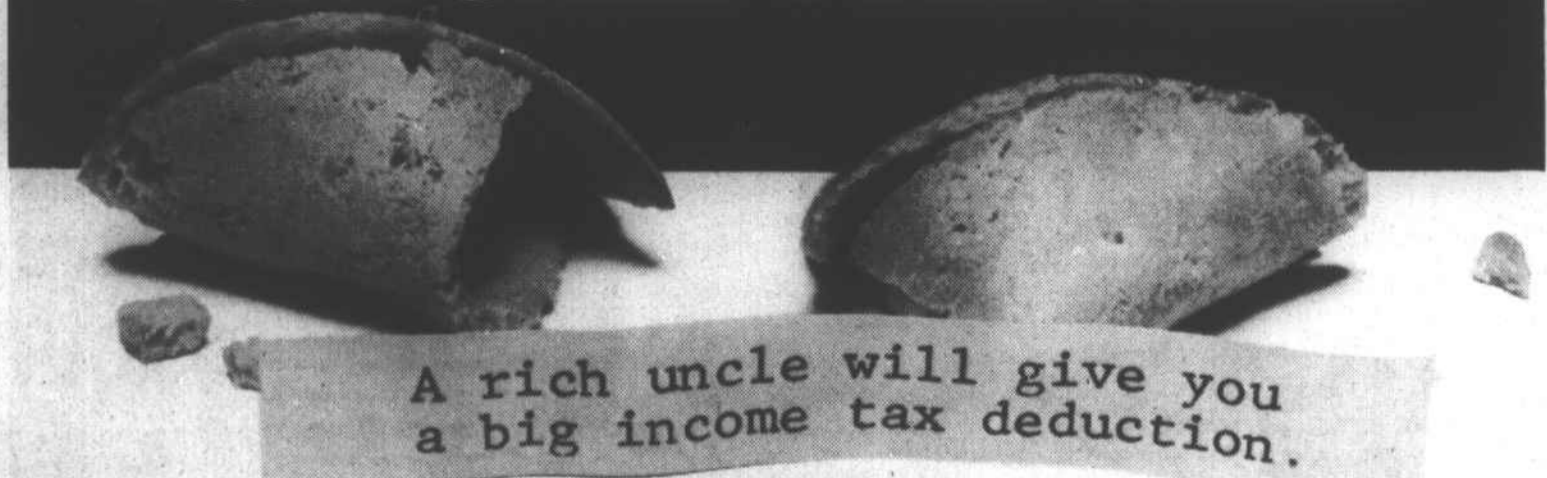
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