

AGRICULTURE

Rain delays have caused late planting for county

I thought that mother nature would give our farmers a break this week

this weekend deposited up to 2.4 inches of water on already wet fields.

Several farmers have already indicated that they would not be able to do any field work until late this week (4/23-4/29). The closer we get to the tenth of May, the more risky corn gets in terms of getting a profitable crop. A farmer may want to plant another less risky crop—such as soybeans.

I was just reading over the 1982 Census of Agriculture and made another note of several facts about Perquimans County when compared

with several surrounding counties. According to this report, Perquimans County had 319 farms cultivating

70,855 acres of land. Of the northeastern counties north of the Albemarle Sound, Perquimans County ranks first in the number of acres cultivated. The number of cultivated acres and farms reported in 1978 was 64,319 and 369, respectively.

The 1982 figures represent an increase in cultivated acres of about 10 percent and a decrease in the number of farms of about 13.5 percent when compared to 1978.

I want to encourage you to vote on May 8, 1984...it is your right in this democracy so lets exercise it. One issue that may affect North Carolina farmers is the proposed Farm Finance Amendment to the North Carolina Constitution. This will be on the ballot on May 8. Similar type bonds are presently being issued by 21 states. Virginia has a program similar to the one North Carolina has proposed.

What are you voting for on May 8? You will be voting for or against a constitutional amendment to enact laws to authorize the creation of an

agency to issue revenue bonds to finance the capital costs of agricultural projects. These projects may consist of the purchase of land, buildings, machinery and equipment. There will be a \$500,000 borrowing limit for individual farmers. Farmer-owned cooperatives could borrow up to \$2,000,000.

The farm finance program will not cost the state taxpayer any money. Loan money will come from the investors and other financial institutions. These institutions will then lend the money to individuals with the proper security.

The proposed farm finance program will enable eligible farmers to borrow money at a lower interest rate than would currently be available to them.

Vote on May 8, 1984! See you at the polls. I hope I can see you in your fields soon. If Jeff or I can be of some help...let us know!

FACTS & FIGURES

Eighty-six million barrels of oil. That's how much energy was saved in one year by one company's systems that convert waste material into energy.



That 86 million works out to a savings of about \$3 billion, estimates Combustion Engineering, Inc., a leader in energy technology worldwide.

An increasing number of communities and corporations are turning to such companies to help them turn their useless trash into useful energy.



Farming The Flatlands
north carolina AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE
By Bill Jester, Extension Chairman

but it was not to be. The rain that fell

Farmers are an important minority

BY JOHN SLEDGE
N. C. Farm Bureau Federation
There are those who say that

because farmers comprise less than three percent of this country's population they are in the minority

and therefore don't have much impact on the economy.

The truth of the matter is that our nation's biggest industry is agriculture. Farm assets, totaling \$1,049 billion on January 1, 1983 were equal to about 70 percent of the capital assets of all manufacturing corporations in the United States.

The farm equipment industry provides one example of the impact of agriculture. When a slumping economy forces farmers to reduce equipment purchases, machinery sales plummet, demand for steel nosedives, workers are laid off, less taxes are collected and the entire economy suffers.

The same people who claim farmers don't have an impact on the economy also believe farmers' only

job is to product food and fiber. Granted that is a big part of what farmers do every day, but we wonder how many realize farmers today must also struggle with complicated marketing formulas, depreciation schedules, computers and farm equipment designed by engineers with a Ph.D.

Today's farmer is a modern businessman, often with a multi-million dollar operation to manage. From growing of food and fiber to selling it in the retail store provides jobs for 22 million people. That means that agriculture is the nation's largest employer.

How many minority groups can you think of that have that kind of impact on the economy?

VOTE TUESDAY, MAY 8TH AND ELECT

Arnold E. Winslow
PERQUIMANS COUNTY COMMISSIONER

As a native of Perquimans County I am deeply concerned about my fellow citizens and would like to serve them on the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners.

I am a former employee of Winslow Oil Company and presently an Agri Business man in the Belvidere community. Your vote and support Tuesday May 8th will be greatly appreciated.

PAID POLITICAL AD BY ARNOLD E. WINSLOW

Assistance available for conservation planning

To make a big business work, a plan or direction of operation is needed. A farm is no different. Farmers do a lot of planning on how to make the farm run more efficiently. It is not always put down on paper though. When you make plans to protect and improve your soil you are doing conservation planning. One of the major responsibilities of the Soil and Water Conservation District is getting farmers (cooperators) to plan their farms. This is done by the help of Soil Conservation Service personnel. These people can help you reach sound decisions on the use and improvement of your land.

Farms are not the only place where conservation plans can be prepared. Industrial, residential, and recreational areas as well as schools and churches can also be planned. Effective planning reduces waste and makes more money in the long run.

The Soil Conservation Service will be glad to assist anyone in preparing a conservation plan on land they own or rent.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

"Public Hearing to consider the adoption of an ordinance to establish a Planning Board for the Town of Winfall in accordance with N.C.G.S. 160A-361.

The Town Council of the Town of Winfall will hold a public hearing on the 14th day of May, 1984, at 7:00 P.M. o'clock in the Town Hall. All interested citizens are invited to attend.

Copies of the proposed ordinance are available for inspection during regular business hours at Town office.

As a result of this hearing, substantial changes might be made in the proposal as advertised, reflecting objections, debate, and discussion at the hearing."

L.R. Morgan, Mayor
Town of Winfall

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Rufus Edmisten
For
Governor

Why should Perquimans County voters support Rufus Edmisten for Governor???

He and his staff have always been available to those who needed help.

He was instrumental in stopping the telephone company's long distance Access fee.

He understands what people who live in a rural county, 3 hours east of Raleigh, need — he's from Watauga County, 4 hours west of Raleigh.

He understands the needs of education — he taught school, the third grade.

His Consumer Protection section has saved and recovered over 100 million dollars for consumers.

He supports Elizabeth City State University.
He endorsed Dr. Jimmy Jenkins as Chancellor.

He is a firm supporter in law and order for all.
He believes that victims of crime should get restitution for their losses.

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