

Was It Sudden?

Jerry Marcus



"Some stupid kids with a flashing red light on their car have been chasing us for miles."

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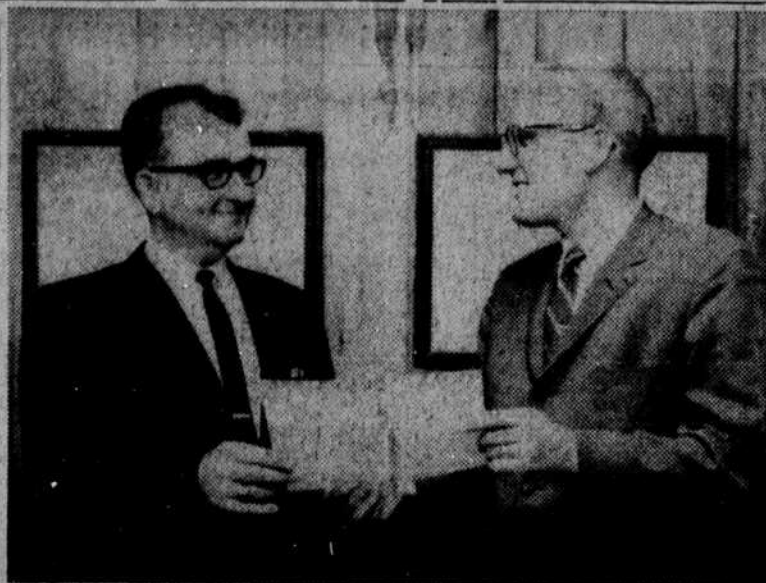
If a row of one-quart glass jars were placed side by side for one and one-half miles, they would barely hold all of the water from a one-inch rain on an average yard measuring 100 feet by 100 feet. This gives some idea of how much water actually falls and how much must be handled during heavy rains. Since the area mentioned is only about a quarter of an acre, one can imagine the quantity of water falling on a 25-acre field. This would take a row of jars almost 150 miles long just to hold one inch of rainfall. Normally, only part of the rainfall runs off a field, but under some conditions, one inch of runoff is not excessive. Fields planted to row crops give the greatest amount of runoff and offer the least protection against erosion during heavy rains. The runoff always runs to the lower depressions in a field, and tends to accumulate there until there is enough to break over the rows. As the water breaks over the rows, it starts eroding out a gully.

Since we have little control over our rainfall, and no control over its ability to seek lower elevations, we must look for a method of reducing the runoff and transporting it slowly to the lower disposal areas. The easiest and most practical way to do this is to construct a channel with a wide bottom which makes the water move more slowly. Then, to further reduce erosion and velocity, a good sod is established in the shaped area. Low areas or depressions most always give trouble in row-crop-

ped fields because of the water accumulating in them and then creating a wash down through the field. Another big advantage in having a grassed waterway in the low areas is that the row alignment in the field can be improved. In fact, waterways are a necessity in any good row arrangement in fields with low areas and undulating topography. After waterways are established, stripcropping or terraces can be laid out with few or no short rows in the field. Grassed waterways are usually essential to any good field layout using row crops. It is true that they do occupy a portion of the field area, but that is a small sacrifice for the benefits obtained.

Waterways are not a farming practice that can be established and forgotten. They require maintenance. They should have proper fertilization and mowing at regular intervals. Occasionally, small washes will occur which have to be repaired. This year, many waterways have been found damaged, with the sod killed as a result of using herbicides on adjacent fields. Farmers using Atrazine and other herbicides should make certain that the sprayer is not operating as they cross their waters.

Grassed waterways have proven to be one of the best farming practices known for disposing of water and adapting a field layout for modern equipment with few or no short rows. The University of Missouri has found in one of its studies that some fields laid out with parallel rows or terraces can reduce the cultivating



WINS CERTIFICATE — Norman King, left above, Southern Bell commercial representative in the Gastonia Business Office, receives a certificate from F. Bryan Houck, right, district manager, as the telephone company's newest member in its 20-20 club in the Gastonia district. Mr. King, a city commissioner, gave 20 demonstrations and lectures to civic and church groups during a 20-month period in public relations work for the company, said Houck in presenting the certificate.

time by 53 percent. These systems can easily reduce labor costs and time saved enough to make establishing waterways practical.

Technical assistance is available from the local Soil Conservation Service office to assist with the planning, design and layout of grassed waterways. This assistance is made available through your local Soil & Water Conservation District.

NEW POLICEMEN

Jackie D. Boone and Raymond Galloway have joined the city police staff on a part-time basis, Mayor John H. Moss announced Wednesday.

Blalock's Set Grand Opening

Blalock's Park Inn, 1104 Shelby road, will hold grand opening Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blalock, owners, have announced.

Mr. Blalock said opening day prizes will include gifts to the kiddies, including balloons, bubble gum and popsicles, and in addition adults may register for prizes to be awarded during the three-day promotion.

Veteran's Administration Questions And Answers

Q—In the case of serviceman's death while he is on active duty, what are the limits of the Death Gratuity and who receives it?

A—The benefit is a such equal to six months' pay of the deceased. However, it shall not be less than \$800, nor more than \$3,000. It is paid to the surviving spouse, child or children unless the serviceman has designated his parents, brothers or sisters.

Q—I have remarried and my present husband has adopted my daughter. Thus she is not an orphan. . . . Since her father died from injuries sustained in World War II, is she entitled to training under the War Orphans Assistance program?

A—Yes. Her eligibility is based on the fact that her parent died from service-connected causes. Subsequent adoption does not affect this original eligibility.

Q—I am receiving a pension

as a widow of a veteran, and for our two children. I am considering marrying again and I would like to know if this would result in the loss of this pension?

A—Only that portion that is payable as your benefit would be stopped. Benefits would continue to be paid to you on behalf of your children. Children do not lose their rights to pension when the widow remarries or dies. They will continue to receive pension until age 18 or if attending a VA - approved school, until age 23.

WINS PRIZE

Kings Mountain Garden club won first place in garden club exhibits this year at the Cleveland County Fair. The exhibits were judged Tuesday.

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