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## NEWSLETTER



### NEW WORK UNIT CONSERVATIONIST



Since our last Newsletter, the Licking Soil Conservation District has obtained a new Soil Conservationist to fill the vacancy created by the death of Kenneth Thomas last fall. He is John Garrett, who for the past 10 years has been serving as Work Unit Conservationist in Holmes County.

While in charge of the Holmes County office, Mr. Garrett received a Certificate of Merit from the Soil Conservation Service for continuous high production in conservation planning and application. Holmes County, over the past several years, has been at the top in the application of soil and water conservation practices. They have led the state for several years in contour strip cropping to save soil and water.

Mr. Garrett holds a degree in Agronomy and Conservation from the Ohio State University. He worked on a training basis in Licking County for a year in 1950 following graduation and left here in 1951 for active duty with the Navy in the Korean War. He served in both World War II and the Korean War. He is a native of Belmont County and is married. The Garretts have two daughters.

Kirby Barrick, Chairman of the Licking District said, "We feel fortunate in obtaining someone of Mr. Garrett's ability and experience and we certainly want to welcome him to Licking County and to wish him well in his new job."

### WATERSHED NOTES

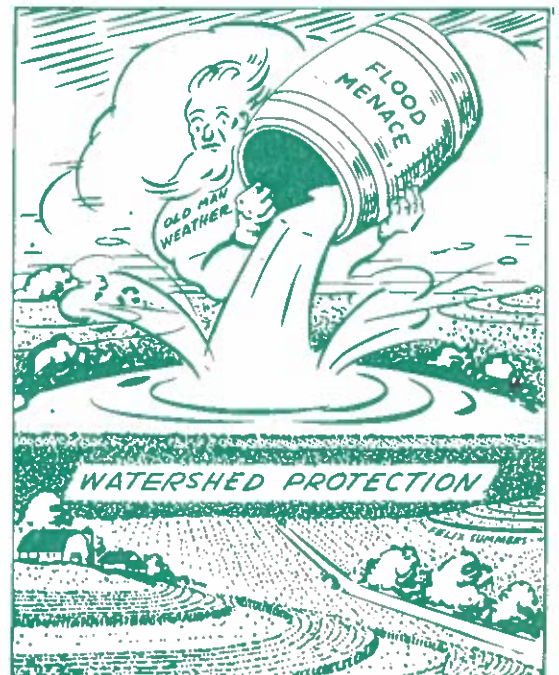
We have received word that the watershed application for assistance, under the small watershed program, for Log Pond Run has been approved by the Dept. of Natural Resources. This approval was the final hurdle in preparing the way for planning assistance by the Soil Conservation Service. Just when planning may start is not known at this time. However, we are hopeful that some early action will be taken.

Log Pond Run is the first watershed in Licking County to qualify for assistance under the small watershed program of watershed protection and flood prevention.

Considerable interest has been expressed by farmers and business people of the South Fork watershed in submitting an application. The Licking County Soil Conservation District stands ready and willing to help in getting approval on this and any other watershed in the county that show interest and support by the people living within the watershed area. Recent amendments to the Watershed Act by Congress makes this program even more attractive and helpful.

Log Pond Run should open the door to a stepped up interest in the small watershed program in Licking County. There are three ingredients for success in a watershed program (1) There must be a need, (2) The people must recognize the need, and (3) They must be willing to do something about it.

If these three conditions exist, then getting a watershed program underway is no problem.



## CONSERVATION FOR AGRICULTURE AND EDUCATION



The application of conservation practices on the Northridge High School farm in Liberty Township held a two-fold purpose.

Surface and subsurface drainage were the two major problems which had to be solved. This was complicated even further by the fact that there were no existing outlets and that special care and attention had to be given to areas such as graded football and baseball fields, existing roads, buildings, parking lots, and ponded pot holes on the farm land which will be managed and operated by the Vo-Ag Department.

Your S.C.D. and the school board cooperated to get underway the installation of a combination of open ditches, diversions, waterways, shallow surface ditches, culvert crossings, and tile drainage systems constituting a complete program of conservation on the school grounds. Along with the surveys, designs, and layouts performed by S.C.S. personnel, on the job training was given to the Vo-Ag students in wise use of the land, and the application of conservation practices. This will prove invaluable to them on their own farms in years to come. They were shown the principles of surveying, the operations of the transit, and methods of using this knowledge when applying conservation on the land. These students will have fine school grounds, a dry football field, solid parking lots, and good test and farm plot acres.

Cooperation between the school board, the administrators, the teachers, the students, and your S.C.D. in planning and layout of these practices will provide many benefits in the years to come.

### COVER CROPS

It's not too late to sow a cover crop in this year's corn or soybeans for next year's green manure plow down. Cover crops are especially beneficial on soils that tend to be somewhat heavy and slow to warm up or slow to dry out in the spring. They improve soil tilth, furnish organic matter, provide a source of late fall or early spring pasture, help prevent erosion, and help to improve the general condition of the soil.

Domestic ryegrass at 20 lbs. per acre seeded immediately after the last cultivation is one of the best. Field brome grass (not smooth brome) at 10-15 lbs. per acre has also given excellent results.

### HIGHWAYS AND FARM DRAINAGE

If you haven't been affected by new highway construction or relocation, chances are you have, at least, wondered how it might effect your land drainage problems.

Highway engineers try to provide outlets for farm drainage in their location plans. However, drainage can still be adversely effected by new highways.

Fortunately, in Ohio, machinery exists especially created to study these problems before they occur. If you are on a proposed relocation and are concerned with drainage outlets, your first step should be to meet with the Licking Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors and explain your concern. The Board can request the Dept. of Natural Resources highway liaison engineer to study the problem. This man has access to highway department plans, specifications, and drawings. He also meets with them from time to time on these special problems of which he has personal knowledge. He is your go between. The Board recommends this as your best course of action. Your Soil Conservation District is willing to cooperate in helping you with this type problem just as they cooperate in solving other soil and water problems.



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### PRACTICE DESIGNS AND LAYOUT

This is the busy season for design and layout of conservation practices. It would help us in scheduling our work if cooperators wanting assistance would contact us as far ahead of time as possible. A good plan should be the first step to the successful solution of any problem. Good plans take into account, insofar as possible, all facts. This often involves a good deal of study. Assure yourself of a good plan. Contact us well ahead of construction.

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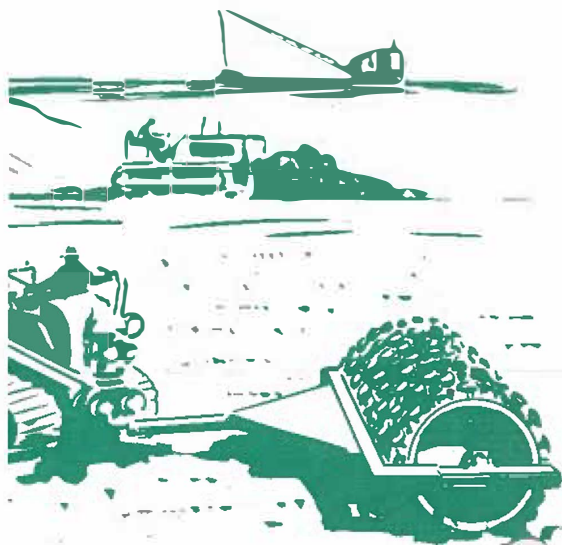
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NATIONAL FARM SAFETY WEEK  
July 21-27, 1963



The need to promote safety on the farm can be shown by stating one fact. Farm population has been decreasing - farm accidents have been increasing. Safety is everybody's business. It should be everyone's concern. Farm safety is involved in many things - agricultural chemicals, rural highways, farm machinery, recreation, work habits, livestock, as well as the home and farm buildings.

The theme for this year's observance is INSPECTION + CORRECTION = PROTECTION. It might be a good idea for you and your neighbor to get together and each pull a safety inspection on the other. You would both benefit.

Safety is no accident.

NEW COOPERATORS

Since our last Newsletter, the Board of Supervisors has approved applications for assistance from: Earl Bebout - Bennington Twp.; Francis Robbins - Burlington Twp.; Charles South - Eden Twp.; Ralph Anderson - Hanover Twp.; Dr. Robert Kessler - Harrison Twp.; G. Thomas Belt - Hartford Twp.; Paul Derrick, Jerry Graft, and Mark McCoy - Hopewell Twp.; Dwight Dean and David Thomas - Jersey Twp.; Earl Hunter and Charles Ridgway - Liberty Twp.; National Properties, Inc., Grace Lowe, and William Wolfe - Lima Twp.; Howard Freas and Lloyd White - McKean Twp.; J. Edgar Bell, Orville Kennedy, and Robert Stradley - Mary Ann Twp.; William Ashbrook - Monroe Twp.; David Jenkins - Newton Twp.; F. E. Strate and Fred G. Wachsman - Perry Twp.; Ellis F. Gallant and John D. Hoyt - St. Albans Twp.; Adrian Smith - Union Twp.; and Raymond W. Wilson - Washington Twp. David Thomas made application #1380.

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