

Success of Soil Conservation Based on Eight Principles

The success of soil conservation districts is attributed by Chief Hugh H. Bennett of the Soil Conservation Service to eight principles. His words are:

1. Soil conservation districts are typically American in that they provide a means for mutual action toward common objectives as determined by the majority.

2. They are independent. Their destinies are not controlled by outside influences, either state or federal.

3. They exist for action. Their whole being is directed toward positive accomplishment.

4. Their work is founded on widespread local understanding. When farmers learn the facts about the land, and agriculture in their district they can agree on a united course of action and carry it out with every reasonable prospect of widespread satisfaction.

5. They are definite organizations that are able to plan programs, obtain information, procure governmental and other services, and do many other things that the same farmers as individuals, working alone, would not be able to do.

6. They provide a recognized centering point and clearing house in the locality for carrying forward advanced agricultural programs and developments in general, from weed-control campaigns to group drainage projects, as they are in the best interests of soil and water conservation and proper land use.

7. They provide a practical medium through which the encouragement, in-finance and assistance of local business and professional interests can be brought to bear in an effective, constructive way for the benefit of agriculture in the district.

8. They are in position to provide local guidance responsive to the needs and desires of the local people, to such professional workers as to the county agent, soil conservation technicians, foresters and highway engineers.

"For these reasons, the Soil Conservation Service is encouraging and assisting soil conservation districts with all its resources and with complete confidence that the results will contribute toward a better America," Chief Bennett says.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

A farm is a good investment only when it is properly handled. Our future depends not on the crops produced this season, but on the capacity of the soil to produce again.

Prosperous farms and farming communities have their basis in good fertile soil. Lay the groundwork by checking with your Soil Conservation district.

Take care of your land, and your land will take care of you!



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HERD BULL owned by W. H. Long,
Owner of the Clearview Hereford Ranch.

LYLE CHERRY OF PERCILLA TEXAS' BEST 'GI' FARMER

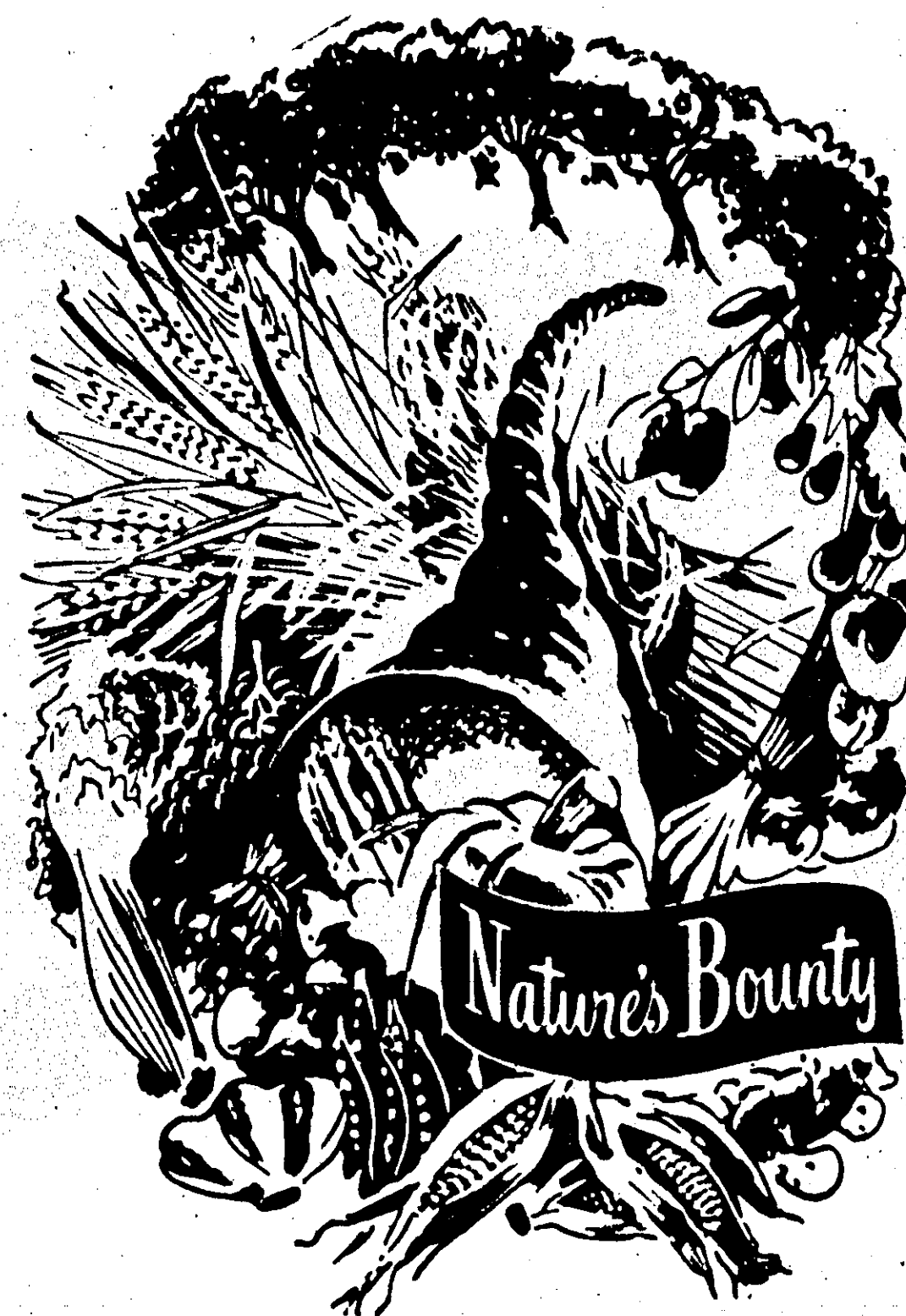
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J. E. Ashmore is Mr. Cherry's veteran's instructor in agriculture. The Percilla man, who has been so significantly honored, has consistently refused to let his physical handicap prevent him from improving and successfully operating the Cherry homeplace, which he now owns, at Percilla.

The Most VALUABLE THING in America



LAND is the most valuable thing in America. Soil is the foundation of our wealth, today and tomorrow. The penalty of national soil neglect could not be offset by all the machines, laboratories and banks.

When the soil is rightly used, agriculture flourishes, trade flows, great cities grow, civilizations rise. If the soil is wasted, agriculture and national prosperity decline. Each year erosion, largely preventable, claims three billion tons of soil. That's an average loss of 95 tons a second!

Farmers and business men in this community know that heavy soil and fertility losses on our farms can eventually bankrupt them. Such losses from erosion and overcropping can be reduced, fertility can be increased, and farming can be made more profitable. The growing of more legumes, strip cropping, contour planting, terracing, pasture improvement and sound rotations all help to conserve and build soil.

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Timber Conservation

Major Natural Resource



We congratulate Land Owners and all who are practicing SOIL - WATER - TIMBER Conservation, for we know that in the long run this will mean bigger and better dividends for all concerned.

There is a profit in Conservation of our resources; profit for Business as well as for Farmers and Landowners.

Crockett Manufacturing Company

Tex-Oak Flooring Company

SAVE OUR LAND and TIMBER

The Key To Farm Security

... is land that continues to produce to a high potential year after year after year. Any farmer knows that this requires many things: water control, wind protection, proper and methodical restoring of the land with good fertilizer. These, in turn, require a sensible program of financing. This is our job and we suggest an early interview.

LOW COST AND SAFETY

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Scores First on Both Points.

LOW COST: Interest only 4%. Any cash dividends received will reduce net cost.

SAFETY: Long terms, up to 34 1-2 years. Payments geared to your normal income. But you can get out of debt as fast as your income permits. Average net cost of money (after dividends) to member borrowers during 1950 was 4.24%.

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Houston County National Farm Loan Association

W. H. LONG, Secretary-Treasurer

Bromberg Building

Crockett, Texas

Phone 118

They All Depend On a Few Inches of Soil!



- Crops!
- Profits
- Security!
- The Community
- The Nation!

Good land is our most important resource. Take care of it and it will take care of you and the community in which you live. Practice CONSERVATION FARMING! You'll have better land, better crops.

United Gas Corporation

U. S. Forest Service Demonstrates Conservation And Timber Management Practices on the Davy Crockett National Forest

Half Million Dollar Annual Timber Business, Along With Game Management and Recreational Uses

By Orrie W. Hanson, District Forest Ranger.

One of the principal objectives of the U. S. Forest Service is to show the public and particularly the forest landowners, the best timber management practices and these pictures show something of how these demonstrations are being conducted from the early stages of the planted pine seedlings, thru the various improvement thinning to the mature stands of high quality sawtimber.

Ever since the first improvement thinning made on the Davy Crockett, in 1936 when the compartment receipts were around \$25,000.00 the savings from the sale of pulpwood, crosscut, sawtimber and other forest products thinning have steadily increased so that the returns now frequently exceed one quarter million dollars for each compartment.

Land and timber within the National Forest which was roughly valued at \$10,000 per acre, when this Davy Crockett was acquired prior to 1936, now carries stands of selected pine and hardwood trees worth from two to four hundred dollars an acre after the various marked thinning have been removed. This improved conservation of our timber resources within the Eastern area of Houston County has meant returns to the county thru the 25% fund of almost a hundred thousand dollars annually, or more than ten times as much as the annual taxes at the time of purchase. The return from the sale of forest products to Houston County has exceeded that of any other county in the 11 Southern States which comprise the Southern Region of the U. S. Forest Service.

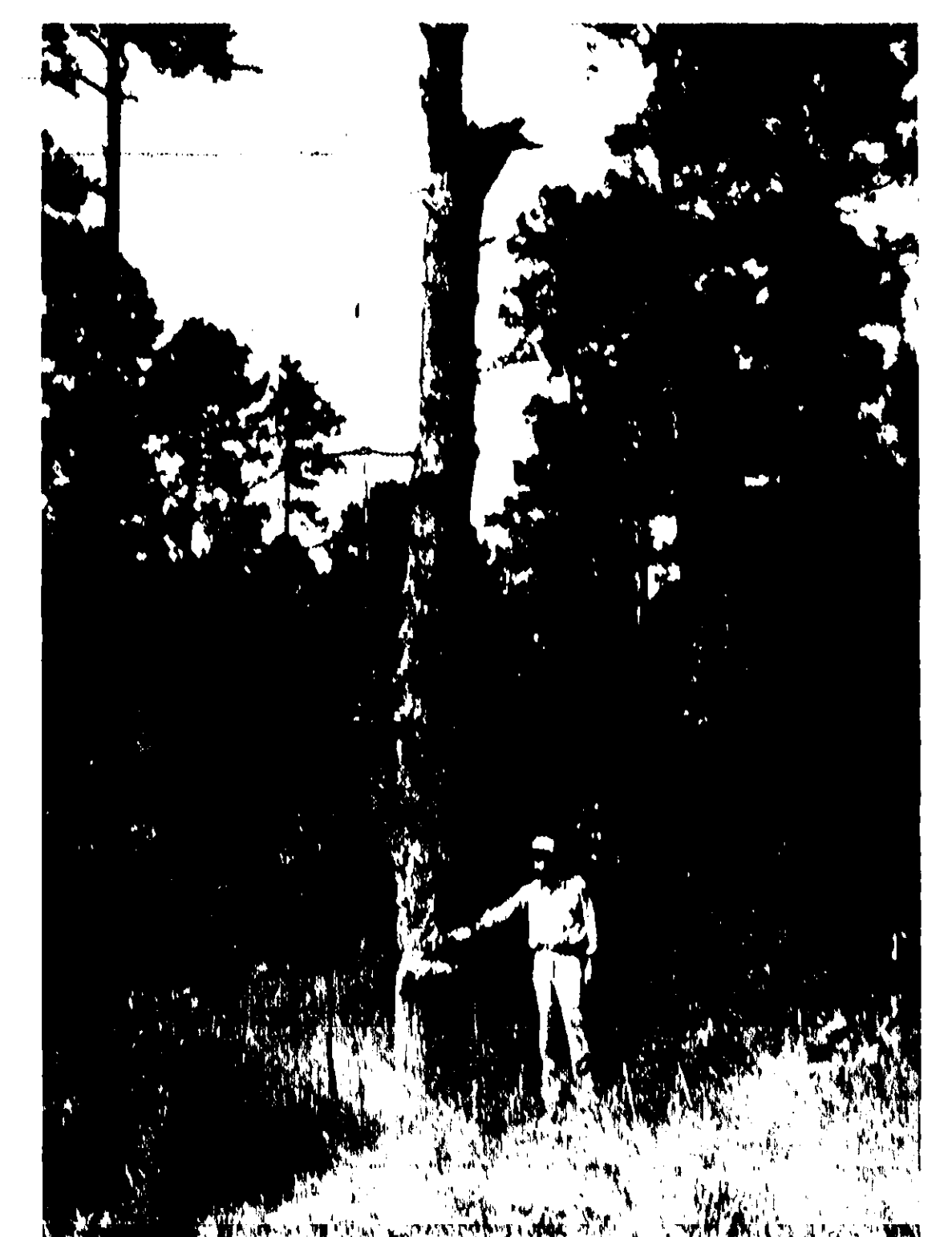
Along with the improved thinning practices and demonstration pine plantations, the Forest Service has also been carrying on large-scale timber land improvement work following pine pulpwood and sawtimber sales to rid the forest of "wolf-like" and otherwise unmerchantable and unmarketable hardwoods. From a few hundred acres treated annually, when this reforestation sale area bottomland work was started in 1946, more than twenty thousand acres are now treated, every year.

With the ever present program of increasing the annual growth per acre of the highest quality pine sawtimber, the Forest Service never loses sight of the other uses within the National Forest. Unmerchantable oaks and hickories are not denuded if they are

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Our National Conservation Program in its broadest perspective involves all of our citizens and improved forest recreation areas like Ratcliff Lake offer services and facilities within beautiful pine and oak surroundings for man to relax. Timber management practices are not in conflict with recreational developments and demonstrations and both can be administered simultaneously to the mutual advantage of both uses. FFA Chapters, Forest School Students, and other study and training groups are using the swimming and picnicking facilities at Ratcliff Lake in steadily increasing numbers as they come to see and study timber management compartments and demonstrations right in the immediate vicinity of their picnic tables and swimming beaches.

Killing Unsuitable Hardwoods the Easy Way, thus Releasing Valuable Pines



Growth of young pine, encouraged by pulling out hardwood. District Ranger Hanson points to an oak treated about 1946 on the Davy Crockett National Forest. A new poison has been tried successfully in Houston County.

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