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To The Farmers of Durham County :

I am writing you this letter in regard to the set-up of the newly organized Soil Conservation Service which takes the place of the Soil Erosion Service. The farmers of Durham County may have gotten the idea that eventually every farm would be terraced, lime and fertilizer furnished, and other things done without cost just as the old S. E. S. has done around High Point and Greensboro. For this reason, some of you may have taken little interest in a county terracing and soil conservation program. The attitude in some counties have been to wait until the S. E. S. is ready to do the work on every farm.

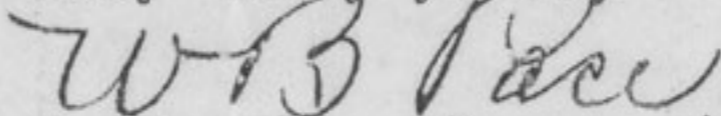
The Soil Conservation Service will not terrace farms. This must be done by farmers themselves through a county Soil Conservation Association. There are certain things that the Soil Conservation Service will do. It is understood that C.C.C. employees will be used part of the time in building terrace outlets, and in doing certain other work that will make the terraces permanent. They will also do some work in connection with forestry and related lines of work, but will not terrace farms. Your County Commissioners are in favor of a Soil Conservation Program and I am of the opinion that they will do everything possible to cooperate with the County Soil Conservation Association. By recent act of Congress, under the new set-up, the farmers will be expected to meet the expenses of work done in cooperation with the Soil Conservation Service on a 50-50 basis.

Possibly the greatest problem before our nation is to conserve our soil and stop the annual loss from erosion which amounts to hundreds of millions of dollars annually. This problem concerns every person in Durham County, and the sooner we get started on the job, the sooner it will be possible for our farmers to begin rebuilding their worn-out farms.

District Agent O. F. McCrary, and a representative of the Soil Conservation Service will meet the farmers of Durham County in the Court House, Friday, August 9th, at 10 A. M. for the purpose of explaining the Soil erosion program, and to organize a County Soil Conservation Association. AT this meeting representative from each township will be elected to serve as officers in the Association, and I trust that every township will be fully represented so that you may elect the best man possible to represent you.

Hoping that we may have a large attendance at this meeting on August 9, I am

Very truly yours,



W. B. Pace, County Agent