

Crossnore Doctor Named American Mother of Year

New York, May 2.—Mrs. Mary T. Martin Sloop of Crossnore N. C., a 77-year-old doctor, known as the "Grand Lady of the Blue Ridge" for her work with mountain children, was named yesterday the "American Mother of 1951."

Only last Friday, Dr. Sloop was selected as North Carolina's "Mother of the year."

Dr. Sloop was picked by the American Mothers Committee of the Golden Rule Foundation, an organization devoted to the welfare of mothers and children.

She is the wife of a country doctor, Dr. Eustace H. Sloop, and since 1911 has been practicing medicine with her husband.



DR. SLOOP

Feats of Crossnore

She also founded Crossnore School for underprivileged children and has been credited with bringing good roads, modern farming methods, religious tolerance, a hospital and dental clinic, and vocational instruction to Avery county, N. C.

She has two children, both doctors, Dr. Emma Sloop Fink, herself a mother of three children, practices at Crossnore School, and Dr. William Martin Sloop runs a dental clinic for charity cases in the county.

The American Mothers Committee for North Carolina, which nominated Dr. Sloop for the national honor, wrote to the national committee:

"She is considered by thousands of friends as the first citizen of North Carolina. Single-handed, she has driven out moon-

shiners, and shamed the earlier mountaineers into sending their children to school."

The North Carolina committee said more than 5,000 letters were written in her behalf, including letters from Governors, Senators and other leaders outside North Carolina.

Dr. Sloop was one of 52 mothers nominated by committees in every state, the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

When informed of her selection, Dr. Sloop said, "I appreciate it more than I can say. I feel tremendously humble. Words fail me."

But she managed to add, "My work was made possible by the

Soil Conservation Notes

By H. J. WILLIAMS

With the serious times caused by the present war, and the constant danger of a world wide conflict, it is very important for farmers to keep an eye on future production, as well as the production of needed commodities for the present emergency. Prices for farm crops will probably continue high. Yet with the costs of production at a peak it becomes more and more important for farmers in the Watauga Soil Conservation District to produce efficiently and with a minimum of labor. The farmer that fails to conserve his soil and produce abundantly will find it even harder to maintain the standard of living that he is now accustomed.

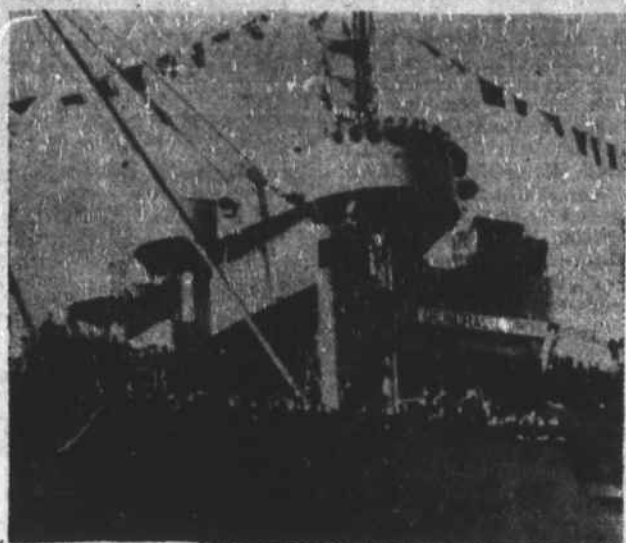
In the first world war the urge to get rich quick caused many farmers to abuse their lands by continuous cropping. This misuse of land brought about erosion damage that is unsurpassed in the history of our nation. In the midwest the grasslands were plowed up and worked year after year in wheat, causing the great dust storms of the early thirties. Due to its abuse during a period of peak prices, much of that land will never be of value for crops again.

Less spectacular but more damaging than the dust storms are the effects of water erosion. The erosion picture is much brighter than it was ten to twenty years ago. Farmers are learning to use their land for highest production without the tremendous soil losses that formerly occurred. This trend will continue if they do not sacrifice their land for production of more clean tilled crops during the present emergency.

Both North Carolina and the nation as a whole are expected to produce more meats, milk, and eggs this year than last.

wonderful help I had, and the type of children—mountain children—that I had to deal with.

"As for my own children, they're more like their father than their mother."



SEATTLE, WASH.—Transport "General Leroy Eltinge" docks at Seattle, bringing home 1545 veterans of the Korean war. First to return home under the army's new rotation plan (May 5), the veterans were scheduled for 30-day furloughs.

Green Valley Grange

The Green Valley Grange held its regular monthly meeting April 19. Before the meeting a program was given by the school children of Winebarger and Green Valley schools. Refreshments were served to everyone present.

After this program the Grange assembled to hold its regular meeting. The meeting was called to order by the worthy master. As it was getting rather late the ritual was omitted. Two new members were initiated and given the obligation.

The members discussed the community service contest and decided to enter the contest sponsored by Sears Roebuck & Co. Mr. Earl Greene, Mr. H. C. Moretz, Jr. and Mrs. F. M. Speagle have made some pictures which are to be submitted.

Also a delegation was sent to Boone to hear Mr. Price talk on rural telephones for this area.

The minutes of the last meeting was read and approved.

Following the business session the Grange adjourned to meet again May 17.

News Of Service-Men



PFC. DALE GROSS

Pfc. Gerald Dale Gross, 7th Ranger Inf. Co. Airborne, arrived safely in Tokyo, Japan Wednesday, May 2 according to a cablegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Gross. He left Seattle, Washington April 29 by Canadian Pacific Airlines going via Alaska and the Aleutian Islands. He will be stationed in Tokyo two weeks before leaving for Korea. Just before leaving the States Pfc. Gross spent ten days at his home in Boone.

Roy J. Ruppert, seaman, USN, of Blowing Rock, N. C., is serving aboard the destroyer USS Charles S. Sperry which is operating along the East Coast of North Korea as a unit of the United Nations blockading and escort force.

The Sperry has added her firepower to that of other destroyers and heavier warships in the continuous day and night bombardments of enemy shore installations, roads, bridges and railways at key transportation centers.

Hospital Broadcast Series Continues

How a housewife who was seeking something to give extra interest and meaning to her life in the community found it by joining the women's auxiliary at her hospital is the subject of program number eleven in the "At Your Service" series.

This program, sponsored by the Watauga Hospital serving this community is broadcast as a public service feature by radio station WATA between 6:15 p. m. and 6:30 p. m. on Friday, May 11.

The "At Your Service" programs were produced by the American Hospital Association for its member hospitals.

The Public Health Service announces that 1,212 cases of polio had been reported during the first eleven weeks of 1951, compared with 1,131 during the corresponding period last year.

CARD OF THANKS

We sincerely wish to express our gratitude to each and every one for the many deeds of kindness shown us during the illness and death of our dear husband and father.—Mrs. John Rominger and family.

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We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their many kindnesses incident to the death of our dear husband and father. The food supplied by the Home club women and the many flowers are especially appreciated.—Mrs. Roby Shook and children.

Garden Time

By ROBERT SCHMIDT

Most of our first plantings of garden crops have been made and if you made the same mistake that I did you have had to replant your lima beans and some of your snap beans. The recent cold rainy weather rotted the seed in the ground. Don't blame the seedsmen for that.

From now on it will be a battle with weeds, insects, diseases, and dry weather. Everyone knows how to take care of weeds. A sharp hoe, a good garden cultivator—perhaps a garden tractor with all attachments—and a will to work will keep weeds down. Chemical herbicides are still too uncertain to be depended upon.

A straw mulch put down around your tomato plants will keep weeds in check as well as conserve moisture. We recommend mulching tomatoes and also staking them. They should be trained to stakes by tying with soft twine. Pinch out all side shoots and allow only one or two stems to develop. This method will give you better quality tomatoes under our climatic conditions. A lot has been said about spraying tomatoes with hormones to get a better set of fruit. Spraying the first two or three clusters of blooms with a hormone such as "Sureset" or "Fruitone" will give larger yields on those clusters. Sometimes the fruits are seedless. However, there has been no advantage gained by

spraying more than the first two or three clusters. Use the hormones strictly according to directions on the package.

Insects and diseases must be controlled in order to have high quality vegetables. Write to the Agricultural Editor, State College Station, Raleigh for bulletins giving specific controls for insect pests, or ask your county agent for information.

To control pests, you must know what insect or disease you are trying to combat; you must know what materials to use as a spray to control that particular pest and how and where to apply it; you must apply the spray at the proper time; and you must do a thorough job of spraying.

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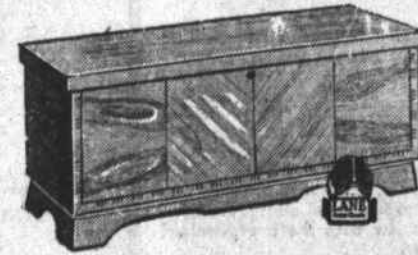
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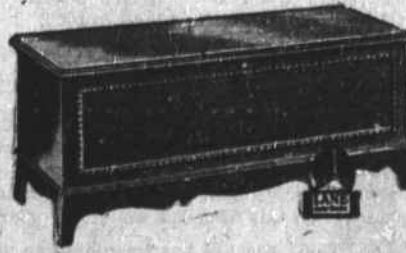
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