

BROAD STREET BULLETIN

By **Kate**

I'd like to know why, the Yellow Fly
Is such a hungry bug.
He lights and bites with all his might
As if he hasn't dug
In ten other people before me,
Then vanishes out of sight.

Never heard of a yellow fly until I was grown. The ban of our lives when we were children was mosquitoes and yellow jackets. Now I'm wondering if yellow jackets and yellow flies are the same bug. Seems to me there ought to be something to fight them. However, to date I know of no spray which will discourage this critter.

These hot days I love, but I feel so sorry for sick folks who must lie still and I know many of them do not have air conditioning or fans. If any of you readers have air conditioning in your homes and have an extra fan you're not using, try to find someone who could use it. It will not take much looking around.

It's getting watermelon and cantaloupe time in Chowan County again and we had one of the first ones for breakfast, a gift to Buff from little Sirius Amanda Bunch of the Rocky Hook section. It was one of the most delicious cantaloupes I have ever eaten as, of course, is everything grown in Chowan County.

The Shoafs and their children spent several days last week visiting in the western part of North Carolina and while there they took the children to Blowing Rock and the Tweetsie Railroad. Jane tells me that their trip on the railroad was as much fun for the grown-ups as the children and that the train itself really smells "like a train." Next time we're up that way, I'll surely take a ride on that train. Another thing I enjoyed hearing and reading about from that mountain area is a book on Pioneer Comforts and Kitchen Remedies, with Oldtimey recipes and medicines made from herbs. One in particular was a recipe for "After Bath Itch." It tells us to add a cup of vinegar to our bath water (also good for yellow fly bites). Here's a good one for our many townsmen with bald heads: Rub the scalp with grapevine sap. Or rub the scalp with castor oil, then cover with hot, wet towels. Last but not least, to increase one's physical powers, carry Sampson Snake Root in your pocket. Thanks, Jane!

For you who wish for rain, it'll be here soon. We go on vacation to the beach and Buff says the "monsoons" will start then.

Last week I told you that Alice Malone had taken to camel riding on her trip to the Near East. Well, with plane rides at a premium,

perhaps she'll be touring all Europe on a camel.

Remember these hot, dry days, to put water outside for the birds. I read that birds like "moving water." It suggested that you take a large can and punch a tiny hole in the bottom and hang it on a tree limb and let the water drip in a shallow container. I tried this and noticed Mr. Bluejay at it yesterday.

Newcomers to the Methodist Church and the Cape Colony community are Mr. and Mrs. Herb Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. "Shorty" Parkerson, who have come here to retire. Nice people. You ought to know them.

Just got reminded that years are rolling by fast. I had some visitors from Elizabeth City this week, good, old friends, one of which I knew when she was a child and now in turn, she has small children. Still, I don't feel much older than I did that many years ago. It sure was nice to have them visit us, however.

Anyone have any easy summer recipes? I would appreciate your sending them to me.

Glimpses:

Just happened to see Kermit Layton with some sort of a contraction on a ladder near the Cupola House, Wednesday morning, so curiosity got the best of me and I found out that it was a sort of camera. It seems that Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Cheatham, Jr., of Charlotte, are here getting a series of film on outstanding historical places in Edenton and at that time were on the roof of the Goodyear building getting some pictures of the Cupola House; I talked with Mr. Creatham, who, by the way, is instructor of history in the Charlotte High School. Mr. Cheatham is making a series of films, in color, on N. C. history, which will be available for showing everywhere. Aren't you proud to be a part of this?

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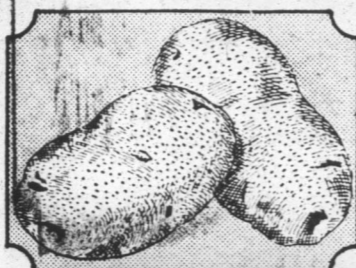
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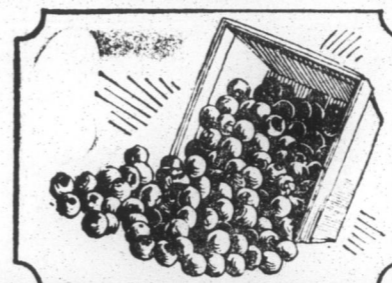
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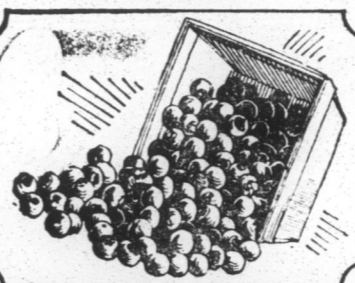
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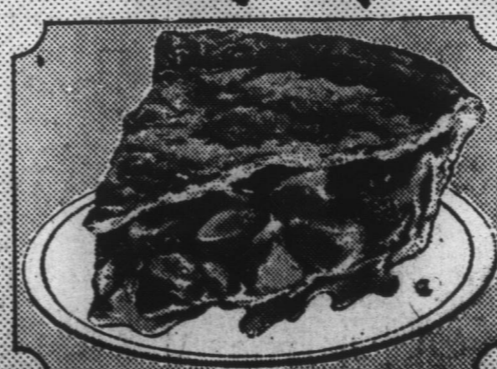
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