

# BACKWARD GLANCE

**10 YEARS AGO**  
Thursday, November 20, 1947  
Mrs. Mozell Wakefield left today for a visit to Raleigh and Winston-salem.

Mrs. M. E. Stewart and her daughter, Rachell, have returned to their home in Frostproof, Fla., after spending the summer here at their cabin at Ranger.

Miss Elizabeth Gray spent the week-end in Sylva with Miss Martha Barnett.

Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Whitaker of Mars Hill and Asheville were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Williams last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Owenby of Marietta, Ga., spent some time in Murphy this week.

Mrs. John H. Dillard spent several days in Asheville this week.

Mrs. F. V. Taylor returned Sunday from a visit with relatives and friends in Raleigh, Charlotte and Stanley.

Percy B. Ferebec of Andrews and H. Bueck were business visitors in Raleigh a few days last week.

Mrs. Calvin Lunsford spent Sunday afternoon at the C. W. Thomason's.

Fred Brendle spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Math Leatherwood.

Miss Vally Moore was the dinner guest of Eunice Lunsford Sunday.

**20 YEARS AGO**  
Wednesday, November 24, 1927

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Jones of Young Harris, Ga., were visitors in Murphy Saturday.

Wade Massey who is working at Alcoa, Tenn., spent the week-end here with Mrs. Massey.

Miss Mary Jo Davis went to Bryson City Saturday to attend the clinic being held there. She was accompanied by her grandmother, Mrs. Dixie Palmer.

Mrs. Richard Parker of Raleigh has arrived to spend the Thanksgiving holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boland Brumby.

Gaines Elkins, a student at North Georgia Junior College in Dahlonega, Ga., spent last week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Elkins.

Miss Annie Mae Townson left Monday for Chapel Hill to attend the wedding of Miss Bee Madry of Scotland Neck, a former school mate at NCCW.

B. C. Moneymaker of Knoxville,

spent the week-end in Murphy. Leland F. Grant, who has been working in Murphy for the past week has returned to Chattanooga.

Miss Virginia Benton and Robert Butt, of Blairsville and Mr. and Mrs. John Davidson were the Sunday night supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Mattox.

J. W. Franklin and W. A. Sherrill spent Tuesday in Atlanta on business.

Miss Wilma Coleman of Young Harris, Ga., was a visitor in Murphy Monday.

Dick Mauney, a member of the freshmen class at the University of Georgia, will arrive Wednesday night to spend the Thanksgiving holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mauney.

**30 YEARS AGO**  
Friday November 25, 1927

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cooper, Mrs. D. E. Barclay, and Mrs. L. E. Bayless motored to Gainesville Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Brown of this city will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Brown of Atlanta for a week.

Col. and Mrs. J. N. Moody spent several days in Asheville last week.

Mrs. Carolyn Harrison Bryson and Miss Mennice Payne were in Atlanta the first of the week.

Mrs. Viola Bell is holding a Davidson reunion at her home at Ogden, on Thanksgiving day.

The Baptist Missionary Society held their regular business session Tuesday afternoon in the ladies parlor, which has recently been completed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Estes of Atlanta and Mrs. Roy T. Campbell of New Port, Tenn., will spend Thanksgiving with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Brittain.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Savage who have been visiting their son, Birt, who is in the hospital in Atlanta, returned a few days ago and reported his condition improved.

Mrs. J. W. Walker was in Murphy Wednesday of this week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Raper and children of Oak Park, N. C., were the guests of Mrs. Mary Hamby and children Sunday.

Mrs. R. A. Dewar attended on last Friday a meeting in Waynesville of the Welfare workers of Western North Carolina.

## State HD Agent Gives Hints To Homemakers

By RUTH CURRENT

State Home Demonstration Agent Bread Stuffing the Year 'Round—Here are some "Stuffing perks" sent to our office from a home economist. As a rule, fat birds such as geese, require a tart, fruit stuffing. Mild-flavored poultry and meats combine well with simple or highly seasoned stuffings. Fish requires a slightly tart stuffing.

For the best taste and appearance in bread stuffing, cut or tear bread into uniform sized pieces. Crusts and end slices of fresh or day-old bread may be used.

Stuffings are best when packed lightly to give room for expansion in cooking.

For best and safest results, prepare and stuff poultry or meat just before it goes into the oven. If stuffing must be prepared in advance, place it immediately into the refrigerator and hold at that temperature until ready to use. Under no circumstances should it be placed in meat or poultry until just prior to roasting.

With stuffed meat or poultry, an oven temperature of 325 degrees should be maintained until the center of the stuffing reaches 180 degrees. To be certain of this minimum temperature, insert a roasting thermometer to the center point of the stuffing. The length of time that poultry or meat should be roasted depends upon its weight.

### Walnut Bread Stuffing for Chicken

- 1/4 Cup butter or shortening
- 2/3 cup chopped celery
- 2/3 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 1/4 quarts toasted or dry 1/2" bread cubes
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon sage
- 1 egg beaten
- 1 cup milk

Melt butter in a skillet; add celery and onion and saute until tender and lightly browned. Pour over walnuts, toasted bread cubes, salt, pepper, thyme and sage. Add beaten egg and milk and mix well. Yield: 1 1/4 quarts Walnut Bread Stuffing. (Sufficient for 6 pound chicken).

## Soil Conservation NEWS

By JOHN SMITH

Recently I overheard a group of people discussing "The Most Valuable Commodity". Some thought gold was more valuable than anything else. Others thought diamonds could lay claim to the title. Still others thought oil, or steel. When the discussion was concluded, there was no general agreement as to what is the most valuable thing in the world. None of the people engaged in this discussion were farmers. If any farmer had been taking part in the talk, he could have told the others that SOIL is the most valuable thing. Without soil, none of the other valuables would be worth much.

It is time for all of us, city dweller and farmer alike, to stop a moment to consider how valuable to us is the cheapest thing on earth—our soil. What other commodity can be bought so cheaply? Even at \$200.00 an acre, the price of land per ton is only a fraction of the cost of a pack of cigarettes or a single gallon of gasoline to carry us where we should be walking. One ton of soil at \$200.00 per acre is worth just nine cents. And that is only considering the top foot of earth.

That top foot of soil is what keeps us alive. When it is gone, the land is not much use to us. All our food, and all the feed for our livestock comes from that top foot of soil. The grass in our lawns, and pastures, and the shrubs with which we beautify our homesites are dependent on that top foot of soil. Of course, trees put down roots more than one foot deep, and so do shrubs and grasses, legumes, and vegetables, but the fact remains that none of them could grow if it weren't for the top soil giving them a start. Yet we let soil wash and blow away by the hundreds of tons, and never raise a hand to stop it.

Civilization itself depends on the top soil. If one looks back at civilizations of the world which have

risen and fallen, it can be clearly seen that one of the main factors contributing to the downfall is depletion of the soil.

The Greek and the Roman civilizations were two of the most advanced of all times, yet both fell. It is striking to note that both fell when the top soil washed away, although each flourished while the soil was productive. The same has been true of other great civilizations.

In the time of Julius Caesar, the Mediterranean Coast of Africa and Europe was known as the "Breadbasket of the World". Today these areas have a hard time supporting their thinly scattered populations. It has been stated that the direct cause of the depletion of these areas was the fact that the Romans cut all the pine trees to use for ship masts and timbers. When the trees were cut, the soil washed away, and even after 2,000 years the area has not recovered from the soil erosion that took place in a few decades. To bring things closer home, it will be hundreds of years before the Copper Hills area will recover from the soil erosion which has taken place there in the last hundred years.

Archaeologists are still digging buried cities out from under many feet of soil which has been washed and blown in to cover these remnants of advanced civilizations that perished in ages past.

We think that we are immune from the fate that befell the Greeks, the Romans, and others. But are we? All of us have seen abandoned farms, and even towns that no longer could support human life. In most cases the farms and towns were abandoned because their lifeblood, the soil, failed. The farm or the town then had no means of supporting its life or business. The "Dust Bowl" of the 1930's was a tragic example of what can happen to a large area of land when it is mistreated. Any one who thinks there is no appreciable amount of soil erosion taking place in Cherokee County need only drive around Hiwassee Lake in the winter and look at the acres of silt that have washed in to the lake basin in the few short years since the dam was built. All that soil is permanently lost to the farmers of Cherokee County.

It is time for all people, farmer and city-dweller alike, to realize that soil is not a permanent, static

thing, unless it is properly cared for. It will take a great effort on the part of all of us to prevent our soil from washing away and ruining the civilization of which we are so proud. None of us is going to see our civilization fall because the soil washed away, but our grandchildren several times removed may see it happen if we don't give them better land than our forefathers left to us.

The necessary facts and practices for virtually eliminating soil erosion are already known. The missing element is either the realization that soil erosion is not necessary, or the unwillingness to change our methods of farming for the sake of future generations.

The residents of most European countries, England and Germany in particular, have learned that soil is not unlimited. They are now cultivating land that was under cultivation 1,000 years ago. Soil erosion is practically non-existent in most European countries simply because the people realized long ago that the land they had was all they would ever have. Many German

farmers own less than five acres of land, yet they make a living from that land. If a bushel of dirt washes out of his field, the German farmer will go down the hill, get that bushel of dirt, and carry it back to his field.

Soil erosion has already been greatly reduced in much of the United States by using land-saving practices such as strip cropping, cover cropping, grassland farming, better forestry practices, and many other water and soil conserving practices. Much still remains to be done before our greatest enemy, EROSION, has been conquered.

One of the first steps on the path to control soil erosion is best stated in the motto of the Soil Conservation Service—"Use every acre of land within its capabilities, and treat every acre according to its needs."

When every acre in Cherokee County is "used within its capabilities and treated according to its need", there will be a different look on the face of the land.

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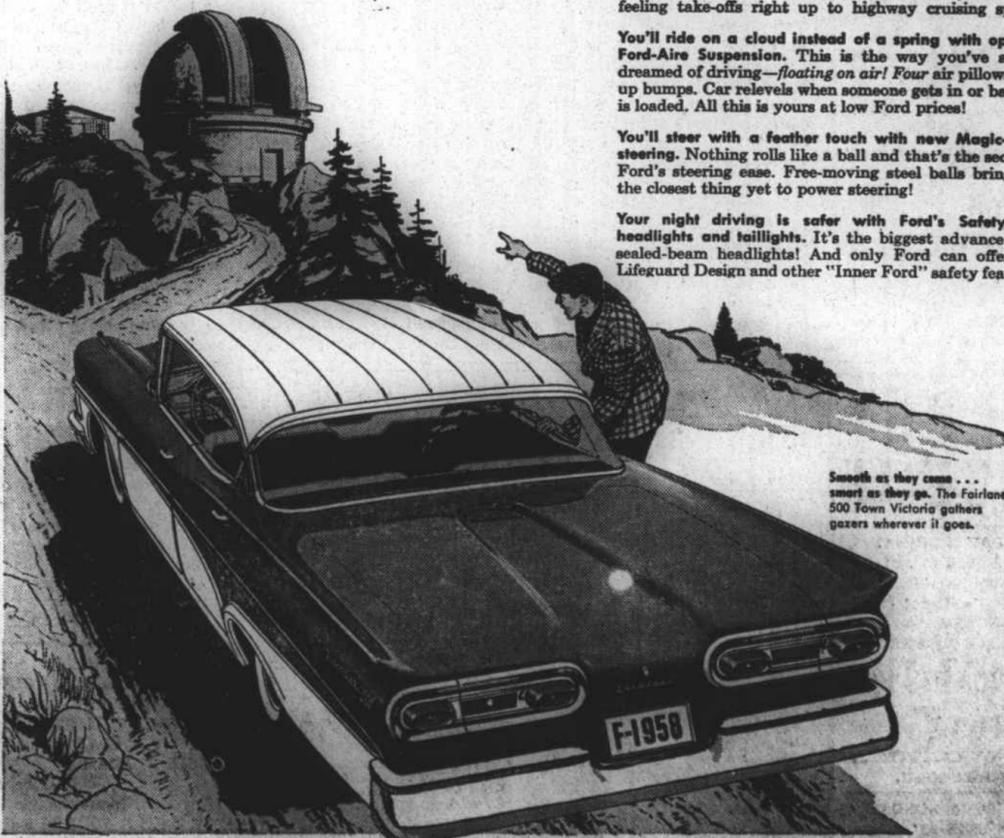
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