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## Correspondence.

### Whitsett Items.

Cor. of The Gleaner.  
John H. Rankin had the misfortune to lose his fine driving horse Tuesday. The horse became entangled in the stable in some way and broke his leg and had to be killed.  
Mrs. Clayton McKaughan of Greensboro reached here yesterday for a visit of some days with her parents.  
Mrs. Ed. B. Wheeler was called to Hildebrand Springs, Monday by the serious illness of her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Wheeler. Miss Elizabeth had been spending some weeks at the Springs, and her mother found her so seriously sick that she had her moved at once to Lt. Lee's Hospital Greensboro where her condition has somewhat improved. Her illness gives great anxiety to her many friends here.

Born, Monday, June 28, to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd B. Green a fine ten-pound son who has been named P. B. Jr.

W. J. Thompson and son, Blake have just returned from a business trip to Greensboro.

Dr. Whitsett went to Thomasville Tuesday on business and remained over for the celebration at the Thomasville Orphanage on Wednesday.

L. A. Carmon is away on a trip to Surry county.

W. C. Rankin has returned to Charlotte after spending a few days here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Swift of Greensboro spent a few hours here the first of the week.

The Whitsett Fishing Club has been organized with seven charter members, and others will soon join if the fishing continues as good as it now seems to be.

### Southwest Alamance.

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Mrs. Martha Foster of Burlington was buried at Mt. Zion on the 2nd. She was well known in this community. She was in her 79th year and had been a member of Mt. Zion Baptist church 58 years. Funeral services conducted by Rev. M. W. Buck and G. L. Curry.

A large crowd attended the picnic and baseball at X Roads on July 3rd.

Parker Lewis of Spring spent Saturday night and Sunday with Homer Foster.

The hail storm on the 3rd did much damage to crops in portions of Southern Alamance.

Mt. Zion Sunday School invites everybody on the third Sunday in July to come with song books and dinner baskets and join with them in an all-day singing.

Small bridges are getting dangerously bad in Southern Alamance, and the roads—well, they are too rough to speak about, and now is the time to put them in shape so they will be packed till winter weather sets in. Perhaps the reason our roads are so much neglected is because we don't demand as much as those nearer town and wait for the work to be done without the asking; for surely we pay our taxes and need the bene-

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fits of good roads much more than those of shorter distance to market. So we know of no better way than to ask for help through the columns of our county papers.

## Eton College.

Cor. of The Gleaner.  
The quiet college community is all bubbling over with enthusiasm at this off season, because of two recent occurrences in the way of beautifying things here.  
The first occasion was the visit of Miss Annie Rode, Washington, D. C., who began last fall a systematic scheme to improve and beautify the premises of the Southern Railway here. Her visit at this time revealed a more comprehensive plan than had at first been realized. The Southern appreciates the beauty of the town and aims to supplement nature by art as far as possible. Her statement that the Southern is a citizen of every town and intends to set a good example in good housekeeping portends a new day for corporation co-operation in the South. It is the hope of the town that the Southern meditates the early addition to its station here of a large and modern waiting room for ladies, with all modern improvements to accommodate the lady members of the student body. This is indeed welcome news.

The second occasion of talk and enthusiasm is the hint dropped from the president's office, that because of the generosity of certain friends, the college campus is to be surveyed and laid off by an expert landscape gardener, and a complete reconstruction of the grounds in accordance therewith progressively entered upon.  
July 2, 1915

## Burlington R. E. D. No. 8.

Cor. of The Gleaner.  
Mrs. Mamie Rice and children of West Durham are spending several weeks on Route 8, at R. A. Matlock's.

The patrons of Ivey's school are requested to meet at the school house near E. K. Ivey's on Saturday, July 10. The purpose being appointment or selection of a school committee. Please attend, this is very important.

T. L. Hayes of the Southern Railway spent one night with us last week.

Thanks to Mrs. J. J. Hughes, Mrs. R. A. Matlock, Mrs. W. A. Moore, Ben L. Simpson and Geo. Danley for nice apricots, apples and peaches.

Ben Simpson in addition to being a first class painter has developed into a first class farmer. His peaches, however, are finer than his corn. He does not work his peach trees.

Mrs. Mack Nevells of St. Leo's Hospital visited Mrs. Jno. Sutton last week.

Quite a number of our Route 8 folks attended a picnic at Jerry Lee's last Saturday. They report fine time.

Grace Somers spent last week with her uncle P. M. Somers, Alamance, Route 2.

We attended the Rural Carriers meeting at Charlotte, Saturday Sunday and Monday. We always enjoy a trip to Charlotte. Charlotte is the town yet.

Miss Louise Smith of Weldon is spending several weeks with P. E. Fowler.

Farmers are busy wheat threshing now, and wheat is "turning out" very well. The farmers are "in" this year, and that's no joke.

Skoda Shells—Do Awful Destruction in War.

Warsaw Cor. Associated Press.  
Seven-eighths of the wounds in the Galician fighting were caused by shells, half of which were fired from big calibre guns, according to Surgeon Major Leightinoff, just back from the front.

"Bullets play no part now," he continued, "and the infantryman's rifle is a toy. Infantry merely occupies the trenches the cannon have won."

Most devastating of all are the new Skoda shells of the Germanic allies, which are 17 inches in diameter and weigh 2,800 pounds. The Skoda howitzer shoots at a high angle, and its shell penetrates 20 feet into soft earth before exploding two seconds after striking. These howitzers do not resemble the Krupp mortars of the same calibre, to which they are said to be superior in every way.

When a Skoda shell hits, it means death to everything within a radius of 150 yards, and even farther off. The mere pressure of its gas rips open the bomb proof shelters and catches those who escape the metal fragment and flying debris. This gas enters the body cavities and tears flesh asunder, sometimes stripping the men of their clothes. Of course the men in the immediate neighborhood of the explosion are annihilated. So fierce is the heat of the explosion of the shell that it melts iron barrels as if they had been struck by lightning.

The Maritime Association of the Port of New York, numbering 800 representatives of domestic and foreign steamship lines entering that port, is preparing an appeal to President Wilson for a special session of Congress to repeal the new seaman's law.

Diarrhoea Quietly Cured.  
"About two years ago I had a severe attack of diarrhoea which lasted over a week," writes W. C. Jones, Sanford, N. D. "I became so weak that I could not stand upright. A druggist recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. The first dose relieved me and in two days I was as well as ever." Obtainable everywhere.



## News Snapshots of the Week

As Governor Slaton of Georgia, who committed suicide last week, left office crowds mobbed him despite his guards. Ex-President Huerta of Mexico was arrested in Texas with General Orozco while planning a new revolt. Echoes of breach of promise suit against James W. Osborne in New York were heard as the trial of the Slade brothers, lawyers for Rae Tanser, came up on conspiracy charge.

The Teutonic forces continued their advance in Galicia, driving the Russians back along whole front, in sections crossing border into Russia; Austrian armored trains were covered with trees as a disguise against aeroplanes. Before leaving for summer quarters in New Hampshire President Wilson visited Colonel House, his friend and envoy, who reported that Europe wasn't ready for peace overtures. Austria's ambassador, Dumba, denied that he had quoted Bryan as saying our note to Germany wasn't sincere. Office crowds mobbed him despite his guards. Ex-President Huerta of Mexico was arrested in Texas with General Orozco while planning a new revolt. Echoes of breach of promise suit against James W. Osborne in New York were heard as the trial of the Slade brothers, lawyers for Rae Tanser, came up on conspiracy charge.

## PROPERLY BUILT POULTRY HOUSE

Structure That Makes for Comfort of Fowls and Profit for the Keeper.

HENS WILL LAY IN WINTER

Division of Building into Two Compartments Has a Definite Value—Poultry Does Better When Kept in Relatively Small Flocks.

By WILLIAM A. RADFORD.  
Mr. William A. Radford will answer questions and give advice FREE OF COST on all subjects pertaining to the subject of building work on the farm, for the readers of this paper. On account of his wide experience as Editor, Author and Manufacturer, he is, without doubt, the highest authority on all these subjects. Address all inquiries to William A. Radford, No. 187 Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Ill., and only inclose two-cent stamp for reply.

A good building is absolutely necessary to get the profit out of poultry in the winter. Hens, to lay well, require comfort as well as food and drink. It is better to build a good house, as the expense is but little more and the results are much more satisfactory. A well-built poultry house is warm in winter and cool in



summer, because the same construction that keeps out the cold will keep out the heat.

This two-compartment poultry house is 16 by 22 feet in size, with a partition across the middle. A building put up in this manner, with the roof pitched in two directions, costs a little more than a good shed roof house the same size on the ground, but it has a better appearance.

The reason for dividing the house into two compartments is that poultry do better when kept in smaller numbers. Successful poultry raising seems to depend to a certain extent upon limiting the number of fowls to 25 or 35 together in one compartment.

Poultrymen differ in regard to the number that may be kept together. Some draw the line at 25. It is difficult to furnish dust baths and clean water, with sufficient scratching surface, for a flock of more than 25 or 30 without getting the buildings too large. Large poultry houses are expensive. Like all other lines of business, there are limitations that should be recognized in order to come out right on the profit side.

Poultry houses built in this style usually have a wider slope of roof at the back, so that the back of the building is made lower than the front. Poultry houses usually are faced toward the south, so that the roof is made higher in front to get the warmth and light from the sun. The way the windows are made in this poultry house admits both light and ventilation. The window frames are made in the usual way and are fitted with single sash. Ventilation is provided by one extra wide window for each compartment, which is covered with very thin cotton cheese cloth. The cotton is so thin that it admits air as well as light. As the days become longer and warmer towards spring both window openings may be covered with cheesecloth.

The plan shows the roosts at the back and the nest boxes in the front part of the house. These nest boxes are made to rest on wall brackets

## POULTRY FACTS

Interesting Figures Given of Results of Experiments With Old Hens at the Utah Station.

Bulletin 135 of the Utah experiment station gives the results of a study in annual egg production. This is based on the records of a flock of seven-year-old hens and their progeny, and figures given are very interesting. For example, a White Leghorn hen in her pullet year laid 103 eggs. Under the usual system of laying layers, this hen would have been discarded as a drone, but the

White Leghorn Cockerel.

next year she came back with 197 and repeated with 108. In her fourth year she fell down to 72, yet in her sixth year she laid as many as she had when a pullet. It is a question whether it paid to keep this hen after her third year, but such records are necessary in order to learn definitely about such things.

The cost of renewing the flock is considered one of the greatest drawbacks to the poultry industry, the authors estimating the cost of a pullet—probably up to laying age—at from 10 to 60 cents. The average productive life of hens cannot be estimated at this stage of their work, but for the strain used in their studies was thought to be about four years. The range of individual egg production in their flocks was found to be from 100 to 160 in the first year, and from 105 to 140 in the second year, and from 160 to 120 in the third year. After the third year the production remained fairly constant at about 90, with a variation of not more than 10 or 15 eggs per year.

then covered with narrow matched ceiling that is made plain. Beading is objectionable, because it furnishes a harbor for small vermin. For the same reason the joints between the ceiling boards should be carefully filled with putty and paint. It is impossible to keep a poultry house clean and free from lice and mites unless it is especially built for the purpose.

The building of poultry houses requires considerable study to meet the requirements. It is quite possible to have fresh eggs all winter in the coldest farming sections, but all the requisites necessary to keep the poultry comfortable and to furnish all the different kinds of feeds must be carefully worked out to fit the climate and other local conditions.

Mules Always in Demand.  
In Farm and Fireside Judge W. R. Schooner, a successful stock breeder and feeder in southwestern Missouri, shows the real value of mules as the money that there is to be made in them. Judge Schooner has a thousand-acre farm and is an expert on the breeding and care of mules. The following brief extract taken from his article shows the value of mules:

"A good mule should weigh from 1,600 to 1,800 pounds, and mules of this class will bring from \$400 to \$600 a span. A great many of these are sold east along the Mississippi river, while the smaller ones weighing around 1,000 pounds are shipped south to be worked in the cotton fields. One thing in the mule's favor is that he will always bring what he is worth. He is like a hog in that respect—there is always a market waiting for him."

Merely a Theory.  
"Why do you suppose so many tall women marry short men?" asked the inquisitive pupil.  
"Umph!" replied the confirmed misogynist. "It is natural for all women to look down on men and a tall woman can't resist the opportunity to emphasize an attitude of mind by a physical fact."

Keeping Roadbed Crowned.  
Keeping the roadbed well crowned and a smooth will hold the moisture in it so that it will pack hard.

## Farmers Are Beginning to Realize Importance of Practice.

Where Abundant Yield of Large, Mealy Tubers is Desired, Some Other Means Than That of Nature Must Be Resorted To.

(By E. GITSKE.)  
The farmers of the great West are beginning to realize the great importance of mulching potatoes. Years ago when the soil was new this manner of treatment was unnecessary because the soil was so rich in food elements that the potatoes took an early and rapid start and made such excellent growth that the vines shaded the ground, thus preserving the moisture in the soil.

It would have been queer indeed for these early farmers to mulch their potatoes under such conditions, and when also, hay and straw were scarce articles.

But now the fact must gradually dawn upon them that if they wish to keep up the abundant yield of large mealy potatoes they must resort to some other means than merely letting nature attend to the matter to get results.

Perhaps if we understand the present conditions of the soil it would help us to understand more clearly the necessity of mulching. The soil through continued cropping has become deficient in food elements and humus. Nearly every crop we raise is taken entirely from the field and no return is made in the form of manure, fertilizer or humus.

Under these conditions the potatoes make a slow growth and before the vines get the ground shaded the season is so far advanced that the hot winds and sun's heat have taken up most of the moisture of the soil, with the result that the crop is materially decreased.

One should choose such time for mulching when the first potatoes show above ground. If mulched before this time it has a tendency to make the plants soft and puny, but if left until the first potatoes appear above the ground the plants will be stronger and better able to push through the mulching.

A fairly light mulch is to be preferred to a heavy one, for two reasons. First, there will be less trash to be removed from the fields in the fall; and, second, a light mulch will allow the vines to become low set and therefore less liable to danger from drought.

A light mulching need not be removed from the field at all, but should remain there and thus add more humus to the soil.

The mulching should be about two or three inches deep when fairly well settled. Hay is to be preferred to straw for mulching, as the latter has a tendency to become hot during the day, while the former will keep cooler under the same conditions.

After the potatoes are mulched they should not be molested except to pull weeds that might come through the mulching.

The scandal at Annapolis, where in numerous midshipmen are under investigation or cheating on examinations, is further augmented by the disclosure of disgraceful hazing episodes.

A slide on the west side of the Culbraz cut section of the Panama canal has closed the channel to ships with a draft of more than 26 feet. The slide, though temporary, is regarded as the forerunner of an important earth movement along the entire west bank for a distance of 4,000 feet.

## TRY UNIFORM COLOR SCHEME

Bay State to Adopt Plan Which Has Been Successful in New England—Easy to Tell Roads.

A uniform color scheme, by which motor tourists in the New England states will be able to tell by the color of the road signs whether they are on local or state roads, north and south or east and west main roads, or secondary or diagonal roads, is planned by William D. Sobier, chairman of the Massachusetts highway commission.

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Reduce all grades to at least five per cent if possible. In some states roads are laid out on section lines and hills must be gone over, but where possible avoid steep grades, as these are a constant cost for maintenance and dangerous to travel.

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Don't neglect having a yard or pen into which the little pigs can go, and get extra feed as soon as they are old enough to eat, which is when they are three or four weeks old.

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## PUBLIC ROADS

DIRECTIONS FOR USING DRAG  
Have the Implement Follow Horses at Angle of Forty-Five Degrees, Pushing Earth to Center.

(By D. WARD KING.)  
A road-drag is any cheap wooden contrivance that will move a little earth to the middle of the road and leave the surface smooth. Any drag is a good drag, but the split-log or double-slab drag is by far the best.

The directions for use are simple as the drag itself: Ride on the drag, drive the team with one horse on each side of the right-hand wheel track, with the drag following at an angle of about 45 degrees, thus pushing the loose earth toward the center. Drive toward town to your neighbor's front gate, and turning there, come home over the other wheel track.

After the next rain perform the same operation. When this has been done four or five times the road may



Stretch of Missouri Road Previous to Reclamation.  
be widened by plowing a shallow furrow just outside the dragged portion of the road along where they are on the loose earth toward the middle.

Special points along the way require special treatment. This operation will make a better road out of any earth highway. The drag may be used when the road is quite wet—particularly at the beginning. The dragging always should be done before the surface is entirely dry.

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## ALL THAT A MAN BATHS

By ALVAN JORDON GARTH.

(Copyright, 1914, by W. G. Chapman.)  
Dot—Dorothy, his only child, his spoiled pet, selfish, unruly Dot, whom he idolized, motherless now, and that made him the more tender and pliable. She had married a year previously. Her husband was well up in society and her whole being was centered on fashion and extravagance. Her father had almost impoverished himself to give her a royal wedding gift. Since then Dot had drawn on his resources constantly.

"Old Dobbin, the little house on leased ground I live in and my excellent life insurance—all I have left," he ruminated, "but the money means happiness and pleasure to Dot and—I can get along some way."

But in this devoted father was in error. One morning about six months later Dorothy came to him in tears.

"Father," she sobbed, "I am in deep, deep water!"  
"My darling child!" he exclaimed, "tell me your troubles!"

"Those horrid car parties!" wailed the spoiled beauty. "I've been led into betting until I owe nearly eight hundred dollars. Father, she pleaded, please help me out this time. If I look him only a day to realize that the sale of everything he had in the world would not bring more than a few hundred dollars. He had never borrowed in his life, but as he strolled about restlessly that evening he tried to think of old-time friends who might be willing to help him out. Alas! they were few and far between.

"I must find some way to help the dear child," he reflected with new animation as he paced opposite the stylish apartment house where the Dales lived. It cheered him to consider that Dorothy was comfortably housed amid warmth, light and luxury. The articles old man did not regret the fact that he was never invited to the house, that his son-in-law gave him when he met him on the street gave him simply a cool, careless nod. For all this Ross walked on, his heart warmer than ever toward the mercenary daughter, whose whim and extravagance had brought him directly to the verge of poverty.

Crash!  
The old man made a brisk jump. He was barely in time to escape being struck by an automobile, which had collided with another machine, forcing a sudden swerve. A policeman, demolishing its front tires and raising the glass wind shield to atoms, Mr. Ross felt one of the fragments strike his face. He put his hand up to his eye, for its visual power seemed suddenly blotted out. His fingers became daubed with blood. He experienced a sudden glow of excitement. A policeman caught his arm and supported him, while another ran to the corner patrol box and telephoned for an ambulance.

"Totally blinded in one eye," was the report of the hospital surgeon the following morning, and he wondered at the sudden glow of excitement that came into the face of his patient. Through the mind of the self-sacrificing sufferer ran a speedy remembrance of the wording of the accident policy he carried:

"For the loss of one eye, one thousand dollars; total blindness, twenty-five hundred dollars. The way of all his previous donations, quickly used up by the reckless Dorothy. Then came new demands.

The resources of old Ross were now exhausted. He had not even a home. One night, wandering the streets, he was attracted with an excited crowd to a burning hotel. He was among the first to reach it. An officer whom he knew allowed him to pass the fire line as Ross showed him a little child at a third-story window shut in by the flames and insisted on attempting her rescue.

Ross had groped his way to the room. He took the little one in his arms and held her close. A belching gust of flames from a lower window had dropped the child into the outspread safety net.

"Jump, yourself. Why, it's Mr. Ross! Jump, you brave old man!"  
Ross essayed to climb up on the window sill.

"Too late! and he was not sorry. As he sank back overcome by the smoke, his waa face was wreathed with a glad smile.

"Dear little Dot!" he uttered lovingly.  
The year brought bankruptcy to Vernon Dale and the life of a household drudge to his soiled, chagrined wife. Rarely she thought of her dead father. Only once in awhile did she regret that the insurance money had been wasted. She strove to shut out a memory of the father who had given his life for her.

One Adam Ross had saved, and her parents, visited the lonely grave of the brave hero of the hotel fire. At least with them there will be tender remembrance while the lasts of the being they always refer to as "God's good man!"

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