

### Bethel News Items Of General Interest

The pastor, Rev. R. J. Pardue, held his regular appointment at Bethel services at Bethel church last Sunday.

The choir here under the direction of W. H. Jones, is preparing to attend the fifth Sunday singing, which will be held at New Hope church in Irredell county.

Mrs. Jones Vanhook and family, of State Road, visited her mother and family here last Sunday, Mrs. W. A. Pardue.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Gilliam and children, Charlie III, and Mary, are spending this week visiting the sister, Mrs. Louis Ferlazzo in Martinsville, Va., and seeing other places of interest.

Faustner Morrison from Greensboro, spent last Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobt. Wood, of High Point, were the week-end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Johnson.

W. H. Jones went to Winston-Salem last Friday to see an eye specialist, the doctor removed a splinter from his eye that had given him much pain.

Mrs. G. F. Pardue and son, Zuel, were the guests of her sister last Sunday, Mrs. Byrd Simpson, of Dobson.

Mrs. C. W. Gilliam, Sr., is spending two weeks in Mt. Airy the guest of her brother and family, Mr. J. S. Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Walker and little daughter, Linda, of High Point, were the guests over the week-end of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Green.

Eugene Jones went to Martinsville, Va., this week where he will be for some time. He is a representative of the Winston-Salem Journal-Sentinel.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McBride and little daughter, Betty Jane,

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of Jonesville, were here for services last Sunday and visiting the parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McBride.

Misses Hattie, and Francis Durham from Swan Creek, spent last week-end here with their sister, Mrs. Martin Green.

Mrs. W. T. Morrison is spending this week in Martinsville, Va., the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. D. M. Mathis.

Flake Gilliam is at Wilkesboro this week visiting his aunt, Mrs. W. A. Stroud.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Jones of Arlington, were the guests of his parents last Saturday night and Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jones.

Mrs. Fannie Baits and daughter, of Elkin, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Caudell last Sunday.

### Lydia C. Blackburn

God said come higher and she bravely answered the call. While it brought a sad farewell to us, hers was a happy good morning to Heaven's meeting; and greeting loved ones who had preceded her to that fair city.

She will know no more of the toils and cares of this life; she is safe from this world of sorrows. Tempest may howl and the loud thunders roar, the gathering storms may arise, yet calm is her feeling, at rest is her precious soul and God has wiped all tears from her eyes; yet amid bright hopes and consolation we often long for her, and are sad to know we can never see her again in this life. We will miss her at the church and will never hear her shout and sing, nor see her as she went hither and thither doing her daily duties; but children and friends let's be faithful to the end, and she will meet us at the station of glory where the gates are pearl and the streets are gold.

Oh, glorious day of blessed hope, my soul leaps forward at the thought. Let's no longer be sad, death isn't the end. In the house of God it is only the lun by the road on our way to God. Lydia is not dead, but sleepeth. Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life, and he that believeth on me, tho he were dead, yet shall he live. And again Jesus said, "Because I live ye shall live also."  
MRS. JOE SPEARS.

### N. H. Robinette Dies In Georgia

#### Former Wilkes Citizen Dies At Home of Daughter In Augusta, Ga.

N. H. Robinette, aged 37, retired lumber dealer and farmer of Mt. Pleasant, died Sunday at 1:30 a. m. at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. E. Corr, in Augusta, Ga. He had been in ill health for several months and recently sustained a broken hip.

Mr. Robinette was born in Alexander county, and was a school teacher as a young man. In 1832 he was married to Miss Virginia Church, of Wilkesboro, and in 1918 they moved to Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., where he was engaged in farming, and the lumber business. He and his wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1932 and since her death in 1936 he had made his home with his children.

Mr. Robinette was a member of the Baptist church where he served as deacon, Sunday School superintendent, and church clerk, as well as being active in all phases of the work of his denomination.

Survivors in addition to Mrs. Corr and Mrs. Holliday are two other daughters, Mrs. W. T. Eller of Purler, N. C., and Mrs. T. D. Land of Mt. Pleasant; six sons, R. Z. Robinette of Georgetown, S. C., B. W. Robinette of Conway, S. C., G. C. and O. A. Robinette of Columbia, S. C., G. E. Robinette of Shelman, Ga., and C. C. Robinette of Nashville; two sisters, Mrs. S. A. Wilson of Lenoir, N. C., and Mrs. William Reed of Taylorsville, N. C.; one brother, David Robinette of Marshall, N. C.; 33 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist church by the Rev. Lucius W. Hart.

#### ABUNDANT

Duplin county farmers who let their Austrian winter peas and vetch grow until the middle of April had an abundant growth to turn under, reports L. F. Weeks, assistant farm agent.

#### BEAUTIFICATION

Twenty-six high school 4-H Club members in Durham county have entered a home beautification contest sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, reports Assistant Farm Agent J. A. Sutton.

### "LET IT RAIN"

By J. S. CAUDILL  
(Manager Jenkins Hardware Co.)

Basement playrooms for "small fry" are the coming thing and there is a superabundance of clever ideas on the market for their decoration. One of the choicest schemes is drawn from that infallible entertainer, Mother Goose. Across one wall an exceedingly athletic cow leaps above a full moon half-risen above the floor. The highly amused dog yawns on hind paws in delight at the spectacle, while the cat produces swing music on his big bass fiddle. Pausing to look back, as they skip away together, are the eloping duck and spoon. Various sized stars decorate the background.

Such a mural is not difficult to reproduce. The animals are largely caricatured and no more than four or five colors are used. For the background, a warm red or orange tone, a cool blue or green, or a neutral gray or buff will suffice. Enamel is a good medium to use and is easy to clean. A dark toned dade, painted around the lower third of the wall will be exceedingly practical as well as decorative.

If the children are zoo-conscious, paint a chocolate brown dade about the room and continue the brown in vertical bars of a cage. Behind these bars all manner of animals are done in gray silhouette — swinging monkeys, trumpeting elephants and leaping kangaroos. One wall may be left unbarred but decorated with somersaulting clowns and floating balloons.

If you don't think too highly of your own artistic ability, there are always amusing stencils, decalcomanias or pasterettes to be had in the shops. Their application is a simple process. But if you are artistically inclined, you can concoct your own bright ideas, drawing on Mother Goose, Br'er Rabbit—or even the comic strips from the newspapers. In transferring murals to a wall, incidentally, it's a great help if you have your photographer make glass slides of the pictures you're using as a guide and then project them on the wall with the aid of a magic lantern. Still another way to lend pictorial interest to a wall is to cut attractive colored pictures from magazines and paste them to the wall in the form of a frieze. A coating of shellac will protect them and make them washable. This same type of decoration can be applied to the fronts of cabinets where toys are kept.

If the foundations of your basement are not shipshape, they can be made so. If you do not have one of the new type heating units, the section of the cellar containing the furnace and coal may be enclosed with wallboard partitions made dustproof by lining this enclosure with paper. You may also wish to apply wallboard deeply so that they are below the to the walls. Set the nailheads surface. To prevent their rusting through the finish, touch them up with red lead paint. Later, fill the indentations with crack filler and smooth over when dry.

For walls made of cement applied to hollow tile—and therefore quite likely to hold dampness—there are excellent cement paints. Dampness, as you know, is one of the chief causes of paint's not adhering to concrete floors. Another reason is that the ever-present alkali in new cement may not have been neutralized by a sulphate of zinc rinse before it was painted. Or maybe the wrong type of paint was used. When you're selecting a coating for a basement floor, choose only good floor paint recommended for the purpose.

An intaid linoleum cemented to a dry basement floor makes a good, enduring foundation, easily cleaned and comfortable to walk on. A wood floor laid over the cement is more expensive, but very satisfactory. With any type of flooring, however, there should also be a rug for the children to sit on in cold weather. It need not cover the entire floor. In fact, portions of the floor left bare are desirable for general activity.

Small wooden chairs and tables, painted in cheerful colors, would please the occupants of the playroom, but if you'd rather not buy a new set of furniture, your porch chairs and tables may earn their storage by serving there during the winter. The baby's sandbox can also go downstairs when autumn comes—as can other outdoor equipment, such as slides and gliders, if the ceiling is high enough. A large pencil of wallboard placed across two saw horses makes a wonderful table for pingpong, as it can be taken down and pushed out of the way in a hurry. A table with a checkerboard painted on it also makes a welcome addition. Children outgrow such things as slides and sandboxes, of course. But playrooms can grow up, too. They mature into gyms with rings, bars and other sports for the growing adolescent. With such a rumpus room, your teenage youngsters will find occas-

ion to try home now and then of an evening. A small radio will furnish music for dancing, and if your old upright piano no longer fits into the scheme of things in your living room, the basement will receive it with open arms. And don't forget to put up shelves for the children's books. Perhaps you'll add a work bench, too, where boys can develop his creative urge.

Not only will the basement be a safe and sane parking place for children on rainy days, but it will be a parking place for their toys. No longer need they clutter the living room. Check over the number of times you have stumbled from catching a heel in a spread-out electric train track or avoided destruction on a valise. Then balance these mishaps with the benefits of a playroom into which callers need not be shown. You'll be counting the hours until your basement is transformed to a cleanly painted, cleverly decorated playroom. Then let it rain—let it pour! Everything will still be under control.

A 1942 national wheat acreage allotment of 55,000,000 acres has been announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, smaller than the 1941 allotment by 7,000,000 acres.

Coccidiosis has been reported among baby chicks in Beaufort county this year, but in most instances the disease has been brought under control with but little loss.

North Carolina farmers this year expect to harvest the largest wheat acreage since 1938, says W. T. Wesson, junior statistician of the State Department of Agriculture.

Cash income from American farm marketing and Government payments in April amounted to \$709,000,000, as compared with \$637,000,000 in the same month a year ago.

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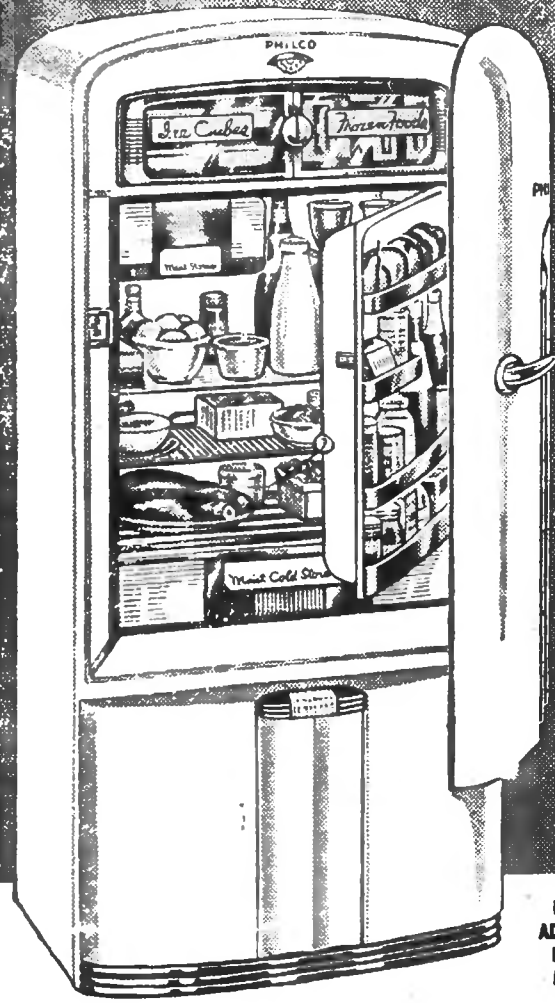
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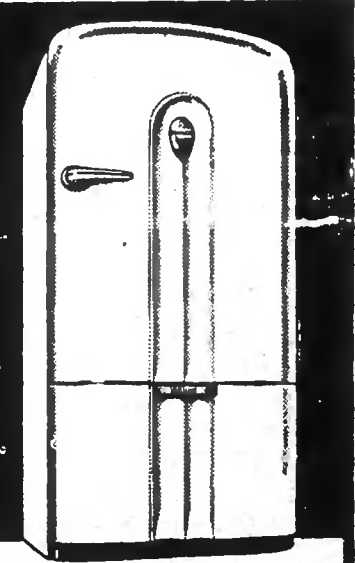
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