

### UNDER THE BIG WHITE DOME

**MRS. ROOSEVELT HELPS MANAGE THE NATION.**

Mrs. Roosevelt is to edit a department for women in the *Woman's Home Companion*. Her department is to be known as Mrs. Roosevelt's Page, and is to consist mainly of answers to letters which come to her in a constantly increasing stream. She will begin her new work with the August issue of the magazine.

This of course is news. It is the kind of precedent breaking that has come to be expected from the present administration. It is an indication of the part which Mrs. Roosevelt is taking, very gracefully and efficiently, in managing a nation and guiding it on the road to recovery.

Every woman in the country will be interested in what Mrs. Roosevelt has to say, not only because she is the President's wife but also because she is a woman of broad vision and fine intelligence. It matters not what she discusses, be it thrift menus or poor mothers—she has some worthwhile thought to give out on any subject.

As a leader among women, and a woman whose opinions are widely respected, she with her pen, will be influential in moulding public thought to ward the goal of better things. This is clearly the opinion of official and unofficial Washington, which is getting quite used to the breaking of ancient precedents and is even beginning to like it.

In the announcement of her new venture into the editorial field, it is stated: "Mrs. Roosevelt desires to conduct a forum where all ages can meet, a department for the discussion of all sorts of problems which come up in the daily life of men, women and children. For years she has been getting letters from all over the United States, and she has often thought that the situations and needs thus brought to her attention could be usefully discussed before a larger audience. Through the pages of this department, Mrs. Roosevelt will become the personal adviser of American women everywhere."

### ECONOMY AXE HITS COUNTY

**GOVERNMENT.**

If rural taxes are to come down, the economy axe must be applied to county government. This is the conclusion reached by Governor Pollard, of Virginia. He outlines his plan and platform very clearly and forcibly in an interview with Wheeler McMillan, veteran agricultural economist and associate editor of the *Country Home*, national farm magazine.

"County government is not quickly reformed, economic pressure will lead to the counties being abolished," declares Governor Pollard. "The only body that can impose a tax on a Virginia farm is the board of supervisors, elected by the people of the county. They lay the taxes and spend the money."

The heaviest burden of direct taxation on the rural citizen is from the county government. Yet, as most counties are organized, county government is scattered, disjointed, and irresponsible. Waste and inefficiency are unavoidable, because of the system, unless changes are made.

And changes are being made in the counties of Virginia, Mr. McMillan shows. No state, he says, has made more real advances in eliminating the wastes and evils that are inherent in the headless, expensive, awkward form with which the nation's 3,000 counties struggle along.

Virginia is experimenting with more different forms of county government than any other state. For 300 years Virginia has been a laboratory where the people have worked out self government. Recently liberal legislatures have been paving the way for more effective government in the Virginia counties. Governor Pollard appointed a commission to study the whole set-up and to devise optional new forms that might be submitted to the voters. In consequence, one county now has a full fledged county manager, and another a modified form of county management. And any county is now free to adopt one or the other of these forms. Consolidation of counties are permitted, but no counties have actual consolidation. The tendency is rather to effect economies by consolidating county functions while leaving the county boundaries intact. Mr. McMillan feels that definite and real progress is being made.

### Sanford Route Three

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Poe, of Cary, spent the week end on this route with Mr. Poe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Poe.

Miss Mabel Gunter has returned home after attending college at Flora McDonald, Red Springs, the past year.

Miss Clara Poe, of Varina, spent part of last week with relatives on this route.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Powers and children, of Henderson, spent the week end with Mrs. Fannie Pickard.

Her many friends will regret to learn that Mrs. R. A. Poe was carried to the hospital at Sanford last Saturday night, but glad she is getting on very nicely and hope to be home again soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Poe and little son, Glenn, of Varina, spent Sunday at J. W. Oggins'.

Mr. J. E. Flowe left Monday for Fort Bragg. He was one of the boys selected for forestry work.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Walls and children, of Fuquay Springs, spent Sunday with relatives on this route.

Mr. A. I. Gunter spent the week end at Davenport Camp at Shallotte. Glad to report Mrs. Alex Knott improving after being sick.

Miss Clara Poe and Mr. George Lee Glass spent Saturday afternoon in Carbondon and attended the ball game between Carbondon and McManus.

### BUFFALO NEWS

Circle No. 1 met at the home of Mrs. J. D. McPherson, June 7, at 3 o'clock, opening with hymn "Take My Life and Let It Be." Scripture reading by Miss Flora McPherson, hymn "Though Your Sins Be As Scarlet," followed by sentence prayers. Topic: "A Spiritual Awakening; readings by Mrs. Bowers, Mrs. Andrews, Miss Annie King, Miss Annie Cole, Mrs. K. M. Wicker, and Mrs. L. F. Cashion. Spice box questions asked by Mrs. Ruth Seymour with all members answering. Story by Miss Annie Cole. "Sold for Eighty Cents, Mrs. Mansfield. At the conclusion Misses Flora and Ruth McPherson served delicious refreshments.

Mrs. A. E. Bridges and daughter, Ethel, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hurley and children spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Andrews.

Little Miss Elizabeth Holder, of Broadway, spent last week with her grand mother, Mrs. J. D. McPherson. Mr. Clarence Crutchfield spent Monday in Fort Bragg on business.

Mr. Carl Collins, of Broadway, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mansfield.

Mrs. J. D. McPherson and Miss Eva Furgerson spent Sunday with Mrs. John Wicker, of White Hill.

Miss Annie Cole spent Monday with Mrs. J. D. McPherson.

Last Tuesday night some one visited the home of Mrs. J. D. McPherson and took about twenty-five young fryers; then going to Wilbur Medins nearby, took about eighteen young fryers from his hen house.

Miss Verna Kelly, of Richmond, is spending several days at home.

Mr. Paul Bowers, who has been in school at Guilford is spending the summer months at home.

Miss Mary Lou Conder has returned home from N. C. C. W.

### BROADWAY NEWS

The Auxiliary Birthday of the Presbyterian Auxiliary was held last Monday evening at the home of Mrs. D. E. Shaw with about twenty members and visitors present. China was the subject for study at this meeting and a very interesting program consisting of stories and poems relative to the subject was rendered. Two especially interesting features of the program were a talk by Mrs. Grace Carter, of Norfolk, Va., and a solo by Mr. M. A. McLeod. During the social hour the refreshment committee served ice cream, mints and salted nuts.

Rev. John L. Joyce, Jr., of Duke University, spent last week end with his parents here. He had as his guest Mr. Rola Matheny, of Duke and W. Va. Both these young men are student preachers and filled the pulpit Sunday night at the Baptist church here. Both young men handled their subjects well and convinced their congregation that they had chosen their calling according to their abilities.

Miss Mildred Patterson, of Elm City, and Miss Dorothy Hurley, of Smithfield, were guests of Miss Helen Chandler last week.

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Smith, of Jefferson, S. C., visited at the home of Mrs. G. M. G. Harrington last week. They were accompanied home by their son, Wayne, who spent the past few weeks here.

Mrs. T. C. Langley and children and Mrs. Maggie McDuffie, of High Point, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Nettie McLean.

Claude Chandler spent a few days this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Brown, of Sanford.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Lee Thomas and children spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Thomas' mother, Mrs. Laura Thomas.

Miss Lena Alford, of Fayetteville, spent last week end with Miss Thelma Gaster.

The regular meeting of the Home Demonstration Club was held in the school building on last Friday afternoon with Miss Simpson in charge. After the business session Miss Simpson gave a most interesting illustrated lecture on caring for winter clothes and dry cleaning.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bornaman announce the birth of a son, May 29th, at Lee County Hospital.

Miss Mayo Rosser spent Sunday at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. J. Cameron, in Jonesboro.

Misses Alberta and Julia Joyce have returned from a two weeks visit with relatives in South Hill, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Shaw and family were guests Sunday of Mr. Lacy Shaw, of Lemon Springs.

Noble Joyce and a party of friends from Greensboro spent Sunday at the home of Mr. J. L. Joyce.

### TIMELY SUGGESTIONS FOR THE JUNE GARDEN

1. A good crop of sweet potatoes may be produced in most parts of

Eastern North Carolina by setting vine cuttings in June. Make the cuttings 12 to 18 inches long and set them 12 inches apart on a moist, freshly plowed ridge. Better stands will result if the plants are set late in the afternoon or on cloudy days. Sweet potatoes from vine cuttings are more apt to be free from disease than a crop produced from sprouts.

2. For the best watermelons, go over the patch once a week and remove all bottlenecks and other misshapen specimens. A stick with a cutting edge fastened to one end makes the work faster and easier. Many successful commercial growers leave only two well developed melons per vine in order to get the best marketable size. For the very largest melons, leave only one good specimen per vine.

3. Fertilize the asparagus bed as soon as the cutting season is over. A constant supply of plant nutrients all summer long is the ideal method of fertilization. The amount of growth obtained between now and frost will largely determine the size and quality of next year's shoots.

4. Tomato seed planted during June will produce a good late crop in most sections. Locate the plant bed near a supply of water so that vigorous plants may be produced even though the weather may be dry. See that the plants have plenty of room in the bed. Tall, leggy plants are hardly worth the trouble of setting. When ready to transplant to field or garing fork of shovel in order to save as many of the roots as possible.

5. Cabbage seed for the fall crop should also be started during the latter part of June. A good practice is to sow the seed in a partially shaded bed. Sow the seed thickly, and thin out the plants as soon as a good stand is secured. Strong, stocky plants are needed for summer setting. If the collard patch has not already been started, the seed should be sown during June or early July.

6. Make succession plantings of beans and corn every two or three weeks in order to have a constant supply all summer long. These two crops are at their best only when fresh from the garden.

7. Keep all crops in a vigorous growing condition by side application of readily available fertilizers and by constant cultivation.

8. As soon as the strawberry season is over, work out the beds and keep them cultivated for the rest of the summer. If the plants need renewal, encourage the early-formed runners to take root. Plants rooted during June and July will produce twice as large a crop next spring as plants formed in late summer or early fall.

### OUTLOOK BRIGHTER WITH COMMODITY PRICES UP

The Government's effort to raise commodity prices and to improve the farmers position with respect to the cost of things he has to buy is apparently yielding far reaching results throughout the South. Careful review of reports appearing in newspapers from the entire cotton belt indicate a more optimistic feeling and a correspondingly larger volume of business than has been noted in several years.

An outstanding example of the improvement in farm purchasing power is revealed in the action taken by the Chilean nitrate producers last fall, reducing the price of the natural nitrate to correspond with the level of cotton prices at that time. Current prices quoted by local dealers show that soda is selling about 33-1-3 per cent under last season's prices, while cotton has advanced nearly 80 per cent. Measured in terms of these two commodities, therefore, farm buying power is fully double that of last year; one pound of cotton now will buy more than twice as much Chilean soda as it bought last year.

Looking ahead to next year, with its bright prospect or still higher cotton prices, farmers generally seem to be alert to the unprecedented opportunity open to them in this advantageous exchange of soda for cotton, and dealers report a real old time side-dressing demand for cotton and corn.

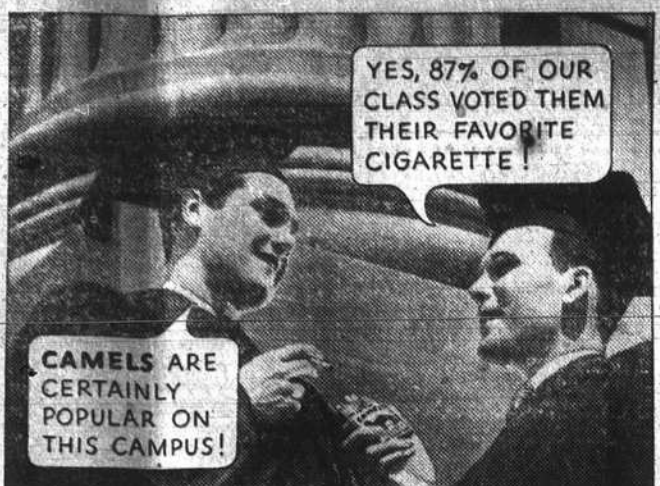
### Hints for Homemakers

By Jane Rogers



An excellent way to remove grease spots from wall paper is to cover the spots with powdered French chalk. Leave it on for twenty-four hours, then brush off. If the spots have not disappeared, repeat the application, laying a piece of blotting paper over each of the chalked spots and pressing with a warm iron.

To preserve the freshness and flavor of fresh fish over a period of two or three days, sprinkle the inside with sugar, keeping the fish in a horizontal position so that the sugar may penetrate as much as possible. Use one tablespoon of sugar to a five-pound fish.



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head high in June, the wheat is harvested and the cotton begins to blossom under the stars of summer nights. In June there is a tree of red apples in the old orchard and a tree of ripe cherries hanging over the garden wall. The fellow who said, "Life is like a bowl of cherries," must have written his song in June. The college and high school commencement occurs in June. "Tea, idle tears, I know not what they mean, tears from the depths of some divine despair." You can but wish every girl who becomes a little white bride in this glorious, gorgeous month of June shall find her marriage a happy marriage.

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