



THE sun shone bright through the half-frosted windows of the Perkins' hotel room. On his chair in the corner Ralph squirmed uneasily and avoided looking at Sheila.

Sheila and Ralph were troupers. On the stage they were billed as Senbee and Perkins, but in private life they were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Perkins.

Sheila watched her husband thoughtfully for a few moments. Then she edged over and planted herself on his disengaged knee. "I don't know whether to laugh or cry," she whispered running her fingers through his curly locks. "Friday we start. Ten solid weeks of straight booking. How much money have we, dear?"

Ralph removed Sheila from his knee and stood up. "Thirty-three dollars," he announced solemnly after a careful inventory of his pockets. "And thirty of that goes for the hotel bill when we check out Friday."

"I can't ask for an advance until we've played at least one performance. That leaves us three dollars to live on for three days."

Before Ralph could question her or ask what she was going to do, she had popped one of the dollars into her purse and disappeared into the hall.

In a half hour she was back laden with supplies. "There," she said exultantly. "Liver sausage, bread, butter and pie. Enough for lunch and dinner."

Ralph stared and then suddenly began to laugh hysterically. His wife was indignant. "What's the joke?" she demanded tartly. Ralph finally got his breath and gave her a hug. "Darling, I couldn't help it. I was just laughing at the irony of the thing. How are we going to eat all this stuff? We haven't a knife, a fork, a spoon, a plate or a tablecloth. As a matter of fact, we haven't even a table."

Sheila gave one weak little moan and threw herself on the bed. Ralph watched her stupidly for a moment and then suddenly his face began to light up slowly like a beacon. "I've got it," he roared. "Sheila, how much did you spend for all this?"

His wife looked bewildered through her tears. "Seventy cents," she faltered.

"Fine," Ralph beamed. "Coffee is fifteen cents in the dining room downstairs. No matter what you order they send up a table with all the trimmings. We'll just ring up room service, order two cups and for thirty cents we can have our feast."

Sheila caught on right away. Carefully she concealed the food under the bed and Ralph phoned down for room service.

In a few minutes the waiter appeared and laid the cloth. When he had finished he presented the menu. "Just two cups of coffee," Ralph gave the order carelessly.

The man nodded mechanically and disappeared into the hall. In a short while he was back with a fragrant, steaming pot of coffee. He poured it into the two cups and retired.

Ralph and Sheila held their breath until his footsteps faded away down the hall, then they locked the door and dove under the bed after their supplies.

Finally, when they had disposed of all the pie and sandwiches they could hold and after they had carefully boxed the remainder to keep until supper time, Ralph phoned for the waiter.

He knocked softly at the door, entered and began to stack up the plates and remove the table.

"The check," Ralph said casually. "I'll pay it now."

"The check?" The waiter looked bewildered.

"Yes, the check," said Ralph nervously. "Didn't you bring it?"

"Why, there are no checks today," said the waiter. "This is New Year's day. Everything is on the house. And do you know," he added in a sudden burst of confidence, "you're the only people in the hotel that didn't order the whole menu." He shouldered the portable table and started down the hall. "Happy New Year," he called.

Sheila and Ralph stood huddled together in the doorway. "Happy New Year," they murmured faintly.

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Farm People Asked To Grow 'Victory Gardens' In 1942

RALEIGH, Jan. 7. — Gardens for Victory!

That slogan for farm people is to be the counterpart of the Army's and Navy's "Remember Pearl Harbor!"

The State College Extension Service, through its farm and home agents, subject matter specialists, and administrative leaders, is organizing the "Victory Garden" campaign. An effort will be made to help every one of North Carolina's 278,276 farm families to grow a year-round garden in 1942. Backyard gardeners in small cities and suburbs of large centers of population also will be encouraged to grow "vegetables for vitality and victory."

Lewis P. Watson, Extension horticulturist of State College, has been appointed chairman of the garden campaign committee. He and his coworkers are planning to place a garden placard in every rural home in the State.

On the placard, Watson said, will be a garden calendar, showing the best planting dates for various vegetables, and the amounts of seed and varieties recommended. Also on the placard will be a Daily Foods Essential budget, listing the amounts and kinds of food needed to keep a person healthy and strong throughout the year.

"This Second World War is different from the First World War in many ways," said Watson, "but there's no changing the fact that food, of the right kinds and amounts, is needed for strength."

"However," he added, "we are going to try to avoid some of the gardening mistakes of the 1917-18 period. We are going to discourage the planting of gardens in soil not suited for vegetable growing. We don't have the seed, fertilizer and other materials to waste on gardens planted in backyards and other places where cinders, bricks and rubbish constitute the 'topsoil.' Plant a garden, but be sure it produces vegetables."

Scrap Metal Sales Aid Farmers And The Red Cross

RALEIGH, Jan. 7. — Scrap iron and steel is needed in the defense program . . . the American Red Cross needs money for emergency work . . . farmers want to help in the war effort in every way possible.

Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the State College Extension Service and agricultural representative on the executive committee of the State Defense Council, suggests a way for farmers to serve — to "Scrap the Japs With Scrap."

In Hoke County, he says, a one-day scrap metal collection campaign was conducted, and farmers brought in more than 300,000 pounds of discarded farm machinery, tractors, gas engines, automobiles, fence wire, etc. They sold the scrap to licensed dealers at from 40 to 55 cents per 100 pounds.

"Instead of pocketing the money received for the scrap, most of the farmers turned around and donated the cash to the Red Cross," Dean Schaub reported. "In this way, the farmers provided metal for guns and munitions, and for the manufacture of farm machinery, while donating to the Red Cross more money than they otherwise would have been able to give."

Dean Schaub suggested that the scrap metal collection campaigns which will be conducted in other counties this month be patterned along the same lines as the Hoke County drive. A theater in Raeford offered free movie tickets to farmers who brought in 500 pounds or more of scrap, and other prizes were offered by merchants who advertised in a special edition of the local newspaper.

"Scrap iron and steel is absolutely necessary in the present method of manufacturing new steel," the farm leader explained. "There are thousands of tons of scrap on farms of North Carolina which should be put to use in the National war program."

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Guiding the course of the Royal Baking Company are its executives, Raymond B. Streb, president; Mrs. Lillian F. Streb, vice-president, and LeRoy Martin, secretary-treasurer.

Founded in 1916 by the late Bartholomew Streb, who established a retail bake shop in Raleigh, the Royal Baking Company has enjoyed steady and consistent growth ever since. First delivery service was maintained by a corps of bicycle delivery boys. In 1927, with the introduction of the wholesale bakery idea to the public, the Royal Baking Company entered this field and began serving its customers through grocers and dealers, as well as through the retail bake shop on S. Wilmington street. Today, the company operates 29 delivery routes covering not only the city of Raleigh and its adjacent trade territory, but much of the eastern part of North Carolina as well.

An interesting sidelight into the operation of this huge business has been the consistent freindship and cooperation with its customers that has always been in evidence. Since its very founding, the management has encouraged the public to suggest the types of bakery products it wanted, and the bakery has steadfastly tried to produce them. Particularly has this course been followed rigidly in the Cake Department, where public influence has definitely shaped the type of pastries, cakes and other products, that are made and offered for sale.

In commenting on the growth of the organization, and its policies, Mr. Streb said:

"The policy of the Royal Baking Company has always been to adopt new and progressive ideas; to utilize the most modern and efficient bakery equipment; and to employ only the most modern bakery methods, together with the finest of ingredients, so that only products of outstanding value would be offered to the public."

"Today, this policy is still rigidly adhered to, and we can definitely assure the public that it will be followed just as carefully in the future."

Mr. Streb, who has been president of the baking firm since its

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ROYAL BAKING COMPANY MOVES INTO NEW HOME

Public Invited To Attend Formal Opening

A cordial invitation is extended by Raymond B. Streb, president of the Royal Baking Co., of Raleigh, to everyone to come to Raleigh on Wednesday and Thursday, January 14 and 15, and attend the opening of the magnificent new home of the baking organization, on Hillsboro street. The festivities will begin promptly at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday, when Mayor Graham Andrews of Raleigh officially cuts the ribbon stretched across the entrans to the new plant.

Completed at a cost said to be in excess of \$250,000, including equipment, the new home of the Royal Baking Company offers one of the most completely equipped baking plants in the South. Every modern machine; every scientific detail of construction and planning that would make for greater efficiency, has been utilized and installed. The W. E. Long Company, nationally known firm of bakery architects and engineers, designed the building.

"We are naturally proud of our new home," said Raymond B. Streb, president of the Royal Baking Company.

Strebs Always Spend Vacations On Coast

The late R. Streb and his family spent their summer vacations in Beaufort at the old Davis House for many summers when it was operated by Capt. James Rumley. Following Mr. Streb's death, the family continued to come to Carteret to spend several weeks each summer and they own a beautiful summer home near the Waterfront and Atlantic Beach bridge in Morehead City . . . Raymond Streb, president of the company, collects guns for a hobby and he has one of the most complete assortment of old fire arms owned by any individual in North Carolina.

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Farmers Advised To Order Repair Parts for Machines

RALEIGH, Jan. 7. — Farmers are being advised to order repair parts for their tractors, plows, and other machines at the earliest possible moment. "There's an important monnet," says D. S. Weaver, State College agricultural engineer, "and its' not the usual 'Shop Early and Avoid the Rush sort of appeal."

Here's the way the Extension Service specialist explained it: The Office of Production Management is prepared to give farm machinery manufacturers priority on metals, BUT not until they receive orders from their dealers, BACK-ED UP BY BONA-FIDE ORDERS FROM CONSUMERS.

Therefore, says Weaver, farmers must determine now what parts they need to put their machines in good order for the 1942 season. Then, they must place their orders immediately for these parts.

The usual practice of waiting until just before a machine is needed in the spring, and then going to town for a repair part, will not work this year. There won't be any repair parts there, unless the order is placed at once.

"In the 'Food for Freedom' program farmers must produce more food with fewer men," Weaver pointed out. "Greatly increased use of farm machinery is indication of the way to do it."

Incorporation in 1927, pointed out that Jack Nichols has been head baker for more than eleven years. D. E. Small is Sales Manager. Lee Frazier, colored, is the oldest employee in point of service, in the entire organization, and has been employed in the cake department for the past few years.

"We are certain that everyone in the vicinity of Raleigh is going to take a great deal of interest and pride in this new bakery," Mr. Streb said, "and we would like to invite everyone to visit the new plant either Wednesday or Thursday evening from 6:30 to 10 p. m."

"We have arranged for competent guides to be on hand to conduct each visitor through the plant, and explain the operation of all the new equipment, and just how bakery products are made. We are confident that this tour will be very interesting and instructive."

"There will be music and souvenirs, and we hope everyone will come to visit us, and have a good time."

There will be a special Open House Party for colored people Friday, January 16, from 6:30 to 10 p. m., it was announced.

GUESS AGAIN

"Hope is the poor man's bread," wrote George Herbert. Here are seven questions in today's Guess Again, each one providing you with reason for hope. Merely place a mark in the space provided and check below for correct answer and your rating.

- (1) The word latent means: (a) unusual; (b) heavy; (c) hidden; (d) a soup spoon.
- (2) If one was lewd he would be: (a) naked; (b) new; (c) unchaste; (d) confused.



- (3) What kind of a contest is the fellow in the middle of the above picture engaged in? Is it: (a) bull fighting; (b) steer wrestling; (c) broncho busting; (d) tap dancing?
- (4) If someone gave you a serape you would: (a) eat it; (b) wear it; (c) put a leash on it; (d) ride it.
- (5) A paravane is a device used to: (a) tell the wind velocity; (b) draw straight lines; (c) keep airplanes in the air; (d) cut the moorings of water mines.
- (6) Alfred Dreyfus was the name of: (a) a French officer; (b) an English prime minister; (c) a Norwegian pacifist; (d) an American senator.
- (7) A decalcomania is: (a) a form of insanity; (b) a chemical formula; (c) a process of transferring pictures; (d) an instrument used in the study of physics.

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"GUESS AGAIN" Tally Score Here

- 1. (c) is easy, take 10 points.....
- 2. Again (c) for 10 more.....
- 3. (b) for a good 15 points.....
- 4. Again (b) for 15 more.....
- 5. Difficult? Take 20 for (d).....
- 6. 15 for (a).....
- 7. (c) for 15 more big points.....

YOUR RATING: 90-100, you're stuffed; 80-90, you're stuffed; 70-80, you're stuffed; 60-70, you're a loafer.

ANSWERS To Timely Farm Questions

Question: Is it absolutely necessary to build new poultry houses if the flock is increased?

Answer: T. T. Brown, Extension poultryman, says farmers should look around for unused buildings before going to the expense of constructing new houses. Then, after the emergency is over there will have been no large expenditure resulting from the construction of new buildings. A few dollars spent in converting an unused building into a brooder house or laying house will be a good investment.

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Exploration

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ed. To meet the demand for new machines would require the manufacture of 20 to 25 percent more tractors, plows, combines, etc., than were produced in 1941.

"On the other hand," he declared, "there is only enough metal available for 75 to 80 percent as many farm machines as were manufactured last year, even with priorities on metals. This shortage must be made up by better use of all present machines."

Burning Woods To Kill Boll Weevil Expensive Practice

The burning of woods to kill boll weevil is one of the most expensive and least effective methods that a farmer can use. Boll weevils hibernate in many places where they cannot be killed by fire. Large numbers of weevils pass the winter in Spanish moss hanging in high trees surrounding cotton fields. More than 2,000 boll weevils per ton of moss have often been found. Clumps of grass and weeds along ditch banks, field roads, and at the end of rows afford ideal hibernating quarters. Many boll weevils hibernate in hay stacks and around barns, gins, outhouses, etc. Weevils also hibernate in surface woods trash, but the records show that more than three-fourths do so within the first fifty feet of the edges of wood bordering cotton fields. Practically none are found at distances greater than 150 feet from the edges of the woods. These facts point to the absurdity of burning large areas of woods and destroying valuable timber in the belief that a large number of weevils will be killed. In this case the remedy is worse than the disease. Burning woods damages the timber and kills the undergrowth and seedlings. It is also bad for wildlife and may lead to soil erosion. Woods fires often get out of control and larger areas are burned than intended; and then too, burning the woods does not get rid of the weevils. There are always enough left that cannot be killed by burning to start an infestation next spring, and if weather conditions during June and July are favorable for weevil development these will always increase so that it will be necessary to dust with calcium arsenate anyway. It is wiser to encourage the growth of young timber and to systematically cut and sell this in order to purchase dusting machines and calcium arsenate than to destroy the timber by burning. The most important thing a farmer can do in the fall is to cut his cotton stalks as early as possible before frost so as to reduce the number of boll weevils that go into hibernation and survive the winter. The early fall destruction of the cotton stalks is more effective as a boll weevil control measure than the dangerous practice of burning woods.

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