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I found him out in his flower garden fertilizing and mulching his dahlias.

"I guess you could say that the dahlia is my favorite flower," E. H. Moser said as he applied Vigoro with a deft touch.

His garden is filled with many varieties: varied colored gladioli, rare iris, numerous rose bushes, chrysanthemums, and others. All are well kept, weeded and tended meticulously.

"I don't putter in my flower garden simply because I am retired and have nothing else to do," he said. "I like it. I am very much interested in flowers and growing things."

And E. H. Moser has always been interested in growing things. Especially children.

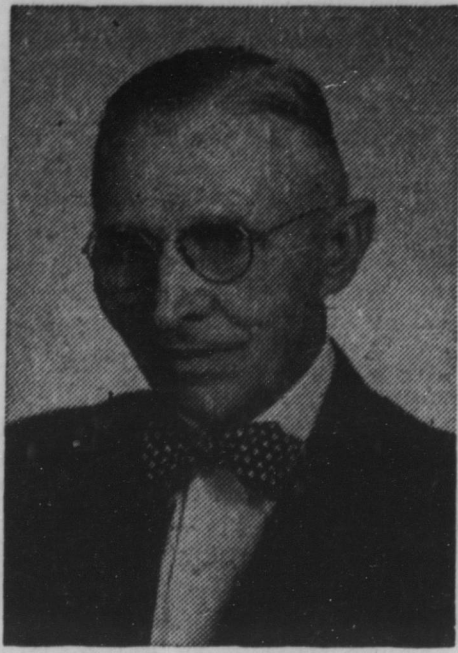
"Flowers are somewhat like children," he said, distributing the mulch evenly around the stalk of a plant. "They need nurture and training. Take a flower: give it a good environment, rich soil, training, and you'll get a lovely plant. Take children: give them a good environment, the richness of friends, good books and literature, and proper up-bringing from loving parents, and there, too, you will get a lovely child."

E. H. was born in Yadkin County November 6, 1880. He is the oldest of 12 children of the late Basil E. and Therasophe Hauser Moser.

His father was a farmer and E. H. being the oldest naturally was a great factor in helping his father keep the farm running. Moser senior was also the owner of a saw mill and E. H. learned how to "turn" logs, work at the "green end," and rip logs into sweet smelling planks.

"My father was a very public spirited man," he said. "He liked to see things go in the community."

This public spiritedness must have sunken deep into E. H. for he has been most active in community affairs wherever he has been. He said that he has tried



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to find his place in the community and fill that place to the best of his ability, hoping that he has added some measure of good, some Christian principles.

At Shoals Grammar Academy near his birthplace, and which his father helped to establish, E. H. received his first formal schooling. After that he attended Siloam Academy and received his high school diploma.

"Sure, I walked," he said. "Four miles there and back every day. And it wasn't over roads like today. These were deep rutted and over rough terrain."

His parents instilled in their children a great love for learning, even though themselves were not too literate in the ways of education. His father especially loved good literature and good books.

E. H. decided after finishing high school that he wanted to go to college. He enrolled in West Maryland College, Westminster, Md. There he worked part time to pay for his tuition.

No, he doesn't think at all it is bad for a young man or young woman to do college duties in order to help pay for their fees.

Upon receiving his Bachelor of

Arts degree in mathematics and English, he accepted the principalship of Dover School at Dover. While at Dover a special referendum was held to vote for an increase in school taxes to place the school on an eight months' term. He said it was the first one in North Carolina to be voted upon and carried unanimously.

"I felt very proud of that vote and felt that we were setting a trend of progress that would spread through the rest of the State," he said.

Leaving Dover, he came to Wakelon in 1911. This decision was because of the better opportunity.

When he came to Wakelon, he found only the front end of the old grammar school building. Corn rows enveloped most of the campus. There was an ugly, unsightly swamp facing the building.

He believed that beauty is also conducive to education, and with nerve and enthusiasm he set to work beautifying the campus. With the help of many of the school boys and girls they cleared the swamp, levelled the corn ridges, and laid off the campus.

"I am very proud of Wakelon's campus," he said with a solemn radiance. "I think it is one of the prettiest in North Carolina."

In 1918 he left Wakelon and went to Selma, becoming Superintendent of the Selma school system. Then again he returned to Zebulon to take an interest in the Zebulon Hosiery Mill. After the failure of that concern he became associated with an insurance firm.

Again feeling the urge to enter school work, E. H. became principal of the Wendell school. After a year with that school system he left it to become a salesman for the Southern School Supply Company in Raleigh. He was with this firm for seven years, traveling from Virginia to Florida.

His deep interest in education led him into the school room again. He once more became associated with the Wakelon school system.

Cooking, First Aid Demonstration To Be Features of Scout Meeting

By Leary Davis

The Rev. Beverly Asbury spoke at the June 6 meeting of the Zebulon Boy Scout troop which was held at the Baptist Church. Rev. Asbury talked about the aspects of Scout attendance during the summer months.

"Attendance drops off during the summer," Rev. Asbury said. "In the Zebulon troop, there are 28 boys registered and receiving Boy's Life magazine free from the troop. However, there are seldom 15 boys at a summer meeting, the time for really getting out and doing things."

Rev. Asbury also stated that the Zebulon Baptist Church, the troop's sponsor, will support the local Scouting movement if the Scouts will do their part.

Plans for the remaining June meetings of the troop were outlined by Scoutmaster James Debnam. At the June 13 meeting, a lecture and demonstration of first aid will be given by Jack Terry at the ball park. It is hoped that Scouts attending this meeting will be qualified to pass the test for the First Aid Merit Badge after

witnessing Mr. Terry's demonstration.

The June 20 meeting will feature a cooking demonstration by Mr. Debnam. On the following week, June 27, the Scouts will visit Lake Glad for a 2-hour outing.

Attending Monday night's meeting were Johnny Bullock, Leary Davis, James Gainey, Sidney Holmes, Dan Perry, Larry Page, Johnny Richardson, Calvin Richardson, Robert Pulley, Joseph Temple, Jimmy Young, and Kenneth Wilson.

Several Scouts have been taking marksmanship training with the National Guard. Six of these Scouts will make the trip to Ft. Bragg with the Guard on Saturday, June 11. They are Eddie Bullock, Dan Perry, Sidney Holmes, Johnny Bullock, Leary Davis, and Charlie Murphy.

On June 12, six Scouts will leave for Camp Durant with leader, Malcolm Martin. Those making this trip include Johnny Bullock, Sidney Holmes, Leary Davis, Dan Perry, Joseph Temple and Johnny Hagwood.

This tenure of principalship lasted for 13 years.

During this principalship, more buildings were added, improvements were made in classrooms, and the campus became larger and more attractive.

E. H. retired from active principalship in 1942. Since that time he has worked with the State School Commission, has been Secretary of the Wendell Chamber of Commerce, and has served as high school instructor at Corinth-Holders.

For one summer he has taught in the mathematics department of N. C. State College. He was offered a full time instructorship in the mathematics department of the college, but had to decline it at the time because of his health.

Besides education he has always had an abiding and deep interest in church work. He has served the Zebulon-Wendell charge as Lay Leader for the past five years, and has filled the pulpit as a Lay Preacher at many of the churches in North Carolina.

He spoke highly of his adult Bible class which he has taught for 40 years at the local Methodist Church. This class has now been named the Moser Bible Class.

"Two of the members of that class are still with me when I started teaching it," he said. "They are Waylon Finch and Elmer Finch."

He is active in the Zebulon Rotary Club. At present he is editor of the *Tattler*, a news sheet concerning the doings of the local club.

E. H. reads a great deal. His main interests run along the lines of history, sociology, and ethics. For lighter reading he turns to the current magazines. He doesn't consider himself a novel fan.

He has a very great love for anything Shakespearian. "King Lear" is his favorite work of the English author. He has seen many of the Bard's works performed professionally.

Would he advise young folks to enter the teaching profession?

"Yes, I would," he said after a moment's hesitation. "But let me say this. It takes brains and personality to teach. And the teacher must know his subject."

He is happy and very much pleased with the progress made by the State of North Carolina in the Public School System. The programs, plans, and facilities that have been instituted by the Public School System have been most encouraging and far reaching, he said. He sees even greater advance-

ments in the future.

He said that he would still like to go back into the classroom for a few more years. Mrs. Moser, who was listening, came in and shook her head firmly in the negative and admonished him gently for having such a thought.

"I guess that means I'll have to stick to my flowers," he laughed gaily.

Pupils whom he has taught in past years drop in occasionally to see him. They are always welcome and he is glad to see them. They, too, always compliment him on keeping his youthfulness and spiritedness.

E. H. is married to Myrtle Folger of Dobson. They were married on June 17, 1913. She is a public school teacher, fifth grade. They have two sons, Earl of California and Rom of Raleigh.

He hasn't forsaken teaching altogether. Pupils who are retarded or need extra coaching come to him and he tutors them in his spare time. As I was getting ready to leave he was waiting for one of them.

And to paraphrase television comic George Gobel's famous saying: "You can't hardly find teachers like E. H. Moser no more."

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