

Esso Will Show Thaw Expedition Pictures

The famous Thaw Expedition pictures which show the recording of a trip by the Thaw party through western and central Europe, the Balkans, Iraq, Iran and India, taken just ahead of the outbreak of war, will be presented throughout North Carolina by the Esso Marketer's public relations department, according to an announcement by G. F. Ball, Esso's public relation department.

Pictures of the Thaw expedition were featured in the 1940 October and December issues of the National Geographic Magazine and in the November 25, 1940 issue of Life Magazine.

This film is being presented in an effort to familiarize the people of North Carolina with the many and difficult problems faced by the petroleum industry and it is expected that there will be a public showing in this area in the near future.

Oak Dale

Rev. R. W. Williams attended his regular preaching time here Sunday evening.

Mrs. Tallie Tallent and three children, Betty Jane, Tracy and Thelma, have spent the last few days with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Roper.

Lawrence Roper is erecting a new barn.

Miss Cora Roper came home Sunday from Oak Grove where she has been staying.

Misses Louise and Lillie Roper visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Higdon Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Reeves visited Mr. and Mrs. Elgie Guyer Sunday.

Miss Prellia Crawford spent last week on Olive Hill.

Riverside

Dewey Drake, Claude Pace, and Cecil Turbeville, all of Hendersonville, visited friends in this community Sunday.

Mrs. Dexter Roberts and children left Sunday to be with Mr. Roberts who is employed in Buffalo, S. C.

Mrs. W. C. Burrell and daughter, Joan, of Franklin, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Brown, Sunday.

Miss Lucy Bateman spent Sunday with Misses Maggie and Blanche Ledbetter.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bingham and family of Cartoogechaye, spent Sunday with Mrs. Bingham's mother, Mrs. G. C. Dowdle.

Miss Kate Sanders, of Midway, visited Miss Hazel Carpenter Sunday.

Garland Bateman who is employed with the Utah Construction company, has been ill at his home, but is improving nicely.

Smart Styling Keynotes New Chevrolet



Distinguished styling, characterized by a new massiveness, marks the new 1942 Chevrolet, introduced to the motoring public today. Shown above is the Special De Luxe Sport Sedan, a roomy, luxurious, six-passenger model. A new grille treatment, with integral parking lights, and the smart new elongated front fender, which sweeps back into and opens with the front door, are design highlights. Interior appointments are in the modern mode.

Demonstration Farms Reported By Fagg

T. H. Fagg, assistant county agent, has reported the following items regarding two unit demonstration farms in Macon county:

Bill Pressley, farmer in Cartoogechaye, has an outstanding demonstration on the use of agricultural ground limestone on volunteer soybeans. Mr. Pressley turned under a growth of Black Loreado soybeans in the fall of 1940. In the spring of 1941 he limed about half of this field at one ton per acre.

Such a good stand of volunteer beans came up that Mr. Pressley decided to leave them as a soil improving crop. The portion of this field that was limed has produced a growth of beans well over knee high and the beans have an excellent color. On the unlimed portion the beans are not over three inches high and are very yellow in color. Both the limed and the unlimed areas are very poor hillside land.

C. W. Henderson, unit demonstration farmer of Sugarfork township is improving his home as well as his farm. Mr. Henderson has recently remodeled his home, painted and screened it. He has also installed a new gravity water system, including sink in kitchen, on porch and concrete cooling tank on back porch for milk and food. He also plans to build a bath room. Mr. Henderson says that it is very important that a farmer improve his home and home convenience as his farm improves.

J. B. Gentry of the Baldwin community, Ashe county, says that top-dressing his corn at second cultivation with 100 pounds of nitrate of soda to the acre paid him double the cost of the fertilizer.

FERTILIZER CONSUMPTION HITS NEW HIGH

Washington, D. C.—An all-time record fertilizer consumption was established when farmers used 8,311,000 tons of commercial fertilizer on their land during the past crop year, according to the annual consumption report of The National Fertilizer Association. This is an increase of more than one-half million tons over prior years.

"Tonnage figures in themselves do not tell a complete story of plantfood consumption in this banner year, since there has been a significant increase in the amount of plantfood contained in a ton of fertilizer," said Charles J. Brand, Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the Association. "This year's tonnage figure was 16 per cent above 1920, but the amount of plantfood contained and used was 64 per cent greater." It seems likely that another tonnage increase is in store for next year. Tag sale figures for the first six months of 1941 are 6 per cent over 1940.

Harris Gives Hints For Seeding Lawns

The greatest cause of lawn failure is not the kind of seed sown but the poor fertility and physical condition of the soil, says John H. Harris, extension landscape specialist of N. C. State college.

If the seed bed is poor and especially if it is lacking in humus, a crop of peas or beans should be grown and turned under to improve the fertility of the soil. Unless the land is very fertile, a one to two-inch layer of well-rotted manure should be worked into the soil.

Harris pointed out that no amount of commercial fertilizer will take the place of manure and cover crops, since the latter add humus which collects and holds moisture for grass during hot dry summers.

Where top soil has eroded, it should be replaced. To stimulate quick growth, from 500 to 600 pounds per acre of some commercial fertilizer such as 6-8-6 should be added. The soil should be allowed to settle and only the top layer pulverized for sowing the seed.

For home owners who want to have a winter lawn, the State college landscape specialist says nothing equals Italian rye grass. This should be sown on top of the other grass in September. Better results are obtained if the lawn is raked vigorously or a small amount of top soil used to cover the seed.

Most people wait too late to sow their lawn seed, Harris says, explaining that September and October are the better months except in extreme mountain sections. Copies of Extension Circular No. 189, "Better Lawns in North Carolina," will be sent free upon application to the Agricultural Editor, State College, Raleigh.

WAR-PAINT

Another child of the second modern world struggle is a new traffic sign and lane paint now being made from soybeans.

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Q. What care is necessary for farm machinery during the winter?

A. David S. Weaver, head of the Agricultural Engineering Department, says farmers should take adequate steps to protect and house their machinery and implements this winter. More equipment rusts and rots away than actually wears away through use. Paint up machines, grease all exposed metal surfaces, and store them under a shelter. Such a practice will pay handsome dividends.

Q. Do young laying pullets lose efficiency when too many are crowded into one house?

A. T. T. Brown, extension poultryman, says this is one of the commonest faults in North Carolina's poultry industry today. At least 3 1/2 to 4 square feet of floor space should be allowed for each bird to be housed. If less than this amount is furnished, the result will be more disease and a higher mortality rate, a higher percentage of cull birds, and more cull eggs.

Q. Can electricity be used to cure sweet potatoes?

A. A growing number of farmers in North Carolina and neighboring states are using electricity for curing and storing sweet potatoes and finding it quite economical and satisfactory. It provides a more even distribution of heat which results in a better and more uniform cure. Fewer potatoes are lost through over-heating or underheating, and the space formerly required by the stove is utilized for storage.

"World Day Of Prayer" On February 20, 1942

The National Committee of Church Women, an interdenominational organization of women of the Protestant churches of the United States, has designated Friday, February 20, 1942, as the "World Day of Prayer." It will be commemorated in all countries of Europe and in the mission fields as well as in America. The theme of the observance will be "I am the Way," and it will be developed under various titles: "The Way men have lost, the Way back to God, the Way of self-surrender, the Way of peace, the Way of love, the Way of light, the Way of power." ... An interesting comment on the 1941 celebration is that some Korean Christians are still in Japanese jails because of the World Day of Prayer — the verse "Fear not, little flock, it is the Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom," being interpreted by the military authorities as subversive.

The most spectacular and important fur-animal enterprise in the United States is silver-fox farming, which yielded 6,000 pelts in 1913 and increased the output to 150,000 pelts by 1940.

MICKIE SAYS—

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Gneiss

By MRS. F. E. MASHBURN (Last Week's News)

Sunday Mr. Tilley came up to notify the people that there would be no school for three weeks on account of infantile paralysis.

The children under 16 years of age were sent home from Pine Grove church Sunday school before it opened, owing to the infantile paralysis rules.

Rev. Frank Reed of Satolah, Ga., preached an intensely interesting sermon to an attentive congregation.

The two cemeteries at Walnut Creek were cleaned the latter part of the week. On Sunday relatives and friends decorated the graves.

Miss Eula Mashburn has gone to Highlands to stay at Laurel Lodge.

Miss Mollie Trentham and Mrs. Gertrude Straine of Walnut Creek were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Straine at Clark's Chapel.

"Uncle" Tommie Dills is in the Winston-Salem hospital. His host of friends send greetings.

Fred Henry of Ellijay was a welcome visitor on Walnut Creek Sunday.

Recently Miss Nettie McCall of Brevard and her brother, Arvel, were visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther McCall.

Mrs. Amanda Gregory is home from Portsmouth, Va., where she has been visiting Mrs. Fred Williams.

Owen Stiwinter spent his summer vacation here with relatives. He has returned to Portsmouth, Va., to re-enter school.

Ennis Mashburn, a worker in Angel's Clinic, Miss Chubbie Shook, and Mrs. Bessie Poindexter were recent visitors at Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Mashburn's.

Crops are generally splendid. Apples are breaking the trees. Lespeleza is the one greatest crop ever introduced into this mountain section, the writer thinks.

Homefolks send "greetings" to our many young men in service wherever they are located.

Mrs. Willie Moses was operated on for appendicitis Thursday in Angel hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Keener and children were visiting on Ellijay Sunday.

Miss Mayme G. Moses, one of the teachers in Sweetwater school, in Clay county, visited homefolks on Ellijay this weekend.

Mr. Maple of Gastonia is visiting Oliver Moses on Ellijay.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Moses and children of Ellijay were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Alley, Murphy, Route 1, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Alley are celebrating the arrival of a son, Edwin Maurice. Mrs. Alley will be remembered as Miss Ida Moses, a former teacher of Macon county.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Mashburn and daughter, Lindalee, of Cullasaja, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Mashburn.

He—How do you like the game? She—Fine, and our pitcher is so good, he hits the club nearly every throw.

Fishing has been good in Lake Glenville. In checking the fishermen one, I found that four men had twelve fish each, which averaged nine inches. These fishermen had as fine catch of brook trout, as I have ever seen.—Mack Ashe, Jackson County Game Protector

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