

## Cox On Midwest Trip Probes Mystery; Calls Ever-Full Barrel "Supernatural"

### Local Man Views Curious Phenomenon On Missouri Farm

William E. Cox, Jr., of Southern Pines, who with his wife is on a trip to Oklahoma and Missouri, has had an astonishing adventure along the way.

He has had the opportunity to investigate a strange occurrence, which appears to be right up his alley as well-known enthusiast and expert in magic and psychic phenomena.

Here is the account as dispatched by the AP from Simmons, Mo., and mailed to The Pilot by one Ed Small, of Kansas City. It starts off, "Can you figure this one out?" and we must admit we can't:

A farmer last May placed in his yard a large barrel, filled it with water and covered it. The water was used daily. Not a drop has been added. But the thing is still

full and, on some days, it overflows.

That's what the farmer, J. B. Orr, reports, and many visitors, drawn to the farm, corroborate it.

In fact, William E. Cox, Southern Pines, N. C., who says he is an associate member of the American Society for Psychical Research of New York, spent 24 hours with the thing and he reported:

"Forces other than natural are responsible for this. It is a genuine supernatural happening."

The psychical research society investigates psychic phenomena to determine whether they are legitimate or are produced by trickery.

Mr. and Mrs. Orr put the 50-gallon barrel on a platform in their chicken yard. A pipe drains from the barrel to the chicken house into a feeding pan.

The barrel was originally filled last May from a river a quarter-mile from the farm. Agriculture authorities in the area say Orr's flock of chickens must consume at least six or seven gallons a day for survival. At that rate, the container should have been emptied about nine days after it was filled.

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Cox, in his investigation, took several inches of water from the barrel. He measured it shortly afterward and found it had gained three inches. He hadn't left the vicinity of the barrel, he said.

For a while Mrs. Orr thought her husband refilled the barrel at night. He denied it. Then he became bedfast with illness. Knowing he couldn't get up and around, Mrs. Orr investigated the barrel. She was convinced that he was not affecting the water level.

And that's the situation today. Three months after it was filled and covered, the barrel is still full and, on some days, it overflows.

Simmons is in Texas county in South Central Missouri.

During the last four years the percentage of brucellosis among cattle in the United States has been declining until this year it is down to 3.5 per cent, according to the Bureau of Animal Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

## PINEBLUFF

### Picnic Supper

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hearn. Mrs. Brandon returned home Sunday accompanied by Jay Francis Fisher, who will be her guest for several days.

Miss Toby Anderson of Rockville Centre, N. Y., is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Mittie Wallace.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Motes of Columbia were weekend guests of Mrs. Motes' sister, Mrs. Charles T. Creel, and Mr. Creel.

Mr. and Mrs. Baxter McKenzie and Mrs. Jeffres of Carthage were guests Sunday of Mrs. C. S. Palmer.

Polly, Susan and Sally June Sharpe of Raleigh were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Suttentfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Troutman and daughters, Mary Lou, Paula and Nancy, and Mrs. Grace Troutman spent the week-end in the mountains of North Carolina and attended the Troutman reunion at Troutman, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Baldwin and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hart and daughter, Miss Louise Hart, all of Charlotte, and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Poole of Jackson Springs were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Griffin.

Miss Eloise Adcox is spending the week in Burlington with Mrs. Verdie Caddell.

Mrs. Lacy Hatchell of Fayetteville was a guest Sunday of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hearn.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Austin and Mrs. D. B. Fletcher left Monday for New York State for a month's visit with relatives.

Mrs. J. A. Simpson and sons, Lawrence and Earl, of Sanford and Pvt. Robert Simpson of the Lowery Air Force base, Denver, Colo., visited Mr. and Mrs. James W. Smith Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Pope and son Dickie left on Monday for their home in Fort Myers, Fla., after a visit with Mrs. Pope's mother, Mrs. A. L. Van Boskerck.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. De Yoe have gone to New York State for a visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Poole and family of Morganton arrived in town Friday and are now living in their home at Silver Springs.

Ethylene dibromide is proving effective in controlling nematodes on many tobacco farms in North Carolina.

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Parsons spent the weekend in Statesville, where Dr. Parsons filled the pulpit at the Statesville Methodist Church at the 11 o'clock service Sunday.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Regan spent last week at the Methodist Youth center at Wrightsville Beach. Bob Regan returned home with them on Friday after spending the summer at the Youth center.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil English and son returned to their home in Chicago Wednesday, after a 10-day visit with Mrs. English's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theo Berg.

Pfc. Thomas Eckersley from Fort Benning, Ga., is spending a few weeks with his parents, M/Sgt. and Mrs. W. S. Eckersley.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Baker, Jr., of Salisbury were weekend guests of Mr. Baker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Baker.

Mrs. Tom Brandon of Charlotte spent last week with her parents,

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A near record quantity of nearly 60 million pounds of frozen strawberries moved into storage during June of this year. This, together with large holdings of frozen orange juice concentrate, boosted midyear supplies of frozen fruits to new high records. The highest inn in Eastern America is on Mt. Pisgah, North Carolina, 5,749 feet above sea level.

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