

KEEP THE GARDENS GROWING.

Fight Weeds, Cultivate, Water, and Fertilize.

This is the time of the season when the gardener is likely to allow the weeds to get a start in the garden. Right now the plants need every drop of water, and weeds should not be allowed to rob them. Weeds grow much faster than cultivated crops, and if not destroyed will rob the plants of the moisture they need for forming fruit.

It is an excellent plan to water eggplants, peppers, cabbage, cucumbers, melons, celery, and other crops needing highly fertilized soil, with manure water. Have a barrel covered with fly screen in which to prepare and store the manure water.

The Story of a Dead Duck.

On the 27th of last April, Carl McGee, who lives on O. H. Mundy's farm two miles from Terrell, in Lincoln County, on the Catawba river, killed what was supposed to be a wild duck. And thereby hangs quite an interesting and unusual incident.

LITTLE CREEK NEWS.

Messrs. Matthew and Ray Casey spent the week-end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Peedin, at Pine Level. Mrs. Bitha Kennedy is spending a few days with her son, Mr. J. W. Kennedy.

Its Kind.

Maude—And so he has finally won you? Alice—Yes; it was what one might call a crushing victory!—Puck. More than forty-five thousand clerks in England have been replaced by women.

Death of Ira L. Woodard.

The angel of the Lord came to Mr. Ira L. Woodard on Friday, July 6th, 1917, and relieved him from the sufferings of this world, by translating him to the Heavenly Kingdom. He had been confined to his bed about 3 months with pneumonia, but he had borne his sickness with the greatest of patience.

Just a few days before the last came, he called them all to his bedside and bid them good-by and said not grieve for he was going to his home, sweet home.

Mr. Woodard died at the age of 28 years, 9 months. He leaves a wife and two little children and a heart-broken mother and sister to mourn his departure. The remains were laid to rest Saturday afternoon, July 7th, in the family burying ground.

A FRIEND.

ITEMS FROM FOUR OAKS.

Four Oaks, July 18.—Miss Sirena Olive is spending the week at Newport News, Va., the guest of her brother, Mr. W. E. Olive.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Moore, of Benson, spent Sunday in town with relatives.

Mr. Lenzy Cole, who has been at Petersburg, Va., for the past year, is visiting relatives here.

Miss Flora Strickland has returned from a two weeks' visit to Mrs. Fred E. Royal at Emporia, Va.

Miss Pauline Creech, of Benson, is the guest of Miss Clyde Sanders.

Rev. and Mrs. R. B. John, of Maxton, motored down Sunday and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Adams while here.

Mrs. R. M. Von Miller and family are spending some time with relatives in Sampson County.

Mr. G. K. Massengill is breaking ground for a new brick store on the Dr. Young site.

Hawk Barbour, eldest son of Mr. Joe Barbour, died last Thursday of typhoid, after one week's illness. Hawk was 23 years of age—just in the prime of life—but the grim Reaper is not discriminating.

Mr. Hubert Johnson and Miss Irene Strickland were quietly married last Tuesday evening, leaving at once for a northern trip, after which they will be at home, Smithfield, N. C., R. No. 1. Miss Irene was one of Four Oaks' most popular young ladies, while Mr. Johnson is a successful farmer, son of Mr. W. B. Johnson. We wish them much happiness.

READING MATTER FOR SOLDIERS IN FRANCE

Washington, July 17.—Magazines and newspapers bearing one-cent stamps hereafter may be posted, unwrapped and unaddressed, by persons other than publishers, and will be forwarded by postal authorities to American soldiers and sailors in Europe.

In announcing today plans for gathering reading matter conveying home news and fiction to the boys abroad, Postmaster General Burleson suggested that magazines print the following in the upper right-hand corner of their front covers:

"Notice to the reader: When you have finished reading this magazine, place a one-cent stamp on this notice, hand same to any postal employe and it will be placed in the hands of our soldiers and sailors at the front. No wrapping—no address."

The publications will be carried under parcel post classification at one cent each, regardless of weight. A concentration station has been designated in each State for assembling of the reading matter.

What Bobby Said.

"Bobby, your mama tells me you are a very bright boy and she expects you to be a great man," said Mr. Blossom, as he sat in the parlor, waiting for Bobby's sister. "Ma never does 'speak nothin' right. She doesn't know what she's talking about. She told pa she 'spected you and Flossie would be married soon, andy that was more'n a year ago."—Pearson's Weekly.

Coal operators of four eastern States, at a conference in Washington Sunday, assured government officials they would meet all the government's coal needs, and that they would furnish amounts allotted to them by any agency the government might name. The question of prices was not considered, although Secretary Daniels in a speech appealing to their patriotism declared the operators should come forward in the same spirit as shown by the men who don uniforms and go to France. The prices finally to be determined will be fixed after the federal trade commission has completed its investigation of coal production costs.

How North Carolina Supported the Red Cross.

Reports from all the cities in North Carolina taking part in the Red Cross \$100,000,000 campaign compiled by the Red Cross war council show the following subscriptions to the war fund to date:

Table listing city names and subscription amounts: Asheville \$34,998.00, Charlotte 47,000.00, Concord 8,700.00, Durham 38,000.00, Gastonia 10,000.00, Goldsboro 7,250.00, Greensboro 10,000.00, Hamlet 705.00, Hickory 4,040.00, Winston 2,027.10, Lexington 2,238.10, Louisville 962.60, Morrisville 824.79, Newton 500.00, Oxford 3,375.00, Raleigh 32,000.00, Reidsville 2,200.00, Rocky Mount 10,055.00, Rowland 354.00, Salisbury 1,276.25, Shelby 1,750.00, South Bend 3.65, Tarboro 4,000.00, Tryon 1,025.00, Wilmington 40,500.00, Winston-Salem 50,155.00. Total \$260,648.90.

Money doesn't always lead to happiness, but it helps materially in the search.

God Still Rules Among Kingdoms.

Of all the European sovereigns, the Star last week, in an editorial, had a good word for only "old man King Pete" of Serbia, as Brother Clawson characterized him. Surely, the Star man has forgotten that King "Pete" got his throne through the treacherous murder of his predecessor. Verily, we cannot help feeling that both Serbia and Belgium have paid retribution for crime condoned. Old King Leopold and the Congo; King Peter and the crime of sixteen years ago! Truly has it been said, "Whatever you sow that shall you reap" and, further, "Be sure your sins will find you out." Belgium and Serbia, monuments of God's retribution! But their sins do not palliate the ruthlessness of their destroyer. Germany, too, must pay the price. God is not mocked. He still rules among the kingdoms of men as Nebuchadnezzar discovered 3,000 years ago.—Clinton Democrat.

WHEN THE SOLDIER BOY HAS "ARRIVED."

By CAPTAIN GEORGE L. KILMER.

Some day, suddenly perhaps, like a revelation, it will dawn upon the recruit, after weeks and months of toll and setbacks, that he has "arrived" and is a soldier. He needn't be told.

Among other lessons he has learned to be true and square at all times with officers above him and comrades his equals—true and square to duty's



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demand: no shirking the rigors of camp and field. It is well, then, for the novice to brace up the moral and spiritual man as well as the physical.

All this comes to the fore in training. Nerve and muscle need moral backing to endure. The army must get at the enemy. Now, the enemy's first play is to block that game. He puts a deep river to be crossed or a mountain barrier to be scaled between his camp and the foe.

Amateurs can tackle no better job than improvising a bridge, wading and swimming to put in place material that they must back from a distance to the shore. Hill and mountain climbing is simpler in details, but harder on a man's powers. All good training of recruits from towns and cities includes mountain work.

Bridge building calls for skill and courage. Mountain work tests endurance and push. In campaigns cannon and machine guns, ammunition and rations sometimes have to be hauled up steep mountain sides bare of roads by sheer man strength. Horses and motors can't go there. But men can and may have to do it on "all fours." In a fight they do it on three limbs, keeping one hand free to clutch the rifle.

Advertisement for 'My Faithful Servant' New Perfection Oil Cook Stove. Includes an illustration of the stove and two women. Text describes the stove's features and lists agents: STANDARD OIL COMPANY (New Jersey), Washington, D.C., Norfolk, Va., Richmond, Va., BALTIMORE MD., Charlotte, N.C., Charleston, W. Va., Charleston, S.C.

Advertisement for 'Books at Bargain Prices' from THE HERALD BOOK STORE. Lists various books for sale at 15 cents or 4 for 50 cents. Includes titles like 'The Boy Scouts with the Motion Picture Players', 'The Children of the Valley', 'The War Lords', etc.