

FIRST SNOWFALL HITS NEW YORK



OWEN COOK, 22, takes time out to mark New York City's first real snowfall of the season. The temperature dropped to 31 and the snow fell a day after the city had experienced an unseasonal warm spell, with the thermometer hitting around the sixties. (International)

4-H Boys Plant 4,000 Pine Trees On Badly Eroded Land

By ROY R. BECK
Soil Conservation Service
Last week, 4-H boys started planting white pine trees on the worst eroded land in Haywood County. Fourteen boys representing 4-H clubs at Clyde, Bethel, Maggie, Waynesville and Jonathan Creek schools worked all afternoon planting 4,000 seedlings. Cecil Brown, 4-H Club leader, supervised the work.

Maggie Club Will Meet With Mrs. Bradley

By MRS. C. L. BRADLEY
Community Reporter
The Maggie Valley Home Demonstration Club will meet in the home of Mrs. C. L. Bradley Thursday, January 3, at 2 p.m. Miss Eva Jo Mehaffey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conley Mehaffey has returned to Greenville, Miss., where she is on the nursing staff of the U. S. Army Hospital, after spending the holidays with her parents.

Fines Creek Residents Have Holiday Guests

By MRS. SAM FERGUSON
Community Reporter
Mr. and Mrs. Burtie Brown and children, Ray, David and Donna, have returned to their home in Newport News, Va., after spending the holidays with relatives on Fines Creek.

Major Brown has moved to her father's old home place on Hurricane.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Ewart and their children have moved into the new place they purchased from Frank Rathbone on Lower Fines Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Reeves Ferguson have moved back to their home on Fines Creek from Pisgah Forest.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hill and children have moved from the R. W. Green place to the Mark Ferguson place.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Blanton and daughter, Lynn, of Fort Mills, S. C., recently visited Mrs. Blanton's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. McCracken.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fisher and son, Ray, are moving to Marion to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Fisher have moved into Floyd Crawford's house in the James Branch section of Fines Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Rickman Ledford and children have moved from the Marion Kirkpatrick place in Sugar Cove to Hiram Green's place on James Branch.

Joretta Clark honored Ray Fisher with a farewell party Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Hooper Green left Saturday to spend several days with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Green, in Floral City, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald McCracken and daughter, Donna, of Boone are visiting relatives on Fines Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Daniel of Richmond, Va., were holiday guests of Mrs. Daniel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brown and family have moved to the Jack Ferguson place.

Natalie Wood Stars In Strand Film Wednesday

"A Cry In The Night," the shocking story of a girl too young and too grown-up all at the same time, arrives Wednesday at the Strand Theatre. The film stars Edmond O'Brien, Brian Donlevy and Natalie Wood. Raymond Burr is featured in the screenplay by David Dortort.

Miss Wood adds another powerful performance to a rapidly expanding list including starring roles in such films as "Rebel Without a Cause," "The Burning Hills," "The Searchers," and the forthcoming "The Girl He Left Behind," opposite Tab Hunter. Natalie, who was hailed as an acting "find" in her childhood has made a solid niche for herself at the Warners' studio, repeatedly winning many popularity and beauty polls throughout the nation.

Academy Award winner Edmond O'Brien returns to Warners where he last appeared as the underworld overlord in "Pete Kelly's Blues." Jack Webb starrer, He was awarded an Oscar for his brilliant portrayal as the press agent in "The Barefoot Contessa," in 1954.

Benjamin Franklin was once appointed by the court of France to investigate hypnotism.



MISS LOWRY SMATHERS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smathers, Jr. of Sunset Island, Miami Beach, made her formal bow to society at a Debutante Ball at the Surf Club, Miami Beach, Thursday night. She is a granddaughter of Judge and Mrs. Frank Smathers of Miami and Waynesville and is an annual summer visitor to Waynesville. She is a niece of Senator George Smathers. In addition to the Debutante Ball, Miss Smathers was introduced at a tea dance at the Surf Club given by her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Lowry Walls of Miami Beach. (Frank Boran Photo).

FHA Outlines Precautions To Make Stairways Safe

By RUTH CURRENT
State Home Demonstration Agent
GOOD DESIGN MAKES STAIR STEPS SAFER—Here are some of the minimum requirements for safe stairs, as outlined by the Federal Housing Authority.

Folk With High Blood Pressure Prescribed Rules

The thousands of Tarheels who suffer from high blood pressure were urged today by Dr. Edward P. Benbow of Greensboro, president of the North Carolina Heart Association, to subscribe to six New Year's resolutions:

1. See my doctor regularly, and cooperate with him in carrying out his instructions.
2. Try not to worry. (Worry, nervous tension and emotional stress all help to push blood pressure up. Dr. Benbow pointed out.)
3. Get plenty of sleep, taking a short nap or two during the day if possible. (Blood pressure is lowest during sleep and rises during waking hours.)
4. Rest before becoming tired. (Avoid the tenseness and irritability that go with fatigue.)
5. Engage in mild exercise. (Avoid competitive sports in which it is difficult to quit when tired.)
6. Keep my weight normal. (Overweight overworks the heart.)

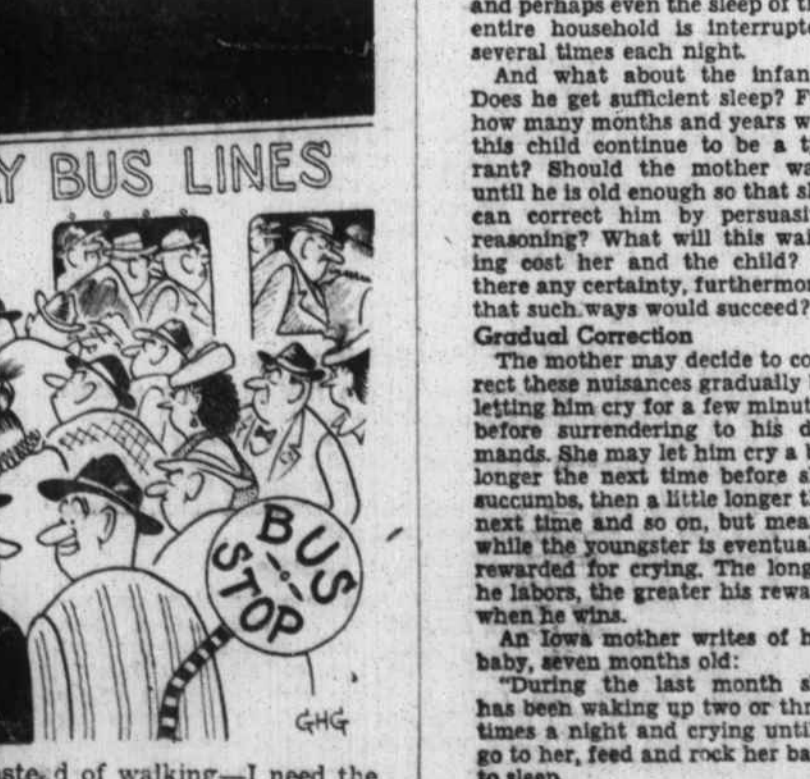
Squirrels Love Cotton

TALOGA, Okla. (AP)—Cotton growers in this area have encountered a new pest—squirrels. The animals have discovered that the foliage on the cotton stalks is choice eating and are stripping the stalks almost bare.

It's A Woman's World

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP)—The 79 men in Pontiac Amvets Post 12 are saying "Yessir" to their new commander—a woman. She is Miss Jacolyn Smith, 48, who said: "I didn't want to take the job at first because I was afraid I'd embarrass the men. But they kept asking me."

LAFF-A-DAY



News Items Of Jonathan Creek

By MRS. TOM FAINER
Community Reporter

Mrs. Kate Kennedy spent the holidays in Raleigh with her son, Frank Kennedy, Jr. Mr. Kennedy and his daughter, Kathie, came up to drive her to Raleigh.

Miss Marian Ellis Howell of Charlotte is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Boyd of Raleigh are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jule Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bennett and daughter of Durham are spending the holidays with Mrs. Bennett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Fisher.

Mrs. Erastus Owen and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Pinckney Stowe, and their daughter, Malinda, of Salisbury are here for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Worley Owen and daughter, Elizabeth, of Asheville, spent Christmas with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Owen.

Mr. and Mrs. Jule Boyd were hosts at a Christmas Eve party for the Dave Boyd family. Seasonal decorations were used throughout the house. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Dave Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Doek Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Ketner, Major and Mrs. George Kuice, Mrs. Mary Williams, and David Boyd, — and the children of each family.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rainer had as their guest for the Christmas holiday Roy Howell of Asheville.

Miss Katie Boyd, student at Woman's College, Greensboro, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boyd, for the holidays.

The Rev. and Mrs. John Frazier are spending the Yuletide with relatives in Blacksburg, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. David Ross Howell of Detroit, Mich., are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Howell.

Itchy Problem

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—The California Public Health Department is out to solve an itchy problem. It requested funds in its 1957-58 budget for research on combatting poison oak outbreaks among men who fight forest fires.

FROM DAIRY PRODUCTS—Dairy research specialists say most American families spend from 25 to 50 per cent of their income for food. This is a good reason to select your food wisely in order to get best value for your dollar.

Three glasses of milk each day can provide more than one-third of the protein you need to maintain good health and vigor. Poor eating habits can contribute to early aging, and it is never too soon to improve your well-being by improving your diet. The easiest way to add important nutrients to your meals is to form the habit of serving a glass of milk with each meal. Dairy products contribute more to the flavor and food value of meals than any other food group.

Elegant Look Extends To The Youngest '57 Belles



VELVET TOUCH... This small beauty is ready for Sunday School in a sapphire blue velvet party dress with lacy collar, treated for spot and crush resistance.

AP Newsfeatures
PARTY DRESSES are as important as orange juice and vitamins to the morale of small girls. This is a point thoughtful mothers do not overlook.

This year the choice is so varied that no pint-size glamor girl should be able to find her dream dress with no difficulty. New styles and fabrics also make life easy for Mom. Some of the most elaborate concoctions of organdy, frills and lace turn out to be the miracle-fabric kind that can be dunked in the washbowl, hung on a hanger and worn without ironing, as crisp and fresh as new, with every ruffle and pleat in place.

Velvet, the all-time favorite for little girls' party dresses, also does new tricks this season, with finishes giving resistance to spots, soil and wrinkles. For all those important parties that follow close on the heels of the New Year—Valentine parties, Washington's Birthday parties—every small social butterfly needs a velvet dress with a lacy collar. It's tradition.

ASC Taking Applications For New Burley Allotments

The Haywood County ASC office is now accepting applications for new burley tobacco allotments for 1957. A. W. Ferguson, office manager, announced today.

- To be eligible for a new tobacco allotment, Mr. Ferguson said, a farmer must meet these requirements:
1. Applicant must have had two years experience out of the past five years in producing burley tobacco on a farm with an allotment.
 2. Applicant must own farm.
 3. Applicant must live on farm.
 4. Applicant must be in charge of farming operations on his property.
 5. Applicant must derive 50 per cent of his income during 1957 from his farm.
 6. Applicant must not own or operate any other farm with a burley tobacco allotment.
- All applications for new allotments must be submitted to the ASC office by February 1, 1957.
- Mr. Ferguson said that six persons applied for new allotments for the 1956 crop, but none was found eligible.

Old But Not Forgotten

MARSHFIELD, Wis. (AP)—The oldest farm in this area of central Wisconsin was settled in 1867 by Prosper Bouchain who lived to be 104 years old. His son, Valmo, born in 1876, still is living on the farm now operated by his son Norman.

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PARENT PROBLEMS
Crying Baby Stilled Only By Firm Stand
By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

SOMETIMES a mother is so skillful in training the baby that he will not cry or demand to be fed during the night. Since he makes little fuss, she has no occasion then to let him "cry it out." But another mother will allow such nuisances to develop until her sleep, her husband's and perhaps even the sleep of the entire household is interrupted several times each night.

And what about the infant? Does he get sufficient sleep? For how many months and years will this child continue to be a tyrant? Should the mother wait until he is old enough so that she can correct him by persuasive reasoning? What will this waiting cost her and the child? Is there any certainty, furthermore, that such ways would succeed?

Gradual Correction
The mother may decide to correct these nuisances gradually by letting him cry for a few minutes before surrendering to his demands. She may let him cry a bit longer the next time before she succumbs, then a little longer the next time and so on, but meanwhile the youngster is eventually rewarded for crying. The longer he labors, the greater his reward when he wins.

An Iowa mother writes of her baby, seven months old: "During the last month she has been waking up two or three times a night and crying until I go to her, feed and rock her back to sleep."

"At first I thought she might be uncomfortable; but she is seldom wet or cold and I'm certain not hungry, as she will nurse only about two minutes and fall fast asleep. When she wakes up again, no matter how long or hard she has cried, she will stop the minute I walk in."

Cry It Out
"We have tried letting her cry it out but she will cry an hour and by that time my husband and I can't bear to let her keep on crying."

I wrote this mother as follows: You will have to decide after consultation with your physician, whether to let this child cry until she wears herself out and goes back to sleep or to continue obeying her demands. Of course, your doctor might find a solution in a change of her diet and ways and times of feeding her by day.

See It Through
But if you decide to let her cry it out, resolve to see it through, though she should cry very much longer than an hour. It might take several nights before the matter is settled. Unless you and your husband mean to do this, why let her cry at all? Why not go to her as soon as possible when she stirs or cries?

(My bulletin, "Sleep Problems," may be had by sending a self-addressed, U. S. stamped envelope to me in care of this newspaper.)

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