

Big Poultry Flock Had Humble Start

Wilkes County Man Transforms \$200 Bank Loan Into a \$50,000 Annual Business; Seized Full Advantage of Education at State College Following World War Service

He took 150 pullets and developed a poultry flock of 45,000 birds; he started with a 60-egg incubator, and now has facilities for hatching 95,000 eggs at a time; he seized full advantage of an education at State College as a rehabilitation student following service in the World War to learn the finer points of poultry-raising; he obtained a \$200 bank loan in 1923 and turned it into a \$50,000 annual business.

"He" is T. O. Minton of Wilkes county. "They"—for Mrs. Minton and their two children, Wrenn and Eloise who are working partners in the enterprise—operate the Champion Poultry Farm, located about 13 miles west of North Wilkesboro, three miles south of Highway No. 421.

C. F. Parrish, poultry specialist of the State College Extension Service, who, with county agents and other Extension representatives, have counseled Mr. Minton and, in turn, received his cooperation, says that this is an excellent demonstration of what can be done, and should be done, to develop the poultry industry in North Carolina. "It shows what can be done with initiative, practical common-sense methods, and family co-operation," Parrish said.

In relating the story of the Minton family's success, Parrish emphasized at the start that the "\$50,000 annual business" does not mean "\$50,000 annual profits." Poultry is not a rich man's business, but it does offer the opportunity for a comfortable living, and at least a safer income than that from tobacco, cotton and other so-called "cash crops."

As previously indicated, Mr.

Minton started his poultry farm in 1923. The first year his flock included Anconas, Rhode Island Reds, and Single Comb White Leghorns. The following year he decided definitely on S. C. White Leghorns, and sold the birds of the other breeds. Throughout the last 15 years he has bred only White Leghorns of the English strain.

At the present time he has approximately 25,000 baby chicks, 9,000 laying birds, and 11,000 pullets and cockerels (mostly pullets) on range. He will keep most of the range flock as replacements for his laying birds. He averages selling 4,000 to 5,000 eggs daily in Charlotte, Greensboro and Winston-Salem.

The physical plant of the Champion Poultry Farm includes the 95,000 capacity incubator, a three-story frame brooder house, six laying houses, 68 range shelters, and a feed house. The expansion of the farm has been gradual with the poultry business "paying its way," Parrish stated. Mr. Minton has held down expenses by using farm labor for construction. The brooder house, which has a capacity of 2,500 birds, is heated with hot water from a second-hand sawmill boiler and second-hand pipes.

Ninety additional acres have been added to the original 46-acre farm. Grain is grown for scratch feed to furnish about 5 per cent. of the poultry rations. The Mintons also have a garden, a cow and a hog which help to balance their farming.

In co-operation with Extension poultrymen, Mr. Minton is carrying on R. O. P. (Record of Performance) tests to improve the breeding of his flock. Of the 144 farms in the Nation conducting R. O. P. work with White Leghorns last year, the Champion Farm flock ranked 16th in performance. The farm had the second largest number of pullets of any White Leghorn R. O. P. farm.

Mr. Minton entered 424 birds in the specialized breeding tests, using trap nests. After a 60-day trial, 174 birds qualified by production on the basis of 200 or more eggs per year, with the eggs averaging at least 24 ounces per dozen. The 41 per cent. of the original R. O. P. flock which qualified was the highest average in the state. The 174 hens laid an average of 241 eggs each over a 365-day period, and 65 of the birds laid more than 250 eggs during the year. The eggs from the 174 hens averaged 26.4 ounces in weight per dozen. The entire Champion Farm flock averaged 197 eggs per laying bird in 1938; the state average is 86 eggs per bird.

The Champion Farm gives employment to 14 persons, in addition to the Minton family. Miss Ruth Huffman, a former president of the Mt. Pleasant 4-H Club in Wilkes county, is secretary to Mr. Minton and takes care of the accounts with the help of Mrs. Minton. Alta Triplett is foreman and Archie Goforth look after the 11,000 birds on range. They call Archie "The Lone Ranger."

Four broodmen, a trapper, and two feeders who also care for the laying house, are included on the staff. In addition Mr. Minton gives part-time work and

Youth Branded



BALTIMORE, Md. . . . Melvin Bridge, 14-year-old Jewish youth, who has accused forty schoolmates at Gwynn's Falls junior high school of carving the letter "H" on his neck. The branding was followed by the suspension of eighteen of his fellow students.

valuable training to four boys from neighboring farms who do general work.

Citing the need for more poultry farms such as the Mintons', Parrish said North Carolina imports from 25 to 30 per cent. of its poultry products from other states, although it has geographical location, climatic conditions, soils and other factors conducive to the development of a great poultry exporting state.

WITH THE SICK

The following patients have been admitted to the hospital during the past week: Mrs. Edna Brown, Yadkinville; Mrs. Ruby Ruth Day, Elkin; Mary Jo Hudspeth, Elkin; Dewey McCurry, Dallas; Mrs. Vena Reynolds, Mt. Airy; Mrs. Vergie Rycroft, Jonesville; Mrs. Nannie Sutphin, Mt. Airy; W. L. Hanes, State Road; Paul Byrd, Mt. Airy; Mrs. W. J. Thurman, Elkin; Joan Royall, Elkin; Mrs. Mable Armstrong, Vale; Jerry Ann Brown, Elkin; Virgie Gillispie, Dobson; Rozella Hinshaw, Boonville; Woodrow Marsh, Boonville; Vera Underwood, Mt. Holly; Roy Lawrence, Elkin; Mrs. Sherman Newman, Elkin; Wright Ashburn, Yadkinville; C. R. Dunnegan, Yadkinville; Mrs. Oscar Darnell, Elkin; T. T. Harris, Jonesville; Billy Donovan, State Road; Fonzie Key, Siloam; Joe Salmons, Elkin.

Patients dismissed during the week were: Mrs. Dora Wood, Rusk; John Summitt, Jonesville; Arnold Griffith, Mt. Airy; Marion Channey, Mt. Airy; Mrs. Ruby Cheek, Dobson; Mrs. Cora Mason, Black Mountain; Clarence Darnell, Elkin; Frank Bryson, Elkin; Mrs. Lillie Holloway, Traphill; Mrs. Thomas Lee Davis, Elkin; Harley Beulin, Elkin; Mrs. Stella Linville, Mountain Park; Alexander Smith, Elkin; Bobby Johnson, Elkin; Mrs. Edna Brown, Yadkinville; Mary Jo Hudspeth, Elkin; Mrs. Vergie Rycroft, Jonesville; W. L. Hanes, State Road; Mrs. Mable Armstrong, Vale; Jerry Ann Brown, Elkin; Roy Lawrence, Elkin; Fonzie Key, Siloam.

CYCLE

Mrs. Furd Cheeks is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. Ida Brown, of Richmond, Va. Mrs. Julia Pardue is very ill, friends will regret to learn.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Pinnix spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. Pinnix's brother, Mr. Claude Pinnix, and Mrs. Pinnix.

Mr. and Mrs. Foy Hemric have moved into their new home near Mr. Hemric's father, Mr. John Hemric.

Mrs. Minnie Lewis has returned to her home in West Jefferson after spending a week with her sister, Mrs. R. P. Riley, and Mr. Riley.

Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Bell were the dinner guests Sunday of Dr. Bell's mother, Mrs. Lillie Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Howard and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Howard were the dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Worth Howard, in Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Collins and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Whitlock were the Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Collins.

UNION HILL

This community had the finest rain of the season Thursday of last week. The crops are growing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Council Mayes, of Winston-Salem, were visitors here last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Britton and children, of Georgia, are spending some time at their summer home here.

Early Mayes, of Stokes county, spent the week-end with his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Glaspie, Mrs. Garvie Glaspie and Lonnie Lowe were visitors to Elkin Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wolfe and Mr. Rachel Wolfe spent Monday in Elkin attending to business matters.

Miss Rachel Ruth Wolfe is spending this week at White Plains, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Apperson.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Norman and Mrs. Lucy Andrews, of Mt. Airy, were the Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Crouse.

POPLAR SPRING

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Mooney had as their guests this week-end Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hill and children and Mr. and Mrs. Huston Mooney, all of High Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Curry Eldridge spent Saturday in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Guyer and family were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Curd Luffman, of the Pleasant Ridge community.

Mr. J. M. Eldridge is ill at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Laster and Misses Viola and Nevod Laster and Miss Ella Guyer spent Sunday afternoon in Mocksville visiting Mrs. Laster's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bally.

The Poplar Spring nine defeated the Little Mountain baseball team last Saturday with a score of 12-13. Everyone seemed to enjoy the game very much. The Poplar Spring nine will play again next Saturday.

Miss Doris Nixon, of Winston-Salem, visited friends in this community Sunday evening.

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Miss Gladys Terry, the Baptist training teacher, is teaching B. Y. P. U. Manual, and a book on soul winning at Mountain View Baptist church this week. A large crowd is taking part and enjoying this Baptist training union. We urge the people to come and be with us each night at 8 o'clock until Friday night. This study course will close Friday night and diplomas will be given to those making passing grades.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Henry, of Cincinnati, Ohio, are visiting their brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Earnol Henry, here this week.

There were 140 present for Sunday school Sunday. A large crowd was present for preaching services by the pastor, Rev. J. L. Powers, at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Everyone enjoyed the great messages delivered.

MINE RIDGE

Mr. Reece Norman, of Salisbury, was the week-end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Norman.

Mrs. Maude Vaughan and son, Grover, of Fries, Va., are spending some time here with Mrs. Vaughan's sister, Mrs. Tyre Ross.

Miss Hazel Lowe has returned from a week's visit with her aunt in Danville, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Mastin were the week-end guests of Mrs. Mastin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Simmons, of Elkin.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Lowe and daughter, Stella, were the Sunday evening guests of Mr. J. F. Smith, of Salisbury.

Mrs. John Thompson, of Yadkinville, is spending some time here with friends and relatives.

Mr. Lon Darnell and family, of Fries, Va., spent the week-end with Mrs. Alice Burchman.

HONOR BOONVILLE MAN AT CONVENTION

S. Lorenzo Whitaker, of Boonville, a member of Robert G. Tate Chapter, No. 9. Disabled American Veterans of the World War, was named senior vice commander of the North Carolina department at the annual convention just closed in Asheville.

Mr. Whitaker, who was at one time the owner of the Monticello Cafe here, will be stepped up to the post of state commander at the next annual convention, according to accepted custom heretofore. The next convention will be held at Wilmington, sometime in June, 1940.

Beauty Winner



NEW YORK CITY . . . Rose Marie Magrill of Miami, "Miss Florida of 1939," who took part in the "Girls of Tomorrow Fashion Show" held at the Florida State exhibit at the New York World's Fair.

KLONDIKE COW SETS WORLD'S RECORD

Klondike Jette, 442738, Guernsey cow bred and owned by Thurmond Chatham, owner of Klondike Farm at Elkin, is the new world's record Guernsey in class DD, according to information received here today.

She also placed fourth in class D. Classes pertain to the age of the animal.

Tests last one year and Klondike Jette's record ended March 17, 1939, with a production record of 18,238.3 pounds of milk and 930.3 pounds of butterfat.

During the test the cow was milked three times a day. She carried a calf 229 days during the test period.

RONDA YOUTH NABBED ON LARCENY CHARGE

Claude Wall, Jr., 20-year-old Ronda youth, was arrested in Winston-Salem Wednesday morning as he attempted to pawn a portion of fountain pens he is alleged to have stolen a few hours earlier from a display window of a jewelry store. The youth was said to have admitted the charge, telling police he smashed the glass with a hunk of concrete and took fountain pen sets and a wrist watch valued at \$62.70. He is being held on a charge of storebreaking and larceny under \$500 bond.

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BAPTIST S. S. ASS'N TO MEET SUNDAY P.M.

Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock the Elkin Baptist Sunday school association will meet with White Plains Baptist church in Wilkes county. The association includes 18 churches in the edges of Surry and Wilkes counties.

An interesting program has been planned for the afternoon, under the direction of G. W. Walters, chairman of the association.

RADIO ENTERTAINERS AT PLEASANT HILL

This evening, (Thursday) at 8:30 the Rangers Male Quartette, radio entertainers over WBT, Charlotte, will appear in person at the Pleasant Hill school auditorium. The program will be presented under the auspices of the Elkin council of the Junior Order.

The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend. A nominal admission fee will be charged.

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MRS. JOE GREENWOOD HONORED AT DINNER

Mrs. Joe Greenwood, of Burch, was honored with a birthday dinner Sunday at her home. The affair was planned by Mr. Greenwood and came as a complete surprise to the honoree.

Rev. R. W. Caloway made a brief talk in the morning and offered the invocation. A bountiful dinner was served.

Guests attended from Winston-Salem, North Wilkesboro, Mountain Park, Kernersville, Zephyr, Asheboro, High Point, and Elkin in addition to a host of friends from her home community.

MISS CLEO WILLIAMS WEDS CLYDE PREVETTE

Announcement has been made of the marriage on June 10th at Statesville, of Miss Cleo Williams of Elkin and Lexington and Clyde Prevette of Brooks Cross Roads.

Mrs. Prevette has been a nurse at Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital at Elkin for some time. Mr. Prevette is a well known filling station and cafe operator of Brooks Cross Roads.

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- One table ladies' shoes. Values up to \$2.98—**\$1.00 PAIR**
- Ladies' polo shirts. Were 98c, now—**25¢** Only 15 left
- Large fluffy pillows. Each only—**49¢**
- Curtain panels. While quantity lasts—**10¢ EACH**
- Cottage Curtains, formerly 49c. While 24 pairs last—**19¢**
- Boys' camp suits. Consists of one shirt, one pair of shorts. Former price \$1.49. Only 5 pairs left at—**50¢**
- Cottage curtains, Cut-n-hang—no sewing. Tub and sun fast—**29¢**
- Your last chance! This week only—Nation Wide sheets, size 81x99—**67¢**
- Belle Isle pillowcases. While quantity lasts, ea. **8¢**
- Good quality unbleached sheeting, yard—**4¢**
- Curtain scrim. An amazing value—**5¢ YARD**
- Large double-bed size Crinkle bedspreads—**39¢**
- Boys' dress shirts, fast color, full cut—**39¢**
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