

Winter Is Time For Barn Repair

It's time to weed out accident hazards around the barn, suggests Howard Clapp, Cleveland County farm agent for the State College Extension Service.

Mr. Clapp says that as farm work subsides and winter bears down barn accidents climb. The chance for accidents in and around the barn are greater in winter than any other time of the year.

The first job is to find the accident hazards. Some of them may have remained unnoticed for years. The second step is to correct the hazards, according to the county agent. "Do some housecleaning and set things in order. If the alleyway or work areas are obstructed with feed, stools, carts or other obstacles, find a safe place for them and keep work areas clear. Avoid storing loose materials overhead where they may fall. Keep forks, scrapers and other barn cleaning tools in a safe storage rack."

Loft doors, feed chutes, ladders and stairways present falling hazards in most barns. Ladders or stairwell should not be used as hay chutes. A well constructed clean stairway with a strong hand rail provides the safest and easiest passage to hay mows. When it is necessary to use a ladder, see that the ladder extends well above the loft floor and that it is kept in good condition.

Never work in the dark warns Mr. Clapp. See that all work areas and passageways are well lighted. Observe "no smoking" rules and always be on guard for fires.

United States turkey numbers decreased from 5.8 million in 1952 to 5.3 million in 1953.

RECREATION ROUND-UP

Omitted last week)

Basketball

The "Bobcats" played the top teams in Cleveland and Gaston counties last week, losing both contests.

Thursday night at the Shelby Center, Kings Mountain took on the strong Grover team in a league game that was nip-and-tuck until the last three minutes. With Grover leading by three points, Allen, Turner and John Gold hit on long set shots for a 41 to 31 Grover victory. Bud Medlin led the K. M., scoring with 8 points followed by Jeff Wells with 7, Gene Stone 6, Harmon 4, Dave Neill 3, Pink Ware 2 and Bobby Sanders 1. Grover was paced by Gene Turner with 13 points, Francis had 10, John Gold 8, Allen 8 and Little 2.

Monday night, K. M. traveled to Gastonia and took on Groves Thread, the leader of the Gaston County Progressive League. Without the services of several players, the "Bobcats" kept up for three quarters before bowing to the fast-breaking Groves team by 45 to 61. Gastonia was paced by Gene Phillips, a navy veteran, being sought after by several colleges in North and South Carolina. Phillips bagged 16 shots from the floor and 5 more from the free throw line for a total of 37 points. Rice had 21 for the winners. The "Bobcats" scoring was evenly matched with Jeff Wells topping the list with 12, Gene Stone had 11, Bud Medlin 10, Bob Sanders 7, and Bill Cashin 5.

The "Bobcats" will play Groves here Saturday night at Central gym at 7:30.

Bantams

The Bantams, sponsored by the Kiwanis club and coached by Gene Stone and Bobby Sanders, members of the Men's team, have been invited to enter the Gaston County league for boys under 16 years of age. Most of the local boys are in the 13-14 age group but the recreation department feels that the competitive play will offer more to the boys than just winning ball

Ex-Missionary Speaks To Lions

Miss Robert Wylie, former medical missionary of the Wesleyan Methodist church to Africa, outlined her experiences at Sierra Leone in an address to the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday evening, January 12.

Now on the staff of the Gastonia Orthopedic hospital, Miss Wylie preceded her illustrated address with statements of support for the March of Dimes campaign, now underway. She said the funds made available are doing a great deal of good for polio victims.

Using colored slides, Miss Wylie showed pictures of the several missions and other African areas. She also discussed native diseases encountered by the missionary worker, and recounted the successes of modern methods in treating them. Principal diseases are yaws, leprosy, and cancer, she stated. Money and supplies sent from America and other Christian nations are doing a great work, she related.

Miss Wylie is a Kings Mountain native and the sister of Mrs. Robert Pearson. She spoke on a program arranged by Dr. Nathan Reed and George Thomason. Ertle Powers presided at the meeting in the absence of President Ollie Harris.

Members of this league include: Kings Mountain, Red Shield, Rex, Optimist, Olney Presbyterian church, St. Michael, Smyre, and Cramerton. All games will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays at either Rex, Cramerton or Memorial Hall gyms in Gastonia. Three games will be played on each of these days with game time varying from 6:30 to 8:30 p. m.

The Bantams' roster includes Randy Cash, David Marlowe, John Hardin, Keith Layton, Dean Blanton, Bill Davis, Bill Mitchem, Gene Layton, Ray Horne, Jerry Ledford, Chas. Cleary, Bill Childers, Jerome Grant and Donald Sides.

The recreation department's teams had an inter-squad game Saturday afternoon after losing a close 21 to 19 game to Jeff Wells' ninth grade team from Bethware Saturday morning. The game was a see-saw affair with the lead changing hands several times and neither side ever getting over a three point lead. For Bethware, Putnam lead the scoring with 10 points followed by Barrett with 6, Ross 3, Champion 2, and Dover, Whisnant, Queen, and Scism failed to tally. For Kings Mountain Ledford had 8, Horn 6, Davis 4, and Cash 1, and Hardin, Blanton, Mitchem, K. Layton, and G. Layton failed to score. Gene Stone and Bobby Sanders officiated.

The Bantams have a full schedule for the remainder of the week, playing Groves and Olney away and St. Michaels here Saturday.

The Schools In Focus



Miss Lineberger's fifth grade has had 18 pupils to visit the dentist's office this school year. They are as follows: Judy Duckert, Martha Lou Ware, Judy Camp, Paula Cole, Linda Hull, Nancy Cabanis, Ray Miller, Elaine Holcombe, Gail Biddix, Charlene Yates, Marlene Weir, Patty Huffstetler, Randall Parker, Sue Hale, Jimmie Cranford, and Kay Barnette. There have been 16 teeth extracted, 17 teeth filled, 4 pupils' teeth cleaned, and 4 pupils' teeth checked without dental work.

An activity in which all the students in Mrs. Mann's fifth grade room are taking an active interest is preparing a geography booklet.

Each student chose one of the 48 states which he has found to be of most interest to him in his past study. After choosing the state preferred, they wrote business letters to each state asking for free information concerning that state. After all information has been secured through the library and other direct sources, the students will compile this study of information and pictures into a booklet.

These booklets will be judged according to the best material, neatness and attractiveness. Mrs. Pollock's sixth grade has been studying the seasons. We made calendars for the bulletin board representing the months of the year. We are interested in the effects of the seasons and weather on plants, animals, and people. We have access to three sets of Science Readers for source material.

Miss Margaret Goforth's sixth grade used water paint and made a winter snow scene to be placed

above the blackboard during January.

The class wanted to help a needy family at Christmas rather than to exchange gifts. Food, clothes, toys, and some money were brought from home. The class was divided into groups to go down town and do some Christmas shopping for the family. Later they enjoyed wrapping these packages in the classroom. They appreciated Weaver's Cleaners cleaning the clothes free of charge. Their grade mothers, Mrs. Eugene Gibson and Mrs. J. C. Proctor, delivered the packages for them.

Recreation Team Tops Gastonia 25-24

The Kings Mountain "Bantams" won a close basketball game from Gastonia January 12 at Gastonia by a score of 25 to 24.

The "Bantams," coached by Gene Stone and Bob Sanders, outplayed the older, taller Gaston outfit all the way. Recreation Director Red Layton reports.

Ledford had 12 to pace Kings

Foot Sales Hit New High In '53

PHILADELPHIA — Foote Mineral Company's sales for 1953 were over \$8,100,000, thus slightly exceeding any previous year. H. C. Meyer, chairman, stated this week.

New facilities at Kings Mountain, North Carolina and Sunbright, Virginia are now beginning to contribute to the Company's results. Sales for the month of December were approximately \$1,000,000 — the highest for any month to date.

Mr. Meyer said that although earnings figures are not yet available, they will reflect the non-recurring start-up costs of the new units. Earnings are expected to improve steadily as the new facilities continue to increase their production.

Mountain, while Horn had 9 and Layton and Mitchem a pair each. The two team are scheduled to tangle again here Saturday night at Central gymnasium.

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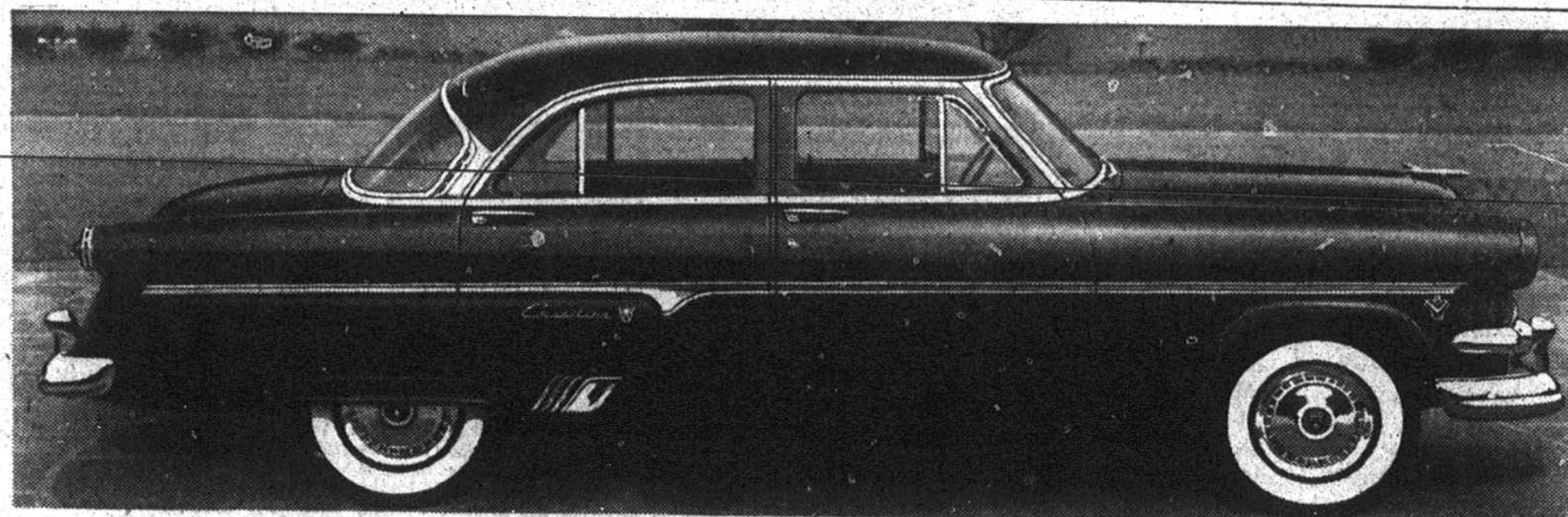
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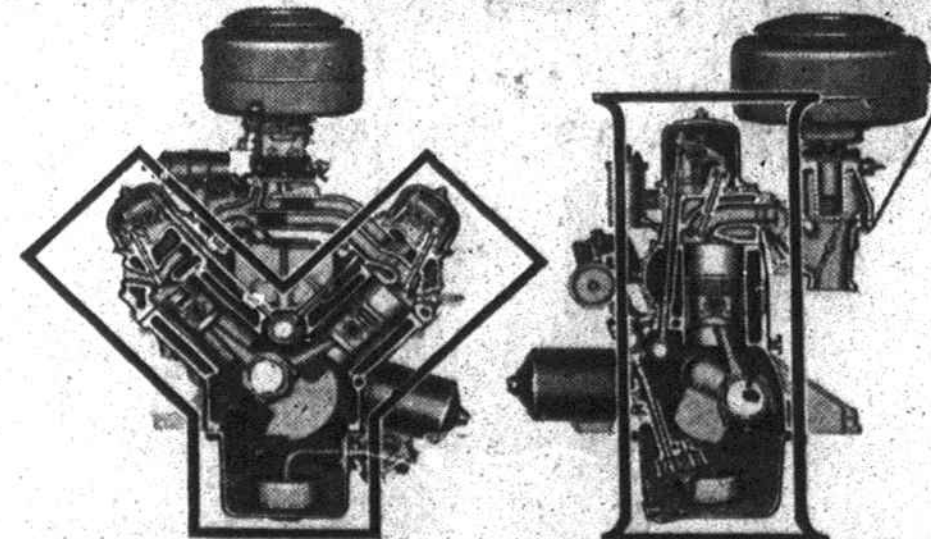


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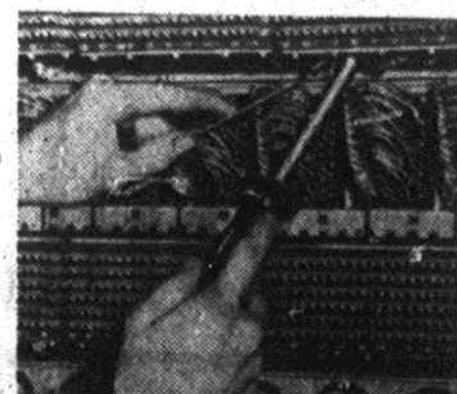
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