

THAT'S A FACT

Yak Facts!
PARROTS HAVE ACHIEVED IMMORTALITY BY THEIR ABILITY TO REPEAT WORDS AND SENTENCES. BUT PARROTS IN THEIR WILD STATE ARE NEVER KNOWN TO IMITATE THE SOUNDS OF OTHER ANIMALS! SOME PARROTS HAVE VOCABULARIES OF MORE THAN A HUNDRED WORDS—AND SOME OF THESE VERSATILE BIRDS HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN KNOWN TO APPEAR AS WITNESSES IN COURT WITH LEGAL RECOGNITION GIVEN TO THEIR TESTIMONY!



HERE ARE SOME WORDS AMERICANS ARE LEARNING THE TRUE VALUE OF: "BUY U.S. SAVINGS BONDS! THEY REPRESENT VALUE AND SECURITY! AND REMEMBER—BONDS ARE BETTER THAN EVER!"



Where's America?
ALTHOUGH CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS MADE FOUR TRIPS TO THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE, HE NEVER ACTUALLY LANDED ON, OR SIGHTED ANY OF THE TERRITORY WE NOW KNOW AS THE UNITED STATES! AMONG THE ISLANDS HE ACTUALLY VISITED WERE SAN SALVADOR, CUBA, JAMAICA, ST. LUCIA AND MANY OTHERS.

HAVE YOU DISCOVERED U.S. SAVINGS BONDS? THEY ARE YOUR BEST INVESTMENT. FINANCIAL TODAY IN THE PAYROLL SAVINGS PLAN WHERE YOU WORK.

MAINE IS THE ONLY STATE IN THE UNION THAT IS TOUCHED BY ONLY ONE OTHER STATE. TENNESSEE AND MISSOURI ARE BOUNDED BY THE MOST STATES—EIGHT!

GARDEN TIME
ROBERT SCHMIDT
N.C. STATE COLLEGE

Raspberries and dewberries have just about finished bearing for this season in Eastern and Central North Carolina and now is the time to prune them. To understand why we should know something about the growth and fruiting habits of these crops, raspberries and dewberries bear most of their crop on new shoots that come out of canes of last season's wood. Each season after bearing a crop the last season canes will die and their place will be taken by new canes which come up from the roots of the plant. The old canes therefore should be removed as soon as the crop is harvested. This practice will give more room for the new canes to develop as well as get rid of diseased plant materials. In Eastern North Carolina a slightly different procedure is used for dewberries. As soon as the crop is harvested all canes, both old and young, are removed at the ground. Then the land is cultivated and a top dressing of nitrate of soda is given the plants. In a few days the new shoots will appear and will make sufficient growth during the rest of the season to produce a good crop the next year. This new growth is allowed to run along the ground and is not tied up to stakes until next Spring. This practice gives a fair control of anthracnose disease of dewberries. The plant growth that is cut off at the ground should be destroyed by burning in order to get rid of all disease. In the mountain areas the season is not always long enough to permit the removal of the new canes. In that case only the old canes are removed.

State Colleges FINISH TO HOMEWORK

Some of my Irish potato plants not only have potatoes growing underground, up on the stems too. How do you explain this?
A.—What you see forming on the stems of the Irish potato plants are the true seed balls of the plant and are not uncommon at all. These seed balls invariably form in years when the weather is cool and moist during the blooming season. This occurs more often in Western North Carolina than in the Coastal Plain.
Q.—What is 2, 4, 5-T?
A.—The chemical 2, 4, 5-T (2, 4, 5-Trichlorophenoxyacetic) is similar to 2, 4-D weed killer in common use in North Carolina at present, except that it is more effective than 2, 4-D on some plants and less effective on others. It appears to be particularly more effective on some woody species such as blackberries, poison ivy, sweet gum, some oaks, rose and ribes. The chemical is more expensive than 2, 4-D. In some cases increased concentrations of 2, 4-D will do the job nearly as well and more economically than 2, 4, 5-T. The chemical is available as amines and esters. Esters are generally more effective.
Q.—What are the plant diseases which most often attack alfalfa grown in North Carolina?
A.—Downy mildew, leaf spot, leaf blotch, black stem, anthracnose, and rust. But there recently has developed another serious threat to alfalfa in this state—the alfalfa stem nematode, which has spread into North Carolina from Virginia.

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Death Benefits Show Increase

North Carolina families received \$8,414,000 in life insurance death benefit payments under 8,012 policies during the first three months of this year, compared with \$8,248,000 under 6,492 policies in the corresponding period of last year, the Institute of Life Insurance reports.

"This first quarter total compares with \$4,197,000 under 5,388 policies in the corresponding period ten years ago," the Institute commented. "The 100 percent rise in amount paid is a reflection of the greater life insurance in force, however, and not an increase in mortality, as the death rate among policyholders is today considerably below that of a decade ago. For the nation as a whole, the ten-year rise in death benefit payments has been 68 percent, while the death rate among policyholders is about one-seventh less than 10 years ago."

Record Apple Crop Predicted For N. C.

North Carolina apple growers report prospects of an all-time record apple crop this year. T. T. Hatton, horticulture specialist for the State College Extension Service, says North Carolina apple growers who have thinned their heavily cropped trees are going to reap the benefits this year.

The specialist says fire blight has been serious on susceptible apple varieties and scab has been difficult to control in many areas. But the over-all prospects still indicate the largest North Carolina apple crop in history.

Current estimates of this year's crop run as high as 2,195,000 bushels, compared with the 873,000 bushels produced last year, said Hatton.

While apple growers look forward to a record crop, Tar Heel peach growers expect to harvest 11 percent fewer peaches than last year. Although the peach crop is somewhat smaller than last year the quality is good. July 4-10 is North Carolina Peach Week, reminded Hatton.

Now is the time to start controlling those peach tree borers, added Hatton. Trees need three applications of either DDT at the rate of four pounds actual DDT per 100 gallons of spray, parathion (15 percent), two to three pounds, or EPN 300 (25 percent) two to three pounds, says Hatton. Spray any of these in the tree trunks and bruised or damaged areas on the limbs July 1-5, August 1-10, and Sept. 1-10.

Too Many Crops Become Problem

Diversification of farm operations is all right, says J. W. Brown, Martin County Negro farmer, but don't carry a good thing too far.

Brown, who lives at Jamesville, route 1, is thoroughly convinced that tobacco, peanuts, corn and four commercial vegetable crops is just a bit too much for one man to handle, says R. McK. Edwards, Martin County Negro farm agent for the Agricultural Extension Service.

Colored News

A plate supper will be served at the home of Miss Juanita Gordon on Carpenter street Saturday night with the meal to be served beginning at 6:30, according to announcement made Wednesday.

Prices received by growers for 1953-clip wool averaged 54.7 cents per pound, slightly higher than the year before.

KINGS MOUNTAIN Hospital Log

VISITING HOURS
Daily, 10 to 11 a. m.
3 to 4 p. m. and 7 to 8 p. m.

PATIENT LIST AT NOON WEDNESDAY:
Mattie Carroll, Marshall Gore, Lila Bohler, Lizzie Howell, Drucilla Phillips, William Ross, George Runyon, Margaret A. White, Bill Bolt, route 2, admitted Saturday.
Mrs. Eloise Huffstetler, Second street, admitted Saturday.
Reuben Stroup, 1212 W. Mauney ave., admitted Saturday.
Wayne Anderson, route 3, admitted Sunday.
Herman Bivens, 602 Church street, Cherryville, admitted Sunday.
Ophelia Johnson, 128 Laurel street, Rock Hill, S. C., admitted Sunday.
David Lockridge, route 3, admitted Sunday.
Frances Lockridge, route 3, admitted Sunday.
Mary Johnson, 128 Laurel street, Rock Hill, S. C., admitted Sunday.
Carolyn Elmore, route 2, Cherryville, admitted Monday.
Laura Moss, Grover road, admitted Monday.
Lillie Mae Stowe, route 1, Box 5, admitted Monday.
Cleo Ware, Box 264, admitted Monday.
Essie Tomlin, Second street, admitted Monday.
Carroll Thomas, Box 665, admitted Tuesday.
R. I. Huffstetler, route 2, admitted Tuesday.
Mrs. John Mitchem, city, admitted Tuesday.
Mary Murphy, 315 Cherry street, Cherryville, admitted Tuesday.
Dora Fay Emery, 807 Church street, admitted Wednesday.
Bryte P. Ware, 107 City street, admitted Wednesday.
Mrs. Charles Manning, Box 14, Cherokee Falls, S. C., admitted Wednesday.
Mrs. Bessie West, Fulton street, admitted Wednesday.
Betty Houser, route 1, Grover, admitted Wednesday.

MORE ABOUT City Board

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main on First street. He suggested that street could be "wet down".

The board also approved the following salary schedules for the 1954-55 fiscal year:
Joe Hendrick, city clerk, \$335 per month; Clarence E. Carpenter, tax supervisor and clerk of recorder's court, \$335 per month; Joe H. McDaniel, assistant city clerk, \$150 semi-monthly; Hugh A. Logan, Jr., chief of police, \$335 per month; Hunter Allen, electrical department superintendent, \$335 per month; George W. Moss, water plant superintendent, \$146.66 semi-monthly; E. C. Nicholson, superintendent of public works, \$350 per month; Charlie Fulton, receiving clerk, \$87.50 semi-monthly; Miss Grace Carpenter, billing clerk, \$50 per week; Floyd Thornburg, lineman, \$143.75 semi-monthly; Frank Blanton, lineman, \$136.25 semi-monthly; and Dutch Wilson, lineman, \$132.50 semi-monthly.

The city will also pay two percent of monthly police department payroll to the Officer's Retirement fund.

MORE ABOUT Rape Case

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that after answering a call to the Wingo residence Sunday night, he found Mitchem collapsed in the yard of the Wingo residence. Sanders further stated that Wingo admitted to the assault of Mitchem with a garden rake in self-defense after Mitchem advanced on him with an open knife.

Officer Laymon Cornwell testified an open knife was found under the body of Mitchem. Mitchem admitted to opening the knife and attempting to attack Wingo.

Mitchem was also convicted of charges issued against him June 26 for resisting arrest and public drunkenness and drew a 30-day road sentence on each count. The three sentences received by Mitchem are to run concurrently.

Broadus Cash, of route 2, appealed to Superior court after receiving a 90-day road sentence on a charge of escaping custody. Cash, sentenced to serve a ten-day jail sentence December 6, 1953, while working as a trustee, disappeared from City Hall after serving only part of his sentence. Chief Logan stated, Cash's previous sentence of ten days was ordered by the Judge to be put into effect immediately.

A nol-pros was taken in the case against Jake Sipes charged with damage to personal property after Sipes agreed to pay prosecuting witness Glenda Jolly \$12 to cover a bill incurred in order to remove paint splattered on her car by the defendant. At the time the damages occurred, Sipes was operating a spraying machine near the car.

Willie Harris, Negro, charged with illegal possession of non-tax paid liquor, received a 90-day road sentence, suspended on condition that the defendant be of good behavior for a period of six months, pay a fine of \$5 and costs of court. Harris was tried June 28, but passing of sentence was delayed by Judge White until Monday.

Mrs. Muriel Whitesides, charged with disposing of mortgaged property by Alexander's Jewelry, was settled out of court after the defendant agreed to pay \$10 monthly to the prosecuting witness. Mrs. Whitesides was tried June 28, but prayer for judgment was continued until July 6, in order that she might have time to either bring the mortgaged property to court or make arrangements to pay the prosecuting witness.

Three cases were continued, those of Ezell Woods, Jr., charged with reckless driving, and driving drunk; Robert Robbs, charged with speeding at 65 miles an

Three Building Permits Issued

J. W. Webster, building inspector, approved two building permits June 29 for Zeb Grigg. One permit issued was for the erection of a four room house located on property on Stowe street, at an estimated cost of \$2,900. The other permit was for the erection of a five room house located on First street at an estimated cost of \$3,500.

Mr. Webster also issued a permit to Grace Methodist church June 28 to build a one-story residence to be used as a parsonage on Katherine street. The permit for the estimated cost of the building was approved at \$12,000.

Permit for Fletee R. McCurdy was approved Friday to erect a one-story house on property located on Woodside drive, at an estimated cost of \$8,000.

hour, and Fred Roberts charged with transporting non-tax paid liquor.

There are five canker-resistant blueberry varieties: Croatan, Angola, Wolcott, Murphy and Ivanhoe.

Hickory, Gastonia In Area 4 Finals

Hickory and Gastonia are scheduled to begin a best-of-seven series for the American Legion junior baseball Area 4 championship on Friday at Gastonia.

Hickory beat out Cherryville, the defending sectional champs, in two games this week (6-5 and 12-7) and Gastonia eliminated Shelby in two games (3-1 and 8-1). The area champ is to be determined by midnight July 17.

Winner of the current series will face the Area 3 champ for Western honors and a shot at the state championship.

The North Carolina 1954 pear crop is forecast at 130,000 bushels, 4,000 bushels less than the 1953 crop.

Margrace Fire Damage Slight

Nelsler Mill's Margrace finishing plant was damaged by fire Saturday afternoon around 3 o'clock when struck by lightning during an electric storm. Fireman Ted Gamble reported. Total damages were not estimated, but were thought to be slight. P. M. Nelsler, Sr., Company treasurer, said.

An unoccupied house on Walker street owned by Mrs. Arthur Bennett, of Cleveland avenue, was partially destroyed by fire Friday night around 11:45. Firemen also reported. The origin of the fire is unknown.

IMPERIAL THEATRE
Kings Mountain, N. C. Phone 134

TODAY, THURSDAY JULY 8
DOUBLE FEATURE
"GOLDEN BLADE" in Technicolor with Rock Hudson and Piper Laurie
"ROAR OF THE CROWD" with Howard Duff
Color Cartoon

FRIDAY - SATURDAY JULY 9-10
DOUBLE FEATURE—OPEN AT 4:10 O'CLOCK
"SAFARI DRUM" with Bomba, the Jungle Boy
"MAVERICK" in color with Wild Bill Elliott
Comedy - Cartoon

MONDAY - TUESDAY JULY 12-13
"JIVARO" in Technicolor with Rhonda Fleming and Brian Keith
Two Cartoons

WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY JULY 14-15
DOUBLE FEATURE
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