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Rabbits Make Big Jump To China

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture Marketing Division, working with several Tar Heel rabbit breeders, has sold two shipments of rabbit breeding stock - totaling 288 rabbits - to the People's Republic of China. This sale of rabbits was the first from the Southeast, and only the second since trade relations with China were resumed.

The China National Animal Breeding Stock Import and Export Corporation of Beijing (Peking), China made the purchase of 100 New Zealand, 8 California and 180 Rex rabbits. The New Zealand and California breeds are used for meat purposes, while the Rex breed is used primarily for its fur.

"I am pleased that the rabbit industry in North Carolina has been forerunners in the Southeast in shipping breeding stock to China," stated Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham. "I am also pleased that the livestock section of our Marketing Division was able to get our state's foot in the door, so to speak, and we are looking forward to more livestock sales to China. I am proud of this staff, particularly Bruce Shankle who works with export livestock sales."

The value of the rabbit breeding stock sold was approximately \$15,000. Breeders Rufus Boyd of Washington, Eddie Hudson of New London, Stan Summerlin of Monroe and Bill Abernathy of Denver supplied the rabbits for shipment to China.

The two shipments of rabbits occurred on March 2 and March 9, when 100 and 188 rabbits, respectively, were shipped. The first shipment left from Raleigh, the second from Charlotte, via New York and San Francisco to China.

With the success of this shipment behind, there is a possibility of further purchases by China of rabbit breeding stock this summer.

Third Grade Flying High



PHOTO BY JOHN MARK ADAMS
Third graders at Boiling Spring school soar in spirits at the school's Kite Day. Contests were held for the largest kite in the air, and for best homemade kites.

Remembering When Milk Was Five Cents

Today the average person walks into the local grocery store frequently to purchase a paper or plastic carton of cold, fresh milk without even considering the process of getting that carton onto the refrigerated shelf.

Sam Weir, 69 year old Kings Mountain retiree recalls the days just after World War I when milk wasn't even available in stores.

"People would bring a pail to our house and get milk. My daddy would sell it for 5¢ a bucket," said Weir.

In 1918 the Weir's stated the first milk delivery service in Kings Mountain. Weir said that it was the era of horse and buggy and now newspaper. "Everyone went to the Post Office for news."

"My daddy saw a poster in the Post Office for wagons and drivers to go and build Fort Bragg. He and my brother Ted took two teams of mules down to the fort and saw a man delivering milk house to house," said Weir.

"When they returned to Kings Mountain after World War I, our family began delivering milk in buckets and then later in bottles."

"Within a year there were 100 farmers delivering milk in Kings Mountain," he said.

"Later my daddy bought and remodeled a horse drawn hearse to deliver milk," said Weir.

The first building used for milking was wooden with a cement floor. The cows were caught and tied with a rope while eating from a long trough.

"The cows placed their heads through stantions, wooden bars about two feet apart to reach the feeding trough. While eating, the cow would be milked by hand," Weir said.

He said that the first milking machine was operated with an air pump. A metal pipe hanging down between two cows was connected to two rubber pipes. The air pressure forced the rubber pipes to simultaneously squeeze the milk from into a five gallon metal can.

"Milk directly from a cow is hot and the quicker it's cooled the better. At first we used ice, but later built an electric cooler with flooring lumber," said Weir.

At first the milk was strained only with a cloth. Later a cloth was placed inside a metal strainer. The milk was then put

into a vat to be cooled.

The bottles were placed under the hand bottling machine which resembled a round bucket to be filled.

The Weir's built an electric refrigerator and sterilizer with double walls from flooring lumber.

"We milked around 32 to 35 cows twice daily. I got up at 4 a.m. every morning to milk and walked home from school only to milk again," said Weir.

"We delivered milk every morning for 5¢ a pint and 10¢ a quart. Customers paid by the week," he said.

When the first wooden barn had fallen down a milk house and new barn were built with handmade bricks on the bottom half and wooden slats up to the roof. The structures are still standing on Grover Road.

As the years progressed new conveniences were added to improve the process. "In 1931, when I finished high school our family started going out of the dairy business," said Weir. "Today the man who owns a dairy has little manual labor to do. Everything is taken care of by automatic machines."

Flinthill DAR Has Heritage Of History

"Love of Country Through Historic Cleveland County," was the program topic at the April meeting of the Flint Hills Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. James L. Padgett introduced Mr. Roy Jackson of Shelby who talked briefly and presented a slide program entitled "Some of Your Heritage," which depicted the history of Cleveland County. He began with a map of the area before our Country was formed and showed many historic sites from all parts of Cleveland County.

Mrs. R.F. Sweezy, Regent, presided over the meeting which was held at the Fellowship Hall of the Boiling Springs United Methodist Church. The Chaplain, Mrs. Joe Kendrick, led the DAR Ritual, gave the invocation, lead the Pledge to the Flag, The American's Creed, and the singing of our National Anthem.

Mrs. E.C. Willingham gave the National Defense Report and the President General's Letter was read by Mrs. Sweezy.

Mrs. Paris Weathers reported for the nominating committee and presented the following who were elected: Mrs. Travis Jolly, Treasurer; Mrs. Bobby Humphries, Recording Secretary; and Mrs. James L. Padgett, Registrar.

Mrs. Arnold Ramey and Mrs. Hal Dedmon attended the 83rd State Conference and they reported that North Carolina had a gain of 80 members last year, despite a large loss by death. The Flint Hills Chapter received five awards including

highest State and National award for outstanding yearbook; Honor Roll; for 100% Dues payment remitted with computer printout; and Honorable Mention on a religious needlework wall hanging which was made and entered by Mrs. Sweezy. Mrs. Ramsey will leave Monday for Washington to attend the 92nd Continental Congress.

Two minutes reviews were given by Mrs. Paris Weathers, Librarian; and Mrs. Joe Kendrick, Radio, TV and Motion Picture Chairman.

The meeting room was decorated with large vases of white jonquils and red azaleas. Hostesses were Mrs. Catherine Harris, Mrs. E.C. Willingham, Mrs. Bobby Humphries, and Mrs. Otto Matheny.

A Bunch For Brunch

Shelby Group 1, members of Delta Cappa Gamma hosted a brunch for the members at Dover Club House on Saturday. Dorothy Poston gave the invocation. Following the brunch, an initiation service was conducted for new member, Debi McDaniel, reading coordinator at James Love School. Following the initiation, Faye Burton narrated a film on the Delta Cappa Gamma society. Dr. Bettye Carpenter, president, presided over a brief business session.

Honor Roll Called At Crest High School

Below are the students listed by Crest Senior High School as honor students:

12th - Straight A's - Derek Greene, Sharon Harbison, John Kennedy, Mary Lamb, Deana Latham, Becky Proctor, Brenda Watson, Scott white, Katrina Blair.

12th - A Average - Ben Brown, Yvonne Carter, Wayne Cogdell, Oletha Coulter, Jeff Cooper, Carmen Creach, Susan Greene, Mark Horn, Lisa Johnson, Lana Jolley, Penny Jones, Robert Lamb, Dennis Lankford, Jimmy Lovelace, Melonie McGraw, Pam Rollins, Eric Rumpfelt, Suzanne Sanford, Joanna Sorrells, Sheila Toms, Julia Walker, Terry Wray, Julie Blackburn, Tammy Pruet, Sandra Canipe.

11th - Straight A's - Gene Lancaster, Mitchell Lipscomb, Brian Long, Melissa Mathews, Beth McKee, Janet McSwain, Renee Melton, Lydia Perrin, Pam Plank, Shelia Webb.

11th - A Average - Lori Bell, Lisa Bowen, Lisa Bridges, John Cabaniss, Kim Cooke, Lori Duncan, Lisa Deaton, Catherine Hicks, Molly Holmes, Karen Hord, Mike Humphries, Kim Lail, Kevin Laye, Patrick Litton,

Beth Maloney, JoAnn McSwain, Felicia G. Mitchell, Marie Moore, Kim Morrison, Jeff Owens, Tracy Pearson, Wendy Patterson, Sherri Shade, Kim Weaver, Gina Webb, Aleta Withrow, Angie Stepp, Eddie Turner, Elizabeth Ford.

10th Average - Richard Acuff, Billy Black, Melissa Brown, Wanda Dover, Rhonda Greene, Tommy Hamrick, Tracey Hamrick, April Haynes, Kevin Hodge, Amy Hope, Lisa Humphries, Kirk Jones, Marilyn Kelly, Beth Lamb, Renee Larrieu, Keith Larson, Lynn Lavender, Mary Littlejohn, Jeff McEntrye, Steve Moore, Angela Morehead, Dejuana Parker, Crystal Parker, Dennis Pearson, Charlene Petty, Steve Putnam, Mike Rabb, Heather Rhom, Melinda Roberts, Gwen Pyron, Craig Scruggs, Shannon Scoggins, Madeline Spikes, Jackie Walker, Randy Watts, Carol Weaver.

10th - Straight A's - Sandra Bailey, Emily Jones, Joe Maddox, Angela McGinnis, Chris Melton, Angela Morrison, Caleb Nolley, Patti Rollins, Robert Queen, Mark Smith, Brad Stamey, Scott Wilson, Chuck Wright.

Despite The Temperature, It's Spring —Maples Are Turning Red

One early sign of spring is the reddish haze seen in looking up through the leafless branches of some local trees.

These are likely to be red maples, one of the most common Piedmont trees.

Both male and female flowers are found on the same tree. The male flowers are red-petaled with fluffy yellow pollen. The female flowers, with miniature red wings, develop into fruits called samaras, the Latin word for elm seed, and the reddish twigs and leaf stalks contribute their touch of color too.

The seed may be red, green or brown and are covered with a papery sheath shaped like bee's wings, or, some think, like a skate key. Then they ripen, in early spring, they are released from the twig, and because of

their shape, they twirl rapidly as they fall to the ground.

A wind can propel them some distance from the parent tree, perhaps to a more suitable spot for germinating, probably one good reason that the red maple is one of the most common Piedmont trees.

Both the American and winged elms are also in bloom before the leaves appear. The flowers aren't as conspicuous as the maples, but they too give a reddish-brown haze to the tree tops. The small flowers are greenish-red, hanging in clusters from 1-inch-long, thread-like stems.

While the flowers might not be very noticeable to us, the bees are more perceptive and gather some of their first spring nectar from the blossoms.

The elm fruits are encased in half-inch-long samaras, which ripen before the leaves unfold. They, too, are scattered by means of these wing-like casings, which differ from the maple's in that they are not in pairs. The American elm has a small notch opposite the stem end of the samara, and the winged elm's has two tiny tips like a beak and is covered with white hairs.

Later in the springs, sassafras flowers may be seen with the appearance of the earliest leaves. Unlike the maples and elms, the sassafras carries male and female flowers on separate trees, only the latter producing fruit in the fall: blue berries set in scarlet-stemmed cups. The spring female flowers are clusters of delicate greenish-yellow stars that droop at their stem ends.

The male flowers are somewhat showier.

Young twigs and terminal buds of the sassafras are bright green and tempting to some human nibblers because of their tangy flavor. Sassafras tea, made from the root, was very popular

at the time of the American Revolution to avoid the exorbitant tax on British tea and has since been widely used in folk medicine to treat a variety of ailments.

Most people think of trees in terms of leafy shade in the summer or of dramatic color in the fall. A stroll now along the trails of the N.C. Botanical Garden can reveal a different and interesting view of trees and a harbinging of things to come.