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Hamsters Used for Pets and Experiments



In the above photo a mother Hamster is shown with a litter of seven half grown Hamsters. There were originally nine little ones, but the old lady dined on two of them.

Hamsters Are Hoarders

The present public sentiment against hoarding is being disregarded by several million Hamsters in America.

The word "Hamster" is German and means "hoarder." The title came from the little animal's habit of hoarding great quantities of food.

The first pair of Golden Hamsters were brought to the United States in 1938. They were probably smuggled through Palestine from Syria.

Hamsters are taking their place alongside rabbits, guinea pigs, rats and mice, as important laboratory animals for the experimental transmission of disease.

Hamsters reproduce in 16 days, as compared with 60 days for guinea pigs and 30 days for rabbits.

In spite of their rapid breeding rate, they are never likely to crowd you out of your home.

Young Hamsters open their eyes 18 days after they are born.

Hamsters have no disease of their own, but they are susceptible to all diseases.

The male Hamster makes the best pet for children. He is meek and gentle.

The female is fractious and is inclined to be a little nervous.

ster raisers can distinguish the male from the female on sight. The way the species take their food is a pretty good way to determine which is male or female.

Hamsters make especially good pets for children, for they can stand a poor feeding schedule.

The Hamster will eat and thrive on anything but fats, citrus peels, onions and garlic.

Hamsters sleep all day and frolic all night. Since they cannot see very good, being able to distinguish day from night would not be any advantage.

The little animals were brought to America first to study leprosy in Louisiana.

Farmers Urged to Keep Record Cotton

In order to carry out the marketing quota provisions of the cotton adjustment program, it is necessary that ginners keep such records and make such reports as the Secretary prescribes pursuant to authority vested in him by the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended.

The date of ginning.

The name of the operator of the farm on which the cotton was produced.

The name of the producer, and the county and state where cotton was produced.

The gin bale number or mark.

The serial number of the gin ticket or receipt prepared or issued by the ginner for the bale or any lot of cotton less than a bale.

The gross weight of each bale, or lot of cotton less than a bale, ginned by the ginner.

The kind of bagging used on each bale.

It is believed that most of this information is usually kept by ginners in their normal operation.

The required records are to be kept available for examination and inspection by the Secretary or his authorized representative until December 31, 1952, or until such later date as may be requested in writing by the Director of the Cotton Branch, Production and Marketing Administration.

At this time the ginners will not be required to submit any weekly or monthly reports to the County PMA Committees.

er ginners are called upon to furnish detailed reports of 1950 crop ginnings will depend in a great measure upon ginners' voluntary cooperation with the Department in effecting a smooth and workable cotton program.

Gen. Hershey at Camp Tuscarora

By Western Union Goldsboro — Major General Lewis B. Hershey, national director of the Selective Service System, Washington, D. C., will make the principal address Sunday, September 10, at the dedication of Camp Tuscarora dining hall and Memorial Plaques to Boy Scouts of the area who gave their lives in service for their country in World War II.

Exercises begin at Tuscarora Scout Camp at 3:30 p. m., President William P. Kemp announced. Hundreds of visitors are expected from Duplin, Sampson, Johnston and Wayne counties.

Clayton Is Against Sale Beer and Wine

Wet forces won a beer election at Dunn and dry forces were victorious in Clayton Saturday.

Clayton, in its first local vote on the legalized sale of beer, voted 169 for and 264 against. Their was no campaign and the community cast about the same vote in a Johnston County election on the sale of beer and wine.

Mayor Roy Atkinson said before the election that interest was the smallest he had ever seen.

A heavy turnout of voters prevailed at Dunn as the sale of beer was legalized 578 for and 523 against. The countywide election Aversboro Township, of which Dunn is a part, voted 844 for and 475 against. Sale of beer and wine in Harnett County was made illegal last September.

Cooper Jackson, who headed the control forces, said Saturday night that strict enforcement of North Carolina's beverage laws would be observed when the sale of beer is resumed in Dunn.

Dry forces had waged a heavy fight against the sale of beer. Their campaign was headed by Mack Jernigan, president of the Harnett County Dry Forces.

Mayor Ralph Hanna was one of the supporters for the control of beer sales.

The vote at Dunn was regarded as a near record.

SUFFERED HEART ATTACK C. A. Corbett, of Dunn, formerly of Selma, suffered a heart attack Sunday, and is in a serious condition at the Dunn Hospital.

Graduates of N. C.



Ivan Earl Woodruff, son of Mr. B. F. Woodruff of Selma, Route 1, who graduated from the University of North Carolina August 29, majored in Banking and Finance in the School of Commerce. He has accepted a position with the Federal Housing Administration in Greensboro.

Before entering the University he joined the army in 1940. Served with the 2nd Armed Division in England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Took part in the invasion of Sicily and Normandy. Was injured twice in Holland and hospitalized.

Returning home he attended Edward Military Institute in Salem for two years, entering university in 1947.

R. E. Suber Named Town Commissioner

R. E. Suber was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Commissioner A. L. Langley, resigned when the Town Board of Commissioners met in regular monthly session at the town hall Friday night. The motion to install Mr. Suber was seconded by Commissioner N. Wiggs. Mr. Suber will be the new finance commissioner. He previously served four consecutive terms as commissioner from 1939 to 1947.

A motion made by Commissioner Wiggs and seconded by Commissioner Odell Strickland authorized Town Clerk M. R. Wall to pay all outstanding bills.

STORK CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hayden Wiggs announce the birth of a son, Gordon Sefton, on September 4, at Johnston County Hospital, Smithfield. Mrs. Wiggs is the former Mrs. Marcia Stevens, of Smithfield.

2,100 More Tar Heels for Draft

Washington.—The Defense Department ordered Selective Service to provide 70,000 draftees in November for the Army's stepped-up mobilization program.

While 20,000 larger than the September and October calls of 50,000 men each, officials said the quota will not force any immediate tightening of deferments for married men and veterans.

"There has been no hint deferments will be affected this round," one official said.

(North Carolina Selective Service officials here estimated that this State's quota for the November draft would be 2,100 men. This figure was based on the proportion called for in previous allocations from Washington.)

The November inductees will be drawn largely from 22-year-old registrants and will bring to 170,000 the number of inductees called since the Communist invasion of South Korea.

Last Rites Held for Mrs. Annie Hughes

Mrs. Annie Hood Hughes, 69, of Selma, wife of the late J. T. Hughes, real estate dealer, died at her home during the night Wednesday, August 30. Miss Lenore Tudor, friend and companion who lived with her, found her dead when she went to call her Thursday morning about 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Hughes, daughter of the late Henry D. and Maggie Hood of Selma, had long played a vital part in religious and civic affairs of the town. She was a past president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Edgerton Memorial Methodist Church and former zone leader in the W. S. C. S. She was presented an honorary life membership in the organization by the Selma society at the zone meeting at Smithfield last spring.

She is a past matron of Selma Chapter 209, Order of the Eastern Star, and is a member of the White Shrine of Raleigh. She has served both as president of the Selma Woman's Club and of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Mrs. Hughes was a member of the Selma Library Board and chairman at the time the annual trustees dinner of all the Johnston County Library Boards was begun. She presided on that occasion and never missed one of the dinners.

In poor health for the past few years as a result of a stroke and high blood pressure, Mrs. Hughes had recently walked down town and otherwise seemed improved.

She is survived by one son, Dr. John Thomas Hughes of Pittsboro; one daughter, Mrs. James Franch of Maricao, Venezuela, South America; three sisters, Mrs. G. T. Noel of Dunn and Mrs. Margaret Hood Harris and Mrs. W. L. Skinner of Lumberton; and a grandson, Tommie Hughes of Pittsboro.

Final rites were held at the home Sunday afternoon at 3:30, with her pastor, the Rev. H. B. Baum officiating. Interment followed in the Selma Cemetery.

Homecoming

The annual Homecoming Day will be held at the Riverside Free Will Baptist Church on Princeton, Route 1, September 10. Everyone is cordially invited to attend and bring well filled baskets. All singers and former pastors are especially invited.

The fall revival will start with the 8 o'clock service that night with the pastor, Rev. W. O. Laster of Four Oaks conducting the meeting.

RETURNED FROM HOSPITAL

Woody Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Jackson, who was seriously injured by a fall from his bicycle some time ago, returned Sunday from Rex Hospital, Raleigh, and seems completely recovered.

MISSIONARY SERVICE

There will be a special Missionary Service at the Church of God on West Anderson Street, Thursday night at 7:45. There will be a quilt given away. The public is invited. Mrs. Harris will be in charge.

An extra beef animal was offered July 1 in the Corn Belt States for every three on feed a year previously. The inventory on that date showed the largest July total since 1943.

Old Mill Been Running Two Centuries



The above photo shows Atkinson Mill, Route 1, Selma, as it stands on Little River. It is owned by Mrs. Wade H. Atkinson.

Atkinson's Mill located on Route 1, Selma has been in continuous operation for more than 200 years. There is little known about the mill's early history. It was part of the Richardson Plantation which originally comprised 2,472 acres.

The mill was owned by Lunsford Richardson before the Civil War. He was drowned at the mill during a freshet in July of 1856. His daughter, Martha Ann Richardson married Thomas H. Atkinson who lived on a farm in Johnston County near the Wayne Union forces devastated his farm and left it practically worthless. He then moved to the Richardson Plantation. At his death the farm went to his son, Thomas H. Atkinson, Jr.

Some time later another son, the late Dr. Wade H. Atkinson came into possession of the farm, and the old mill located in O'Neals Township. Some time after 1932 the doctor erected a cement dam to replace the old wooden dam.

At first the mill ground only corn, New cattle, hog and chicken feed are being ground by water power. E. R. Watson and Sons are the managers. The mill is owned by Mrs. Wade H. Atkinson.

Many years ago the mill site was known as Lunsford and a post office used to stand near the mill. Old settlers in O'Neals township recall Uncle Willie and old Negro slave who lived on the plantation when the Richardson's

owned it and later when it was taken over by the Atkinsons. Little River at Atkinson's Mill has been a good fishing ground for about 200 years, too. Every pretty day fishing parties throw their lines from the mill dam. Others go out in boats above the mill and try their angling luck. Before the days of automobiles the picturesque grounds surrounding the mill used to be a gathering place for neighboring farm folk. While the children waded in the water the old folks would sit around on logs and swap experiences.

Happy Birthday

- Sept. 10—Harriette Snipes. Sept. 11—Mrs. Ernest Barnes. Sept. 11—Miss Mabel Jeffreys. Sept. 11—Charles Capps. Sept. 12—Mrs. Herman Pulley. Sept. 12—Bennie Creech. Sept. 13—W. L. Norton. Sept. 14—Mrs. Wilbert Eason. Sept. 14—Raleigh Griffin. Sept. 14—Mrs. Walter. Sept. 15—Miss Evelyn B. Lynch. Sept. 16—Charlie Pearce. Sept. 16—Mrs. W. T. Woodard. Sept. 16—John R. Boyd. Sept. 16—Thamer Batten. Sept. 16—Mrs. Joe Alford. Sept. 16—Mrs. M. E. Draughon. Sept. 16—Mrs. Earl Bass. Sept. 16—Edward Lee Driver. Sept. 16—E. H. Lamm. Sept. 17—Mrs. E. V. Darden. Sept. 17—C. V. Mitchener. Sept. 17—Louise Thornton.

New Busses for Selma-Smithfield Line



The above photo shows one of the all-steel busses put in operation between Selma and Smithfield Friday by the Safeway Lines of Dunn. The Harnett County company recently bought the inter-city bus franchise from M. E. Underwood of Smithfield.

Selma Musicians Heard On WMPM Station



The above group of Selma musicians known as the Carolina Swing Billies were heard over Radio Station WMPM Saturday afternoon in a 30-minute program. They will broadcast again next Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. They are: First row, from left to right—Misses Ollie and Mozelle Johnson. Second row, from left to right: Theibert Phillips, Edward Brown, D. Johnson and Leon Howell.

THE SOCIALIST PLOT

By GEORGE PECK

Many, many times in my column during the past 13 years I have sounded a warning against the Federal Government's invasion of the electric power field. Repeatedly, I have stated that nationalization of this public utility is the first stepping-stone, the entering wedge, toward the socialist dream of a completely socialized United States of America.

There was no excuse for government "muscling in" on the manufacture and distribution of electric power. By and large the privately-owned companies were giving a good account of themselves, had done a magnificent job of providing power to the American public — giving ever-better service at ever-decreasing rates. Those privately-owned companies that so far have spared the governmental axe continue to serve the public efficiently and economically. They continue to pay taxes into, the while government power projects siphon money out of the public chest.

Colonel C. W. Leihy, publisher of Electric Light and Power, a privately-owned monthly trade magazine, in a recent report, exposed this invasion of the power industry for what it really is—a plot to socialize the leading business of the country, first inaugurated by the Socialist Party.

He quoted from a pamphlet issued by the Socialist Party in 1923 as follows: "States under the direction of this socialist program and finally the nation, will take over one after the other, the public utilities, mines, railroads, power plants, communication systems, waterways and forests." Colonel Leihy then quoted from

a statement made in 1937 which appeared in one of the public ownership publications. It reads: "Step by step this plan which the Public Ownership League presented and published 15 years ago is being surely and steadily realized."

In his report, Colonel Leihy points out how the present proposed Federal subsidized power authorities, such as the Columbia and Missouri, fit into the nationwide socialized scheme. Said he: "The attack against free enterprise in the power business is not based on the shortcomings or failure of business-managed companies to provide the public with adequate service at fair rates. It is deeply rooted in the philosophy of those who seek a nationalized, politically-controlled monopoly on the country's economy in place of the free choice, competitive system that has made America great."

Continuing, he issued a warning and gave this advice:

"The electric power industry, as the first main target of the socialist planners, is the first place to bulwark the free enterprise system against the continued erosion of democratic institutions by advocates of the welfare state."

How right Colonel Leihy is! If Federal Government is "cooking up" a power project for your section of the country, let your Congressman and Senators know that you prefer to buy your "juice" from a privately-owned company. On the other hand, if no project is plotted for your particular vicinity, serve notice on your Legislators that you have a great "juice" to citizens in other parts aversion to being forced to pay part of the cost of furnishing of the nation.