

Vilas News

Mrs. Dora Furvell and Miss Margaret, her daughter, of Maxton, N. C. and Mrs. Paul Madron, Mountain City, Tenn., were Sunday visitors at Mr. E. F. Sherwood's. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blair, Master Gene Blair and Mrs. Nan Dugger visited relatives at Zionville Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Julius Walker, of Reese, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Walker. Miss Hassie Harmon is visiting relatives at Fall Creek in Avery County. Messrs. Charles Combs and Smith James are building nice homes near Vilas. The veterans are spending their bonus wisely. Mr. Sanford Brown, of Boone, was a Sunday visitor. The young people of Willowdale Church gave a program at Newland Baptist Church Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Palmer of Sugar Grove and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dishner of Johnson City, Tenn., recently visited Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Greene. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Edminsten of Watauga Falls on Sunday visited Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Edminsten. Prof. and Mrs. Homer Compton, Miss Virginia Wary and Miss Maude Cathcart of Boone, visited Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Greene Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Henron of Cleveland, Ohio, will soon erect a home at Vilas and return to their native county to live. Messrs. Earl Henson and Thomas Presnell have taken positions with the Crowell Publishing Company with headquarters at West Jefferson.

There were 647 four-H club girls and boys registered for the annual 4-H club short course at State College, July 22 to 27. Club leaders and other interested persons brought the enrollment to over 700.



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Questions Answered About Resettlement

Editor's Note: This is question two of a series of questions and answers about the Resettlement Administration which are being published each week in the Democrat.

Is the program of the Resettlement Administration Communistic or Utopian?

Answer: The program of the Resettlement Administration is in no sense of the word communistic. It is an attempt on the part of an agency of the government to offer new opportunities in rural areas. In order to do this Resettlement is advocating a live-at-home program of diversified farming, which encourages the ownership of small family sized farms. If we can make home owners out of our rural population we have preserved one of the strongest bulwarks of a democracy. The Resettlement Administration is encouraging the development of cooperatives among the farming population, but far from being communistic and radical, the cooperative movement is as old as America; in fact older. Cooperation was established when the first family worked together to get the household tasks done.

A cooperative is just a private business owned by all those who use it. Cooperatives are not experimental; they have done a constantly increasing business in America and in nearly every country in the world for many generations.

The program of the Resettlement Administration is a practical, business-like way of helping destitute and low income farm families.

The rehabilitation program is primarily concerned with making loans to needy farm families. But Resettlement is practical about these loans. We know that many farm families have failed because they did not have the proper training. After providing loans by which they can obtain proper land and proper equipment. Resettlement undertakes also to see that they have the advantage of expert assistance. A farm and home plan is worked out for each family who receives a loan. If the plan is satisfactory, the family can be put back on its own feet, will no longer be on relief, and will be able to repay its debts to the Resettlement Administration and to other creditors.

The Resettlement program first of all sees that the families who move from poor land to good land are capable of producing a fair return per acre. The farms are large enough to furnish enough acreage for a profitable full time farm. The families selected are those who are capable of operating a farm of their own. The families are given forty years in which to pay for their farms and the interest is three per cent. They are provided with well-built homes in order that the maintenance costs will not be great.

Next week's question: "Is the size of the Administrative staff of Resettlement Administration justified in the light of the number of people helped?"

CONFERENCE PLANNED

Banner Elk, July 31.—Final arrangements have been made for a conference of supervisors of the Women's Division of the Works Progress Administration of North Carolina, District No. 6, to be held at Pinnacle Inn, August 26, 27, and 28.

CLAIMED BY DEATH



Wilfred W. Fry, president of N. W. Ayer & Son, Inc., advertising agency of Philadelphia, and a director of many nationally known organizations, died in Philadelphia on the 27th, following an extended illness.

FARM AND HOME WEEK ATTRACTS THOUSANDS

After an absence of two years, farmers and farm women flocked to the State College campus July 27-31 to participate in another successful Farm and Home week.

Cancelled last year because of the state-wide outbreak of infantile paralysis, the event this year attracted thousands of both old and new attenders from all parts of the State.

The season was somewhat marred by adverse weather conditions, first by a heat wave and then by rain. Had it not been for these inclement conditions, the attendance probably would have been boosted by several hundred.

Those attending went through a five-day period of education and recreation. During that time they heard many prominent agricultural leaders speak on various phases of farming. Among the speakers were: J. B. Hutson, director of the Soil Conservation program in the east central states; Edwin A. O'Neil, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer and Harry A. Caton, secretary of the National Grange.

Master Farmer awards went to: J. M. German, Wilkes County; H. G. Ashcraft, Mecklenburg; W. B. Crawford, Iredell; Robert Flake Shaw, Guilford; E. J. Harris, Cumberland; J. P. and G. W. Bain, Carteret; J. B. McDewitt, Madison and Thomas D. Temple, Halifax.

The home-maker's certificate of merit was awarded to Mrs. Hubert Boney, of Duplin County, for outstanding work in the home.

Dean I. O. Schaub and other officials of the Extension Service expressed themselves as being well pleased with the way in which farm and Home Week was carried out.

FOLK-SONGS OFF PRESS

Banner Elk, July 31.—Mr. and Mrs. Melinger Edward Henry of Ridgefield, N. J., widely known folk-song and ballad collectors, were at Pinnacle Inn all last week.

Mr. Henry's latest work "Beech Mountain Folks Songs and Ballads" on which he collaborated with Maurice Matteson, director of music at the University of South Carolina, has just come off the press.

The ballads in the book were collected arranged, and provided with piano accompaniments by Mr. Matteson. The text were edited and the foreword written by Mr. Henry.

The frontispiece of the book is an etching of Beech Mountain by Ruth Doris Swett. It also contains a photograph of Nathan Hicks of Sugar Grove, Beech Mountain, N. C., with his dulcimer, with which he accompanied the ballads he sang for the collection.

In his foreword Mr. Henry says: "Beech Mountain, North Carolina, the district in which the songs in the collection were recorded, is one of the shorter cross-ranges lying between the Blue Ridge and the Alleghany mountains. It looms up near the borders of both Tennessee and Virginia, and looks across the Elk River valley directly into the majestic face of Grandfather mountain. The entire region is rich in history and tradition. It is an unspoiled corner of the world. Its people are the descendants of some of America's finest pioneer stock. They have inherited their ballads, preserved through oral transmission, from their ancestors, who brought them from the mother country, just as they brought their high spirit."

The collection contains 29 mountain ballads with their airs. "A ballad without the air," Mr. Henry states, "is but half a ballad."

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HICKS PLAYS DULCIMER

Banner Elk, July 31.—Every summer about this time the people in Banner Elk begin to look for the visits of Nathan Hicks of Sugar Grove, Beech Mountain, N. C., who comes down to the village with his dulcimer and his songs. Nathan made his first visit Saturday.

He brought one extra instrument with him this time which he sold with little trouble. It was made of poplar and maple which was said to be 75 years old, having been taken from an old mountain house.

While in Banner Elk, Nathan entertained the guests at Pinnacle Inn by playing on his dulcimer and singing some of the old mountain ballads which are a part of the folk lore of the people in the region. He makes his own instruments. He has one of his own which he will not sell, but he says that he makes about 25 dulcimers a year for sale.

The dulcimer, one of the oldest musical instruments known, resembles a long, narrow box fitted with a fiddle's head. The tune is carried by one string, two other strings serving simply to make harmony when strummed. It is laid across the knees when played.

A press, a plane, and a chisel are Nathan's tools. He says that he can make a dulcimer in about four days. The usual pattern for a dulcimer is rectangular, but he has his own pattern. The sides of his instruments curve inward toward the center. He has also made a fiddle, but he does not make them to sell.

Among the songs which he sang for the guests at the inn were: "Nellie Gray," "Short Life of Trouble," "I Wish I Was On a Goggy Mountain Top."

FIRE PRECAUTIONS LISTED BY SERVICE

Dry weather is adding to the danger of forest fires in many timbered areas, according to reports made to the United States forest service. In the southern states high hazards exist over wide sections.

Emphasizing that each day of severe drought increases fire dangers, the forest service lists a number of precautions.

Smokers are urged to smoke only while stopping in a safe place, clear of all inflammable material, and never while traveling in the woods. Matches should be broken, to be sure they are out, and pipe ashes and cigarette stubs should never be thrown into brush, leaves or needles.

The service suggests that campers scrape all inflammable material from a spot five feet in diameter before building a fire and place the flames in a hole in the center of this spot away from trees, logs or brush.

In breaking camp, fires should be extinguished with water, drenching both the coals and small sticks and covering them with dirt. Brush should never be burned in windy weather when there is any danger of the fire spreading.

Where possible small forest or brush fires should be put out, while all conflagrations should be reported to the nearest warden or ranger.

FEED AND COVER NEEDED FOR BIRDS

The farmer whose land is well stocked with trees and broomsedge often wonders why he should make improvements for wildlife.

George Becker, junior biologist of the Soil Conservation Service, says that woods do furnish some cover and food, but they must be supplemented by other food cover more suitable to the needs of birds.

Broomsedge fields in general, he explains, supply the birds with very little food and cover. Since they harbor such predators as rats and snakes, they cannot be considered the best sources of wildlife food.

Winter is a difficult season for non-migratory birds. They are often left in a weakened condition in the spring to raise and protect their young. This weakened condition, continues Mr. Becker, leaves the birds more susceptible to diseases and attacks from enemies.

As a large part of our birds are lost through agencies of storms, disease, and enemies, he points out, we can reduce this loss a great deal by planting shrubs and sowing grains for food and cover, while at the same time helping to control soil erosion and improve the farm from the aesthetic and economic standpoints.

Crooked husbandry lines are the rule in Europe, but in the United States, especially west of the Mississippi, straight lines are common.



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JAMES W. BRYAN, Manager

To Taxpayers

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I am very anxious that as many taxpayers as possible get their receipts this week or no later than next Monday at the outside, in order that they may save costs of advertising and other costs incident to the sale of the property.

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