

Local Affairs

Mr. Guy Hunt, manager of Hunt's Department Store, is in New York buying merchandise for his store.

Mrs. Cora Norris of Boone, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Todd, of Marion, Va.

Mr. G. T. Bare, of Bare's Fair Store, is on a two weeks' buying trip to eastern cities for his stores.

Miss Eula Wilson, of Washington, D. C., spent several days recently visiting with Mrs. J. C. Goodnight.

Mrs. D. J. Cottrell recently returned home from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Wilhelm, of Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. George Martin, Jr., of Madison, N. C., is spending this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Greer.

Mr. W. R. Vines of Sugar Grove, is a patient at the Veterans Hospital in Johnson City, Tenn. He is reported as being improved.

It is reported that Mrs. J. B. Lawrence of Mountain City, Tenn., who has been ill for the past five weeks with blood poison, is slowly improving.

Mrs. Herbert Adams and daughter, Nancy, are in Portsmouth, Va., with Mr. Adams who is a patient at the naval hospital there.

Mr. Bedford Greene remains seriously ill at his home here, and late reports indicate that his condition is unimproved.

Miss Mary Hazel Farthing has returned to Woman's College, Greensboro, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Farthing, of Valle Crucis.

Mrs. D. D. Dougherty is a patient at the Watauga Hospital, where she has been quite ill for the past several days. Little improvement is noted in her condition.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Qualls left Sunday for Charlotte, where they will spend the winter at the home of a son, Attorney Archie Qualls. Mr. and Mrs. Qualls recently retired from the furniture business here.

Mr. James M. Shull of Valle Crucis, is spending some time at the home of a son-in-law, Dr. R. O. Glenn and Mrs. Glenn of Mountain City, Tenn., where he is taking treatment for arthritis. He is little improved. Mr. Shull is also spending a few days in the Glenn home.

Mrs. B. G. Leake and son, Bill, of Mountain City, Tenn., were in town Saturday for a few hours. Bill who had spent Christmas with his mother, was en route to Charleston, S. C., where he is enrolled in Porter Military Academy.

Clyde R. Greene, president of the North Carolina Merchants Association, went to Brevard Tuesday to speak before a business men's group, and aid in the organization of a merchants' association, which would have a membership of 76.

Mr. D. E. Benfield, who has been quite ill for the past few weeks, suffered a second light attack of paralysis last Wednesday, and his condition has since been slightly less favorable. However, on Wednesday morning, the well-known citizen was reported as being somewhat improved.

Miss Mary Doris Wright, S.P.T.A., O'Reilly General Hospital, Springfield, Mo., has successfully completed an extensive six months student course of study in physiotherapy. She has received transfer orders from the office of the surgeon general, Washington, D. C., to report to Nichols General Hospital, Louisville, Ky., to take over duties as an apprentice physical therapy aide on Jan. 10, 1945. After six months apprenticeship she will be commissioned a second lieutenant in physical therapy in the medical corps of the U. S. Army for the duration of the war.

Miss Mildred Louise Mast is Bride of Lieut. Cornelius

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Mast of Sugar Grove, announce the marriage of their daughter, Mildred Louise, to Lieut. F. E. Cornelius, of the 791st M. P. Bn., Fort Devens, Mass. The wedding took place in the chapel at the fort. Miss Mast was given in marriage by Commander Taylor, of Alabama.

The bride was dressed in light blue wool dress, white felt hat, white gloves. She wore a black fur outer coat for travel.

Lieut. and Mrs. Cornelius are at home in Cryer, Mass.

Japanese Fleet May Join Fight

Pearl Harbor, Jan. 9.—Japan may risk her remaining first line warships in another sea action with the Pacific fleet, now that Gen. MacArthur's invasion of Luzon has opened the Pacific war's most critical campaign.

Luzon is more vital to Japan's defense of her empire than was Guadalcanal, Saipan or Leyte.

Every time the American amphibious forces have assaulted objectives of key importance to Japan, her fleet has joined in major sea action—the second battle of the Philippines after the Leyte landing; first battle of the Philippines seas after the Saipan landing in the Marianas; the Solomons surface battles after the Guadalcanal landing.

It is not logical to expect that Japanese navy commanders will lie around in empire ports while MacArthur's troops are taking Luzon from Japan's grasp, cutting in two her greater co-prosperity sphere.



EVEN TO THE YOUNGEST—Arms and back stricken with infantile paralysis, this eight-months-old baby received modern care and treatment at the Crippled Children's Guild, Buffalo, N.Y., through the assistance of the Stuben County Chapter of The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. America's contributions to the March of Dimes, January 14-31, make this work possible.

From Our Early Files

ITEMS FROM THE DEMOCRAT OF JANUARY 11, 1906

Finest weather ever seen in the mountains for this season of the year.

J. M. Shull of Valle Crucis, was a caller at this office and told us that he is thinking seriously of going west.

R. M. Greene is building an annex to his store house, which will about double his floor and shelf room when completed.

At 5:15 yesterday evening, after our forms were closed, the grim monster Death came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Greene and bore away the spirit of little Bonner, the idol of the happy home. The fond parents are almost prostrated with grief and they have the most profound sympathy of all their friends in this, their darkest hour.

Rev. John Dotson of Zionville, has received the sad intelligence that his son, Wheeler, had been shot and killed in Cincinnati, Ohio, on New Year's Day.

D. S. Lee of Wilkes county, has moved his family to the Taylor farm one mile east of Boone. We are told that he will teach some singing classes.

Mrs. Mary Cook, wife of Mr. Adam Cook, died at her home at Deerfield on Monday night after a long illness. Mrs. Cook was a

daughter of the late Jackson Hodges, and we are told that she was an excellent woman.

Dr. J. W. Jones has purchased the Judge Council lot opposite the Coffee Hotel, and we are told that he will do some building thereon in the near future. We are glad the Doctor got this desirable property, as we can now count on him as a permanent fixture in our midst.

Two cold, clear, sparkling springs are now emptying themselves through pipes at the school plant, and the arrangements are that the whole village around the buildings, by the use of standpipes, can be supplied with as good water as flows from the mountains. Capt. Lovill is highly pleased with this great convenience, which is the latest he has supplied to the institution.

On Wednesday of last week, the little two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Dixon Moretz of Meat Camp, was scalded to death in a most horrible manner. The little child was left alone for a minute or two in a room where a large pot of boiling water was on the hearth. The mother heard its screams and ran to its rescue to find that it had fallen into the water and much of the flesh on the tender little body was literally cooked, and death came to relieve the little sufferer a few hours later. The heart-broken parents have the deepest sympathy of all.

Local Service Officer Explains Provisions of New Pension Law

In order to clarify provisions of the new pension law passed by Congress last month, Lionel Ward, service officer for the local American Legion Post, cites eligibility requirements of the legislation.

The law, which affects many people in this area, allows payment to widows and minor children of veterans of World War I, whether or not the veteran had a service-connected disability at time of death.

He must have had at least 90 days of active service in that war and been discharged under honorable conditions or, if in service less than that time, must have been discharged or released from active duty because of disability received in the line of duty.

In order to receive benefits, a childless widow must give evidence of an income of less than \$1,000 per year. A widow with minor children may not have an income above \$2,500.

The definition "widow of World War I veteran" denotes only a woman who was married to the veteran before the act, who can prove that she lived continuously with the veteran from the date of marriage to the time of death, unless separation was without fault on her part. She may not have remarried since the death of the person in service.

An eligible minor is a legitimate child, a legally adopted child, a step-child of a member of the veteran's household or an illegitimate child, whose paternity the veteran acknowledges in writing or whose paternity is judicially decreed.

The child may not be married and must be under 18 years, unless it was made permanently incapable of self-support prior to reaching that age or unless it is pursuing an approved course of instruction, in which instance pension will be continued until completion of education or training, although not after he becomes 21 years.

Widow must establish her relationship to the veteran by presentation of a certified copy of the marriage record and the relationship of the children by certified copies of birth records.

Pension for the widow with no minors is \$33. To a widow with one child, \$45 is allowed and \$5 is paid for each additional child, no total pension being allowed to exceed \$74 for one family.

Application forms for pension claims are available at the Parkway Company, Mr. Ward said, and he will assist with making informal application for reopening claims in those cases where application was previously filed, but pension denied.

Farmers carried out more soil-building and erosion-control practices under AAA last year than ever before.

NEWS AND VIEWS OF THE FARMERS

By H. M. HAMILTON, Jr. County Farm Agent.

I have another carload of western corn ordered for the latter part of January. This corn will be shipped to North Wilkesboro and any farmer who wants some of the corn should place his order at our office at once. The price will be \$1.40 per bushel at North Wilkesboro.

Funeral Services For Mrs. Ida Norris Held at Aberdeen

Funeral services for Mrs. Ida Elizabeth Norris, 53, were held in the Aberdeen Baptist Church Saturday afternoon. Services were conducted by Rev. E. M. Harris, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. D. H. Ives, a former pastor of Concord. Mrs. Norris died in the Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, unexpectedly on last Thursday afternoon, Dec. 28, at the close of an operation.

Before marriage she was Miss Ida Elizabeth Norris, daughter of Jonathan E. Norris and the late Mrs. Norris of near Boone. She is survived by her husband, W. W. Norris; two sons, Aubrey and Kelsey Norris; five sisters, Mrs. B. E. McQueen of Benfield, Va., Mrs. J. F. Hodges of Mountain City, Tenn., Mrs. Stacy Thomas of Laurel Bloomery, Tenn., Mrs. Jesse Lee Shine of Irvington, Ala., and Mrs. J. R. Ragan of Morganton; and one brother, Frank Norris, of Virginia. Her father, Jonathan E. Norris, also survives. The Norrises came to Aberdeen in 1926 and since that time Mrs. Norris has endeared herself to the community and especially her church. Interment was in Old Bethesda cemetery.—Sandhill Citizen, Aberdeen, N. C.

Boone Man in Famed Bombardment Group

Sgt. Roy H. Critcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Critcher of Boone, who is stationed in Corsica, and who is a member of the 310th B-25 Mitchell Bombardment Group, has served overseas for 28 months, has received the Good Conduct medal, Presidential citation ribbon, and a number of bronze stars are worn on his European-African campaign ribbon, for major engagements in which he has participated. The following concerning Sgt. Critcher's unit is taken from "Stars and Stripes":

A Medium Bomber Base in Corsica, Dec. 20—Since beginning combat operations from its present base here, the 310th B-25 Mitchell Bombardment Group has set the bombing efficiency record for all medium groups in the Mediterranean theatre with a three month average of 85 percent, 12th Air Force headquarters announced today.

In addition to its efficiency record, which refers to the percentage of bombs carried by the Mitchells to the target and actually released over the target area, the 310th also holds claim to the largest tonnage of bombs dropped on enemy soil since it joined the B-29 bombardment headquarters.

Under the command of Col. Peter H. Remington of Cape Vincent, N. Y., the 310th has completed 27 months of overseas service and is the oldest continually operating medium group in the Mediterranean area.

The grower who plants inferior seed needs no sermon on gambling; he is sure to learn a lesson.

At Augusta, Ga.



Pvt. Douglas L. Harrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Harrison of Blowing Rock R.F.D., has recently graduated from the medical department technicians school, Atlanta, Ga. He is now stationed at Oliver General Hospital, Augusta, Ga.

Cryolite has been used in the manufacture of glass, enamelware and some insecticides.

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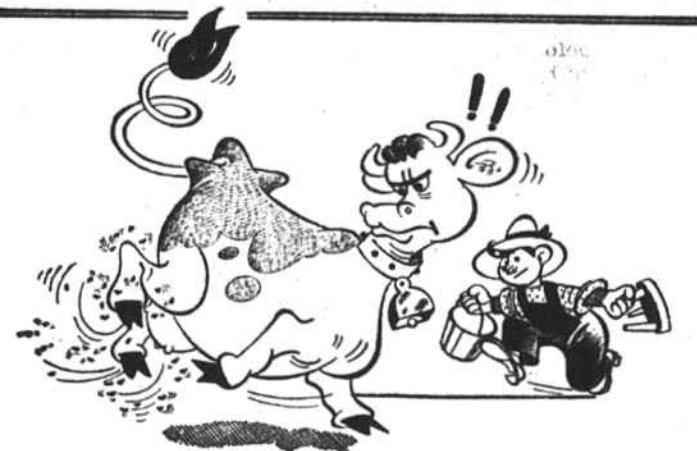
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BY UNCLE BOB

of the Kraft Dairy Farm Service



It's pretty hard concentrating on a job of mowing just after you've stirred up a nest of bumblebees. Likewise, a cow has a hard time concentrating on her job of producing milk while pestered by heel flies.

Heel flies bother cows in the summer, but you can do a big part of the job of controlling them now. In the summer, flies lay eggs on the cow's hair. These hatch into maggots which form grubs under the skin. The grubs hatch into flies in the spring.

Whether you know the heel fly by that name or some other, and whether you call them grubs, warbles, "wolves" or what, they are the same pest.

By destroying grubs in January or February, you cut down the fly population next year. Treatment generally recommended is to apply to the backs of cattle with a stiff brush, a wash consisting of 12 ounces of derris powder and two ounces of soap flakes in a gallon of water.

Hand dusting is another simple way to do the job. Use a tin can with ten to 15 holes punched in the bottom. Thoroughly mix a pound of ground rotenone-bearing root with a pound of wettable sulphur. Sprinkle the mix over the animal's back and rub it in gently with your hand.

The Extension Service, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho, covers this subject in War Circular No. 5, Farmers' Bulletin No. 1596 from the USDA, Washington, D. C., also discusses it in detail.



The very first point of the 1945 Eight Point dairy program is "Grow an abundance of high quality roughage." Roughage is just about the most important part of a cow's diet and the higher the quality, the less cost to the owner. With high quality roughage, less grain supplement is needed.

This is quite a few weeks ahead of plowing time, but there is no better time to my mind to get down to definite plans on your roughage program.

First of all you need to figure how much roughage you'll want—how many tons of silage and hay. That is determined by the number and breed of cows in your herd. Dairy experts say that cows should have between 20 and 35 pounds of silage daily plus 10 to 15 pounds of good hay.

Alfalfa wins all roughage popularity contests hands down and I hope you are planning on an ample supply. An acre per cow is a pretty good way to figure. Alfalfa is highest in protein and grows well in nearly every region.

If you use clover, timothy, lespedeza or some other hay crop, you'll have to plant a greater acreage than if you use alfalfa. Illinois figures 600 lbs. of digestible protein per acre of alfalfa, 180 per acre of lespedeza and 240 per acre of red clover, so you see how much more actual food there is in alfalfa.

Circular 502 from the Extension Service, University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill., has a table showing the feed value of hay crops per acre, and I suggest you write for a copy."



Right here in the middle of winter is the best time I know of, also, to take a look at last year's pasture and figure out how to make it a better pasture in 1945.

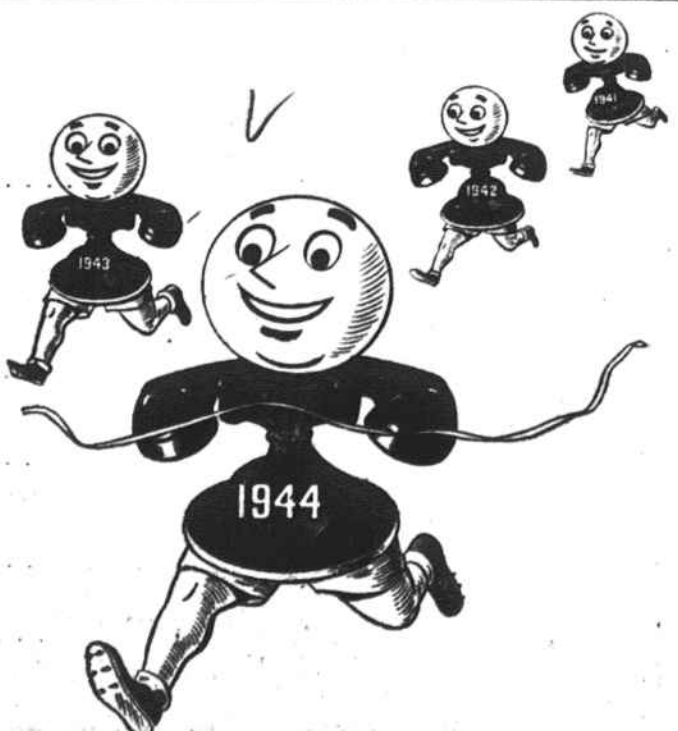
A friend of mine down Mississippi way says a pasture is a place where a cow can fill her stomach in an hour or two and can spend the next few hours taking a nap. When she does this, she's working for you. If she has to eat all day long just to keep alive, she is not on a real pasture.

What most permanent pastures need is a proper mixture of different grasses, plus lime and fertilizer. You can do yourself, your cows and the national milk program a lot of good by deciding now on the right mixture, ordering seed and getting set to grow the kind of pasture which will bring you greatest return.

You'll find exactly the type of mixture suitable to your land recommended in Publication 217, issued by the Extension Service, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn. For certain sections, it suggests, per acre, 5 lbs. of orchard grass, 2 lbs. red top, 5 lbs. Dallis grass, 2 lbs. white clover and 3 lbs. lespedeza. It has mixtures proved in each part of the state.

\*NOTE: There usually is a 5c charge for pamphlets mailed to non-residents of a state; but possibly your own state has a free pamphlet on the same subject. Ask your county agent.

Uncle Bob



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