

Mrs. Joe Crawford Goes to Europe

Mrs. Joe Crawford, third grade teacher in the Demonstration School, is spending the first half of the summer traveling with the Thomas Tours abroad. Among the countries she will visit are England, Ireland, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Italy, France, Isle of Capri, Monaco and the picturesque Isle of Marken. She will sail on the Queen Elizabeth and return on the Queen Mary. The trip aboard these steamers is virtually an education in itself, she believes.

While in England, Mrs. Crawford will visit St. Paul's, Parliament, Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace. In the Shakespearean Country she will see Shakespeare's home, Ann Hathway's Cottage and Warwick Castle.

In Holland the members of the tour will visit Queen Julianne's home, the art gallery and House on The Woods.

In Venice the tourists will see Doges Palace, a cathedral and a glass factory and take a motor launch trip down the Grand Canal among the floating casinos to Lido. They will visit the Forum, Coliseum, Capitoline, Pantheon, Vatican, Appian Way and the Catacombs in Rome. In Florence the tour includes the leading art galleries of the world, Uffizi and Petti Galleries, Piazza Michael Angelo, St. Croce, and the Leather Stores. The tour through Italy also includes Naples, Pompeii and Amalfi to witness the activities of Mt. Vesuvius.

Among the other interesting places included in the tour are Geneva, the home of the League of Nations; the world famous battlefields at Waterloo; the French Riviera and Paris.

In addition to these many points of keen interest to all tourists abroad, Mrs. Crawford

will visit Eton and Oxford Universities, the University of Switzerland and Norte Dame. A series of lectures at these renowned places of learning will be a part of the tour.

Mrs. Crawford, better known to her many friends in Boone as Beas, is herself a graduate of Appalachian State Teachers College, and has studied at Campbell College, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and at State College, Raleigh.

Travel is being recognized more and more as an enriching experience and as a vital part of one's education. Many such tours are sponsored by the state and national education associations.

The state departments of education in 38 states accept travel as a part of professional preparation for certification. About thirty colleges, among them Yale and the University of Indiana, are known to give credit for directed trips.

The better educators throughout the world recognize the value of direct personal experiences brought to the classroom by the dynamic personality of an inspiring teacher. Mrs. Crawford expects to bring many enriching experiences to her third graders next September.

Mrs. Crawford will be with the group directed by Mrs. Lucile Miller, former Dean of Women at Winthrop College. They will sail from Cherbourg, France, for home.

UNEMPLOYMENT

Robert C. Goodwin, Director of the Bureau of Employment Security, asserts that while Census Bureau figures show a drop in unemployment of 151,000 in April to 3,016,000 current indications are that idleness in the next few months would exceed the average for the corresponding months in 1948. The Census Bureau estimated April employment at 57,819,000 an increase of 172,000 over March.

Major Decisions Are Facing Farmers

Current crop estimates indicate that growers of some basic commodities may be called upon to vote in marketing quota referendums as required under current laws says Dwight Cable, chairman of the Watauga county agricultural conservation committee. With this in prospect he points out that it is important for farmers to have in mind that farmers themselves through their elected committees administer these programs. He explains that acreage allotments on specified major crops also may be established by order of the Secretary of Agriculture. A national allotment is established and this is broken down to State and county allotments. The farmer elected county committees then have the responsibility of setting up the allotments for each farm.

While acreage allotments may be established by order of the Secretary, marketing quotas to be put in effect must be approved by two-thirds of the farmers voting in a referendum. And if quota programs are approved, they also are administered by the local farmer-elected committees. These same committees are responsible for the Agriculture Conservation Program and for activities in connection with the Government price support programs for farm commodities as stated by Ralph S. Trigg, PMA Administrator, at a State PMA conference.

"Farmer committeemen in recent years have concentrated their efforts pretty largely on the Agricultural Conservation Program. For this reason some people have forgotten how many different things the committeemen do—how vitally important they are in the administration of the over-all farm program. Personally, I am convinced that the PMA committees, as developed from the original AA committees, are the very heart of the entire administrative machinery for farm programs. Without them, I do not see how we could do an efficient job of program administration."

Dairymen Advised To Prevent Bloat

When hungry cattle graze on legume crops before these crops have reached the bloom stage, they will oftentimes bloat. If dairymen keep cows off legume grazing until these crops have reached the bloom stage, much potential milk from such grazing will be lost.

Every dairymen, therefore, faces the problem of how to graze these crops and still prevent bloat. Fortunately, says A. C. Kimrey, extension dairymen at State College, this can be done.

When a cow eats any kind of feed, Kimrey explains, a large quantity of gas forms in her stomach. Normally this gas pressure is relieved when fibrous feeds tickle the inner lining of the cow's stomach and cause belching.

However, an empty grazing on sappy legumes fills her stomach with soft, slimy material which does not cause the animal to belch. As a result gas, which is a normal by-product of digestion, accumulates in the stomach and causes bloat. Unless the animal is given prompt relief, she may die.

If the legume pasture is about 50 per cent grass, most potential bloat will not happen, says Kimrey. Or, he adds, if a reasonable amount of good quality hay is fed to the cow before she is put out, she usually will not bloat. For this purpose, oat hay, Sudan or other good grass hay, as well as the various legume hays, will prove satisfactory. The hay must be palatable or the cow will not eat enough of it to do the job.

Kimrey says that where practicable, a rack filled with good hay should be placed in the pasture or adjacent to it. This practice will prevent many cases of bloat.

If bloat does occur in spite of precautions, call a veterinarian, advises the extension dairymen. In the meantime, tie a stick in the cow's mouth and keep her walking as much as possible. Many dairymen are reporting favorable results from drenching the bloated animal with half a soft-drink bottle of either kerosene or mineral oil.

Local HD Women Go West Jefferson Friday

It is expected that a large number of Watauga County Home Demonstration women will attend the district meeting to be held in West Jefferson on Friday, May 20 at 10:00 a. m. The women will leave the home agent's office in Boone at 9:00 a. m. by special bus and will pick up other women between Boone and Todd. Mrs. A. A. Greene of Deep Gap club in Watauga county is president of district 5 and will preside at this meeting.

The following Watauga county women have also been asked to serve on district committees: Mrs. Dean Reese, Beaver Dam; Mrs. A. E. Vannoy, Hodges Gap; Mrs. Glenn Brown, Sands.

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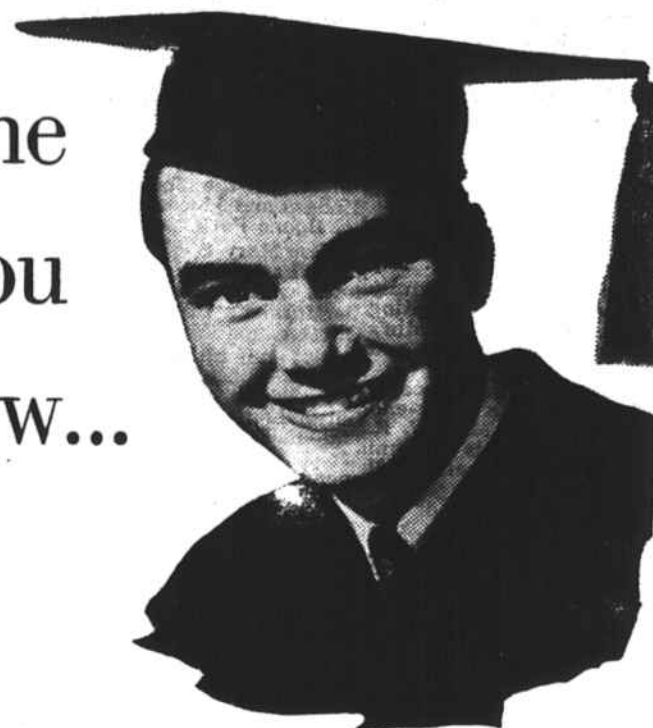
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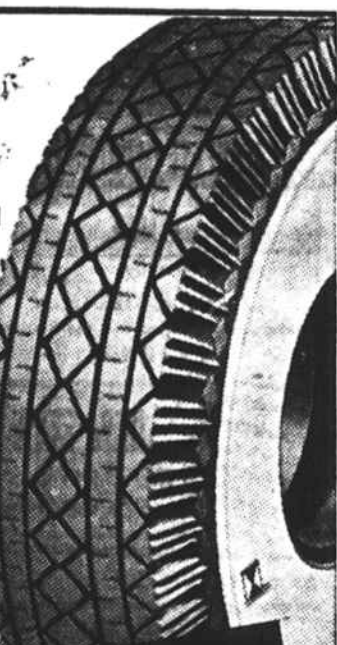
The Progressive Farmer and the Rev. James W. Sells are sponsoring a contest to select the 14 best preachers in the South. Details of the contest are announced in the May issue of the magazine. One will be chosen from each of the following states: Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, West Virginia, Kentucky, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and Oklahoma.

Each preacher selected will be given a free scholarship to the Town and Country School for Religious Workers, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia July 4-21. The scholarship will cover tuition, board, and cost of room for this non-sectarian school.

RIVER BURNS

Spruce Pine, N. C.—Gasoline from a leaking pipe flowed into the Toe River where it was ignited, possibly by a lighted cigarette. Fire swept half a mile upstream, to ignite and destroy three storage tanks of gasoline and oil. The storage tank-blaze was brought under control after volunteer firemen fought it for about four hours.

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