

Zionville News Notes

Mrs. Blanche Miller is ill at her home here.

Mrs. Rosa Ferguson is a patient at Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, where she will undergo surgery.

Mrs. Dora Penn received word that her son, Shelton, is ill in a hospital near Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Wilson and Joe Wilson are visiting relatives in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Etta Reece is visiting in West Virginia with her children there.

Miss Lucile Osborne spent Tuesday night with Dora Deane Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Holman visited Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rominger at Rominger.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Phipps and Freddie spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner at Shoups, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martin and Wallace spent the week end with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Stephens visited last week with Mrs. Polly Greer.

Mrs. Dee Trivett spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mc Loy at Shoups, Tenn.

Mrs. Georgia Miller, Mrs. Helton Wilson and Sandra, Mrs. Howard Phipps and Freddie, visited Friday with Mrs. Ruby Triplett and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Wilson at Perkinsville, Mrs. J. A. Idol and Mrs. Arnold Cooper of Route 2, Boone, spent the day also with the Wilsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Wilson visited Sunday with Mrs. Rosa Ferguson at Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem.

Holman-Roche Vows Spoken

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Holman of Zionville announce the marriage of their daughter, Dare, to A-1c Raoul F. Roche, of Fort Bragg, son of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Roche of Santa Rita, New Mexico. The wedding took place Friday, February 8, at Chesterfield, S. C. The couple will make their home at Fayetteville.

New Hybrid Is Now Available

N. C. 46, a new midseason to early yellow hybrid corn will be available to North Carolina farmers this year, it was announced by John C. Rice, director of the N. C. Crop Improvement Service.

Rice says the new hybrid is adapted to most areas of the state and has become popular in the Coastal Plain and Piedmont sections. It was developed by the N. C. State College Experiment Station.

"N. C. 46 has excellent stalk strength, showing only 9 per cent lodging in the Official Variety Test for short season corns during the past season," Rice said. He pointed out that average lodging percentages of the other short season hybrids in the test was 15 per cent.

According to Rice, N. C. 46 is about equal to U. S. 282 and the grain quality is excellent. "It has good weevil resistance for an early corn and the lowest percentage of exposed ear tips of any of the short season corns in the Official Variety Test," he declared.

Farmers who have tried this variety, said Rice, are well pleased with its excellent standability and low ear replacement, which makes it easier to harvest with a corn picker.

For full season demand, the regular N. C. hybrids will be available to farmers, Rice declared. "The ideal 1956 growing season will result in high quality seed grain being placed on the market," he reported, "and N. C. 27, the states most popular yellow hybrid, Dixie 82 and N. C. 42 will be readily available."

Those farmers desiring white hybrids will be able to get Coker 811 and Coker 911, which have received wide acceptability from the milling trade, Rice said. He also pointed out that a limited amount of U. S. 523W and Dixie 17, two additional white hybrids, would be available.

Dixie 29, a very popular white hybrid adapted to all areas of the state will be available also, Rice announced.

Strip Cropping Helps Farmers Hold Land

By H. J. WILLIAMS

Is strip cropping needed on your farm? This is a question that can be answered in the affirmative by several hundred farmers in the county. The farmer that finds it necessary to work steep fields has a need for this practice. It is one of several practices that must be used when sloping areas are cultivated; if the soil is kept in place and serious erosion is prevented.

Strip cropping is more than a single measure. It is a combination of the following good farming practices: 1. Contour farming is automatic when strip cropping is properly established. 2. A good rotation is systematically followed when strips are alternated between tilled crops and grass and clover. 3. The organic content of the soil is kept high when the strips are rotated, and sod is turned before a cultivated crop is planted. 4. Both summer and winter cover crops are kept on fields worked in strips.

Strip cropping slows the speed of water as it travels down the slope, causing more of it to be absorbed on the field, where it is needed during dry periods. As the water begins to gain speed in the cultivated areas it is checked by a sod crop below. When cultivation of the cropped strip is on the contour, each row helps to hold its own water and lessen the flow to the area below.

Most farmers in the Watauga Soil Conservation District that have tried strip cropping like the practice. After the first year the practice is begun, the sequence of strips to be farmed becomes natural, and a rotation is usually easier to follow than in ordinary fields. Where there are natural draws in the field, they should be left in sod waterways at all times to prevent erosion where water becomes heavily concentrated.

When steep pastures are to be re-seeded, there is much less danger of soil loss, if they are plowed and seeded in alternate strips. This requires two different seedings, but gives far greater erosion protection.

As the plowing season is now approaching, it is time to have those fields marked for contour strip cropping. Soil Conservation Service personnel will gladly mark your fields, if contacted at the local office.

Scouts To Get Free Camping At Raven's Knob

Fifteen or more Watauga Scouts may go to Raven's Knob Camp free this summer as the result of their advancement in Scouting, if plans of the Watauga District are carried out.

The plans were announced at the district meeting last Thursday night in the First Presbyterian Church in Boone, when W. C. Richardson presided over his first meeting as district chairman.

Several civic clubs have offered to pay the way to summer camp for boys who make the most advancement in the trail of Scouting, and other clubs and institutions are expected to participate. Any group or organization wishing to help in this program may contact Dr. Lee Reynolds at his home for details.

Seventeen adult Scouters attended the meeting, which was also attended by Roscoe Stevens, Scout Executive of the Old Hickory Council of which Watauga County is a part. Discussions were held concerning problems of Scouting in the county and the achievements which Scouting has made.

B. W. Stallings, who heads the camping and activities committee in the district, urged that Scout masters encourage all their boys to go to Raven's Knob for camping this summer. He explained that boys can get more out of a week's camping there than they are able to get in a much longer period at home.

ARRESTS SELF

Albuquerque, N. M.—A man staggered through the front door of the police station early one morning recently and up the stairs to the desk where officer Richard Morris was sitting. "I'm drunk—lock me up," the man demanded. He was drunk and Morris obliged.

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- 44—HARDIN PARK—5 rooms down, 2 bedrooms, 2 rooms up not finished, full size basement, oil furnace, hot air heat, bath, city water, large lot on paved street.
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SHOT PROVES LUCKY

Austin, Minn.—Being accidentally shot in the back while hunting probably saved 16-year-old Bryan Boettcher's life. Doctors treating the youth after he had been wounded discovered he had a collapsed lung, a condition caused by a rare lung disease. If the ailment had not been found when it was, it likely would have proved fatal.

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