

Keeping Up On Farming with Uncle Walt

We sure have been havin some real hog killin weather down our way for the past few days and I believe about everybody here in the community is takin advantage of it too. I ain't killed yit but I been helpin out my neighbors so when I do git ready, I'll have plenty of help to take care of mine. I'm always glad to see hog killin time roll around 'cause it gives a body a chance to help out his feller men. It use to be where we would have corn shuckins, cotton pickins and barn raisins. But times has changed so much 'til it's got to where it is sort of ever man for himself. That ain't fer the best either I don't think 'cause the effect of it is carried on into the churches and schools and everywhere else.

Take when we had corn shuckins and everybody in the community would come in and set around a pile of corn a shuckin and a talkin. Nobody worked hard or very long either and everybody had a lot of fun and the women folks always had a table full of good vittles. Back then we had a lot better cooperation in our little church and the whole community was sorta nitted together. It ain't like that no more though. When we sorta got away from helpin each other on the farm, we sorta become individuals in the church and in everything we undertook to do.

I ain't sayin that corn shuckins and cotton pickins have that much effect on the life in a community. I am a sayin though that they do a lot of good and I would like to see them come back into bein. I don't grow enough corn myself to think about havin a shuckin but I sure would like to git behind a big pile of corn with a bunch of other folks and shuck and talk like we use to do.

People is jest livin too fast these days and times. It ain't only here but it must be the same way everwhere. I thought our little old community would be the last one to ever git away from the good old customs and ways of doin things. But we've joined ranks along with the others and we're a losin ground mighty fast. I think we're still better off than a lot of others though because we still love our neighbors and always help out in times of sickness and what not.

Most people lay our changes to the progress that's been made in farm machinery and the like. They say a man with a tractor and the right tools to go with it can do more work in a day than several men use to could with their mules and plow stocks. That may be true and I think it's a good thing that we've gone that far in our farmin, but the thing I'm gittin at is our gains in that direction more important than our losses in the other. Course I know it is, but I was brought up durin a time when everybody had to work for a livin and the ones that didn't work didn't have much to eat or to wear. We're jest livin in a different kind of world now, one in which everybody's better off any way you look at it. But it's sorta hard fer us old codgers to firtgit about the good old days when we use to have so much fun a doin such hard work.

The fact that we've sorta got away from our old ways of doin things is makin it a lot easier on all of us. Most of the time now when we git ready to do somethin, we've got the equipment and things to do it with without havin to wait 'til some day it suits our neighbors to help us out. Take the corn shuckins fer instance, these here corn pickers and combines and things will do the job in a lot less time and in most cases do it better than we use to could do. You can say about the same thing fer most any job you start to do on the farm nowadays. And I doubt if they's anybody who would like to see us go a slidin back after we've made all the progress we have.

Yessir, things sure is different, and far be it from me to say that I'd like to see us go back to the old days. I jest wish we could have some of both.

Hospital Patients

Patients in Chowan Hospital as of Monday of this week were:

White—Mrs. Claudia Moore, Mrs. Mattie Elliott, Kenneth Byrum, Vernon Moore, Willie Shaw, Miss Carol Edwards, Mrs. Thelma Nixon, Mrs. Cornelia Helms, Eddie Miller and Mrs. Maggie Walters.

Negro—Mattie Brinkley, Queen Cooper, Roger Thatch, Clinton Jordan, Tency Bond, Willie Skinner and Betty Ann Webb.

Patients discharged from December 29 to January 5 were:

White—Mrs. Beverly Harrell, Mrs. Pearl Gardner, Alexias Martin, Mrs. Hattie Chappell, Mrs. Violet Lambardo, John Porter, Mrs. Mildred Williford, Mrs. Mary Wright and baby boy, Micheal Ruter, Baby Girl Lowther, Mrs. Lavenia Harrell, J. L. Batton, Sr., and Mrs. Madge Whitehurst and baby boy.

Negro—Odia Lee Brothers, Caelie Baum, Birda White, Doris Rountree and baby boy, Johnnie Armstead, Martha Johnson and baby girl, Annie Bonner and baby boy, Baby Boy Rodgers.

Chaplains for the week are: White, the Rev. C. H. Beale. Negro, the Rev. Alexander Valentine.

BRIDE-ELECT HONORED

Miss Marlene Miller entertained in honor of her twin sister, Arlene, bride-elect, on Monday night with a miscellaneous shower. Those attending and sending gifts were:

Misses Annette Oliver, Margaret Miller, Jean Spruill, Elwanda Gibbs, Carolyn Sadler, Legion Owens, Emma Lou Wheeler, Grace Hudson, Edna Lassiter, Juanita Bennett, Sherry White, Evelyn Harrell, Mesdames David White, D. W. Wheeler, Larry Dowd, Harry Lassiter, Frank Habit, Ernest Spruill, George White, Paul Cayton, Nathan Owens, Bruce Whitehurst, Grace Britton, Leo Lavior, Erma Allsbrook, Joe Basnight, Kiser Phillips, Helen Spruill, George Comer, Major Forehand, Lee Sadler, Andrew Hawkins, Richard Hollowell, Bertram Byrum, Zettie White, Buck Wheeler, Ray Norris, William Stokley, Henry Rogerson, Tex Parillo, Allie Hudson.

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Saturday Continuous From 1:30
Sunday 2:15, 4:15 and 9:15

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Richard Widmark and Joanna Dru in "MY PAL GUS"
B. G. WILLIS

Saturday, January 10—

Allan Rocky Lane in "THUNDERING CARAVANS"
MAGGIE REEVES

Sun., Mon., Tues., and Wed. January 11-12-13-14—

Betty Hutton, Cornel Wilde, Dorothy Lamour, James Stewart and many more in Cecil B. DeMille's "THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH"
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EDEN THEATRE

Friday and Saturday, January 9-10—

Barbara Stanwyck and Preston Foster in "ANNIE OAKLEY"
RICHARD P. BAER

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, January 11-12-13—

Howard Duff and Coleen Gray in "MODELS, INC."
J. L. BATTON

Wednesday and Thursday, January 14-15—

Joan Crawford and Jack Palance in "SUDDEN FEAR"
L. T. DUNBAR

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FIRE FACTS



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ACCUMULATIONS OF DRY LEAVES, RUBBISH, ETC., NEAR HOUSE AND IN ROOF EAVES ARE AN INVITATION TO FIRE

170,000 More People Are On Public Payroll Than At War Peak

Unemployment in the U. S. is now at a peace-time low; almost anyone who wants to work need only apply. But what is not generally known is that this surfeit of employment also extends to workers in all grades of government, Federal, state and local. According to the latest edition of Facts and Figures on Government Finance, 1952-53, there were at one time last year nearly 170,000 more government employees than at the World War II peak.

The 217-page, seventh edition of the reference and source book published by the Tax Foundation, a private, non-profit, government research organization with offices in New York and Washington, illustrates this in one of its 174 tables and 11 charts. A compilation on civilian employees in Federal, state and local government shows that all forms of government in the U. S., had 6,921,000 employees in 1952. At the previous peak, in 1945, there were only 6,754,000 total employees.

The table also shows the great rise in government employment at the Federal level, particularly after the nation entered the defense period inspired by Korea. In 1950, for example, there were only about 2 million Federal civilian employees. By last year this number had increased to over 2 1/2 million.

At the same time, another table showing the monthly payroll of ci-

vilian employees in the three types of government, illustrates what it cost the taxpayer to support this growing employment. From 1950 to 1952, this chart shows, payrolls for all government in the U. S. rose by nearly half a billion dollars to a total of \$1.9 billion a month. The Federal payroll in the same period increased by more than \$300 million per month.

Chowan High Menu

The menu at Chowan High School lunch room for the remainder of this week follows:

Thursday—Milk, beef and vegetable soup, deviled egg sandwiches, crackers and bread, huckleberry cobbler.

Friday—Milk, turkey, gravy, cranberry sauce, May peas, mashed potatoes, rolls, butter, jello with fruit.

Might Help

"Young man," the father said sternly, "do you think you should be taking my daughter to night clubs all the time?"

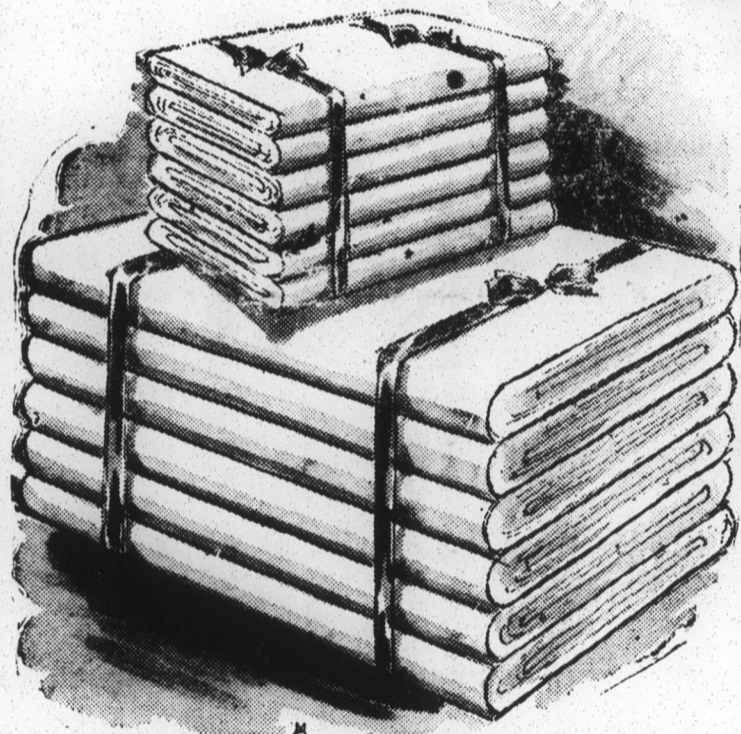
"Indeed, not, sir," the swain replied, then added hopefully, "shall we try to reason with her?"

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Alma E. Harrell wishes to express its deep appreciation and heartfelt thanks for the many expressions of love, interest and sympathy during his illness and death.

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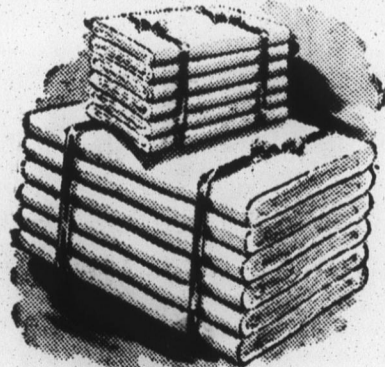
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