



The Roundup

By WILBORNE HARRELL

Today—Is Easter, like Christmas, in danger of becoming over-commercialized? Or, becoming just another secular holiday? Easter Sunday, the day that should be observed in reverence, is fast becoming just the setting for a vast fashion parade — for men and women to show off new clothes and hats. The sale of Easter finery is one of the largest aspects of a commercialized Easter. Each year the fashion parade on New York's Fifth Avenue alone attracts over a million people, not to mention the lesser "Avenues" throughout the nation. And then there are the sale of bunny rabbits, Easter eggs, Easter cards, candies, flowers, baskets, and a long list of similar items that have no real Easter significance. Easter is celebrated in commemoration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. On that day we should attend church with that in mind, but far too many of us go



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to church just to show off our new Easter clothes. Passing parade: The infinite patience of some people is a marvel to behold. A case in point is a collection of dolls, representing the ladies of the Edenton Tea Party, authentically dressed in minutest detail, made and assembled by Mrs. Lloyd Griffin of Edenton. It must have been a labor of love as well as ability, careful research — and lots and lots of patience. Yesterday—John Wesley Hardin, as his name implies, was the son of a Methodist minister and also one of the West's most celebrated gunmen. Born in a well-to-do Texas family, educated, and at one time a Sunday School superintendent, just how or why Hardin turned killer is one of the Old West's enigmas. But killer and gunman he unquestionably became, killing his first man at the age of 15. From then on, Hardin led a bloody trail, credited with having killed 40 men; until he himself came to a violent end with three bullets in his back. Hardin reputedly was the only man who ever "backed down" Will Bill Hickok.

Tomorrow—When more and more people in high scientific places speak out against the banning of Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, and deplore his removal from the active scientific scene—where his genius would serve the United States best—it strikes me that there is something wrong somewhere. Dr. Oppenheimer's security clearance, you may recall, was withdrawn four years ago. He was dismissed as a government consultant but cleared of being a communist, and confirmed in his loyalty to the United States. Now, Dr. Werner von Braun, the man behind the Explorer Satellite, in a recent speech took a stand in behalf of Oppenheimer. The United States has lost much valuable ground in the deadly race with communism by such maudlin tactics as were employed in the Oppenheimer case. Frankly, I don't quite understand the setup—how a man can be considered a security risk, fired from his job, and at the same time be termed a loyal subject of the United States. Says Dr. von Braun, "I think the British would have knighted him."



RELIGION IN ACTION—Shoveling her way to church is routine for Rev. Winnifred M. Bridges, who serves as pastor for several churches near the town of Swastika in the sparsely settled Hough Lake region of Ontario, Canada. The 34-year-old woman, ordained in 1956, is a minister of the United Church of Canada.

that there was something in the soil which was toxic to the young plants.

Mr. Leary informed us that the greenhouse soil was fumigated in a pile under rather adverse weather conditions. The treating cover was left on the soil for approximately a week rather than a maximum of 72 hours. This caused bromine to begin incorporating in the soil particles making it more difficult for these to escape when the cover was removed. The soil was used for planting about two weeks after it was treated.

Mr. Garris was pretty confident that the plant trouble was caused by bromine which was not cleared. To avoid this trouble in the future, the following recommendation was made. Treat the soil at least 30 to 40 days before it is to be used. Apply soil treating chemical when the soil temperature is not below 45 degrees, preferably higher. If weather is fairly warm, remove the cover after 36 hours. Regardless of weather conditions do not leave treating cover on more than 72 hours. When the cover is removed permit the soil to air out for two or three days, then turn the soil completely. After another week of airing turn or completely screen the soil again. If the soil is not used within 30 days after treating and the above recommendations are followed, there should not be any ill effects from

from it. Now is a good time to clean the hives up in good shape for the honey flow. With a hive tool scrape off all of the excess wax and gum which the bees place around the ends of the frames. Clean hives are so much easier to work with and managed so much better. When the honey flow starts give each hive one empty super for the surplus. As soon as one super is about one-half to two-thirds filled, add another. Never let your bees get without sufficient room to put the honey. Call on your county agent if you need assistance.

GUM POND CLUB MEETS

The Gum Pond Home Demonstration Club met in March with Mrs. Carey Evans. With the coming of spring and summer, the topic for the demonstration at this meeting, "Fabrics—Synthetics and Blends", was a most informative one. This demonstration was given by Miss Maidred Morris, home agent. Everyone was eager to hear Miss Morris explain the different types of new materials on the market for ready-made clothes and also for home sewing. She told the club how these new materials should be used and taken care of for the best advantage.

Mrs. Ellie Bunch gave a report on plant life.

The club joined the Hospital Auxiliary and Mrs. Florine Nixon and Miss Beulah Evans were appointed to put flowers in the hospital.

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AROUND THE FARMS IN CHOWAN

By C. W. OVERMAN, Chowan County Agent

New Farrowing House Completed

I visited the W. W. Byrum farm in Enterprise community in which a new central farrowing house is already completed. Mr. Byrum had one or two brood sows which had just farrowed. One of these had mashed several pigs. Investigation shows

that he did not have his brooders installed correctly and had entirely too much litter on the floor which possibly accounted for the loss.

A good farrowing house is an important facility in good hog raising. It is like any other piece of equipment, and it must be used right. Guard rails should be in-

stalled to protect the pigs. A brooder light at the corner of each pen is very important to keep the pigs out of the way of the sow when they are not nursing. There should be a small amount of litter, not more than one inch or two on the floor. Never let litter be deep enough for the sow to make a bed for pigs to get trapped in.

Greenhouse Problems Investigated

T. S. Leary and Sons of Rocky Hook community planned early flower plant production. Greenhouse soil was fumigated with Methyl Bromide. Seed was planted in flats. Fairly good germination of seed resulted but soon after the plants began to die.

The Leary's had followed good disease control measures in the greenhouse. The problem appeared to be one of disease. The county agent called in H. R. Garris, Extension Plant Pathologist. After careful examination, Mr. Garris diagnosed the trouble as one of toxicity. He concluded

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