



The Roundup

By WILBORNE HARRELL

I have never seen a Walt Disney movie I didn't like, whether cartoon or live. And to create a character as well-loved as Mickey Mouse, and to reach the hearts of a million kids (and adults), as Disney most assuredly has, should be success and happiness sufficient for any man.

I don't envy any man his lot, I don't care for a seat in the White House;

Just give me the genius of a Disney

And let me create a Mickey Mouse.

**THUMBNAIL BOOK REVIEW—**  
If you like the robustness and earthiness of the Western story—or the pioneer story—read 'The Way West,' by A. B. Guthrie, Jr. It is the saga of a triumphant wagon-trek westward to Oregon. The author, in

The Way West, has written the ultimate story of this genre, and in him, as Bernard de Voto writes, "The pioneer West has found its novelist at last."

The Way West is written in a simple, free and easy, almost "homey" style. And the author thumbs his nose at the literary purists by using clichés and the simplest language now and then—if they seem to serve his purpose best. The book is full of sights and sounds and smells of a wagontrain on the march; and runs the gamut of all the emotions of a bunch of people thrown together by circumstance, and necessity far from the familiar spot called home. There is keen life and the paths of death; the brightness of sun-streaked dawns, and star-studded and sometimes storm-streaked nights. There are rattlesnakes, Indians and stam-

pedes. There is music and laughter and courage and fear, back-breaking toil and ever-present danger—but above all, there rolls along with the wagon wheels the comforting, compensating thought of the good land ahead—and where they would once again call a place on this earth, home.

**THE WEST—**This year marks the 100th anniversary of the famed Pony Express, which was inaugurated April 3, 1860. Its life as a mail-carrier was destined to be a short one, operating only 18 months; but the Pony Express in this short span wrote in the history of America and the West, as dramatic a story as ever studied the folklore of any people.

Preserve Edenton's Past with a progressive Present.

scheduled the 4-H County Council meeting, waiting to get the date he could meet with us. The Council voted at their last meeting to invite Bobby down to tell us his experiences as an IFYE delegate to Burma.

Bobby Smith of Belvidere (Perquimans County) was chosen as one of seventy young people from throughout the United States to participate in the 1959 International Farm Youth Exchange. This program, called IFYE, is conducted by the National 4-H Club Foundation. The delegates live and work with farm families in the countries they visit, therefore they are able to become acquainted with the basis of the civilization of the country. Each delegate spends approximately six months in his host country.

Bobby had some very interesting experiences during his stay in Burma, living with 13 families. I'm sure you will be interested in hearing these experiences, therefore we are inviting all 4-H'ers to this County Council meeting and your parents. Let's have a big turnout to hear this outstanding

4-H'er. Among the many honorees Bobby won include the National 4-H Health Award in 1954, the National 4-H Achievement Award in 1955, and the National Danforth Leadership Award in 1956. He received over \$3,000 in scholarship awards to attend the college of his choice.

Have you decided to give a demonstration this year? I hope that a lot of you will, because you will enjoy doing it and it will be a wonderful experience for you, especially if you can be a winner. Of course, this just depends on how much you are willing to work. When you do decide, let Miss Aman or me know so that we can help you.

Are you keeping your project record books up to date? You will find it much easier to complete your records if you will take a minute or two to record events as they happen. And remember to use your manual for your project. Recommended practices followed is a part of your record.

Liberty, which appears so dear, is often only an imaginary good. —Pierre Corneille.

Soil Conservation Week May 22-29

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279,600 farmers in the nation as cooperators.

Main purpose of the Soil Conservation Service is to furnish technical assistance to these 2,861 districts. Other duties have been added through the years. These include carrying out the U.S.D.A. responsibilities in watershed protection and flood prevention projects and river-basin investigation; administers the Federal part of the National Cooperative Soil Survey; administers the Great Plains Conservation program; plan and apply measures and practices that reduce flood damage in 11 major watersheds; heads the national soil and water conservation needs inventory; helps develop the annual agricultural conservation program, giving technical assistance to farmers participating in that program, and providing designs and specifications for permanent-type conservation practices; gives technical assistance to farmers in the Soil Banks Conservation Reserve program; gives technical assistance to farmers participating in the conservation-credit program of the Farmers Home Administration; gives technical assistance in the soil and water conservation phases of the rural development program, and makes and coordinates snow surveys for water supply forecasting in the Western States.

**Water Conservation Postage Stamp—**  
The Post Office Department will place on sale a 4-cent postage stamp honoring water conservation April 19, 1960. The local post office will have a supply of 5,000 of these stamps. Persons who wish first-day stamps should contact the local postmaster.

**Coastal Bermuda**  
Coastal Bermuda grass set on several farms in the county in March is beginning to turn green. Plantings were checked Friday on L. N. Hollowell, W. M. Hare, Fahey and Carroll Byrum's farms.

**Ditch Bank Stabilization**  
A trial planting of lovegrass and sericea lespedeza for ditch bank stabilization was made Friday on W. M. Hare's farm. Rows about one foot apart were seeded on the slope of the ditch. Pipes for surface water to enter the ditch have been installed.

W. E. Bond of Edenton is preparing the banks of his new ditch. A strip of grass will be seeded on each side of the ditch to prevent erosion. Pipe will be installed to take surface water into the ditch.

Many farmers are finding that a little ditch protection will save the new open ditch.

**Beach Erosion Stabilization**  
The Soil Conservation Service has established a test plot on the Leigh farm in Perquimans County to prevent beach erosion. The test plot was sloped to about a 3:1 and several different kinds of grasses planted. Among them were cord grasses found growing locally. Karl Kraetz, SCS plant materials specialist, is in charge of the project. Several of these tests have proven successful in Virginia and Maryland.

Plant Expansion Estimated At \$37 Billion

Expenditures for new plant and equipment by business and industry have shown a close relationship to economic activity over the past decade. In the majority of years they have run between 7 and 8 percent of gross national product. Two principal exceptions during this period were in 1955 and 1957, when the ratio exceeded 8 percent in the capital expansion boom during those years.

Spending on new plant and equipment this year is forecast at \$37 billion, duplicating the high in 1957, according to the

Securities and Exchange Commission and the Department of Commerce. If realized, this would represent 7.3 percent of the estimated \$510 billion of gross national product for the year.

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CHOWAN NEWS

By HARRY VENTERS Assistant County Agent

I have just received word from Bobby Smith saying that he will be able to be in this county on Friday, April 29. Miss Aman and I have not

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is hereby given that application was made on the 4th day of April, 1960, by the Western Union Telegraph Company to the Federal Communications Commission to close the telegraph office located at 115 East King Street, Edenton, North Carolina, and to provide service at Carolina Trailways, located at 322 South Broad Street, Edenton, North Carolina, who will act henceforth as agent of the Telegraph Company. If the application is granted, substitute service will be available from 8:30 A. M., to 7:00 P. M., Monday through Saturday and from 9:00 A. M., to 1:00 P. M., on Sunday at the agency telegraph office located at the Carolina Trailways, 322 South Broad Street, Edenton, North Carolina. Any member of the public desiring to protest or support the closing of this office may communicate in writing with the Federal Communications Commission, Washington 25, D. C., on or before May 3, 1960.

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