

# THIS BUSINESS OF Living

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### A MATTER OF COMPARISON

"Hold on there!" said I to my daughter last Saturday morning when I saw her getting out the big yellow crock and the wooden spoon and the butter and sugar preparatory to making our Sunday cake. "Perhaps we'd better have ginger bread or fruit to desert instead. You know there's a shortage of sugar and we've got to go mighty easy."

"But we have been going easy," she reminded me. "No chocolate sauce for our ice cream last night. No candied apples with the pork the other day and never any candy. Besides, they say we'll be allowed 77 pounds of sugar for each of us this year and that's quite a lot."

"What do you mean 'quite a lot,'" I asked her. "It's a lot less than we're used to and everybody is warning us to be careful."

"Well, it all depends on how you look at it," my philosophical daughter, now a junior in high school, declared. "If you compare it with what we used to have here in the United States when the sky was the limit, it isn't much. But when you compare it with what they ate before the war in other countries, we're still rolling in sugar."

"Do you happen to know how

much they did eat in these other countries?" I asked, pinning her down.

"It's all in my school notebook. Just wait until I get it." And in another few minutes she was giving me chapter and verse on the world sugar situation. Maybe you'll be as surprised as I was at the actual facts.

It seems that in 1937 and 1938 when things were still going along in a fairly normal way, the average Frenchman ate only 55 pounds of sugar per year, in spite of all their wonderful little "gateaus" and fancy chocolate concoctions. The Russians ate only 29 pounds per person and the Poles 28. The Dutch, whom we've always thought of as living very well, ate about 64 pounds of sugar each year. In Great Britain they had a much sweeter time with 109 pounds per person, but Australia did even better getting 113 pounds each. But that was still well below the American average.

Comparison. And Americans in war time live better than many Europeans in the days of peace! We've taken too many of our advantages for granted and too often overlooked the fact that our free industrial system has made us used to standard of living undreamed of in many lands.

### Timely Farm Questions

**QUESTION:** Is information available on the control of cattle lice?

**ANSWER:** The State College Extension Service has recently published a folder (No. 50) on "The Control of Cattle Lice." It is available free upon request to the Agricultural Editor, State College, Raleigh. The folder was prepared especially for 4-H Club members.

**QUESTION:** What small fruits are adapted to the various sections of North Carolinas?

**ANSWER:** Strawberries, dewberries, blackberries and grapes are recommended throughout the State by H. R. Niswonger, of State College. Raspberries are adapted to all except the Eastern part of the State. "Plant a few fig bushes," Niswonger suggests. "Set strawberries 24 inches apart, the cane fruits five to six feet apart, bunch grapes 10 feet apart, bunch grapes 16 feet apart, and muscadine grapes 20 feet apart."

**QUESTION:** Will a storage battery, in a farm tractor or other machine, freeze in cold weather?

**ANSWER:** D. S. Weaver, Extension agricultural engineer of State College, says a discharged battery will freeze at slightly under 32 degrees Fahrenheit, with possible damage to the plates. If the battery is kept charged, the solution will withstand a much lower temperature without freezing. Weaver says that a storage battery has less than one-half the normal starting capacity when the temperature is at zero. Maximum starting capacity is at 80 degrees Fahrenheit.

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### MARBLE NEWS

Herman and Dugan West have returned from a visit to Akron, Ohio.

Everyone is glad to know that Ramon and Alvin Cooke, children of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cooke, are improving after being in Murphy Hospital with pneumonia.

Miss Pauline Beaver, from Gastonia, is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Lucille Brakebill, from Newport, Tenn., spent last week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Trull, and sister, Mrs. Arthur Palmer.

Mrs. Frank Walsh was confined to her home last week due to tonsillitis.

Howard Trull, Charles Ballard and Hub Baxter left this week for the army.

The P. T. A. will meet Friday afternoon, March 13th, in the School auditorium.

The honor roll for February has been announced by Principal J. Frank Walsh, of the Marble school, as follows:

First Grade — Mrs. Ocie Foster, teacher; Kent Ladd, Hoyle Parker, Fred West, and Maxine Trull.

Second Grade — Miss Elizabeth Kilpatrick, teacher; Kenneth Coffey, Jackie Ingram, Loyal Trull, Maurice West, Alma Coffey, Betty Kilpatrick, Janice King, Marilyn Littlejohn and Reba West.

Third Grade — Mrs. Carrie Womack, teacher; Betty Ann Barton, Mildred Day, Mary Nell Lovingood, Helen Totherow, Betty Lou Taylor, Winnie Lee West, Eugene Griggs, Bobby Hass, Robert Kilpatrick, Harley Lovingood, and William Marr.

Fourth Grade — Mrs. Carrie Womack and Miss Hazel Chambers, teachers; Leona Howard and Winnie Baxter.

Fifth Grade — Miss Hazel Chambers, teacher; Jean Thompson, Maurice Hall, Bobby Ingram, Morgan Kilpatrick and Le Roy Walsh.

Sixth Grade — Mrs. Leila Axley, teacher; Dorothy Mae Coffey and Mary Willie Howard.

Seventh Grade — J. Frank Walsh, teacher; Pearl Griggs, Nelle Rodgers, Eugene Gnann, Boyd Hedrick, and Joe Mintz.

The perfect attendance list follows:

First Grade — Lynn Goode, Estavee Holden, Kent Ladd, Willis Lovingood, Hoyle Parker, Richard Stamper, Maxine Trull and Fred West.

Second Grade — Jackie Ingram, Loyal Trull, Alma Coffey, Janice King, and Marilyn Littlejohn.

Third Grade — Betty Lois Boling, Robert Browning, Mildred Day, Eugene Griggs, Bobby Hass, Bobby Ladd, William Marr, Harold Stampfer and Winnie Lee West.

Fourth Grade — Stokes Day and Leona Howard.

## STRAIGHT FROM NEW YORK

**SIDE DRAPE SUIT DRESS**

Back to the days of the side saddle riding skirt goes this navy suit-dress — a New York creation — with its smart new wrap-around skirt caught up in a tie-effect at the side and attached to a top of white crepe. The short jacket with bracelet length sleeves hangs with easy grace. A vaillant new style trend.

Fifth Grade — Devereaux Barton, Alice Derberry, and Ruby Stiles.

Sixth Grade — Dorothy Mae Coffey and Mary Willie Howard.

Seventh Grade — Henry Braswell, Boyd Hedrick, Joe Mintz, George Gnann, Eugene Gnann, Pearl Griggs, Lena Jenkins, Marie Pendergras and Nelle Rodgers.

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### He Beant It Too

A Paris movie house, the Grand Guignol, recently featured a creepy thriller, entitled "The House of Slow Death." Outside the theater, next to the poster advertising the program, the manager placed a large notice: "Visitors to Paris Are Cordially Welcomed." The only visitors in Paris today are Nazis.

## Carolina Sells Army Fruits, Vegetables Valued At \$190,000

North Carolina fruits and vegetables, valued at \$190,000 have been fed to soldiers at Fort Bragg and Camp Davis during the past nine months.

The quality of North Carolina fruits and vegetables sold to the Army has been highly praised by officials.

The list of fruits and vegetables include:

Vegetables — Snap beans, beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, egg plant, sweet corn, cucumbers, lettuce, lima beans (shelled and unshelled), mustard greens, okra, Irish potatoes, squash, sweet potatoes, rape, rutabagas, turnips, turnip greens, tomatoes, spinach.

Fruits — Apples, blueberries, cantaloupes, dewberries, strawberries, peaches, watermelons.

More North Carolina Irish potatoes were purchased than any other single commodity; 40,000 bushels valued at approximately \$30,000.

Apples and peaches led the fruit purchases; 5,200 bushels of apples and 5,300 bushels of peaches.

Other leading fruits and vegetables purchased included: sweet potatoes, 35,000 bushels; snap beans 23,000 bushels; cantaloupes, 4,000 crates; watermelons, 31,000.

### Danes Not Out

Although Denmark is not officially at war with Germany, more than 10,000 Danish seamen are now serving on merchant and naval vessels of the United Nations and are thus doing their bit against Hitler.

### Russian Grain

When the Russian armies withdrew from Southern Russia last fall, they carefully took with them seed grain from various ties especially bred for that region. This grain has been planted in suitable areas of Canada, to be available after the war.

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