

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS ABOUT People You Know

Mrs. C. D. Neal, of West Jefferson, was a visitor in North Wilkesboro last Thursday.

Mrs. Ed D. Barr and Mrs. Lem Water were in North Wilkesboro on Saturday.—The Skyland Post.

Mr. Charles McNeill, Wilkes welfare officer, is confined to his home with an attack of flu.

Mr. J. B. McCoy has an attack of flu. Friends hope for an early recovery.

Register of Deeds C. C. Sidden was a business visitor to Winston-Salem Friday evening.

Mr. T. E. Story, Wilkes' representative in the General Assembly at Raleigh, spent the week-end with his family in Wilkesboro.

Mr. Konrad Pearson, who has a position in Hickory, visited his mother, Mrs. A. K. Pearson, in this city, the past week-end.

Mr. Jim Hauser is able to be out again after being confined to his home here for four weeks by illness.

Mr. W. M. Eiler, well known resident of Congo postoffice, was a business visitor to the city Saturday.

Mrs. C. M. Hart, of Chattanooga, Tenn., is here visiting her sister, Mrs. Bryan Gilreath, and other relatives.

Mrs. Leonard Hudler a former resident of this town now living in North Wilkesboro was a pleasant visitor here among friends and relations the latter part of last week.—The Skyland Post.

Dr. Theodore Antonakos, member of the staff of City Memorial hospital in Winston-Salem, spent a few days in this city last week with his father, Mr. Pete Antonakos, who was recovering from a recent illness.

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Army training is making men out of these boys at the New York City reformatory, at New Hampton, N. Y. At the suggestion of Mayor Fiorella La Guardia, military drill was tried as an experiment at the correctional institution. The average age of the boys is 19. Here you see (left) a company presenting arms at a flag-lowering ceremony. Right: inmates charging with their wooden guns during field drill.



Mrs. Constance R. Garvey, of West Jefferson, was a visitor in this city Tuesday.

Mr. Robert S. Gibbs, Sr., returned to his home at Mars Hill today after spending a few days here with his son, Mr. Robert S. Gibbs, Jr., and family.

Miss Blanche Sidden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Sidden, of Joynee, has completed a secretarial course at Draughon's Business College in Winston-Salem.

Mr. Ira W. Day, former citizen of Wilkesboro now living in Reading, Pa., is spending a few days with friends in the Wilkesboros.

Miss Elsie Whittington, of West Jefferson, has been visiting relatives at Reddies River for a few days before going to Galax, Va., to accept a position.

Mrs. Will Blair left Friday for Alexandria, Va., to visit for a few days with Mrs. Charlie Smoot. Mrs. Blair and Mrs. Smoot plan to attend the president's inauguration in Washington today.

Mr. Bill Abner Caudill, of North Wilkesboro route one, was able to return to his job at Carolina Mirror corporation last week after being out three weeks on account of mumps.

There's Specie Of Pine For Every Area In The State

Choosing the kind of trees to be used in making a forest planting is much like selecting a piece of farm machinery, says R. W. Graeber, Extension forester of N. C. State College. A lot depends upon the kind and condition of the soil, and the purpose for which it will be used.

Trees vary in growth habits according to soil, climate, moisture, and degree of fertility. For instance, the white pine does best in the mountains, the longleaf pine in the sandhills, the shortleaf pine in the Piedmont, and the loblolly pine in the Coastal Plain.

Graeber also pointed out that every farm needs fence posts. "If you don't have a suitable supply of durable wood," he says, "perhaps an acre or so of black locust will meet this problem and at the same time, with its strong spreading root system, be of much help in checking erosion. Even the bees will be happy with your choice, as the locust flowers are a source of good quality honey."

In a further discussion of the type of forest planting to make, the Extension specialist said: "Much of the idle land in our State is mighty poor; yet one of our better pines will grow in every section. Pines will furnish us with lumber for constructing the farm buildings and for repairing those we now have, and with fuel wood for heating our homes, cooking our meals, and for curing tobacco in the flue-cured areas.

"Fuel wood is an important crop, since we as farmers use each year a stack of wood four feet wide, four feet high, and 7,000 miles long. Then, too, pines will produce an income from the sale of such products as pulpwood, poles, piling, and saw logs."

Newer Principles Control Of Rats

The U. S. Department of Agriculture is continuously investigating methods of rat control. Some years ago barium carbonate was used as the poison element in preparing baits for rats. Today that poison, which is deadly to all animals, has been largely abandoned in rat control work and red squill powder has taken its place.

This change was due to improvement in control technique and to the following facts concerning red squill: Red squill does not ordinarily kill any animals other than rats and mice; it may make human beings, dogs, cats, and other animals sick, but they vomit up the poisoned bait and recover quickly; red squill does not, in the formulas commonly used, affect poultry; it acts slowly, allowing late comers to the bait to feed without being scared off by finding dying or dead rats lying around; after eating some of the bait the sick animals seek their burrows, and in most cases, they die in the ground, thus preventing the odors that usually follow rat control operations, and bait mixed with red squill can be processed and kept indefinitely.

The Bureau of Biological Survey, however, not only stresses control of rats through the use

Emergency Crop Loans Available

Applications May Be Made Now At Office Of Wilkes Clerk Of Court

Mrs. Aline Yates, appointed to receive applications in Wilkes for emergency crop loans, said today that J. E. Joiner, field supervisor for the Emergency Crop and Feed loan office, had called to discuss plans for 1941 loans. Mr. Joiner stated that loans will be made available much earlier and will be accessible to all farmers who are in need and who can qualify for that type of loan.

Regulations have been liberalized in order to loan more money per acre to each individual farmer and in order that a great number could be eligible.

Destruction of crops and feed in the August, 1940 flood in Wilkes made it imperative that farmers secure loans in order to finance 1941 crops and feed livestock, Mr. Joiner said, and the date for applications was moved up. Mrs. Yates, who takes Wilkes applications, may be found in the office of the clerk of superior court in the county courthouse in Wilkesboro.

Dr. Graham Named 'Man Of The Year'

For his leadership in furthering the agricultural research, teaching and Extension programs of North Carolina State College, Dr. Frank Porter Graham, president of the Greater University of North Carolina was selected by The Progressive Farmer magazine as the "Man of the Year" in service to North Carolina agriculture.

It was the fourth such annual award made by the magazine, and Dr. Graham was the second person connected with N. C. State College to be honored. Dr. I. O. Schaub, dean of the school of agriculture and director of the Extension Service, was named the "Man of the Year" in 1938.

In announcing the selection for 1940, Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of The Progressive Farmer, wrote: "By being made head of the Consolidated University of North Carolina... President Frank P. Graham had an opportunity either to greatly discourage and diminish or to greatly encourage and enlarge our own North Carolina agricultural college. Because he was big enough of brain and heart to choose the latter course—we honor him as 1940 'Man of the Year' in service to North Carolina agriculture."

The honor to Dr. Graham is being widely acclaimed on the State College campus. Dr. Graham secured funds in 1940 for greatly enlarging the agricultural research program of State College and for beginning the virtual equivalent of a "Kenan Fund" for getting and keeping the foremost leaders in agricultural research, teaching and Extension.

In citing the value of Dr. Graham's contribution, Dr. Poe said: "Towering above all other agencies in promoting American rural progress these last twenty years have been our agricultural colleges—the so-called 'land grant colleges' with their ever-increasing efficient research, teaching and Extension staffs. Dr. Graham decided that State College must be made, if possible, the South's foremost agricultural and technical institution."

of red squill poisoned bait, but also recommends, as an integral part of the control work, the rat-proofing of buildings.—George B. Lay in The Progressive Farmer.

Confederate Banner Is Called Swastika

Asheville, Jan. 19.—The stars and bars of the Confederacy flying over a cemetery here today in observance of General Robert E. Lee's birthday, caused an Asheville woman to telephone the newspaper office that a German flag had been hoisted there.

The woman, who became indignant when a reporter sought to question her about the flag, said, "I know a German flag when I see one and that is a Nazi banner."

Livestock Outlook For 1941 Is Bright

A bright outlook for livestock farmers in 1941 is indicated by the increased defense activity, says Prof. E. H. Hostetler, State College animal husbandman. "People eat more meat when they are working and earning regularly," he pointed out, "and the production with cotton or tobacco farmer who combines livestock growing will benefit the most."

Prof. Hostetler says that the re-employment will help the livestock-cotton farmer in two ways, namely, workers can utilize more cotton, and they can consume more of the livestock products that are produced through the feeding of cottonseed by-products.

In this connection, the State College leader cited a recent estimate that one hour's wage received by the average American will buy 2.1 pounds of beef, whereas the same amount of labor will earn an Englishman only 1.4 pounds of beef, a German 0.9 of a pound, and a Russian 0.3 of a pound—when meat is available at any price.

"The basic 1941 farm outlook indicates that reductions in unemployment, coupled with increased earnings of those who have not been classed as unemployed, should raise the demand by consumers for such farm products as meat, dairy and poultry products, vegetables and some fruits. Our North Carolina cotton and tobacco farmers might as well face these facts and diversify their operations," Hostetler declared.

In conclusion, the animal husbandman suggested that farmers get in touch with their county farm agents and discuss with these representatives of the State College Extension Service the best types of livestock to raise for the particular community in which they live.

At an important works somewhere in the North of England a group of workmen were discussing air raids. Some were gloomy, others did not think that things were so bad, and, at any rate, efficient shelters had been provided.

One workman, proud of his optimism, said, "Wot's the use o' worryin'? If a bomb 'as yer name and address on it, you'll get it, but if not—well, there you are!"

An Irishman who had been a silent listener to the discussion then interrupted: "Sure, mate, you're right, but supposed it's addressed 'To whom it may concern'?"

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Kudzu Is Crop For Poor Soils

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There is no profit in plowing poor land, nor in planting annual crops on poor land, even though such crops are legumes, according to P. W. Edwards, of the Soil Conservation Service in the Wilkes Work Unit near Wilkesboro, N. C.

In Wilkes county there are many acres of steep, worn out land that are being cultivated at a loss. A perennial crop on such land would supply hay and grazing, control erosion on these areas, and furnish protection for land lying below, Mr. Edwards points out.

"Annual legumes, such as cowpeas or soybeans planted on such land produce very low yields of hay per acre and furnish practically no erosion control, after harvest," he continued. "Under these conditions they are not only soil wasting, but money wasting crops as well."

"Perennial cover is the only answer to such a situation and kudzu is one of the best known plants to handle the job. When kudzu becomes established on poor land it will yield 1 to 2 tons of hay per acre annually. Peavines or soybeans do well to yield an equal amount of hay per acre on good land. However, to be established quickly, kudzu must be planted on a well-prepared seedbed and must be liberally fertilized and cultivated."

"Kudzu requires the preparation of a seedbed but once. Peas or beans have to be planted every year. Kudzu will produce a sure crop of hay every year—peas often fail. Kudzu can be cut when the weather permits—peas have to be cut when they are ready or they are lost. Farmers who have cut kudzu find it much easier to make high quality kudzu hay than to make high-quality peavine hay."

"But the most important and desirable feature is that kudzu, when cut for hay, still leaves sufficient cover to control erosion and build fertility. Peavine hay, when taken off the land, not only takes the fertility with it, but also leaves the ground subject to washing."

Duncan Director Of Salisbury Bank

Edwin Duncan, of Sparta, executive vice president of the Northwestern Bank, has been re-elected to membership on the board of directors of the First National Bank at Salisbury, a position he has held for the past two years.

Questions Answered By State College

Question: Is it possible to preserve beef on the farm?

Answer: Yes, says Mrs. Cornelia C. Morris, Extension economist in food conservation and marketing. Any part of the beef animal may be corned and this is the most popular method of preserving beef. Cut the meat into five or six pound chunks and rub with salt. Pack the meat in a clean vessel of hard wood or stone ware and cover with a brine made of one and one-half pounds of salt, one ounce of saltpeter, one-quarter pound of sugar or syrup, and one gallon of pure water. Leave the meat in this pickle for about two weeks and then smoke slightly to improve the flavor. If dried beef is desired, hang the meat and allow it to dry out well. The glands are usually dried.

U.S. May Fall Short Of Warplane Goal Of 50,000 New Planes A Year

Washington, Jan. 11.—Charles Vinson, Democrat, Georgia, of the house naval committee, expressed the opinion today that the necessity of continually improving military and naval planes might prevent production of 50,000 craft annually, the goal set by the administration.

Vinson made the statement after a witness at a committee study of progress on the defense program said that mass production in the future appeared doubtful because of frequent changes in design to incorporate lessons learned from the fighting abroad.

"That means," Vinson said, "that it will be impossible to achieve 50,000 planes at the very latest design and type because by the time they actually went on the line they would be obsolete."

Burdette Wright, vice president of Curtiss-Wright's airplane division, and other witnesses said that production of craft for the army and navy because the British made fewer revisions in design.

"The British operate on the theory that half a loaf is better than none at all?" Chairman Vinson asked.

"That right," Wright replied. "Longer For New Types"

A little late, he said that planes of an already-approved design could be produced in from five to seven months, but that from 11 to 14 or 15 months would be required for "a brand new type."

When committee members asked about the possibilities of increased production if the industry should go on a seven-day week, Wright expressed the opinion that continuous operation would be unwise.

Time for machine maintenance would be inadequate, he said, and the pace would "burn out" execu-

five administrative and supervisory personnel.

Wright declined to express an opinion on the question of whether or not the United States could safely standardize its planes and get "sizeable production." Many changes, he said, were still being made.

"Then you probably are never going to hit mass production," Representative Darden, Democrat, Virginia, asked.

"That's very doubtful; it certainly doesn't look like that now," the witness replied.

Committee members asked how it happened that planes for Great Britain could be produced more quickly than for the United States and the witness described the situation this way:

"The British wanted more armament on their planes. To adopt that experience to the army type took a certain amount of tooling, and the army allowed to several months..."

"The British said they would buy any type of plane but wanted some more guns. Then the army decided to ask not only what the British had but improvement on that model."

"Then our army will get the most modern plane available?" Representative Maas, Republican, Minnesota, asked.

"Yes sir," Wright replied.

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