

PEN POINTS

By LITTLE E. CROUCH

WINGS OF SPRING OVER RONDA

No submarine has been sighted stealing up Mahogany Branch. No mysterious yacht has been reported cruising up the bumpy waters of Big Buggabo Creek. No Happy Valley sleeper has been harshly aroused from blanket-bound feather bed slumber by the fog horn blast of a steam boat sailing up the Yedkin River. No black bird has snipped off Mary's nose, but this morning while she was hanging out clothes, her eyes and ears are assailed by the bright flash and gay chatter of a pair of Red-headed Woodpeckers in swift darts from limb to limb of the cherry tree. The fisherman on the Island in the Yedkin became aware of the maneuvers of Brer Frog and Brer Turtle. The plowman counted his furrows by the Sapsucker's strutting a silver serenade up Tompkin's Branch. The housekeeper sorting flower bulbs out Pleasant Home way noted the turtle doves in the apple tree. This morning some neighbors were standing near Ronda depot hesitant to sit in the uncertain warmth of March sun shining on the old benches. Suddenly they were startled from their conversation by a growing cloud and loud whirr overhead. All saw and proclaimed that Ronda was invaded by swift forces of air, land, and water. They saw a flock of wild geese in V-shaped formation flying north—undoubted heralds of advancing Spring. Hosts of other harbingers of Spring in and around Ronda have attacked every human sense and feeling. Beautiful Spring has invaded Ronda.

AND OTHERS

In a fashionable girls' school in New England the history teacher was telling the story of the settlement of the country.

"Miss Cabot," she said, "can you tell me who came over in the Mayflower?"

"Yes," said the girl, "I can; my ancestors and a few other people."

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ALLIES!



Crown Princess Juliana of the Netherlands shown talking with one of the officers of the Dutch troops training in Canada to join the fight with the other Allied nations still continuing their struggle for freedom. At right is Lieut.-Col. C. J. Sas, Commandant of the Training Center, who is escorting Princess Juliana during the inspection. In the background Dutch troops present arms.

Scott Reviews Farm Statutes

Raleigh, March 28.—Strengthening of regulatory and inspectional laws and the enactment of marketing legislation to further bolster the farmers' incomes were paramount contributions of the 1941 General Assembly to the betterment of agricultural conditions in North Carolina. Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott said today.

In addition to the legislation affecting the State Department of Agriculture, Commissioner Scott said the Legislature "made substantial and needed contributions in the field of agricultural research."

"Revitalization of North Carolina's fertilizer and seed laws, creation of a marketing authority,"

legislation to assure dairy farmers they will be paid for their milk on the basis of classification and use, establishment of a trade mark for farm products, and acts to protect the State's growing livestock industry were among the outstanding agricultural enactments," he added.

"Reduction of the cost of farm truck licenses will also be remembered as agricultural legislation of considerable benefit to the farmers."

Commissioner Scott summarized agricultural legislation, affecting regulatory, inspectional, control and marketing features of the Department's program, as follows:

Fertilizer Law—A revitalized act with provisions (1) to enable the farmer to distinguish low grade fertilizer, (2) requiring that "low grade" be stamped on low grade goods, (3) providing a tightening of penalty provisions to assure more accurate guarantees of plant food, (4) reducing the number of grades to be sold "not to exceed 50" and (5) placing greater emphasis of the use of recommended grades of fertilizer.

Seed Law—Another revitalized act, second to none in the Nation insofar as protection to the farmer and honest dealers is concerned. The law is in conformity with the Federal Seed Act, which is essential since a large proportion of seed purchased move in inter-state commerce. Responsibility for correct labeling of seed sold under the law is placed upon the person making the guarantee as to purity and germination. Responsibility for the procurement of the inspection stamp (\$1 for each 72 dozen packages or fraction thereof) for vegetable and flower seed is placed on the wholesale merchant or shipper of package seed. In addition to streamlining the law which was first enacted in 1909, the Board of Agriculture is given authority to adopt rules and regulations that may become necessary when other noxious and injurious seeds become a menace to the agriculture of the state.

Milk Auditing Law—Dairy farmers, and distributors are given equal protection under a new law that permits the Department to check on the quality and classification under which milk is sold. The Department is given authority to audit the records of plants to determine whether the farmer is paid for his milk on the basis of usage. This law protects the producer as well as the distributor in assuring fair practices in the classification and use of milk, and will result in greater confidence between producers and distributors.

Marketing Authority—An Act to: promote, encourage and develop a program of orderly marketing of farm products; provide supervision, and control of marketing centers that may be established in cooperation with governmental units; give authority to the Department in the furtherance of marketing; such as planning, entering into federal agreements and other agreements necessary in establishing wholesale markets; to create a marketing authority consisting of the Board of Agriculture and the Commissioner and further authorize warehouses when necessary.

Regulation of Farm Products—An Act designed primarily to protect truck growers of eastern N. Carolina who make contracts with out-of-State firms for the production of cucumbers, tomatoes and other crops, with provisions requiring contracting firms to give sufficient and satisfactory evidence of their ability to carry out their contract, or furnish a bond to protect the growers who have incurred considerable expense in producing the particular crop.

Quality Trade Mark—An Act establishing "Tar Heel" as the official name for designated farm products. A farmer or packer desiring to use the trade mark must first make application to the De-

partment giving full information as to its intended use, and if requirements are met—including the quality, condition and grade standards prescribed by the Board of Agriculture—the applicant would be licensed. After an applicant is licensed to use the trade mark, the Department would have authority to make inspections to assure that privileges prescribed under the Act are not abused.

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Girl Scout Leaders Met Thursday Night

The Girl Scout Leaders held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. R. S. Gales, Jr., on Thursday night. A delightful dinner was served, after which the business session was held. Reports on the Regional Conference held in Charlotte were made by Misses Janie McDiarmid and Sarah Dickson. Mrs. T. A. Finley gave a report of the social council regional meeting held at High Point. An interesting program was given by several of the leaders.

EXPLAINED

Sonny: "Pop, what do they mean by stable government?"
Pop: "I'd say it's one that's run with horse sense, son'."

Eastern Star To Install Officers

Wilkes chapter number 43 of Order of the Eastern Star will hold a special meeting on Friday night, April 4, 7:30 p. m., at which time officers for the ensuing year will be installed. Mrs. Leola M. Byarly, worthy Grand Matron, will be the installing officer. It is expected that a large percentage of the members and several visiting members will attend the meeting.

PREACHING SERVICE

Rev. R. L. Isbell, of Lenoir, will preach at Lewis Fork Advent Christian church on Sunday, April 13, 11 a. m. All have a cordial invitation to the service.

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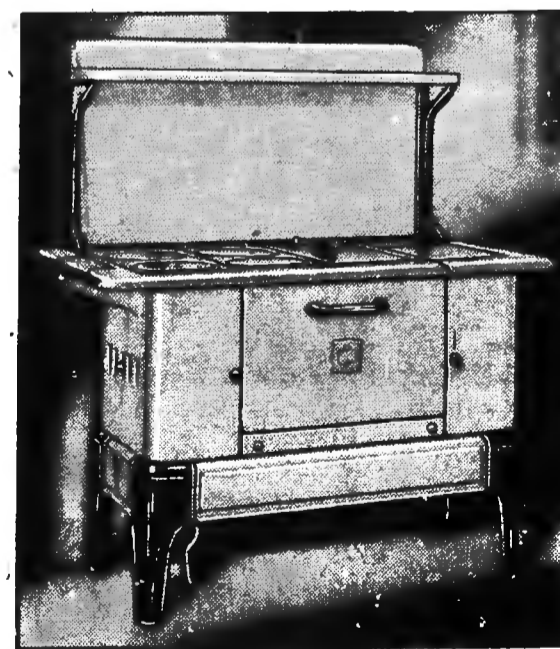
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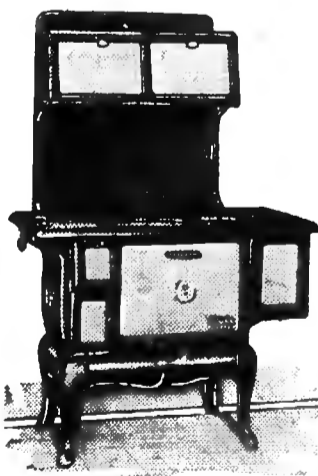


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