

# Dog-Days Off To Inauspicious Beginning With Bad Weather

Dog days arrived Sunday and it rained plenty. A local resident, who was raised in the country, swears that for the next forty days he will have nothing to do with weather predictions for the benefit of fishing parties, boatmen or anybody else. Their guess is as good as his with dog days on, especially as it rained on the first of them.

The old supposition about dog days is that if it rains where you are on the first of them, it will rain where you are for the following forty days.

Disbelievers at Southport contend that as it has already rained at Southport for most of the past twenty days,

it will only have to rain here for the next 20 days. This does not jibe with the opinion of those who are faithful to signs, potents and omens.

Dogs days are so-called because of the dog star which is accredited with ruling some of the planets for a forty-day period, beginning in June or July. There is no fixed date for the beginning of dog days but various things effecting and animal life are credited as being controlled by the star.

The long and short of it is that it rained here on the first dog day and the Civic Club secretary does not intend to make any long range weather predictions for forty days.

# 4-H Club Youths To Attend Event Last Of Month

Short Course Will Be Offered At State College July 25-30 For Farm Youths

## ONE BOY AND ONE GIRL ELIGIBLE FROM CLUB

A Number Of Boys And Girls From This County Are Expected To Be In Attendance When Course Opens At College

The 4-H short course at State College, July 25-30, will give hundreds of North Carolina farm boys and girls a week of recreation of wholesome entertainment along with the class work and addresses by noted speakers.

One boy and one girl will be eligible to attend from each 4-H club in the State, and "we hope to have every county represented," said L. R. Harrill and Miss Frances MacGregor, 4-H club leaders at the college who will be in charge of the short course.

Features of the week will be the classes on subjects of special interest to rural youth and the evening programs with the health pageant, the candle-lighting ceremony, the Honor Club night, and a demonstration folk dancing.

Class work will cover: Parliamentary procedure, good grooming, good manners, foods and nutrition, food conservation, home care of milk, handicrafts, room improvement, clothing, adventuring with hooks, home beautification, recreation leadership, agricultural engineering, conservation of natural resources, plant diseases, livestock, crops, the farm shop, and horticulture.

At the health pageant Thursday evening, the 4-H State King and Queen of Health will be crowned. They will be selected from the district Kings and Queens of Health from each of the five extension service districts of the State.

Registration will begin at 10 o'clock Monday morning, and the short course will open with an informal ceremony that evening. A \$5.40 fee will cover cost of room and meals for each delegate. The candle-lighting ceremony will bring the short course to a close Friday evening, and the young people will leave for their homes Saturday.

# Tobacco Growers To Have Schools

RALEIGH. — Sorting schools, designed to help farmers better prepare their tobacco for market, will be conducted by the markets division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture throughout the present season.

W. P. Hedrick, department's tobacco marketing specialist, has already made arrangements for schools to be conducted in Robeson, Bladen and Forsyth counties and said that "other counties will be visited immediately."

"These schools will be designed to better acquaint growers with tobacco marketing problems," Hedrick explained. "When the farmers are educated to the fact that sorting is one of their most important problems, then they will be in a better position to expect the maximum price for their product."

"The importance of sorting is emphasized by the fact that on one North Carolina market the buyers walked off the floor when they found tobacco so 'jumbled' that it could not meet the standards," he added.

Counties desiring "sorting schools" should write the N. C. Department of Agriculture's markets division, Raleigh.

# Workstock To Pull For Championships

RALEIGH. — Horse and mule pulling contests to determine district workstock champions will be conducted at all field days at the North Carolina Department of Agriculture's test farms this summer.

Owners of the champion animals will be invited to participate in a grand champion contest which will be held in connection with the North Carolina State Fair at Raleigh, October 11-15, Dr. J. S. Dorton, fair manager announced.

A "dynamometer" official workstock pulling machine approved by the Horse and Mule Association of America, will be used to select the champions.

Contests will be conducted at the Blackland Test Farm, Weno, July 14; Piedmont Farm at Statesville, July 21; Tobacco Test Farm, Oxford, July 28; Upper Coastal Plain Test Farm, August 11, Mountain Station, Swannanoa, August 18; and Coastal Plain Station, Willard, September 8.

Ant-eaters can live for long periods without food.

# LISTEN TO THIS

By TOM FIZDALE

Betty Lou Gerson and her husband, Joseph Ainley, are back from a Caribbean cruise and Betty is hard at work rehearsing her new starring role in the "Win Your Lady" series which replaces Tyrone Power for the summer. Husband Joe is again directing the popular "First Nighter" series. Incidentally, the "First Nighter" moves to CBS on September 2 after eight successful years on the NBC networks. . . . A team of five New York taxi drivers spelled down five pedestrians on a recent Friday night Spelling Bee. . . . A pedestrian hasn't a chance, even on the air!



Betty Lou Gerson

Tom Howard and George Shelton are the latest comedy nominees for a cigarette show starting in August. . . . Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy will do their portion of the Sunday show from New York during July. . . . Maestro Andre Kostelanetz and his bride, Lily Pons, will arrive in Buenos Aires on July 4, starting a South American vacation and honeymoon. . . . Edward Arnold takes over Don Ameche's emcee spot this summer during the eight weeks Ameche will be sojourning in Europe. . . . Les Tremayne, NBC leading man, is trying to find time to take up sculpture again. . . . Les is a proficient artist but has been too busy with radio this year.

Radio actors in Chicago admit that Malcolm Meacham cannot be stumped by tongue twisters. . . . They will be surprised to learn that Malcolm stammered until he was more than twenty years old. . . . Although Pick and Pat, CBS blackface comedy team, have been in radio more than four years, they never had their pictures taken out of black-face makeup until last week. . . . Milton Geiger, author of the thrilling new "Attorney at Law" series which will be heard in the "Fibber McGee" period during the summer, is another Rudy Vallee protege.

George Burns' pet name for Gracie Allen is Google. . . . She calls him Nat. . . . and Nat is George's real name. . . . J. Anthony Smythe, known to millions of listeners as Father Barbour of "One Man's Family," is a bachelor! . . . Andy Devine is being ribbed plenty these days. . . . Seems the big neon sign Andy put up to advertise Van Nuys, California, on a main trans-California highway, still doesn't light, weeks after Andy's election as mayor of Van Nuys. . . . Nine motion picture players are heard regularly on the National Barn Dance. . . . They are the four Vass sisters and their brother, Frank, and the Maple City Four.

Barbara Luddy, star of the NBC "First Nighter" program, bought a new riding habit before leaving on her recent California vacation. . . . Tried it on after her return and found she had lost pounds. . . . Cost her \$15 for alterations. . . . Lee Gillette, Lee Gotch and Bob James sang for a couple of years as the "Three Notes". . . . Two months ago they added a "fourth note" in the person of Lee Laetyn. . . . Now, as the "Four Notes," they're in radio big time with a regular spot on the "Fibber McGee" program.

Glen Gray and his Casa Loma orchestra will be heard with Burns and Allen beginning July 4. . . . Francis X. Bushman is heard regularly now on the "Betty and Bob" show. . . . "Uncle Ezra's" thought for the day: "Do the thing you think is right; if it doesn't turn out for the best, at least you know you've made a try, and the Lord will do the rest."

# Tested Seed Rid Cotton Scourge

Farmers Rid Cotton Fields Of Damping-Off Disease By Treatment To Seeds

North Carolina farmers are fast ridding their cotton fields of damping-off disease, the scourge that has been cutting heavy inroads into the Tar Heel cotton crop in recent years.

In 1934, Carolina farmers planted 2,000 acres with seed that had been treated with 2 percent Ceresan, which kills the organisms causing damping-off disease, said Dr. Luther Shaw, extension plant pathologist at State College.

The results were good and the next year more treated seed were planted on a larger acreage. Last year the acreage planted to treated seed jumped to 200,000 acres, and this year 400,000 acres of cotton were planted with treated seed.

Dr. Shaw and O. P. Owens, another extension plant pathologist, report that in a recent survey of piedmont and coastal plain counties they found that farmers who planted treated seed had almost twice as many plants per 100 feet of row as were growing on fields where the seed had not been dusted with Ceresan.

There were 431 plants per 100 feet of row from treated seed and only 280 plants per 100 feet of row growing from untreated seed. Moreover, they found that 72 percent of the plants from untreated seed had sore shin, while only 20 percent of the plants from treated seed were affected.

Treating cotton seed cost 25 cents per acre to be planted, and the increase in yield and quality of the lint bring growers from \$11 to \$13 or more per acre, depending upon price, weather conditions, and other factors.

Gold is the most malleable metal.

# Mullins Planning Tobacco Festival

Mullins, June 29.—Mullins, South Carolina's largest tobacco market is making extensive plans for its annual tobacco festival which will be held Thursday, July 28.

The Tobacco Festival Association is under the sponsorship of the Mullins Chamber of Commerce which is now hard at work on the program for the occasion. It is anticipated that this will be the greatest celebration ever held in this section.

# Officials Decide To Hold South Atlantic Races At Wrightsville

at Southport for the boats and the crews. As you perhaps know, the crews are always interested in the social activities that go along with the races.

"The selection of Wrightsville Beach for the 1938 Regatta is not intended in any way as a reflection upon Southport. I can say for myself and the rest of the members of the Association who attended the races in Southport last year that we never spent a more enjoyable week; while the course was little rough going, the hospitality extended to us by the people of Southport

# Payne-Turney Pay With Lives For Murder Of Penn

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10:48 o'clock. With amiability that was pathetic, slight William Payne, 41, followed his partner at 11:11 o'clock and all mortal life left him at 11:27.

As Payne left his cell to walk past nine other cells on Death Row, he called, without turning his head, "Goodbye."

A lone Negro voice from the gloom of another cell began to chant, "I shall go to my Saviour." With each step that Payne took, other voice joined in the dirge-like song.

Together for 10 years in a life outside the law, Payne and Turner together paid for a crime they claimed they had committed only once—murder, the murder of an officer of the law, tall, handsome Highway Patrolman George Penn.

State Highway Patrolmen quietly witnessed the executions from the small chamber in the Prison. Outside, in the prison yard, a few others moved restlessly and waited. Although hundreds had asked for admission to the meetings out of justice, only two small groups of curious gathered outside the prison walls, several on the hill north of the prison and a larger group peering through the bars of the east gate.

Negro Electrocutored A third man whose crime, if ever known to the general public, has long since been forgotten, died by electrocution before the two asphyxiations. Wiley Brice, a hulking Negro convicted for murder of Shelley Lea in Alamance County in 1926, brought the electric chair back into use for the second time since the adoption of lethal gas as a mode of execution.

Two shocks, one of two minutes and 20 seconds and another of a minute and 45 seconds, finished his life. Brice was led into the death chamber, where the electric chair was set up next to the lethal gas chair, at four minutes past 10 o'clock. The electrodes were fastened to his legs and the wired cap set upon his head. At seven minutes past 10 the switch was thrown and Brice's body raised from the chair under the shock and remained taut until the switch was released two minutes and 20 seconds later. Dr. J. E. Osborne, who formerly tested the hearts of men at electrocutions, tested the Negro's heart, and ordered another shock.

The electrocution was the first for Dr. Felda Hightower, new prison physician, and the first over which Warden Hugh Wilson officiated.

When the door of the death chamber closed upon Turner, leaving him alone in the room, he bent his head and closed his eyes and inhaled deeply before the gas began to rise. When the deadly fumes struck his nostrils, he attempted to hold his breath. Finally, as he gasped in the gas, his head went back and his lips formed, "Lord help me!" Again he inhaled and again his lips said, "Lord have mercy!"

At one inhalation, he gave a heavy groan that could be heard through the double-thickness glass. His body drew tense against the straps, and his white skin grew red. After the gas had been administered two minutes, his body slumped and after a final gasp and jerk, he remained motionless until Dr. Hightower, listening outside the chamber, at other end of a stethoscope tapped to Turner's chest, motioned that he was dead. Death came after 16 minutes and 15 seconds, the next to the longest time ever taken. The gassing of Milford Exum in February required 16 minutes and 20 seconds.

Payne Much Quieter Payne's physical reactions were much quieter. As attendants left the death chamber, he called "goodbye" to them and stopped Warden Wilson for a moment to shake his hand. He looked up to the Warden.

"Goodbye, Warden" he said with a half smile, "I want to thank you, Warden, for being so nice to my mother."

The heavy door was closed and sealed and at 12 minutes past 11 o'clock, the cyanide pellets dropped into sulphuric acid, and Bill Payne inhaled the gas.

He breathed deeply of the fumes, and succumbed quickly. Once, after about three minutes, his face and lips curled as if he were choking then, gradually, the lines smoothed out. After 15 minutes and 15 seconds, he was declared dead.

The body of Turned was claimed by a brother, Elvis Turner, and the Rev. C. W. Greene, Missionary Baptist preacher, who will conduct funeral services for him at Conley's Chapel near Marion Sunday at 2 o'clock.

Mitchell Funeral Home claimed the body of Payne for his mother, Mrs. Emma Payne of High Point with instructions to care for it until further instructions.

The chief officers of the Highway Patrol witnessed the execution of the two men. In the control room, with prison officials, stood Major Arthur Fulk, head of the patrol, Captain L. R. Fisher, under whom Patrolman Penn worked, Captain Charles D. Farmer, head of the eastern division, and Lt. A. T. Moore. Other patrolmen, including Lt. W. B. Lentz, of Asheville, witnessed from the official witness room.

Brice's body was not claimed at the time of the execution.

# Crime Does Not Pay

Asked by the prison chaplain, the Rev. E. C. Cooper for a final statement, Turner said, "I guess all that needs to be said in that direction can be summed up in a few words: "Crime does not pay."

# LITTLE BITS OF BIG NEWS

(Continued From Page 1.) To the field, where Pickett charged futilely in '63, mounted troops in brisk drill, roaring "flying fortresses," the colorful horse-drawn artillery and the high speed tanks that are now replacing the chargers.

# Holiday Deaths

The long Fourth of July holiday meant violent death for at least 358 persons in the nation. Two of them were victims of crude firework. A home-made cannon killed a man in Pennsylvania. Another there was killed by a bomb he made from an automobile wrist pin. Those were only two of the 29 fatalities which made Pennsylvania the heaviest scorer in the death column. Traffic accidents claimed 25 and two drowned. For the nation as a whole, celebrating the 162nd anniversary of Independence, automobiles killed the greatest number—197. There were 94 drownings. Sixteen were shot to death, 13 committed suicide, 10 were killed by trains and the remaining 26 died from various causes, such as heat, plane accidents, explosions and falls.

# FAMILY REUNION OBSERVED SUNDAY

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Simeon Sellers, who was observing his 78th birthday, came next in line, followed by F. T. Clemmons, who married into the Sellers family, and S. S. Clemmons, both of whom were 72. Mrs. Annie Parker, widow of E. N. Parker, was the eldest woman present, her age being 69.

O. B. Sellers, who himself is 67-years of age, was assisted in making arrangements for the occasion by Mrs. Bertha DeVane and H. L. Clemmons. Among those present were representatives from Cumberland, Lee and New Hanover counties, South Carolina and other distant points.

Family of W. R. Sellers: Mr. and Mrs. John W. Sellers, Dewey Sellers, Roland Sellers, Riley Sellers, Warren Sellers, James Sellers, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phelps, Kenneth Phelps, Ronnie Phelps, Mrs. Jasper Murrell, Mrs. Rosia Reynolds, Mrs. Nellie Phillips, Mrs. Bertha Denning, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Bryant and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sellers and baby John W. Lancaster, Sr., Victoria Lancaster, Jessie Lancaster, Mr. Alvin Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Clemmons, Cornell Clemmons, Mildred Clemmons, J. B. Clemmons, Jr., Billy Clemmons, Mr. and Mrs. John Batson.

Talmadge Batson, Atwell Clemmons, Mrs. J. N. Lancaster, Lucy Lancaster, Betty Lancaster, Doria Lancaster, Doris Lancaster, Charles Lancaster, Mrs. J. N. Lancaster, Jr., and baby Mrs. Retha Caisson, Louise Hanchey Bencie Caisson, Lena Caisson, Lussie Sellers, Thelma Sellers, William Sellers, Yates Sellers, Robert Sellers, Edith Sellers, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Sellers, Johnston Sellers, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Hewett, Plenny Hewett, Rifton Hewett, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bellamy.

Earle Bellamy, Roderic Bellamy Hubert Bellamy, Elsie Bellamy, Maitland Bellamy, Kenneth Bellamy, Robert Bellamy, J. Hewett and wife and six children and Mrs. Clyde Hewett.

Mrs. Berta Hewett, E. T. Hewett, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hewett, Natalee Hewett, Betty Ann Hewett, Mary Hewett, Irdele Hewett, Coyet Gray, Billy Gray, Betty Lou Gray, Jessie A. Stone, Mrs. Jesse A. Stone, and Ed Stone.

Mrs. Lettie Atkins, Mrs. Matie Atkins, Mrs. L. M. Clemmons, Mrs. Clyde Clemmons, Odie Evans, W. L. Phelps, Geneva Sellers, Doris Sing, J. B. Sellers, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Sellers, J. D. Berrill, Ollie Bender, Ralph Clemmons, Bertha Grissons, Geneva Clemmons, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Sellers, Donald Sellers, Mr. and Mrs. Rockwell Swain, Florence Swain, Ada Mae Swain, Mrs. R. T. K. by Mrs. Cora Beville, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Clemmons, Mr. R. Swain, and C. Y. Devaux.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Phelps, T. Imadge Phelps, Aldrea Phelps, Mrs. E. M. Parker, Juanita Parker, Mrs. H. H. Hatchell, Hatchell, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. A. Harrell, Annie J. Harrell, Lona Harrell, Manning Harrell, Lora Harrell, Claude Griffin, Willie Griffin, Mac Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Sellers, David Sellers, Alpha Sellers, Hatridge Sellers, Vera Sellers, Junior Sellers, Vera Sellers, Sim B. Sellers, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Phelps and his children.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lennell Hewett and four children, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sellers, Nina Robinson, Sam Robinson, Talmadge Robinson and James Herbert Robinson.

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PEACEFUL FOURTH OBSERVED MONDAY the national custom she first celebrated the 22-gun 4th of July noon day salute to the national day.

A few listeners got the idea that she was firing a salute to Southport in passing, but she was simply passing Southport at noon and her regular observance of the national day happened to have an audience.

# Save Money On Pre-Payment of Taxes

During the month of July a discount of 2 1-2 per cent will be allowed for prepayment of 1938 taxes. This Is A Worthwhile Saving.

# Chas. E. Gause

TAX COLLECTOR

# Sanitary Notice

All home owners and owners of vacant lots in the City of Southport are required to clean and keep their premises clean of all unsightly and unsanitary rubbish, weeds, etc. Please attend to this immediately. Inspection will be made in a few days and at frequent intervals.

**John D. Ericksen**  
MAYOR