

Entire South Has Easter Suitable For Christmas

Washington, March 25.—A wave of wintry weather held most of the south in its grip yesterday as Easter celebrants sought to usher in the new season much earlier than usual. Snow matched the whiteness of the Easter lilies in many places and sub freezing temperatures defied the wearing of Easter finery.

Tennessee and Arkansas were centers of heavy snowfall that extended well down into the Georgia and Alabama mountains.

The United States weather observer in Richmond, Va., said the day's average temperature there was 25, with an early morning low of 20, the coldest Easter Sunday in local weather bureau records. Temperatures in other parts of the state hovered around 20 degrees except in the mountains where it was five to ten degrees lower.

Spring flowers in North and South Carolina were covered with snow and some highways were icy. Temperatures generally were around freezing or below.

Governor E. D. Rivers and a party of Georgia road and county officials were forced to abandon a trip through park areas in north Georgia mountains by a snow they said was six inches or more deep in places.

More than five inches of snow fell in Knoxville, Tenn., but most churches were filled with Easter worshippers and hundreds attended sunrise services.

A minor ice storm coated budding trees in Little Rock, Ark., with icicles. An eight-inch snow was recorded at Piggott in the extreme northeast corner of that state. Sunrise services at Little Rock were transferred indoors.

ALBERT DAVIS HICKS DIES AT EAST MARION

Albert Hicks Davis, age 67, died at his residence in East Marion Sunday morning. Funeral services were conducted at East Marion Baptist church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. Von King, assisted by Rev. J. W. Kelly, and burial was in Salem cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters and one son, Mrs. Selden Roberts, Miss Carrie Lou Davis, and Theodore Davis, all of East Marion; three grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Newton Quinn, of Forest City.



Mitchell College Choir to Appear Here—The Mitchell College A Cappella Choir will give a program at the First Presbyterian church here next Sunday night at 8 o'clock. The choir is directed by Ernest B. Stimson and is composed of 68 members—all students of Mitchell College.

COLLECTIONS OF FARM SECURITY FUNDS RISE

Collections of funds advanced to farm families forming under the Farm Security Administration, in Region 17, for the first eight months of the current fiscal year exceeded collections for the same months last year by \$683,515, according to figures received here by Trueman Westmoreland, McDowell County FSA Supervisor.

Between July 11, 1939 and February 29, 1940, FSA collections in this region totaled \$3,290,419, as compared with \$2,606,904 for a similar period last year. In North Carolina \$1,206,356 was collected in the 8-month period, as compared with \$889,556 for a similar period last year.

Mr. Westmoreland attributes the good collections largely to the planned economy program of the Farm Security Administration for all farmers who borrow from this federal agency.

"This agency," said Mr. Westmoreland, "is helping small farmers to become self-supporting, by furnishing them credit to get in shape to farm and technical advice in sound farming practices."

"Farm families who borrow from FSA," he continued, "are assisted in planning their farm and home operations, keeping accurate records, and getting the best possible use out of the money they borrow."

Mr. Westmoreland said diversification, a live-at-home program, conservation practices and following approved methods of seeding, feeding and production are some of the basic factors in the success of the farmers who are becoming rehabilitated.

Although the repayment record established by thousands of farmers in North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky is an important yardstick in measuring progress in rehabilitation, it is not the only index of progress according to FSA officials.

The increased net worth of these rural people, higher living standards and better health are of equal importance.

OFFICE TERMS EXTENDED BY COURT RULING

Raleigh, March 21.—The North Carolina Supreme court, in upholding the law passed by the last legislature extending the term of the register of deeds for Harnett county, had the effect of upholding more than a score of local laws.

The court also upheld a decision on the term of Register of deeds, county commissioners, treasurers and other officers.

Included in those affected were the county commissioners of Henderson county, the register of deeds, and the county surveyors.

The court also upheld a decision in Transylvania county which voided a privilege tax on wholesale dealers or merchants, who were not otherwise taxed and who used the streets for delivery.

BUSINESS CONDITIONS BETTER THAN LAST YEAR

Raleigh, March 21.—Forrest A. Shuford, State labor commissioner, today released a report on employment and wages which, he said, proved that business conditions in North Carolina were better than last year.

"Although 1939 was a very good business year, 1940 is starting even better, both from the standpoint of the number of people employed and of the wages paid," said Shuford. "The report shows an improvement in business conditions and shows that we are still going forward."

Unless something unforeseen develops, the labor commissioner said, business should remain on the upgrade throughout the year. He added, however, that "conditions in Europe could upset North Carolina."

The report revealed that 656 representative establishments employed 117,883 persons in February, 1939, and that the identical establishments employed 126,399 persons last month an increase of 7.2 per cent. The firms paid weekly wages of \$1,756,381 in February of last year and \$1,995,403 last month, an increase of 13.6 per cent, or an average increase of 89 cents an employe.

PUDDINGS IDEAL DESSERTS FOR THE SCHOOL CHILD

If a child must be considered in your menu planning, you will often serve puddings as dessert. For they are delicious and an excellent means of introducing extra milk into the diet.

Baked Custard
1 1-2 pints milk
3 eggs
1-2 cup sugar
1-2 tsp salt
1-2 tsp lemon extract
1-4 tsp nutmeg.
Heat milk in double boiler. Beat eggs and sugar until very light. Add salt, lemon extract and hot milk. Moisten pan with water and fill with custard. Set in pan of hot water. Sprinkle with nutmeg or cinnamon, and bake until firm. May be put in individual earthen dishes and baked in pan of hot water 45 minutes. When cold turn out on dessert plates and serve with cream.

Floating Island
Make a soft custard of the egg yolks and a meringue of the egg whites. Poach the meringue by spoonfuls in hot water, turning once. Drain. Place the meringue in a serving dish and pour the custard over it. Garnish with cubes of tart jelly.

Caramel Custard
Put one tablespoonful or more of caramel syrup into individual baking dishes. Make a custard using 1 1/2 eggs to one cup milk. Hold a teaspoon in the cup so that the tip just touches the liquid. Pour the custard down this to prevent mixing with the syrup. Bake. When done, unmold. The caramel forms a sauce for the custard.

Rice Pudding
Cut 1/2 pound marshmallows. Mix one cup cold cooked rice, 1/2 pint of whipped cream, 1/4 cup sugar and 1 small can grated pineapple. Add the marshmallows. Mix ingredients several hours before using and put in a cold place.

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FARM AND HOME WEEK TO START ON JULY 29

Plans for the 37th annual Farm and Home Week at N. C. State College are already being made. The "educational vacation" for hundreds of Tar Heel farm people will be held July 29 through August 2 this year.

John W. Goodman, assistant Extension director, and Miss Ruth Current, State home demonstration agent, called a meeting of the committee on arrangements, and the process of inviting speakers and mapping a program was started.

H. C. Ferebee of Camden is president of the Farmers' Convention for 1940, and Mrs. Dudley Bagley of Moyock will preside over the women's session as president of the N. C. Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs. They have groups at work arranging details of the various programs.

Colossal Cave, near Benson, Arizona, has been explored for 39 miles. It is without moisture and the temperature remains at 72 degrees the year around.

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