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Person Farmers Get Gasoline For Weed Trips East

Boy Looking For Dead Mother Is Horror Picture

Person Soldier Writes His Own Mother The Grim Details.

From Harold Horton, of Hurdle Mills, who is with the U. S. Army in Germany, comes a letter to his mother, Mrs. Hassell Horton, dated April 13, that gives his own harrowing story of German treatment of slave labor civilians. Much has been written on the subject, but the highlight of Horton's narrative is his description of a weeping boy kneeling besides the bodies of his slain mother and sister.

Mrs. Horton, who sends the letter to the Courier-Times, says if it, the letter, is not fit for publication it will be "O. K." with her. Knowing that she refers to the horror episodes, the Courier-Times understands what she means, but believes that Person citizens have a right to read of experiences through which their own men have been passing. In this belief, here is Horton's letter, uncensored and unexpurgated:

Well mom here is hoping this finds you and dad in the best of health, it leaves me fine, but for a feeling I would not be able to put in a thousand letters, so it's no use in trying to put it in this letter, but I will tell you a little of what I saw today. We were in a town where there was a lot of forced laborers that the Germans had working for them. We went in one of the camps and what I saw topped anything I have ever seen. After almost a year of constant combat, I thought I had seen death served but every way possible to the Germans and also the Americans, but mom, this was different, there were rows and rows of bodies, little babies, girls, boys, old men and women, beautiful girls with their clothes striped off and heads beaten in, men so starved that their bones were almost through the skin. It made tears come in my eyes to watch them lying there knowing that they had mothers and fathers same as I, and that their people would never know what happened to them, as they were taken away from their homes by the Germans and was never heard from again. I saw one little boy going up and down the rows of bodies, he came to one and stopped and began to cry. It was his mother and little sister, he knelt by them and prayed. Some newspaper guy took his picture. You might see it back there in some of the papers, I also took some pictures of it. I will send them to you as soon as I get them back.

Well mom I will close, here is hoping I see you soon.
Love always,
Your son,
Harold.

P. S.
Say Mom I will tell you the name of the town I saw that slaughter at, as soon as we get far enough away from it, we have to be so far away before we can name a town we were in.

I just found out, there was supposed to have been 500 bodies there I don't know I got tired looking at them and left. I will tell you about it when I get back.

Clay Taking New Navy Training

Charles Aiken Clay, 19, fire controlman, second class, USNR, son of Mrs. Patrick Clay, Main St., Roxboro, who is in advanced training for LST (landing ship, tank) duty at the Atlantic Fleet's amphibious training base, Camp Bradford, Va., is spending several days here with his mother.

Clay, a veteran of amphibious operations, served aboard an LST during the invasion of Southern France last August. A graduate of Methodist Orphanage, Raleigh, he entered the Navy in July 1943. A brother, Bill Clay, is with the Army in Europe.

Open House

Jim Talley, who has children in the Lee Jeffers school will give an address at the McGhee school during their Open House program Friday, May 18, 1:30 p. m., according to announcement made today.

Go East To Buy Tobacco Plants, Says Sanders, Who Says Situation Is Acute.

Praising the Person OPA office for its cooperation in granting farmers here extra gasoline to go east to Wilson and other centers to buy tobacco plants, purchases made necessary by adverse weather and the consequent presence of Blue Mold, Person Farm Agent H. K. Sanders said Saturday morning that many local farmers will have to get plants elsewhere this year if they are to have a tobacco crop.

His statement dovetails with Saturday's account reported from Raleigh by Thompson Greenwood and from Wilson by the farm agent there, which reads as follows:

Raleigh, May 12.—Blue mold has halted the planting of tobacco on many farms in the old belt section. Thompson Greenwood, publications editor of the state agriculture department said today.

Greenwood, back from a tour of the old belt area, said that farmers of Yadkin, Forsyth, Surry, Davie, Stokes and Iredell counties would have to get their plants from eastern North Carolina in order to complete the setting of this season's crop.

"Planting of tobacco is well under way on farms where plant beds have escaped blue mold," he said. Appeals from farmers and farm agents in Person and surrounding areas have been pouring into eastern North Carolina for help in getting more tobacco plants to replace those killed by blue mold and frost in the afflicted areas.

Appeals for such help from the east were made from Vance, Orange, Caswell, Granville, Person and Warren counties in this state and from Halifax and Pittsylvania counties in Virginia.

In the area about Wilson county most of the planting has been completed and though blue mold has hit there it has not hurt the leaf as much as it apparently has in the north central portion of the state. Farm Agent, J. O. Anthony of Wilson, third largest tobacco growing county in the nation said today that E. G. Moss, manager of the experimental farm of the state department of agriculture at Oxford, had contacted him and had issued an appeal for more plants for that area.

The Wilson farm agent also said that farm agents from the affected area also had written him in the last few days about the same thing as has C. L. Hall, county agent of Halifax county, Va.

Anthony said that he had notified county agents of other counties in this area where planting has been completed and that he felt that help would probably be forthcoming from the central Carolina farmers.

For the first time in a number of years Anthony said here today blue mold has hit twice in the same season already in the central area around Orange, Person and Caswell counties in this state and in Halifax county, Va., and that this coupled with damage done by recent late frosts had badly crippled the tobacco beds of that area.

"From reports I got yesterday and today" the Wilson farm agent said "there is no doubt in my mind that if these plants those farmers need out there are not forthcoming, they will not be able to make their crop for 1945."

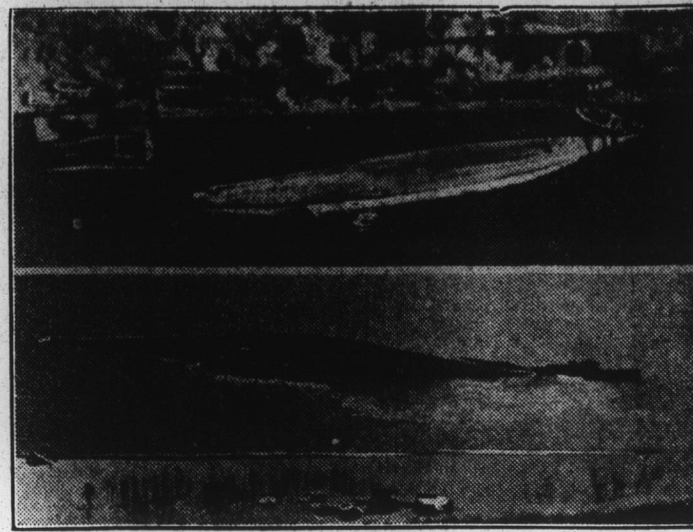
Anthony and other farm agents in this tobacco producing area in the east issued an appeal to farmers in their counties today to check their tobacco plants available and if any of them have any additional ones they wish to sell to report to the farm agents in their counties. The same situation in respect to having blue mold strike twice this year in the tobacco beds and fields applied to Wake county as well the farm agent here said. He indicated, however, that he had had no appeal from Wake farmers for plants to replace their blue mold losses.

Eastern Carolina it was learned has an exceptionally good weed tobacco insofar as plants are concerned this year and most of the crop is planted and many farmers have plants left over. The stand, it was reported, in the east is good so far.

Home Coming

Annual Home Coming Day at Antioch Baptist Church, with dinner on the grounds was held yesterday, with dedication of a new pulpit at two in the afternoon. Pastor is the Rev. R. W. Hovis.

Bombs Knock German Navy "Bottoms Up"



The Last of the Nazis' Biggest Battleships are now shown by these photographs to be lying capsized as the result of bombing by the Allies. The top picture shows the underside of the "Admiral Scheer" as she lies in her dock basin at Kiel after a heavy raid by the R. A. F. The lower picture shows the "Tirpitz" in a Norwegian fjord with salvage ships alongside (she was sunk by 12,000-pound bombs). For comparison, note the size of the houses at the very bottom of the pictures. Allied bombers have now also sunk the Nazi battleship "Luetzow" in a Baltic port.

Two Commencement Programs Announced

Speakers for two commencements, Allensville and Bethel Hill announced today, will be as follows: at Allensville, Dr. E. G. Childs, department of education, and the Rev. E. C. Maness, of Roxboro, May 22 and 20, respectively, and at Bethel Hill, Gwynn B. Price, of Raleigh, and the West Jefferson, chairman of Rural Electrification Authority, and the Rev. J. Boyce Brooks, of Roxboro, May 21 and 20, respectively. Time for all events will be eight o'clock in the evening.

Rev. Mr. Young To Talk Sunday

Theresa Services To Continue Through This Week.

The Rev. Richard Young, now a student at Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will be preacher at Theresa Baptist Church next Sunday, according to the pastor, the Rev. B. B. Knight.

The Rev. John Coley, of Raleigh, is now conducting a revival at Theresa, with good crowds attending, according to the Rev. Mr. Knight. Services will continue through this week, ending on Sunday, with dinner on the grounds. Music is being led by T. C. Sanders, with Miss Bivens Winstead, pianist. Guest pianist Sunday was Fred Bishop.

At Mitchell's Chapel, another church served by the Rev. Mr. Knight, services will be held this Sunday night at eight o'clock, where the speaker will be the Rev. Fred Bishop, or the Rev. Mr. Young. Sunday school will be at seven P. M. Mitchell's Chapel now has forty-eight members and others are expected to join says the Rev. Mr. Knight.

School Sponsored Launchings Planned

Elizabethtown, May.—Mrs. J. S. Blair, State Chairman, Education Division of the War Finance Committee today announced results of a ship launching contest put on by the public schools of North Carolina under the SCHOOLS-AT-WAR program, which culminates on May 14th, 1945 at two (2) P. M. when the launching will take place at the North Carolina Shipbuilding Yard.

The sponsor of the ship will be Miss Inez Cook, 11 years of age, Coltrane School, Concord, and her Maids of Honor will be Miss Louise Cannon, 8 years of age, of Central Primary School, also of Concord, and Miss Polly Edmondson, 16, of Tarboro High School.

The School-at-War Ship Launching Contest period opened March 15, closing at midnight April 30, and the winning schools were selected by three judges, members of the Educational Committee, as result of best over-all Schools-at-War Program during these six weeks.

To Board Session

J. W. Noell will leave tomorrow for Thomasville, where he will attend a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Thomasville Orphanage. He has been a member of the Board for over thirty years and has missed very few sessions. From Thomasville he will go to Shelby to visit his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Weathers.

L. I. C. Gentry Instructor Pilot, Lincoln, Nebraska

Lt. Ivey C. Gentry, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Gentry, Route 2, Roxboro, an instructor pilot who has been transferred to the Lincoln Nebraska Army Air Field, 2004th Base Unit, is performing an integral function in the AAFTC's mission of preparing Air Force personnel for duty against the enemy.

Lt. Gentry is giving post-graduate flying training to recently commissioned pilots who at LAAF are receiving additional instruction before being sent to continental air force fields where they will fly the planes they will use in combat. All Air Forces flying distribution now pass through the Lincoln Combat Crew processing and distribution station where they receive thorough medical checkups and pre-combat indoctrination from veterans returned from combat theatres.

Lt. Gentry has been stationed at Craig Field, Alabama, Dunnington Army Air Field, Fla., and Hammer Field, Calif. He entered Army service in July 1942 and received his wings at Pecos Army Air Field, Texas, in February 1945. His wife, Mrs. Nellie E. Gentry, is residing in Lincoln.

Rites Conducted For Milton Woman

Funeral for Mrs. Annie M. Winstead, 83, a native of Caswell county, whose death occurred Friday morning at her home at Milton, was held there at the Episcopal church on Saturday afternoon at two-thirty o'clock by the Rev. William Gordon, with interment in the Milton cemetery.

Wife of the late Ed Winstead, she was a daughter of the late Calvin and Victoria Garland Neblett. Surviving are a son, Colin Winstead, and a sister, Mrs. Belle Taylor, both of Milton.

Amend Weed Rule

WFO 47 was amended, effective May 11, to revise provisions regulating purchase and sale of 1944 crop weed-cured scrap tobacco, the War Food Administration has announced. The amendment will enable manufacturers to purchase the season's scrap, estimated at seven million pounds, without regard to allocations. The scrap is now in the hands of dealers.

NOW IN STATES

Pvt. W. A. Wilson, Jr., of Timberlake, who has been released from a prisoner of war camp in Germany, is now in the United States and is expected home soon, according to a message received last week by his parents.

Along The Way

The Palace Theatre had a fairly large cage in front of the theatre last week and in it was a large amount of money and war bonds. It was a case of money on top of money and bonds on top of all that. The theatre was offering a prize of a \$25.00 War Bond to the person guessing nearest the correct amount of money in the cage. A large number of people placed a guess as to the amount of money and bonds in the cage and who do you think won the prize—it was a man who had no special need for money at all—a man of means—a man with a bank account—none other than Thomas Brooks. I had rather, have his luck than a license to steal.

Sugar Coupons Being Mailed To Citizens Here

OPA Office To Close Wednesday During Work On Coupons

Sugar coupons for home canning are being mailed out from the Person OPA office as rapidly as possible, according to announcement made today, but it will be necessary for the Ration Board office to be closed all day on Wednesday to issue out sugar coupons for home canning.

Instructions for using the coupons are being mailed with them. Remainder of the statement from the OPA reads as follows: Please follow these instructions carefully. One member of the family must sign each home canning coupon and enter the serial number of his (or her) War Ration Book Four thereon. For the purpose of identification, it will be necessary for the signer to take his War Ration Book Four with him when he purchases the sugar.

When the coupons are received, do not call or come to the Ration Board about them if you feel there has been an error made in issuance. The applications will be filed after all of the coupons for the registration have been issued and until then no correction can be made. Applicants are advised that: only five (5) pounds per person is allowed this year for the following: jams, jellies, preserves, nappalades, and fruit butters from fruits; for canning vegetables: making pickles, relishes, catsup, mince meat, etc. However, no more than forty (40) pounds per family unit will be allowed. Any family using over this amount for the above will not be eligible for a further allotment of canning sugar.

Persons who failed to register at school houses on the regular date may register at the OPA on Friday of each week.

Pfc. B. S. Poole Reported Killed

Reported as killed in action is Pfc. Bassett S. Poole, of Virginia, Va., a member of Olive Branch Baptist church, who lost his life in Germany on April 18, according to a War Department message received Friday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Murat Poole.

Pfc. Poole, who attended Allensville high school, had been continuously in action from July of 1944. He entered the army in December 1942 and went overseas in May last year. Before going to service he was employed by a suitcase company in Petersburg, Va. A brother, Stewart, is going to the Navy this week.

Other survivors, in addition to his parents, are a sister, June, of Farmville, and another brother, Pelham, of the home.

Training School Finals Program

T. C. Tillman, principal of Person County Training School, announces the following commencement program:

Class Day, Friday, May 18, 9 o'clock; Annual Sermon, Sunday, May 20, 4 o'clock P. M., with Rev. W. G. Anderson, Pastor, Presbyterian Church, Danville, Virginia, as speaker, and graduating exercises, Tuesday, May 22 at eight o'clock P. M.

Purple Heart Goes To AP Writer

San Francisco—Charles H. McMurry, former Manager of the Honolulu Bureau of the Associated Press, today was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds suffered aboard the original carrier Hornet in the Solomons in October, 1942.

The belated presentation was made by Rear Admiral Carlton H. Wright, Commandant of the 12th Naval District. Purple Heart awards were not always made to correspondents that early in the Pacific war.

Liberation And Awards Add To Victory Prayer Spirit For Parents

Scout District Meets Tuesday

Regular monthly meeting of the Person Scout District will be held Tuesday night, May 15, at 7:30 o'clock in the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce office. Meeting of the Negro division of the District will be one hour later at Person County Training school in the library. Next meeting of the Court of Honor for white troops will be held on May 25, at Person Court House, with Chairman Gus Deering presiding.

Deering reports that Dan Winstead, of troop 49, received badges for woodwork, handicraft and wood turning at the last court, where Bobby Crumpton, also of 49, received a badge for swimming. W. T. Adcock, Jr., of 49, also was advanced, receiving second class recognition. Star rank has been won by Bobby Crumpton, reports Deering, who says that tenderfoot rank has been accorded to Bob and Alex Bass, of troop 32, and to J. D. Dixon, Thomas Jackson and Linwood Watson, all of troop 24.

Appeals Made To Save Paper

Residents of Roxboro and Person County can supply enough waste paper for 83,430 "suits of armor" for 105 mm. shells, if they will buckle down and save an average of 10 pounds of newspapers, wrapping paper and boxes a month. The 105's are the big ones that have been helping American forces in their advance toward Berlin and Tokyo.

Last year Americans saved 106 1-2 pounds of waste paper per capita, or enough for about 35 containers each for the 105 mm. shells. For each ammunition container or "paper suit of armor" used to protect the shells from salt water, dents, nicks and corrosive dirt, approximately three pounds of waste paper are required, according to W. J. Wardell, vice president of the American Can Company, which is manufacturing millions of the containers.

Blanks Elected Legion Commander

Joe Blanks of Roxboro, FSA supervisor of the Person District, was elected commander of the Lester Blackwell Post of the American Legion Saturday night at the regular election. Blanks will succeed Ned Dillard in this position.

L. K. Walker was named 2nd Vice-Commander and N. E. Davis was elected 1st Vice-Commander. Other officers elected were Jerry Hester, adjutant, Rev. A. Whitfield, finance officer and Rev. Daniel Lane, chaplain.

O. G. Davis and R. P. Burns were elected service officers. These men will take office at once and will serve for the next twelve months.

C. A. Harris, Jr., At Norfolk, Va.

Seaman First Class Charles A. Harris, Jr., 18; USNR, of Roxboro, has recently arrived at the Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Va., to undergo training for duties aboard a destroyer of the Atlantic Fleet. He has just completed a 16 weeks course in the Fire Control School, at the Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Md.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Harris of Roxboro. Harris was attending North Carolina State College, prior to his enlistment in the Navy.

Attend Funeral At Rich Square

In Rich Square yesterday were J. W. Noell, Mrs. Elizabeth Bowles and Miss Betty Gay Masten, who attended funeral services for Walter H. Spivey, husband of Mrs. Gay Holman Spivey. Mr. Spivey was killed Friday near Scotland Neck in a train crossing accident, where his car was struck before it cleared the tracks. It was reported that the car had cleared, but that a train struck a trailer attached. Mrs. Spivey was a niece of the late Mrs. J. W. Noell.

One Person Man Free. His Brother And Two Others Get Medals.

Yesterday was Mother's Day and also a day of prayer for the recently won peace in Europe and observation of the double-day was marked by services in many Roxboro and Person churches, but probably the happiest Mother's Victory Day in Person County was that enjoyed by Mrs. D. P. Bowles, of Timberlake, who on Saturday, which also happened to be her birthday, was informed by the American Red Cross here that her son, Cpl. William Emory Bowles, missing in action in Germany since December 29, had been liberated from a prison camp. Mr. and Mrs. Bowles had until Saturday received no word from their son.

At the same time the Bowles received a letter from another son, Warrant Officer Victor Bowles, saying he has received an award for bravery in action, the Bronze Star. Delivery of the message about Cpl. Emory Bowles by the Red Cross here was under a new policy whereby the Red Cross chapter in each community is authorized to deliver messages concerning the liberation of prisoners of war. Bearers of the happy messages Saturday were Mrs. Sue Featherston, executive secretary, and Miss Nancy Bullock, prisoner of war chairman.

The day of prayer for victory won also had a special significance for the families of Lt. D'Arcy W. Bradsher and Tech. Fifth Grade J. D. Clayton, Jr. Lt. Bradsher, who like Warrant Officer Bowles, is in Germany, has received the Air Medal, while Tech. Clayton, now in the Pacific, has received the Bronze Star.

Citation for Clayton reads as follows:

"For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Tinian, Marianas Islands, on July 24, 1944. Technician Fifth Grade Clayton was the operator of a Trackson Crane loaded on a landing craft tank together for shore party work on one of the landings. When the landing craft tank arrived at the beach it was necessary for Technician Fifth Grade Clayton to move his crane from cover to an exposed position so that bulldozers could be unloaded. While in this position he was under enemy fire and although wounded, he remained in his crane until he could move it back to a covered position."

The award was made to Clayton, who is with an engineers corps, by order of Major General Griner.

Warrant Officer Bowles, who is with the Ninth Army in Germany, received his Bronze Star for services rendered between February 2 to April 19, of this year, according to a letter received from him by his mother. No details were given.

Lt. Bradsher, a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bradsher, sr., of Roxboro, received his Air Medal on or about March 10, according to an official Army photo taken at that time. Presentation was from Brig. Gen. Edward S. Ott, who is shown making the award. Lt. Bradsher, an alumnus of Mars Hill College, has been in the army forty-three months and overseas for fifteen months. He has also received three battle stars. His brother, E. E. Bradsher, Jr., is with an artillery unit overseas and has the rank of first lieutenant.

Ministers Meet

Person Ministerial Association met this morning at Long Memorial Methodist Church in the pastor's study, where speaker was the Rev. J. H. Shore. The meeting began at ten o'clock. Devotional was in charge of the Rev. R. W. Hovis. This was the last meeting of the season. Schedule will be resumed in September.

BOARD TO MEET

Raleigh, May 13.—The executive board of the North Carolina Committee—United States Brewers Foundation will meet in Raleigh Wednesday, June 13.

The meeting of the 12-member executive board will be held in lieu of the annual convention of the full committee. The convention has been cancelled on account of wartime restrictions.

Because of the greater need for fats and oils, the weight of hogs on which price supports will apply has been raised to 300 pounds as against the previous limit of 270 pounds.

Many Join In Flower Show Despite Weather

Annual Library Open House And Show Held Friday. No Prizes This Time.

Both individuals and clubs contributed flower show arrangements to the second annual library open house held Friday at Person County Public Library, where more than fifteen entries were displayed, according to Mrs. B. H. Shelton, board member and flower show chairman, who praised the cooperation shown, but said that because of the late season, which limited the number of arrangements, no prizes were awarded this year.

In the afternoon during the open house regular meeting of the library board was held, with Chairman Flem D. Long presiding. Chief business presented by Mrs. Ethel Walker Whetstone, librarian, was a tentative budget for the coming year. Increases will be received through State appropriations and slight increases are expected from City and County sources.

Entries in flower show were as follows: Home Demonstration clubs, Mt. Tirzah, 2 arrangements, Snapdragons and Dwarf gladioli; Chub Lake, 3 arrangements, 2 of snapdragons and one of Deautilus pinks; Helena, 3 arrangements of Pansies, Lawson lilies, and Iris and larkspur; Bushy Fork, an arrangement of Pansies; Providence, an arrangement of mixed garden flowers, and individual arrangements, Mrs. O. B. McBroome, mixed iris; Mrs. Reade Jones, Iris; Mrs. Rufus Harris, two arrangements of Pansies and Mrs. A. B. Hughes, field flowers; Mrs. A. B. Buchanan, Sweet William; and Hester Florist, Fuschia.

Oil Demand Slump After Jap Defeat

New York—A. Jacobsen, president of Amerada Petroleum Corp., told stockholders at the annual meeting that the corporation should have crude oil production slightly higher this year than in 1944. He said it was pretty early for a forecast of earnings, but added it looked like the company this year should do at least as well as it did last year.

Mr. Jacobsen said he believed there would be a slump in the demand for oil products in this country at the end of the war with Japan, and told stockholders that "some reduction in production of oil would not be welcome to us." He said he did not think there would be any important change in crude prices after Japan is defeated.

Indian War Hero Bashful At Home

Bapchule, Ariz.—The raw courage that helped a full blood Pima Indian lad fight the battle of Iwo Jima and raise the Stars and Stripes over Mt. Suribachi failed him May 1 when 1,000 tribesmen honored him.

Pfc. Ira H. Hayes, youthful marine, bashfully declined to speak at a deeply religious ceremony arranged at his homecoming in this Indian village of 300 persons.

From 45 miles around the Pima's trekked over desert lands on a day's notice to pay tribute to the bronzed, high-cheeked Indian youth who leaves them again today for Washington, D. C.

At the nation's Capitol—where he was received 10 days ago by President Truman—Private Hayes will start a nation-wide tour in the Seventh War Loan campaign. He is one of the three surviving servicemen of the six who took part in the famous flag raising photographed by Joseph Rosenthal of the Associated Press.

The proudest participants were the marine's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hayes, and two of his teenage brothers.

Only one request had been made by the family. Mrs. Hayes asked a duet to sing the hymn: "He Will Deliver." Waste vegetable leaf meal is an excellent chick feed supplement. The blade portions of the leaves are high in protein, carotene, and riboflavin, all needed in poultry feed.