

SEEN AND HEARD

NEW BUILDINGS

You might be surprised to drive along the dirt road from Zebulon to Hephzibah church and note the new buildings. First is the Chamblee home just outside town, which has had rooms added and a new front built, making it much more attractive in appearance. Farther on is the new tenant house on the Walter Page farm, and right near the banks of Little River the new Page home, as yet unoccupied, but very near completion. An unusual type of house it is, but perfectly adapted to its setting. On the hill beyond the river the house occupied recently by the Hagwood family, has been repaired and newly painted. Near the Luther Liles home a new cottage is being built that promises to be up-to-date and comfortable. Hardly a home along the route that does not show some improvement during the year. Drive this way some time instead of keeping to the paved highway and see if you do not enjoy the change.

Springfield, Ill.—A jury in the Federal District Court convicted 36 defendants in the bombing cases growing out of the union warfare of 1932 and 1935 in the Illinois coal mining district involving the dynamiting of mines and coal trains in a fight with the John L. Lewis interests seeking to dominate the state's mining industry. The guilty defendants face a maximum of four years in a Federal penitentiary and a fine of \$20,000 each.

Levelling off at 28 per cent of capacity the steel industry is believed to have hit bottom, with only an upturn possible from January 1st onward . . . More than 200,000 stockholders of the Pennsylvania Railroad will receive as a Christmas present checks representing a dividend of 75 cents a share, bringing the year's disbursement up to \$1.25 per share . . . The movement of gold toward Europe in the last quarter is believed to approximate \$250,000,000, although no exact figures are available. Since all repatriated gold has been withdrawn from the "sterilized" gold horde of this country, its loss has had no effect on Government credit . . . New Yorkers with business in Baghdad may now enjoy direct telephonic communication with the capitol of Mesopotamia. The Bell System's overseas service can now make connection with 93 per cent of the world's 38,800,000 telephones . . . Canadian mines producing gold and base metals have declared during 1937 dividends amounting to \$101,296,000. The largest contributor to the list was International Nickel, with disbursements of nearly \$35,000,000.

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IT'S HOG-KILLING TIME IN CAROLINA

"Hog-killing time. How this expression stirs the activity of the farm family as cold weather arrives!

"It means plenty of hard work, but it also means fresh pork, sausage, spare ribs, liver pudding, cracklin' corn bread — filling the smoke-house," said Prof. R. E. Nance, of State College.

A moderately cool day, with the weather above freezing, is better than a bitter cold day for hog-killing, he continued.

Stop feeding the hogs 24 hours before they are to be slaughtered. It is easier to clean and dress the carcass when the digestive tract is empty. And when the system is not gorged with food, the blood will drain out more readily.

Don't overheat or excite the animals before killing. Getting the hog wrought up produces a feverish

condition that prevents proper bleeding and causes the meat to sour while in the cure.

For scalding the carcass, Professor Nance said that water at a temperature of 150 degrees is best. In cold weather, add a bucket of cold water to half a barrel of boiling water, and this will give about the right temperature.

Or dip the finger into the water quickly. If it burns severely the first time, it is too hot. But if the finger can be dipped in three times in quick succession, with the water burning severely the third time, the temperature is about right.

A vat sunk into the ground beside a platform close to the ground level provides a convenient place to scald the carcass and scrape off the hair.

Tools that will aid in dressing the carcass are: A common six or eight-inch butcher knife, a six-inch skinning knife, a smooth steel for sharpening knives, several hog gambrel sticks, two bell shaped hog scrapers, and a 28-inch meat saw.

TERRACES ALONE CAN'T PREVENT SOIL EROSION.

By I. O. Schaub

Terracing a farm is not the only

thing that is needed to stop it from washing away and improve the soil.

While terracing and contour cultivation is the foundation of any good erosion control program on most North Carolina farms, something needs to be done to take care of the water at the end of the terraces, and that farming methods need to be adopted that will check erosion between the terraces and put every acre on the farm to uses to which it is suited.

Actual tests at the Soil Conservation Service Experiment Station at Statesville show that tons of rich topsoil wash out the ends of the best terraces that can be built, where farming methods that check erosion between the terraces are not followed.

As long as water runs down un

protected slopes soil will go with it. Experience in erosion control demonstration areas in North Carolina, however; show that farmers can do much to protect their fields by terracing them, farming on the contour so that each row is a little terrace, keeping the land covered with close-growing soil-building crops as much as possible, rotating crops, planting badly eroded fields and bad strips across good fields to close-growing soil-improving or hay crops, vegetating outlets to safely carry water from terraces, developing meadow strips to protect natural draws in the field, contouring and improving pastures, putting badly eroded land back to trees, and planting vege-

Christmas Cheers

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