

This, That, & the Other

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Fireplace cooking was going off the scene not long after I came on it. Still, I know something of how it went—trivets, ovens, long-legged spiders, cranes, tongs, shovels, hot coals, embers and blaze. Boiling was fairly simple, but how they ever baked such perfect cakes in ovens heated by coals put over and under is a mystery to me.

When I cook on a wood or coal stove there is little you can teach me about the thing after I have become used to its ways. I know about drafts and ashes and soot in pipes; and even how to mix a paste of salt and ash to stop a crack that would spoil the baking if left to itself. I know how to fill the oven with green or wet wood and season it before putting in for fuel.

I know pretty much all about several makes of oil stoves; how they get clogged or leaky; how they will smoke if not kept clean and level; how to make minor repairs—such as keeping an oven door closed by propping it with a broom—for five years; how to cut wicks to fit and to put them in. I know about cooking with gas and how careful you must be about it—and how perfectly terrible it smells on mornings you don't feel well. How it boils water out so fast you'd never believe the pot was dry until you smelled the food burning.

I know a little about using gasoline as fuel; but it was a risky process when I had a little stove of that kind thirty-four years ago and I've been skittish about gasoline ever since.

And when it comes to electric current I am as ignorant as the woman who told her husband there was nothing to it except to turn a little switch. If turning the switch doesn't do the work I'm bored, if not shocked.

When our old electric iron got wrong and let the current run all over it, my arm tingled, but I had no idea what should be done besides shutting off the current. The boys tried to tell me about positive and negative wires—or something—and I listened carefully, but knew no more afterwards than before. They made the repairs and I went on two or three more years with that iron before it went bad again.

The electric sweeper refused to zoom and I called for help over six months before one of the sons would take time to fix it. When they did and remarked on how simple it was I got cross and told them they ought to be ashamed to make me wait so long for so little.

But I still didn't feel as if I should learn to make the connection they said had worked loose.

When a bulb burns out I can screw in another one; but if it should not light up I'd feel as helpless as if I were trying to turn on the moon at the wrong time of the month.

Therefore when our colored helper reported solemnly that the biscuits just wouldn't bake on top I tried shifting the racks in the oven. That did little good. Carolina Power and Light Co. called upon, very pleasantly said they'd send a man up to find the trouble and remedy it. He came late that afternoon.

And he was a Pearce boy I used to know, all grown-up now and nice looking as you please. He was most apologetic about coming while we were cooking supper, and when I offered to start a fire in the wood-stove he told me they are trained to interfere with cooking as little as possible, adding with a grin, "That's where we make money, you see." I saw.

Well, that young man slipped the broiler unit out of that range, took it outside and poked at

They Just Won't Break Their Perfect Record

Zebulon Rotarians held their 74th consecutive hundred per cent meeting on June 27. Albert Medlin was absent, but will most probably make up attendance, even if out of the state.

William Cheeves had the program with N. Carl Barefoot as speaker from the highway safety division. Mr. Barefoot gave startling figures with regard to highway fatalities, stating that 999 persons were killed in this way last year in this state alone. About 10,000 more were injured. For the first five months of this year 449 persons have been killed by cars in North Carolina, 131, of them men between the ages of 25 and 40 years. The majority of these left families, some of whom must be cared for by charity. About one-fifth of those killed were farmers.

The highway safety division strives to educate people to be careful whether walking or driving on a highway. Mr. Barefoot thinks safety courses should be taught in our schools. He was heard with deep interest.

The club welcomed a new member, John Sumner, head of Carolina Power and Light Co. here.

There will be no Rotary meeting on July 4, as that is a holiday.

Meetings to be Held in July

Pastor A. D. Parrish makes the following announcements:

Hopkins Chapel—The meeting at this church will begin on Monday night of next week, July 7. Rev. F. H. Schofield, Jr., of Youngville will assist the pastor. The hours of service have not been definitely set, but will probably be 3:00 and 8:00 p. m. each day.

White Oak—Revival services are in progress at this church this week with Rev. Carl Lewis of Wakefield assisting. Services are at 3:00 and 8:00 p. m. The public is invited to all services at both churches.

Smithfield WPA Office Closed

Johnson county felt the knife of governmental economy last week when WPA officials announced June 30 of the district WPA office in Smithfield. Two other district offices—at North Wilkesboro and Albemarle—were abolished the permanent closing on ished at the same time.

This action was necessary, officials stated, in view of a sharp reduction in administrative and other funds for WPA in North Carolina.

Fire Alarm On Monday

The sound of the fire alarm early Monday afternoon started numerous citizens of Zebulon on a run for the seed house back of the Home Ginning Co., where smoke was rising foggily. Scattered sodium nitrate had smoldered in the heat and started a blaze which spread to the steps of the house. When water used to extinguish the fire came in contact with the chemical—belonging to the Home Fertilizer Co.—there was a loud explosion. An on-looker reported that while before the explosion there was a crowd present, when the sound had died away there were left only Melvin Massey with the hose and his helper, though the others were not injured, leaving under their own power. Damage was small. It should be noted that Zebulon



Pictured is Clare de Luce, a singer with Glenn Miller's orchestra which will make a state tour this fall.

Registration Is Light Here

Wake County enrolled 792 young men on Tuesday of this week. Among these were nine who should have registered last October.

The local board, Number 3, registered 136, Number 4 at Fuquay Springs enrolling 120. The rest were listed in Raleigh.

It was expected that about 27,000 would register from the state as a whole, but figures are not yet available as to results.

The work moved better yesterday than last fall when procedure was new to all concerned. At present employees of the boards are much better able to give information which will expedite the process of registration.

Married Men Are Deferred

Selective Service headquarters instructed local boards Saturday to exempt from the draft men with dependents to whose support they make "any substantial contribution."

The order applies to me already in Class I-A as well as those not yet classified.

Men who married after registering will be required to show that they were married "in the ordinary course of human affairs" and not to evade army training.

Coolley to Speak to Cotton Men

Representative Harold D. Coolley, member of congress from the Fourth District, will be the principal speaker at the 19th annual farmers' field day to be held at the Tobacco Test Farm near Oxford on July 10.

Drive carefully on the Fourth. We'd like to see you back here after the holidays.

Volunteers Asked for U. S. Army

Sergeant J. M. Pate, in charge of the Army Recruiting Station, Raleigh, announced today that his station has several vacancies left for negro applicants, who are qualified for enlistment in the regular army. These men now have a choice of being sent to Fort Bragg, N. C., Camp Davis, N. C., Fort Jackson, S. C., or Camp Croft, S. C.

Sgt. Pate announced also, that after this immediate quota was filled, men enlisting for service would not have the choice of assignment. Only men enlisting for the Air Corps are assigned to any particular branch of service at the time of acceptance.

The following specialist vacancies are now available: painters, carpenters, mechanics, chauffeurs, bricklayers, foremen, truck and

Two Million Dollars For Cotton Growers

This week the first of \$2,000,000 in cotton stamps were distributed to cotton farmers in more than 70 North Carolina counties. It is the AAA's way of paying farmers for cooperation in the program to reduce 1941 cotton acreage so as to reduce the tremendous surplus of the crop in this country.

Cotton stamps are going out to farmers who may exchange the symbols for all-American cotton goods.

A farmer can use them in any cooperating retail store or mail order house in exchange for new products made entirely in the United States and entirely of U. S. cotton. Bindings, buttons and similar products should not be considered in determining cotton products.

How will the farmer know whether a store is cooperating? By asking within the store.

Purchases can be made by mail. Stores which qualify under special Surplus Marketing Administration mail order regulations will be allowed to accept cotton stamps for mail orders.

Persons using cotton stamps get the same quality goods as persons using cash.

Wake PCA Has Annual Meet

Another year of progress was reported by directors of twelve production credit associations who gathered at Myrtle Beach, S. C. for a group conference, according to C. S. Chamblee, director of the Raleigh Production Credit Association, which serves Wake county.

Plans for further improving the service which these farmers' cooperative short-term credit organizations offer to their members were discussed. The round-table discussions were participated in by all of the directors.

Attending from the Raleigh Association in addition to Mr. Chamblee were Geo. D. Richardson, J. H. Akins, J. T. Shearon and Obe Tingen, directors, and E. F. Warner, secretary-treasurer.

The Raleigh association has to date made 758 loans this year totaling \$394,000.

DEFENSE BONDS

At the request of the treasury department we announce a new feature of interest and service to many readers who are buying or will buy Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps. This will be called the Defense Bond Quiz, and will start in next week's issue.

The questions will be chosen from among those asked by most Bond and Stamp buyers. The answers will tell what the new Defense Savings Program means to the individual and to the nation.



The farm family wants to help daughter Mary in every way possible when she goes off to college next fall. The AAA cotton stamp plan will enable the family to supply Mary with plenty of college hose—free. North Carolina cotton

farmers will earn about \$2,000,000 in cotton stamps for purchases of American cotton goods this year by curtailing 1941 cotton acreage. Distribution of the first stamps in the state is scheduled to begin next week.

CHURCH NOTES

Baptist Church

Services to be held Sunday, July 6, are as follows:
9:45 Sunday school.
11:00 Morning worship. Sermon, topic, "God Is Like The Sea."
7:30 Young people meet.
8:00 Mission night. All mission organizations meet at this time except the Sunbeams. They have their meeting at the eleven o'clock hour.

G. J. Griffin, Pastor

JUNIOR G A MEETING

The Junior G. A.'s held their regular monthly meeting on Saturday evening, June 28, 1941, at the home of Fannie Mae Gay with Rose Yancey, assistant hos-

sess. Cakes, crackers, punch and candy were served to 10 members and two visitors.
Stella J. Phillips

Methodist Church

Services for Sunday, July 6:
Church school—10:00.
Young people—7:00.
Worship service—8:00.

CLASS MEETING

The Junior Fidelis Class of the Baptist Sunday school met on Monday night in the home of Mrs. Charlie Rhodes with Lelia Carroll hostess. The program was directed by Christine Conn. During the social hour the hostess served refreshments.

Economic Highlights

SUMMER LULL — The three main trends current in the business picture are: (1) Department store volume of goods moved is well on the way to setting an all-time high for the first half of the year, while profits are holding up well and dollar volume will be highest since 1929, and with prospects bright for maintaining the pace in latter half of year; (2) Increasing sentiment in various quarters for putting some curbs on extension of credit in consumer lines—which means a tightening up on installment buying; and (3) Voluntary, as well as "negotiated" wage increases are being made in many lines, not all of them defense-goods industries, either.

Other items indicating there'll be no mid-summer lull this year include the federal reserve board's findings that general industrial activity increased sharply during May, sending its seasonally-adjusted index to 149 (per cent of the 1935-39 average), compared with 140 in April and 143 in March; the continuing terrific pace of construction awards, which last week hit the third highest total ever reported; and reports of big gains for railroads in both passenger and freight revenue.

VEGETABLE EXCURSION

"Excursion rates" for vegetables as well as people would help bring Americans more vitamin-rich food by encouraging farmers to market more truck crops, says

reports that, in 1940, enough truck crops went unmarketed because of low farm prices to supply 13,000,000 people for a month. And on this same subject, it is pointed out by William Fellowes Morgan, jr., New York City Commissioner of Markets, that people will eat more vegetables when they are made available. Morgan cited the A. and P. Tea company's 25 per cent increase in sales of vegetables and fruits during the first week of its summer "Nutrition for Defense" campaign, in urging other distributors to similarly promote vitamin-bearing produce. He referred to Department of Agriculture estimates that men, women and children generally should double their consumption of many vegetables to maintain health.

BITS O' BUSINESS

It's estimated that, with somewhat more than 1 per cent of the country's total population in the army, the service is using one and three-quarters per cent of our total food production. . . . The chemical industry, which held the record for "explosive" expansion up to the time the war situation lifted aviation into that position, is still going strong—its sales are nearly double those of its record year of 1939, but profits aren't showing anywhere near such a rise, what with taxes and higher wages. . . . Westinghouse is adjusting wages and salaries upward 11 per cent this month, in accordance with its plan under which the compen-

Boll Weevil Menace Is Now Grave Reality

Cotton enemy No. 1, the boll weevil, has begun its invasion of North Carolina farms, and the time has arrived for farmers to counter-attack. County farm agents are mobilizing forces to fight the insect pest.

The first maneuver is the application of 1-1-1 poison treatments when weevils are found in fields the pre-square period at the rate of 30 or more per acre. That means, about one weevil to 500 plants.

Pre-square treatments should be started just as squares begin to form. This is usually when the plants are 5 to 6 inches high, and before the squares are large enough for weevils to puncture.

But don't stop with this attack, because a war isn't won with a single battle. Pre-square poisoning alone will not satisfactorily control boll weevils, as many weevils reach the fields after the pre square poisoning period has passed.

Post-square treatments, in the form of calcium arsenate dusting are recommended. This type of poisoning should be started when 10 percent of the developing squares show boll weevil egg punctures.

Complete information on boll weevil control methods is contained in extension folder No. 45, which is available free upon request to the Agricultural Editor, N. C. State College, Raleigh. The 1-1-1 treatment is made with a mixture of one pound of calcium arsenate, one gallon of cheap molasses, and one gallon of water. It is applied with a hand mop or with a machine.

Many Traffic Deaths in Wake

Wake county reported 21 traffic fatalities during the first five months of this year, according to a five-months summary released this week by the highway safety division.

This number represented an increase in comparison with the number killed in Wake county during the same period last year, when 24 persons were killed.

Traffic fatalities for the state as a whole totaled 448 persons for the five-months period, this grim toll running nearly 49 per cent ahead of the 301 persons killed in North Carolina the first five months of last year.

Seen and Heard

Last week by way of amusement we gave our readers the tank problem to solve. This week we have a new one, yet it is rather old. Query: How long will that hole in the street or highway near the Baptist church remain unfilled? It has been open now—we do not remember how long. Neither do we remember the times we have cut around it or jolted across that hole.

Cotton Equity

Farmers who stored cotton under government loan in 1938, 1939 or 1940 still hold an equity on cotton which has been kept in storage and they may stand to receive more than the original loan for the cotton, it is announced by G. Tom Scott of Johnston county, chairman of the state AAA committee.

Prevailing market prices now are several cents a pound higher than the loan rates for any of the past three years, and if the Commodity Credit Corporation, holder of the loan cotton, should find it necessary to market some of the stored lint to keep domestic prices from rising too high, farmers who stored the cotton on loan would share in the proceeds of the sale on the basis of the