

This, That, & the Other

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My husband, who is chief poultry man at our place in addition to everything else he does, has had rather a bad time with biddies this year. First, the cat killed and ate a number before being caught in the act. Then another cat helped itself to a few before that lot got frying size. The next batch did a little better, but something caught some of them.

The last lot had not even a step-mother, hen after hen refusing a maternity for which she had no inclination; and more fruitless labor than trying to persuade a hen to cluck I have never seen. Finally Theo gave up the effort and has raised those biddies by hand. That means going out before dark to put them to bed—we don't have a brooder—going early to let them out, feeding, watering, everything but hovering over them. The two weeks he was in meetings a part of that work fell to my share.

Last Friday night I fed the survivors of various raids—by rats, we thought. As many as ten had disappeared one night when they were tiny; and I counted only nineteen left of about fifty. I cut fine for them a lot of green corn that was harder than we like it for cooking. Chicks love that so much that once you start giving it to them they refuse all other food as long as there seems a chance to get the corn. Not long after they were fed I went back to see if they had gone to bed so that the opening to their shelter might be closed; but two were still out eating and I knew if I went in the enclosure others might rush out for more corn. So I left them for about twenty minutes.

The chicks are kept in a space about twelve feet square, enclosed by wire fencing and walled up with metal roofing for about three feet on every side but the one against the barn. They stay at night in half an iron barrel, laid on its side, cut across its middle and one end against the wall of the pen, the other open except when closed at night.

When I went back for the third time Friday it was growing dusky. But the biddies, instead of being inside the half-barrel, were huddled together on the far side of the enclosure. I went to them and tried to guide them toward the usual sleeping quarters, but they refused to move, cheeping plaintively. Well, I thought, if you're bent and bound on sleeping here, there's no real reason why you shouldn't. I'll bring the shelter to you, if you won't go to it.

I picked up the half-barrel, one hand in each end at the top, and started toward the chicks. It seemed even more unwieldy than I had expected, so I leaned one-sided and peeped in. There was a dark mass of something inside and then I saw hanging outside a long black tail. I was carrying a snake! For some unexplained reason I walked back and put snake and container down exactly where I had picked them up. Then I got out of that pen in a hurry, but stooped to peer back, making sure there was not only a snake, but a chicken with it.

My husband had gone to Kenly, Ferd and his wife had gone to see her people, my grandson had gone to Wake Forest. I was entirely alone, as regards humans. Help was needed. I went to the C. V. Whitleys. Mr. Whitley, I knew, was at the Rotary supper; but Merritt Massey was not well enough to cope with that snake; the Antone house was all dark; Uncle Percy Hopkins, our colored neighbor, was sick in bed. And I thought Mr. Bridgers was also Rotating.

Mrs. Whitley lent me a flash light and she with Nancy came along for comfort and encouragement. Mrs. Whitley thought I might be able to kill the snake with a hoe or shovel; but I couldn't bring myself to share her belief; and after we three took another shuddering look into the barrel she thought I couldn't get at

Wakelon Future Farmers Win 1st Place In Contest

Seventeen Members Are in Attendance at Meet

ROLESVILLE SECOND

Local FFA Past President Presides Over Event

Seventeen members from the Wakelon chapter of the Future Farmers of America, including three visitors, attended the Tom Browne Mountain Camp the week which began June 30, and won first place in the competitive activities for the week at Mountain Camp in W. N. C.

The Wakelon chapter was presented a banner to be placed in the F. F. A room of the agriculture department. The banner is national blue with gold letters, which is the official color, and is inscribed as follows:

"Tom Browne Camp, weekly winner, 1941." Also the official seal of vocational agriculture is on the banner.

Wakelon scored a total of 307½ points for the week, and the Rolesville chapter scored second place.

Competitive activities included softball, baseball, volleyball, badminton, horseshoes, shuffleboard, table tennis, and checkers. The boys were also scored on spirit and industry during work hour, attendance at devotionals and exercise each morning, and general conduct.

The boys attending from Wakelon were Joe Thomas Knott, Roscoe Arnold, Wilton Bunn, Wyatt Horton, Fred Corbett, H. B. Rowland, Leamon Pearce, Eldred King, Oliver Horton, Fred Bobbit, Allen Denton, Wilbur Hales, Levere Pearce, Harold Pippin, J. K. Watkins, Jack Hinton, and Earl Pearce.

Very few of the boys had been to the mountains before and it was a real treat for everyone to spend a week there.

Wilbur Hales, past president of the local chapter, was called upon to conduct the regular business meeting of the entire camp on Friday night.

The group made visits from camp to the Craggy Gardens, famous for beautiful rhododendron, and to the million dollar Asheville playground.

Citizens of Wake to See New Plane

People of Wake county will be given an opportunity on Wednesday and Thursday, July 23 and 24, to contribute to the fund being raised by North Carolina to buy a fully equipped airplane ambulance to be given to England, S. P. Vecker of Raleigh, Wake county chairman of the Old North State Fund, said today.

Governor J. M. Broughton, who is honorary state chairman of the Old North State Fund, has called upon the people of North Carolina to contribute as liberally as they can.

Wake's quota in the campaign is \$4,125.00 and the quota for the state as a whole is \$75,000.

The drive in Wake county will be given a "rousing send-off" next Tuesday night at a "Dutch treat" dinner to be held in the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh at 6:30 o'clock.

"All contributions, however large or small, will be greatly appreciated," said Chairman Vecker. "It is a cause in which we want all to feel they can play a part to aid our friends in war-torn England. Our quota is not a large one and we hope we can more than exceed it."

Contributions may be sent to Wm. P. Little at the First Citizens Bank and Trust Company in Raleigh. Mr. Little is county treasurer of the fund. State Auditor George Ross Poe is state treasurer

FOUR MELODIERS



Singers with Glenn Miller, who plans a tour of this state.

Plenty of Power Seen In Carolina

Heavy Rains Relieve Bad Situation in the Southeast

Recent heavy rains which seemed to have been general throughout the Southeastern states have served to improve greatly the hydro electric power supply.

Manager L. V. Sutton of Carolina Power & Light Co. said he had been informed that many reservoirs at other hydro-electric generating stations in the Southeastern state had been filled.

"There is a general improvement in the water supply at our hydro-electric generating stations—actually we have been spilling water over the dams at two of them, and within the last few days have shut down completely one of our steam electric generating plants," Mr. Sutton said. "This steam plant can be placed back into service upon short notice in the event that present relief is of a temporary nature."

Mayor, Board Have Difference

Sometime ago Mayor Privette proposed to build a wash room on the east side of his place at the junction of the highways in Zebulon. To do so, it would be necessary for him to use several feet of the sidewalk and street space, probably 20 feet. There was some objection to this by members of the town board. They claimed that the street should be kept open, though not used. A ditch took up some of the space, cars and gravel the balance.

Members of the board protested. Mr. Privette advertised in the Record his proposal, inviting any who objected to do so. He claims no one made objection, so this week work began on the addition to his garage. Immediately three members of the town board made objection. They claimed that citizens objected to the project. It now appears that either Mr. Privette will go ahead with his plans, or the commissioners will order the street obstructions removed. An appeal to the citizens or resort to the courts seems the only permanent solution of the difference.

BUGS—J. L. Horn, negro cotton farmer of Route 1, Marshville, is fighting an insect similar to the army worm which is attacking his cotton.

Seen and Heard

Nearly the whole of the town of Kenly was covered with water Sunday afternoon. It ran across streets, was more than a foot deep in yards, drove one family from the first floor of their home . . . On the highway from Selma early Monday were seen a dead dog, cat and opossum, all lying in the road, the victims of automobiles . . . A man with a load of tobacco already cured on his way to the posthouse at 6:00 o'clock in the morning . . . Five Wake Forest girls in town Monday, all good looking and happy as appearances told us . . . a near-farmer in town hiring a young colored man to weed his strawberry patch. The hiring running away just as soon as left alone—and he sho' did run . . . The hole in the street near the Baptist church filled, but not quite full enough . . . two citizens of Zebulon about 6:30 a. m. hurrying to beat each other to M. T. Debnam's store to read his News and Observer . . . Walter Page's turkeys—about 35 of them—sunning themselves in front of his brooder house.

Rotarians Have Perfect Meeting

Zebulon Rotarians held their 75th consecutive hundred per cent meeting last Friday night. Vance Brown was away on vacation and Luther Long failed to show up, but these boys will make up attendance or be afraid to show their faces. Hoyle Bridgers had the program, but had nothing special as it was time for installation of officers and this took most of the hour.

The following officers will head the club for the next term: President, Robert D. Massey; Vice-president, Charles Allen; Secretary-treasurer, Bob Sawyer; Sgt. at arms, Stuart Black.

Local Men Have Good Gardens

Gardens in this section have been unusually good this year, despite the late spring. While vegetables may not have been quite so early as in other years, the quality has been fine.

Ripe tomatoes were found last week in the garden of Mrs. Ruth Chamblee near town.

Local Board Selectees Listed for July

List of selected men to be inducted into the United States army July 21, 1941:

V-2797 Note Reynolds, Route 1, Wake Forest, N. C.; V-3285 Walter Fleetwood Foreman, Route 3, Wake Forest, N. C.; 803 Cellaon Macon Keith, Route 1, Wake Forest, N. C.; 822 Archie Lee Daniel, Route 1, Knightdale,

1, Wake Forest, N. C.; 885 Walter Robert Powell, Route 1, Wake Forest, N. C.; 896 O. B. Denton, Route 3, Wake Forest, N. C.; 918 Carl Lee Scarborough, Route 3, Zebulon, N. C.; 924 Paul Cicero Burke, Route 4, Raleigh, N. C.; 938 Willard Massey Denton, Route 1, Zebulon, N. C.; 942 Charles Amos Beddingfield, Millbrook, N. C.; 946 Rufus Benjamin, Wake Forest, N. C.

July Crop Situation Seen As Improved throughout Eastern North Carolina

CHURCH NOTES

Baptists Make Announcements

Announcements for Sunday, July 20:
9:45 Sunday school.
11:00 Morning worship. Sermon topic: "Jesus Looks at The World."
6:30 Young People meet.
Vesper Service
7:00 This will be an outdoor service held on the church lawn. In case of rain we will meet inside at the same hour, 7 p. m. The topic of the message will be "Restoration."

Two Baptisms

Graham Fowler and Francis Wall were baptized into the fellowship of the Zebulon Baptist church on Tuesday night of last week.

Class Meets

The Wakefield Philathia class met at church Wednesday, July 9 "Youth" was the topic. There were thirty present. A group of members were hostesses. Delicious icy drinks, sandwiches and cup cakes were served.

Savings Program Gets Underway

R. O. Heater of the Heater Well Co., and chairman of the sub-committee delegated to organize the Cary and Morrisville communities for National Defense Savings Plan justifies the faith placed in him by his first report, stated L. Bruce Gunter, secretary of the Wake County Defense Savings Plan committee.

Mr. Heater has appeared before two gatherings in the Baptist church at Cary, has contacted the operator of a saw mill plant and secured cooperation in getting employees to invest in savings stamps and bonds; has got the Raleigh Hatchery people to include the Defense Savings Plan in their radio broadcasts. First of all, Mr. Heater himself has adopted this policy, and his company offers special inducement to employees to invest in Defense Savings Stamps each pay day, by paying part of the cost of the stamps for the employees.

With Mr. Heater in the work at Cary and Morrisville is Mr. E. N. Meekins of Cary.

Mr. R. E. Prince of Fuquay Springs is county chairman, and he is hoping to get the whole county of Wake as active in this matter as the Cary and Morrisville sections are.

Dr. L. M. Massey and E. C. Daniel are committeemen for Zebulon and vicinity.

Church Items of Methodists

Services for Sunday: Church school—10:00. Young people—7:00. Church service—8:00. Make your plans so as to include the church services this coming Sunday.

W. M. S. Meets

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church met on Monday afternoon with Mrs. Wesley Saunders hostess. Twenty-two were present. Mrs. B. F. Boone conducted the worship service and Mrs. Fred Page led the program.

During the business session the main item for discussion was the new cook book recently compiled by the organization and which will soon come off the press and be put on sale.

Mrs. Saunders, assisted by her daughters, Miss Mary Saunders and Mrs. R. L. Corbett of Macclesfield, served delightful refreshments.

Library Is Open 2 Days Weekly

The library at the Woman's club will be open on both Wednesday and Friday of each week until September. Hours are 9 to 12 and 2 to 5.

Mrs. A. N. Jones

Families Asked for Aluminum

The nation's gigantic aluminum-gathering campaign, scheduled for the week of July 21, will give every family an opportunity to contribute directly to the National Defense Program, says Dr. I. O. Schaub, director of the N. C. State College extension service.

During that week voluntary workers will call at the homes of American families in every state asking for any old aluminum not in use. Purpose of the campaign is to supplement the vast supplies of the metal needed for the production of defense equipment, especially fighting planes.

Among the items which may be contributed are: pots and pans, radio parts, toys, shakers, screening, old washing-machine parts, picture frames, book ends, ice trays, measuring cups, camera equipment, kettles and double boilers, bottle and jar caps, refrigerator plates, and dozens of others.

"Anything that's made of aluminum will do," Dr. Schaub said. "That old kettle with the hole in it that's been lying around for years will help in making a plane. A careful search of pantries, basements, back porches, and out-buildings will probably reveal several items no longer usable that will go to increase our present aluminum supplies."

In rural areas, it has been proposed that 4-H Club members and home demonstration club women call on homes in their communities to collect the aluminum scrap. Dr. Schaub said farm and home agents have been asked to lend a helping hand in this important defense campaign.

Tobacco Crop Is Under Last Year

1941 Weed Yield About 4 Per Cent Under 1940

OTHER YIELDS HIGH

Drought and Extra Rain Fails to Ruin Most Crops

Heavy rains around Zebulon have rendered plowing impossible recently, but the long dry spell before the wet weather began gave farmers a chance to get rid of all their grass.

About half the farmers have begun burning tobacco.

North Carolina now has prospects for a favorable crop year in spite of adverse weather conditions earlier in the season. The May drought, which seriously threatened crops, was broken in practically all counties by June 15 except for local areas. Good rains were general the last week of June and in certain localities reached the excessive stage by July 6. Little damage from heavy rains, however, has been reported. Small grains have yielded especially good, with wheat breaking last year's record. Early hay crops were cut short by dry weather but otherwise, present indications are for a good yield of all crops.

TOBACCO: A production 4 percent under last year is indicated by conditions as of July 1. The acreage was increased approximately 1 percent, but the yield per acre is down 5 percent from last season. Dry weather the first of the season delayed transplanting and retarded early growth. Although most growers reset two to three times, stands are considerably below average. Plants are irregular in size but growth is now evening up at a satisfactory rate. Owing to very recent rains tobacco has been damaged considerably in some sections. Wet weather wilt is affecting considerable sections.

CORN: Corn production for 1941 is indicated at 3 percent above 1940 despite a 2 percent decrease in acreage planted. July 1 conditions point to a yield per acre of 19.5 bushels, 5 percent higher than last season. The crop is reported in excellent condition except in certain central counties where stands are below average as a result of dry weather during and after planting time. Recent rains have spoilt many nubbins, and the prospect is for a bumper corn crop in Eastern Carolina.

SMALL GRAINS: Per acre yields of all small grains turned out considerably better than were earlier expected. Wheat has set new records in both total production and yield per acre although the acreage harvested is 41 percent under the record. Oats production is up 3 percent from 1940, barley increased 43 percent, and rye production declined 7 percent as a result of less acreage harvested.

ANNUAL LEGUMES: The acreage planted of peanuts in 1941 decreased 5 percent from last year but is 3 percent above the 10-year average (1930-39) plantings. Reported condition on July 1 of 76 percent is the same as the 10-year average but 5 points under a year ago. The 1941 acreage of soybeans and cowpeas grown alone for all purposes was increased 3 and 12 percent respectively from 1940.

IRISH POTATOES: The commercial early potato crop, which was cut short by the drought, rapidly responded to the June rains.