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GIVES HIS DOLLARS AWAY



A bank clerk, with a fistfull of dollar bills, won on a recent Columbia network's human interest quiz show, "Strike It Rich." Joseph Snyder, of the Bronx, distributes his take, \$230 plus \$20 out of his own pocket, to needy men who come daily to the St. Francis of Assisi Church breadline in the heart of Manhattan. He is shown with Brother Lawrence, regularly in charge of the line, and Quizmaster Todd Russell (left) looking on. (NC Photos).

Second Snow Falls on Zebulon; Transportation, Mail Interrupted

Just as Zebulon and the surrounding community was digging out from under an 18-inch blizzard which hit last week, another record snow began falling and continued through Tuesday afternoon reaching a depth of 12 to 14 inches, blocking highways and causing bus and mail service to be interrupted for the second time within a week.

Ratio of Egg-Feed Is Lowest Ever Recorded In Month of December

The lowest egg-feed ratio ever recorded for December was existing in December 1947, according to C. Brice Ratchford, in charge of Farm Management for the State College Extension Service.

The egg-feed ratio is a ratio of price of eggs as compared with price of feed, Mr. Ratchford said. The lower the ratio is, the higher the price of feed in relation to prices of eggs.

It is expected that the egg-feed ratio will continue low at least until spring, when estimates for the 1948 grain crop are available, the specialist said. If, at that time, a large feed crop is predicted, the ratio should rise, he added.

Despite higher feed costs, egg prices are not likely to rise, he said. At present, egg prices are only 96 per cent of parity or 3 per cent above support level. At the same time, feed prices are well above 100 per cent of parity.

The poultry industry has made real progress in North Carolina (Continued on Page 6)

Barbara Nell Driver Suffers Loss of Eye

Little Barbara Nell Driver, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Onnie Driver of Zebulon, Route 1, was operated on for the removal of her left eye in Carolina General Hospital in Wilson Sunday after the eye had been severely injured by her brother who accidentally hit her with a bean shooter.

Barbara Nell returned home on Wednesday of this week and is recovering from the operation as rapidly as can be expected.

Before the snow had finished falling, road crews were busy clearing the highways in an effort to keep traffic moving. Despite their efforts, all rural mail deliveries could not be made until late in the week.

County schools remained closed through the week, with their re-opening dates depending on the condition of county roads. The melting snow Thursday made dirt roads nearly impassable.

Estimates of the time that would be required to get all county roads in fair condition ranged from two weeks to over a month. Highway men warned that unless sustained good weather comes very soon these estimates may prove to be far wrong.

Few businesses stayed open all day Tuesday. Grocery stores reported sales as the lowest in years, stating that customers, who had learned from last week's bad weather, came in Monday and carried out large orders to last through the storm.

In Zebulon the trees were open for traffic late Tuesday, and on Thursday the new fire truck was brought out to furnish water for washing snow from the main street. Trouble was experienced in keeping gutters and drains open so that water from the melting snow could run to the storm drains.

Little damage was reported in Zebulon, although some stores, like Debnam's Hardawre, had water leak through the roof, damaging the ceiling.

Low temperatures kept the snow from melting until Thursday. The mercury dropped to 13 degrees Tuesday night and reached a high of 26 degrees in Zebulon Wednesday. On Thursday it rose to 37 degrees.

Bunns Purchase Airport Site, Plan Two 2,000-Ft. Runways

After a two year search, Zebulon and Wendell were assured of a permanent airport location this week when a farm was purchased on Highway 264 three miles north of Zebulon by J. G. Bunn and his sons, Philip and Graham, for an airport site. The farm adjoins the present airstrip, and is back of the Bunn Service Station. The owners plan construction of two run-

ways, one 2,000 feet long and the other 2,500 feet long.

Ed Ellington Talks Of Veterans Program To Rotarians Friday

Ed Ellington, Wakelon agriculture teacher and director of the agriculture program for veterans being conducted here, spoke on his work to the Zebulon Rotary Club last Friday night. Ed, who is well qualified through training an dexperience for his position, had time to touch only the main features of the training program.

With 78 veterans enrolled in the work, Ed stated that Wakelon has the greatest number of any school in the county, and the monthly payroll is larger than any other single business in Zebulon.

The value of the training has been vastly increased by the purchase of thousands of dollars of additional machinery and equipment. The greatest need of the agriculture department of the school is an addition to the present building. The veteran students are cramped for space, and the full benefit of the program cannot be realized until sufficient quarters are furnished. Ed called upon the club members to help in any way they can to get the building addition.

Although there was some misuse of the program by veterans out to ride a gravy train at the end of the war, the local committee has weeded out most of the (Continued on Page 3)

Mechanical Devices Add to New Trucks

Two mechanical devices which contribute importantly to driving ease are among features disclosed here today on new 1948 Chevrolet trucks. They are the steering column gearshift as standard equipment on all models equipped with three-speed transmission and a four-speed synchro-mesh transmission on heavy duty trucks. Both are firsts in the truck industry and high-spot improvements that insure greater comfort, safety, and reliability.

Announcement of the new series by Judd Robertson, manager of the J. M. Chevrolet Company, follows one of the most successful truck years in the company's history. Domestic truck sales in 1947 established a new Chevrolet (Continued on Page 6)

Weather Stops Scouts From Making Trip

The newest fall of snow kept the Boy Scouts away from the Occaneechee Council Court of Honor. The local troop had chartered a bus for the trip, but the journey was cancelled early Monday afternoon. Later in the day a radio announcement stated that the Council had postponed the Honor Court.

The troop will meet in the Baptist church basement next Monday night, if the weather will ease up on the cold and the snow. For three weeks the Scouts have failed to meet. When the meetings are resumed, work on the First Aid Merit Badge will be continued.

Telephone Situation Soon to Improve, States Bell Official

With the scheduled completion of a new exchange in July, Zebulon and the surrounding community will have the high demand for telephones satisfied, Kenneth Byers, manager of the Raleigh office of the Southern Bell Telephone Company, told the Zebulon Rotary Club Friday night. The present shortage is caused by a lack of central office equipment for the dial system.

The Zebulon exchange, which was one of the first installed in this district, was engineered to carry enough telephones to meet the demand when it was installed. The company planned to install additional equipment as it was needed.

With the coming of the war, the entire productive capacity of Bell Telephone was turned over to the war effort, and expansion of civilian services came to a standstill. The local exchange was caught short at this time.

Now, with subscribers using their telephones at a rate exceeding past records, the limited number of circuits on the equipment are overloaded during peak hours, and callers are forced to wait as long as a minute or two for the dial tone. Even though there (Continued on Page 8)

Wayne Price Critically Ill at Duke Hospital

Wayne, young son of the B. M. Prices, is critically ill in Duke Hospital. Diagnosis, confirmed by x-rays, determined that his trouble is a tumor which is deeply embedded in the base of the brain, making operation impossible. Much sympathy is expressed for the child and for his parents, who have made every effort for his welfare.

County Agent Advises Spring Oats If Fall Hay Crop Was Failure

By JOHN L. REITZEL

The fall season was very unfavorable for harvesting fall hay crops throughout the county. Due to heavy losses of hay as the result of excessive rain, many farmers are without hay.

Farmers who do not have adequate hay to carry them through until their normal supply of new hay can be made are advised to seed spring oats for a quick hay crop.

The acreage seeded to small grain in 1947 is much below normal and most of the grain that has been sown was seeded late. Both these factors point to a very short grain crop to be harvested in Wake County and also North Carolina.

With the acute need for feed and particularly grain feed, farmers are reminded that spring seeding of oats offers the last remaining possibility of seeding to produce some more grain before late summer or early fall. It is pointed out that spring seeded oats seldom produce yields equal

to fall seeded oats.

Spring oats should be seeded as soon as the weather will permit. It is not recommended that oats be seeded later than March 15. With the present weather condition prevailing, one would assume that it will be several days before the land can be prepared. Thus, all plans should be made for procurement for needed supplies so when the land does dry enough for preparation that oats may be seeded without delay.

Spring oats should be well fertilized.

Oats following corn, small grain, or hay, should be fertilized with a complete fertilizer of (Continued on Page 6)