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Wake Farm Agent Advises Complete Machinery Check

The safety and usefulness of a farm workshop depend upon the condition and arrangement of the shop and its equipment, says County Agent John L. Reitzel of the State College Extension Service.

He points out that now is a good time for farmers to put their shops in order and do any remodeling or rearranging which may be needed.

The well-equipped farm shop, says Mr. Reitzel, will serve as the center of activity for a great variety of farm repair and construction jobs. Auto and tractor repairing can be performed more readily in a well-equipped shop. With the present extensive use of machinery, farm workshops should be arranged and equipped to systematically overhaul, repair, and possibly repaint many of the farm machines during the winter. Not only will such machines last longer, but many days of lost time during the following summer can be avoided.

Your Check List

If the shop is properly designed for orderliness, good light, comfort and convenience, the work is certain to be easier, safer and more efficient. The National Safety Council suggests the following check-list as a guide in the arrangement and maintenance of the farm workshop:

Weatherproof the shop and equip it with a heating stove.

Reserve one side of the shop for repairing large machinery, and install large garage-type doors directly in line with this area.

The shop should contain large windows to admit as much light as possible.

Other Safety Factors

A concrete floor is recommended. Paint the interior a light color or whitewash it to improve visibility.

There should be work benches along the walls with drawers under them.

Have a definite storage space for tools and supplies. Keep everything in its place.

Some or all of the following equipment properly arranged will increase the efficiency of the shop: forge, grinder, drill press, lathe, chain hoist, air compressor, welder, clamps, tool toter.

Helen Wall to Be Queen of Local Lions

Helen Wall, attractive sister of Lion Frank Wall, will represent the Zebulon Lions Club as their beauty queen at the Goldsboro Convention of District 31-C on January 23-24. The local group will enter a float in the parade, it was decided at the meeting held Wednesday night in the recreation room of the Methodist Church.

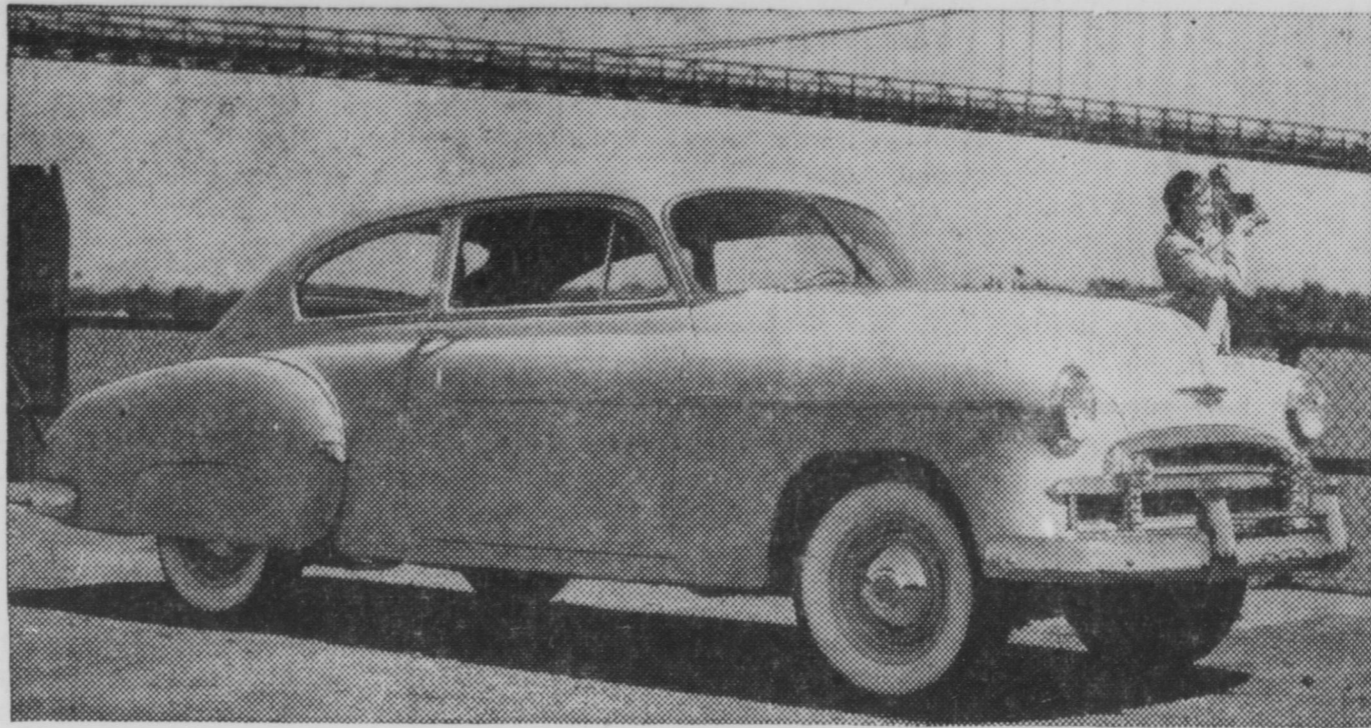
The committees responsible for distributing the Christmas baskets for the Club reported that 22 families were gladdened during the holidays.

Worth Hinton, Frank Kannon, Garland Richardson, and M. L. Hagwood were in charge of the groups which gave the baskets to needy families.

Lion President Walter Page called a meeting of the Directors for Monday night at 7:30 in Smith's Cafe. Committee appointments will be made at this meeting.

The program time at the dinner meeting was devoted to business, Secretary M. J. Sexton reported.

NEW CAR TO BE SHOWN IN ZEBULON SATURDAY



As in 1949, Chevrolet's newest line of passenger cars offers two individually designed sedans. This is the Fleetline, so described because of the curvature of the rear quarters follows body roof lines. Fresh beauty in exterior and interior treatment is visible to the eye with increased power and comfort highspotting chassis improvements. In addition, the company offers an automatic shift in the optional Powerglide transmission.

Visitors Invited to Waterville Dam Of Carolina Power & Light Company

Waterville. — A river moved miles from its natural bed, and rushing under a mountain for six miles, is a unique feature of one of the largest hydro-electric plants in the South.

And yet few people have ever seen the 20,250-acre lake which supplies the water, now the 145,000 horsepower plant to which it is fed — not even the thousands of persons living within a few miles of the site.

The powerhouse, in a majestic mountain setting, may be reached by going into Tennessee and backtracking into North Carolina over N. C. Highway No. 284. Over lines radiating from it comes enough power to electrify 350,000 homes. Six miles upstream is the dam backing up a large wilderness lake, enjoyed mostly by the bears and

other wildlife of the region, since it may be reached only by foot. The most practical way to get to the dam is to launch a boat on the headwaters and proceed down the hannel.

Involving the solution of unusual engineering problems, the hydroelectric plant was opened in 1930 after three years of construction. This included the driving of a concrete-lined tunnel 6.3 miles through solid rock. The tunnel, 14 feet in diameter, was started at both ends, the two crews meeting deep under the mountain with their measurements within half an inch of their survey calculations. Since it was made the habitat of the Pigeon River, the tunnel has been visited only once — during the war it was drained for inspection.

The difference in the elevation of the fall pond and the water below the plant is 861 feet, a head which for some time was the highest of all hydroelectric plants east of the Rockies. The force of falling water makes it possible to generate a large amount of electricity with a relatively small amount of water.

The arch-type dam — 180 feet high and 870 feet long — was named for Charles S. Walters, of Asheville, Vice-president of CP&L, and has rugged neighbors in the Great Smokies. One of these is nearby Mt. Sterling, a 5,835-foot peak popular with hikers along the Appalachian trail, and reached by a 3-mile footpath. From a 60-foot steel lookout tower on the mountain is a wide view of the wilderness area of the park.

LOCAL EDITOR TO ATTEND CONFERENCES

Ferd Davis, editor of *The Zebulon Record*, will go to Asheville Monday for the first in a series of conferences held by the advertising committee of the State Department of Conservation and Development with tourist and industrial leaders to develop an integrated state advertising campaign.

Others at the Asheville meeting will be Charles Parker, head of the State News Bureau; T. V. Rochelle of High Point, president of

the Southern Furniture Exposition; Eric Rodgers, publisher of the *Scotland Neck Commonwealth* and *Enfield Progress*; Dr. Locke Robinson, Mars Hill physician; Walter Damtoft, treasurer of the *Champion Paper & Fibre Company*; and Percy Ferebee of Andrews, president of Western North Carolina Associated Communities, which functions as a chamber of commerce.

On Tuesday the local editor will

return to Raleigh for a conference with Attorney General McMullan and the C&D Parks Committee on acquisition of property for the Tryon Palace restoration, for which nearly a half million dollars has been provided by the state legislature and individual gifts.

Tuesday night he will attend another conference at Sedgfield with tourist and industrial representatives from piedmont North Carolina.

Local Thief Dulls Massey's Axe

The thief who entered Massey Lumber Company sometime Monday night went to a lot of work for not much reward, Police Chief Willie B. Hopkins reported this week. The robber entered the building through one of the front drive-in doors and went into the office of the building supply firm from inside the building.

An axe, which had been ground

Monday for a customer, was used in an unsuccessful attempt to chop the front off the steel safe. Although the combination was broken off, the door was not opened.

Owner Riggsbee Massey said that evidently the would-be-safecracker was inexperienced, or he would have been able to get to the contents of the safe after his work.

A check of the merchandise in

the office showed the loss of six pairs of gloves, a few pocketknives, a hammer, and between 50 and 100 pennies taken from the cash register. Papers from the office desk were strewn over the floor.

W. P. Whitley of the Wake County Sheriff's Department is working with local officers on the case, but no clues as to the identity of the thief had been disclosed yesterday afternoon.

WAKELON CAGERS TO MEET WENDELL HERE TONIGHT

Ruth Brown, scoring a record 32 points, led the Wakelon girls to a one-sided 54-23 basketball victory over Millbrook in the first half of a double header played Tuesday night in the Millbrook gymnasium. The Wakelon Bulldogs played listlessly in dropping a 43-29 decision to the Millbrook boys in the night-cap.

Gwen Smith scored nine points

in helping the girls, who pushed to a 23-13 lead at halftime. The second half was a run-away, as Wakelon looped 31 points to 10 for the losers.

Sonny Rowe scored 14 points and Jimmy Greene pushed in seven in a futile effort to equal the highscoring Millbrook quint. Three of Wakelon's first team fouled out of the game.

Both Wakelon teams, girls and boys, meet Wendell tonight in the Wakelon gymnasium. The girls' game shapes up to be a thrilling encounter. The visitors will be led again this year by Nan Mattox, who racked up 27 points in leading Wendell to 51-45 victory over Middlesex earlier this week.

Starting time for the first game tonight is 7:30.

Haywood Farmer Takes Corn Prize; Local Man Places

A Haywood County farmer who produced 141 bushels of corn on one acre has been declared North Carolina's champion corn grower for 1949, Dr. E. R. Collins, in charge of agronomy extension at State College and chairman of the State Corn Contest Committee, announced this week.

The new champion is Dwight Williams, who will receive a \$100 bond as regional winner for the mountains and another \$100 bond as State winner. He won first place with an acre of Dixie 17 which was seeded May 6 with 12-inch spacing in 42-inch rows. The field was fertilized with two tons of stable manure plus 200 pounds of 7-7-7 at planting and two sidedressings of 100 pounds ANL each.

Massey Is Winner

High producer for Wake County for 1949 is Oren D. Massey of Zebulon, who produced 129.6 bushels of corn per acre last year.

Dale Gaaney, 15-year-old Wayne County youth, won the Coastal Plain regional title with a yield of 139.3 bushels. The Piedmont winner was Charlie Barbee of Stanly County, whose yield was 129.2 bushels.

Gaaney and Barbee will receive one \$100 savings bond each. All of the prizes are donated by the North Carolina Foundation Seed Producers, Inc., and will be presented at a meeting in Raleigh later this month.

Certified Seed Corn To Be Available Here

A good supply of certified seed corn will be available to Zebulon farmers for planting this spring, according to Dr. R. P. Moore, director of the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association at State College.

A record of 5,580 acres of hybrid corn met certification requirements in the State this year, Dr. Moore said. Inspectors approved for certification fields on 313 farms. Main purpose of field inspections is to see that seed corn fields are properly isolated to prevent cross-pollination and impure seed.

One or more fields of the following hybrids were certified: Dixie 17, N. C. 27, N. C. 1032, U. S. 282, N. C. T-20, W. Va. 1163, Tenn. 10, N. C. 26, N. C. 5-23.

Scotland County led in number of acres certified. Five growers in Scotland had 1621 acres of hybrids approved. Beaufort County was second with 310 acres approved on five farms. Six growers in Halifax County had 257 acres approved, 14 Rowan growers had 250 acres, and seven Nash growers had 243 acres.

Four Hundred Acres

Four hundred acres of seven open-pollinated varieties were also approved for certification. The seven varieties are Latham Double, Jarvis Golden Prolific, Biggs Two-Ear, Southern Beauty, Holcombe Prolific, Indian Chief, and Cocke Prolific. Hoke County led with 110 acres on three farms. Two Beaufort County growers had 95 acres approved, and two Edgecombe growers had 60 acres approved.

Dr. Moore said there is marked improvement in the processing and handling of seed corn this year. Many new artificial dryers have been installed. The required moisture content for certified seed corn is 15 per cent.