

LOCAL PERSONAL ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Davis and family of Rolesville and Mrs. Ivy Vann of Greenville were dinner guests of the Ben Thomases Sunday. Mrs. Vann, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Thomas, returned to Greenville Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Perry and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Perry have as their house guests this week Mr. and Mrs. Jack Perry and children of Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Roache of Garrett, Kentucky, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Roache and children of Evansville, Indiana.

Miss Maritta Hoggard of Kinston is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wallace Temple. She will be here until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Perry entertained their guests with an ice cream party Monday afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. Theo. B. Davis are spending the week at Atlantic Beach with friends.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Parrish, Sr., included Mr. Perry and Gene Perry of Hales Chapel, Mr. and Mrs. Proctor Temple of Durham, Ray Liggins of Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Denton and two sons of Pine Ridge, Harvey Parrish, Jr., and little daughter, Carol Frances, Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Parrish and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Corbett Hicks and children.

Sprite Parrish and Willie Bunn spent the weekend in Morehead City fishing.

Mrs. J. S. Gates of Kinston visited her sister, Mrs. Ralph Talton, Monday on the way home from Durham where she had been visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Payne Dale.

Rodney Bell has returned from Newport, Tennessee, where he visited relatives. He was accompanied home by a cousin, Bill Thomas, who remained for a week's visit.

W. B. McNabb, A. B. McNabb, Mrs. Walter Thomas and son, Bill, of Newport, Tennessee, have returned to their homes after spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. Joris Bell and family.

O. B. Spivey of Norfolk spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. O. B. Spivey.

Mrs. J. J. Greeno and son, Jack, will return to Norfolk today after spending this week with her mother, Mrs. O. B. Spivey.

Miss Burl Jones of Greenville, S. C. is spending a few days with her grandmother, Mrs. O. B. Spivey.

Tuesday afternoon visitors of Mrs. Barrie Davis and little Mike were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Broughton of Garner and Mr. and Mrs. Neal Morris of Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Perry are spending this week in the western part of the state.

Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Coltrane visited Mrs. Lucy Coltrane in Smithfield Sunday.

Mrs. Edith Freeze and Frank spent last weekend in Middlesex with Mrs. K. W. Ballentine.

Garden Party

Miss Lila Horton entertained from four to six on Sunday afternoon at a garden party for about twenty of her friends from Raleigh.

She received her guests in the garden, which is beautiful at this time with the bright hues of crepe myrtle and other blooming flowers.

Delicious refreshments of open faced sandwiches, nuts, cookies, and punch were served.

Her newly decorated home was beautiful inside with arrangements of hydrangeas, sweetpeas, and gladioli.

Mr. and Mrs. Layton Norris and infant son of Dunn visited the Aaron Lowrys for several days last week.

Mrs. Pete Bryant is working now in the office of Milton Mangum in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hinton spent Sunday in Roanoke Rapids with the McRae Faicons.

Allen Hinton has been in the Naval Air Station Hospital in Norfolk for two weeks with mumps. He will arrive in Zebulon today for a week's stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Powell of Columbia, S. C., visited the Philip Olives last week.

Mrs. Charles Weathersby and Charles Allen are in town for a few days.

Johnnie Faye, daughter of Mrs. Richard Swain of New Castle, Del., came Tuesday to spend about six weeks with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Sexton.

Laura James Sexton will come home from WCUNC today. Her summer school is over.

Mrs. Ethel C. Parker is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Wilburn Snyder in Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Andrews spent Sunday in Willow Springs with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ogburn.

Miss Ethel Rosenstein of Bridgeport, Conn., is a houseguest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Page. She and Frederick Page attended the pageant of the Lost Colony in Manteo.

Lt. Frankie Hall will arrive today for a ten day visit before leaving for Long Beach, Cal., her new station.

Dave Finch completes his work this week at the summer school of the University of North Carolina.

Mrs. D. C. Pearce is in California on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Mason and children of New York are visiting the Woodrow Watkins and Vance Privettes.

Hostess at Bridge

Mrs. A. S. Hinton was hostess to her bridge club and guests Friday night at her home. Beautiful arrangements of snapdragons and dahlias decorated her living room where bridge was played.

At the conclusion of play high and low score prizes for club members were presented Mrs. Margaret Sawyer and Mrs. Marian Alford. High for guests was awarded Miss Zyba Massey.

Delicious refreshments of ice cream and cake were served by the hostess.

Guests were Mrs. R. H. Brantley, Mrs. Wallace Temple, and Miss Zyba Massey.

Bride-Elect Feted

Mrs. Nelson Pearce, Mrs. William Honeycutt and Miss Becky Honeycutt entertained Miss Lillie Ferrell at the home of Mrs. Honeycutt Friday night. Lovely summer flowers decorated the home.

Miss Bessie Baker, Mrs. Forest Hendricks, and Mrs. Harold Greene received prizes.

The guests showered the honoree with many lovely gifts.

The hostesses served lime ice, bridal cakes, nuts, and mints.

Miss Evelyn Stallings entertained at a dinner party recently at E. P. Privette's Restaurant in Pilot honoring Miss Lillie Ferrell, whose marriage will take place July 29.

The honoree received a corsage of pink carnations and roses and a gift of crystal in her chosen pattern.

The table was centered with a bridal arrangement of white and pink flowers. Each guest received a miniature corsage.

Guests were the honoree and her mother, Mrs. Lorna Ferrell, the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Mallie Debnam, Miss Judith Stallings,

This, That, and the Other

By Mrs. Theo. B. Davis

I wonder whether there was ever a baby fastidious enough to refrain from sucking the washrag when being given a bath. If so, he or she is no member of my family. They've all been afflicted with the habit. Last Friday night when nine-months-old Susan, in the tub, kept grabbing the cloth I was using on her and trying to put it in her mouth, I got a clean rag, wet it in clean water and gave it to her. She accepted it gratefully, dipped it in the water she sat in, and sucked it vigorously before I could snatch it from her. I've never figured out how to persuade a baby to stop this before outgrowing the desire.

Because I needed some low-heeled, cool shoes I bought a pair of wedgies, open at toe and heel, and made principally of straps, thinking to use them mainly for house wear. I found them most comfortable, except for standing long at a time. They do not touch me from heel to ball of foot, which is most tiring to arches. I had a flat rubber sponge about two by four inches which, cut half in two, makes a pair of pads to slip just under the insteps when I need support. It is a device that works wonders, and I thought others might like to try it.

Monday afternoon grandson Leary flew his toy plane so that it landed on the limb of a pine tree at the edge of the side street. His father made continued efforts to dislodge the toy by throwing

small stones at it. One of the stones hit the limb and bounced back, striking Ferd on the eye. It was painful, but that worried him less than the fear of having a black eye. I asked him how many would believe him, if he explained getting the bruise by tossing rocks at an airplane in a tree; and he said they might at least give him credit for originality in explanations.

N.B. He finally threw a piece of stovewood at the plane and retrieved it.

It was surprising to me to read in an article on Singer sewing machines that at one time Russia was the largest purchaser of these machines, buying more than 500,000 a year. One owner of a Singer was the mother of Joseph Stalin, who took in sewing to earn money to help pay her son's college expenses. He was being educated for the ministry, but forsook that calling for the ways of communism.

My mother's Singer, bought more than seventy years ago, had a low arm, which made it hard to sew on the many ruffles used as trimming at that time, and for many years later. It had no automatic bobbin winder, all regulating of the thread as it was wound being done by hand of the operator. It had fewer attachments than modern machines. But it sewed the strongest seams and the most of them! Clothes for ten children were made with its help through the years—and I mean clothes from the skin out for the first five or

six. After that it was practical and possible to buy knit underwear.

Neighbors and relatives were sewed for at time, and at this date I will own up to sneaking in when I knew Mother was out of hearing and running a few seams on a doll dress. I had to be careful. Mother said jerky pedalling was the high road to ruin for a sewing machine, and I still recall the shiver of fear that I had hurt hers when she would question at large: "Who has been trying to sew on this machine?" Like the other mother's advice to her darling daughter when asked for permission to swim, we were not supposed to use the Singer till we learned how to manage it.

I was teaching school when it was traded in on a drop-head Florence, which meant far less in my life.

My own Singer has been in the family more than twenty years; and, with a little motor attached, can still go as fast as I can sew. For several years I had both treadle and motor; but my husband has taken off treadle and fly-wheel, and the machine looks naked and sort of embarrassed. For a Singer sewing machine is a very proper piece of equipment.

I heard of a new worry for tobacco growers last week. Because of extreme heat some farmers found they could not break leaves from stalks in the afternoons and had to "barn" during mornings only. After mid-day the leaves drooped and wilted, and stems refused to break.

Seen and Heard

Judging from the care which they give their cars, we would say that the J. F. Coltranes and the J. S. Buffaloes will be able to

keep their present automobiles in top shape for a long, long time. It makes us realize the rough treatment we give our own auto, parking it in the sun to scorch, letting the dog clamber all over the seats.

We like the looks of Thurman Hepler's new building and Ed Hales' place.

We haven't heard more than two greetings on the street during

the past couple of weeks where some mention was not made of the weather.

Hot, isn't it?!!

We read it in two national publications the same week so it must be so. The report said that the way to determine the cost of living is to take your income and add 20%.

Even the best family tree has its sap, says Banker Brown.

If you have a good temper, keep it—if a bad one, don't lose it.

The more we see of paved roads

out in the country, the happier we are that we supported the bond issue which made them possible. And Sunday afternoon driving is more fun when the rides are taken off the main highways—prettier, too!

You cannot do a kindness too soon—because you never know when it will be too late.

We hear some old codgers complain that the age of industrious youth is gone; but when we see how many little guys have purchased power mowers and are out earning their money mowing lawns, we cannot agree

Farm Questions

Does crop rotation help control Ascochyta blight in cotton?

Yes. Howard R. Garriss, extension plant disease specialist at State College, says surveys this season show that Ascochyta blight is most severe in fields planted continuously to cotton. In Northampton, Halifax, and Heartford counties, the only damage found was in fields where cotton was

grown last year. Because of the rotation system used, no widespread outbreak has occurred in that area.

I plan to use white oak posts for fencing. Should they be treated with a preservative to make them last longer?

John E. Ford, assistant extension forester at State College, says posts made from the heartwood of white oak will last a considerable length of time without treatment. White oak sapwood, however, will rot aomlst as fast as pine sapwood.

White oak, mulberry, and sassafras are classified as moderately resistant to decay. Trees that are more resistant than these are black or "yellow" locust, red cedar, cypress, and juniper or Southern white cedar. When using heartwood from these trees, no preservative treatment is necessary.

Should shade trees be pruned?..

Shade trees need little pruning except to remove low limbs and dead wood, and an occasional thinning with certain kinds such as the willow oak, according to John H. Harris, extension horticultural specialist at State College. Harris adds that the custom of topping trees, so prevalent in many communities, should definitely be discouraged, since few trees ever completely recover from this operation.

About 7 per cent more poultz were hatched in May than a year earlier and 48 per cent more turkey eggs were in incubators on June 1 than a year ago.

Growers' reports indicate the 1951 apple crop may be above average but somewhat smaller than last year.