

Potter Patter

By Eloise Potter

When I read in the *Record* that the Rev. S. E. Mercer has returned to his pulpit at the Zebulon Methodist Church, I gave a big sigh of relief. Although I do not know Mr. Mercer very well either personally or as a minister, I admire and respect him for the courageous example of Christian living he presents to all who meet him.

The fact that my high regard for Mr. Mercer is shared by the community as a whole was brought to my attention by the praise heaped upon him by a member of the Baptist Church in the presence of another minister. Of course characteristics which make Mr. Mercer the very fine person he is transcend denominational differences.

Bumble bees and writing spiders would make attractive costume jewelry if they could be properly preserved, wouldn't they?

Last weekend Jack and I headed for the coast of North Carolina with everything for eating and sleeping out of doors loaded in the back of our station wagon. Although we remembered everything (including can opener and matches), we forgot to take in consideration high winds caused by hurricane Dolly and mosquitoes. After one bout with these monsters of the Outer Banks, Jack and I began looking for a motor court. Not being able to build a camp fire gave us a good excuse to visit our favorite restaurant in Morehead City, Tony's Sanitary Fish Market.

Since our trip was a leisurely one, Jack and I took time to visit Fort Macon. We were pleasantly surprised by the extent of the reconstruction program there. Nearly everything of interest is carefully labeled — even some of the trees are identified. The nicest thing about the fort as a tourist attraction is the lack of commercialization. There are no post cards or other souvenirs for sale; are no uniformed attendants; and there are few signs of public abuse. Naturally every historical site will be visited by a few creeps whose names are like their faces. One massive wooden door at the fort is nearly covered by initials, names, dates and absolutely pointless scratches. However I am glad to say that I saw no evidence of recent vandalism.

Our trip back to Zebulon took us through Kinston where we stopped to see Ted and Ethel Davis and their children. During our conversation Ethel told me about a pound cake recipe she had tried the night before.

Have at room temperature 2 sticks (½ lb.) oleo and 5 eggs.

Sift and measure 2 cups of flour and 1¾ cups sugar.

Cream (at high speed in mixer) oleo and sugar.

Add 2 heaping tablespoons of flour alternating with 1 egg until all eggs and flour are used. Blend thoroughly after each addition using a low mixer speed.

Add 1 teaspoon of vanilla flavoring.

Bake in well greased 8½ or 9 inch tube pan at 325 degrees for 55 minutes to one hour.

When done the cake will pull away from the sides of the pan and shrink. Loosen around the edges with a knife if necessary. Remove from pan and cool on rack.

Although pound cake is good hot out of the oven, I believe it should be baked about 24 hours before you serve it to company. The texture seems to improve with cooling and slight aging.

The recipe I have given you does not pretend to be any better than the traditional "pound of flour, pound of sugar, etc." It does give someone who has never tried pound cake before an opportunity to experiment without having too much invested in case of failure. However, with only five ingredients, detailed instructions and a little luck anyone should be able to turn out a good cake on the first try. (At least my first one was good — maybe not in the same class with one of Ruby Bufaloe's creations, but good enough to make Jack happy.)

Guard Unit Resumes Drills September 14

Battery A, Zebulon's National Guard artillery unit, resumed weekly drills last Monday night, performing maintenance on the thousands of dollars worth of equipment housed in the armory on Vance Street. Each section is responsible for the maintenance of care of its own equipment.

Lt. George Hinds was welcomed back to the battery after spending the summer studying at the Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, artillery school. He is assistant executive officer of the unit, and assistant principal of Myrtle Underwood School, Raleigh.

Cpl. Kenneth D. Lloyd was named acting communications chief and Cpl. William Whitley was named acting wire team chief on Monday night. Cpl. Lloyd has served as chief of the survey section and senior switchboard operator, Cpl. Whitley is a graduate of the Ft. Sill army communications school.

Plans are being made for the big move into the new \$100,000 armory now under construction. It is expected to be completed in early December and the Guardsmen plan a Christmas party to celebrate the move.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Strickland and boys of Social Plains visited Mrs. Strickland's sister, Mrs. Ivon Pearce Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Pearce and Carolyn of Bunn visited Mrs. Pearce's sister, the L. E. Privettes, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Baker announce the birth of a son September 12, at Franklin Memorial Hospital in Louisville. Mrs. Baker was the former Chloe Mae Pearce.

Pvt. Elmo Privette and Pvt. Gerald Arnold of Ft. Jackson, S. C. spent the weekend at home with their parents, the H. K. Privettes and the H. W. Arnolds.

Pvt. O. B. Perry of Georgia spent the weekend with his parents, the O. B. Perrys, Sr.

Miss Reba Privette and girl friend of Wilson spent the weekend with her parents, the H. K. Privettes.

Mr. and Mrs. Coley Privette attended a Stanley Party at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Richardson, near Zebulon Thursday night.

Mrs. Jim Ray has returned home after being a patient in Franklin Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Willie Pearce and Carolyn of Bunn and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Liles of Zebulon visited Miss Hattie Pearce Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Caldwell and Ann Marshall of Raleigh spent Labor Day with the L. D. Perrys and Mrs. Caldwell's sister, Mrs. Lucy Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Strickland visited in the community Sunday.

Mr. C. B. Brantley had a tobacco barn burn down Wednesday night. The barn was owned by C. D. Strickland.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Privette attended the dedication of the new parsonage at Rock Spring Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Edwards of Spring Hope visited the Clifton Brantleys Sunday evening.

Mr. Otha Upchurch and Mrs. P. G. Pearce attended the parents-teachers supper at the Bunn School lunch room Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Gay, Sr., Dan Gay and Vallie Pearce attended the air show at the Raleigh-Durham Airport recently.

Mr. and Mrs. David Lee Clayton of Durham visited her mother, Mrs. Adna Pearce, last Sunday.

Mrs. Yates Johnson and Mrs. Russell Gal recently gave a shower at the home of the mother, Mrs. Ivon Privette, honoring this sister, Mrs. George Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Pearce of Zebulon, Mrs. Ervin Ray, Misses Louvinia, Celestia Ray went to see the air show at the Raleigh-Durham Airport recently.

PLEASANT HILL

Missionary Group To Meet at Center Friday Afternoon

Mrs. T. Y. Puryear

209 were present for Sunday School last Sunday.

Sunday School at 10:00, Thomas Faison is Superintendent.

Church Service is at 11:00 with Rev. J. F. Roach as pastor. B. T. U. at 7:00, Mrs. Joe Carter is director.

The W. M. S. will meet in the community center Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Join us Friday.

Next Sunday night the revival will begin with the Rev. William Poole preaching.

Mr. Cleveland Pearce is back in the hospital.

Mr. Ivon Anderson was operated on in Rex Hospital Tuesday.

Miss Sylvia Jean Horton of Kinston spent the weekend with Miss Fay Hinnant.

Visitors at the W. M. Hoods Sunday were the R. H. Hunts and Mrs. Leathy Kellems of Durham; Mrs. Walter Todd, Mrs. Dona Todd and Mrs. Burley May of Edgemont, Rev. Theo. Davis of Zebulon, Mrs. Sane Perry and Mrs. Carlyle of Wakefield, Mr. and Mrs. Lennie Liles, Mrs. Vera Rhodes and Mrs. Alice Hood.

Mrs. H. O. Hinnant is improving after a long illness.

Mrs. Jesse Anderson left Tuesday for Huntington, W. Va., to attend a funeral of her daughter-in-law's brother.

Mrs. Mamie Gay of Wendell was a Saturday night supper guest of Mrs. S. T. Whitaker.

Mrs. M. B. Perry was surprised Sunday before last when she returned from church to find a birthday dinner prepared by her husband, children and relatives. There were about 50 to enjoy the barbecue dinner.

Mr. Wesley Pearce visited his wife in Butner Hospital Sunday. He reports Mrs. Pearce better.

Mr. S. T. Whitaker, Mrs. Zeb

Pearce, Mrs. Mamie Gay and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Alford went to see Mr. Addie Whitaker at Princeton Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bagwell of Raleigh visited the Alfonza Starnes Monday night.

Mrs. John Carter and children of Halifax are spending some time with Mrs. J. B. Carter while her husband is in Veterans' Hospital in Durham.

Mrs. Florence Fowler, Mrs. Florence Hagwood and Mrs. M. L. Hagwood and children were visitors of the Robert Brantleys Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hinnant called on the Horace Phillips in Raleigh Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Willard Garner of Wendell visited Mr. Robert Brantley Friday.

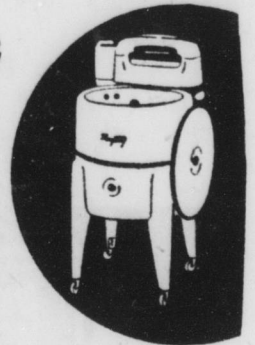
Miss Emily Erquhart, a junior at U. N. C., was a visitor of Rev. and Mrs. Joe Roach last week.

Mrs. A. O. Puryear and children of Eagle Rock had dinner with the T. Y. Puryears Sunday. Other visitors in the afternoon were Mrs. D. A. Gay and children of Wilson, Miss Joyce Tunstall, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Puryear and children of Youngsville, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Williford and family of Bethany, Tony Puryear and Billie Eason of Mitchell's Mill.

In the arid West, one acre of irrigated land produces the equivalent of three acres of dry-farmed crop land.

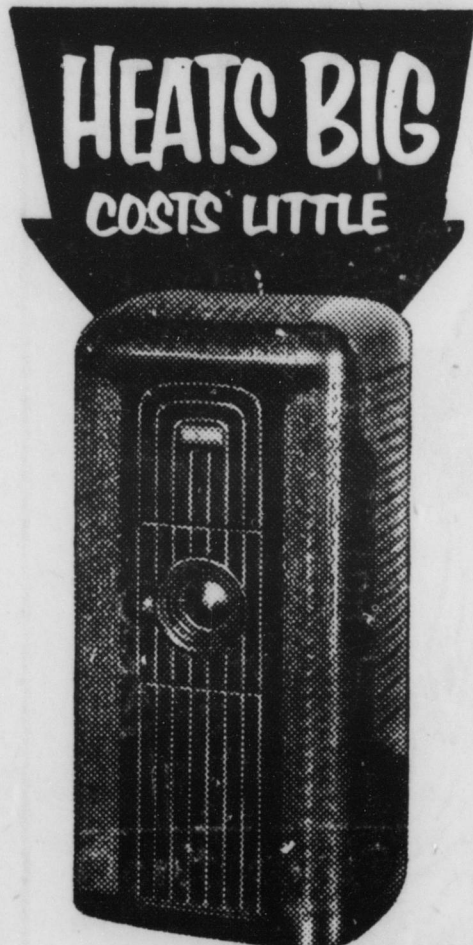
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Church Votes to Go On Full Time Basis

Mrs. Ivon Pearce

The pulpit committee, Mr and Mrs. H. K. Baker, Mr. Tommy Baker, Mrs. J. W. Perry and Mr. Wilson Gay, suggested that our church go full time which was voted on and carried.

Mrs. L. D. Perry returned home Thursday after spending several days in Raleigh with relatives.

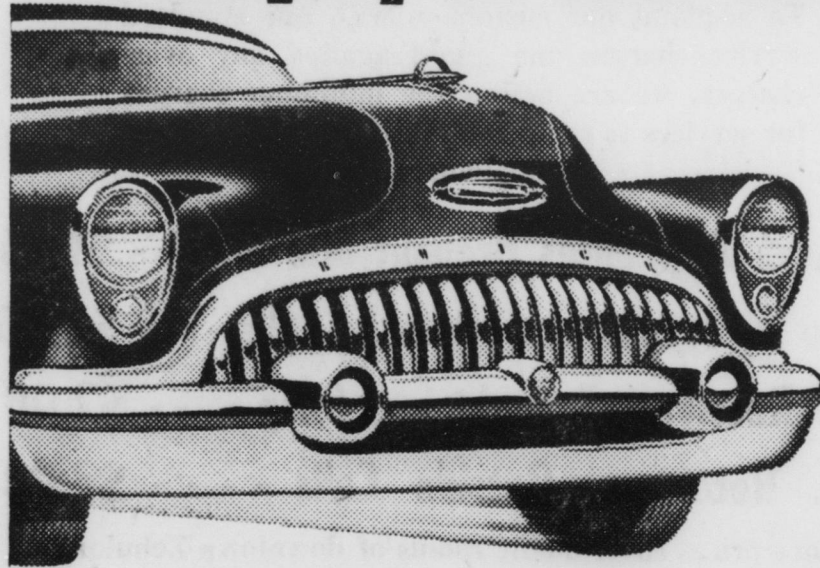
Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. E. G. Richards, Mrs. P. G. Pearce and Mrs. Ivon Pearce attended the ball game at Bunn Sunday p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Lynch of Camp Butner spent Thursday night with her parents, the Ervin Rays.

Mrs. Hattie Stallings has returned to her home after working at Caswell several months this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Pearce and son of Raleigh visited Mr. Pearce's mother, Mrs. Adna Pearce Sunday evening.

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