

For Wendell . . . A PROGRESSIVE MONTH

The month of April has proved to be a progressive one for some of the clubs and organizations of Wendell.

In connection with the Finer Carolina project Beautification the Hephzibah Home Demonstration Club has improved the appearance of the Community Center Building and grounds at Hephzibah Church. With the aid of a tractor fallen trees were removed and the ground leveled. The grounds were landscaped by planting 103 cuttings of Privette hedge, six dogwood trees six nandinas, and eight evergreens. Two unsightly abandoned buildings were torn down and removed from the property. The Wendell Woman's Club has cleaned up around their clubhouse building.

The project, Municipal Recreational Facilities, has received the attention of the children of Wen-

dell. The Rotary Club, P. T. A., and Recreation Commission have raised a budget of \$1,500.00 to provide for a summer recreational program with a full time professional director. Mr. Clyde Parrish, Wendell High School coach, has been obtained as director. He has had four years' experience in a program similar to this. He has announced that the summer calendar will include baseball, softball, volleyball, tennis, camping, dancing, and dramatics. He will also handle Red Cross swimming and direct recreation for the Vacation Bible Schools in the local churches. The area on which the tennis-volleyball courts will be erected has been surveyed and work will be started in the near future.

In connection with the project, Municipal Improvements, the town commissioners have had the Town Hall renovated. Improvements include two new offices, oil heat, complete paint job, and venetian blinds. The Chamber of Commerce office has been redecorated with a new coat of paint, floor covering, picture molding, and a venetian blind. The paint was furnished by R. B. Whitley & Son and Hudson Belk stores; the floor covering and blind were furnished by the Wendell Furniture Company. Several blocks of sidewalks have been completed with more to be paved in the near future.

The project, Commercial Business Modernization, has to its credit the installation of air conditioning in six firms. The unit in Hudson Belk is the largest serviced by the Zebulon Carolina Power & Light Company.

Ira H. Johnson, general chairman, states that he is well-pleased with the interest the people of Wendell are showing in helping to make our town "Carolina's Finest."

AT FORT CARSON

Pvt. Thurman O. Moore, whose wife, Dorothy, lives on Route 2, Middlesex, is receiving basic combat training with the 8th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colo.

Moore is training with Company K of the division's 28th Regiment. The 8th is preparing for its move to Europe next fall as part of Operation Gyroscope.

Moore entered the Army last March. He was graduated from Gethsemane High School in 1954.



GLAMOROUS stag, star Jayne Mansfield is caught by the camera in a relaxed moment playing the new game "Think" which has become such a tremendous fad in New York, Hollywood and across the country.

The Ronald Richards Return From Interesting Trip to Holland

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Richards have just returned from a trip to Holland, and relate their interesting trip below.

Our visit to Holland, the "land below the sea," gave us an alluring glimpse of the large cities, the glorious bulb fields, the windmills, dikes, canals, and the lovely original costumes. This is the familiar Holland that would charm and attract any traveler.

We departed from Wiesbaden, Germany. After crossing the Dutch border, we proceeded to Soestdijk, the residence of the Dutch Queen, Julianna. As we drove to Amsterdam, where our hotel was located, we began to realize that the land was at sea level or more often below the level of the water in the canals that crossed and divided the fields. Black and white cows of the Frisian-Holstein breed grazed peacefully in the green meadows. Picturesque windmills stood along the canals and in the fields. Of the 1,000 windmills left in the Netherlands only 400 are in use today. The others are mere ornament. In the course of time, wind power has been replaced by steam and electricity. Nevertheless, the windmills are still a scenic glory and a fascinating sight.

In Aalsmeer, the greatest flower-growing village of Europe, we attended a flower auction. In the warehouse millions of flowers were carefully arranged on large carts. On one side were rows of desks, each row rising above the other. Behind these desks buyers were seated. On a stage were the auctioneer and a large dial. As the auctioneer held up flowers, buyers would bid in absolute silence. On the edge of each buyer's desk was a button, and on the button rested a buyer's thumb. If the buyer wanted a particular lot of flowers he pressed the button. His number and the price he would pay were flashed on the dial. To a stranger the daily flower auction is as puzzling as it is beautiful.

Beauty was also abundant at the Keukenhof Estate, where we saw an exhibition of multicolored tulips, hyacinths, and narcissus. In a mammoth greenhouse 800 varieties of tulips were displayed. Tulips white as snow, black as night, red as fire, and pale as moonlight were an unforgettable sight.

In the Hague, the Netherlands seat of government, we had lunch at a Javanese restaurant. We were served "Rijsttafel," the typical Javanese dish. The principal course was steamed rice with 15

small dishes of condiments. These included special items of peanuts, coconut, bananas, chicken, shrimp, pork, fish, pepper, and various vegetables. This Javanese dish is just marvelous.

Continuing our sightseeing in the Hague, we visited the Peace Palace with the International Court and Madurodam. Madurodam is a typical Dutch town, but everything is 1/25 of the actual size.

After returning to Amsterdam, the capital of the Netherlands, we embarked on a glass topped motorboat for an interesting cruise through the harbor and romantic canals of this thriving city.

By contrast we made an excursion to the quaint fishing port of Volendam and the Isle of Marken. Here the inhabitants still wear the native costumes, including the wooden shoes. Wooden shoes are still worn by farmers, and fishermen in the Netherlands. Although the inhabitants of Volendam and Marken are real souvenir-sellers, they are genuine despite their affectations.

We concluded our visit to Amsterdam and Holland by visiting the Rijksmuseum with its outstanding collection of paintings, including Rembrandt's "Night Watch." A visit to the Diamond factory and a trip to a local cheese farm was the last leg of our tour. At the farm we were given a demonstration of the cheese making process and a sample of the delicious Edam cheese. Unfortunately, the Diamond factory had no free samples.

And so these two Tar Heels had to say "Auf Wiedersehen" to the picturesque Netherlands.

AT FORT CARSON

Two Zebulon soldiers, Privates McRay Jones and Ulysses G. Stewart, are receiving basic combat training with the 8th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colo.

The 8th is preparing for its move to Europe next fall as part of Operation Gyroscope.

Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie H. Jones, Route 2, entered the Army last month. He is training with Company I of the division's 28th Regiment. He attended Gethsemane High School.

Stewart, whose wife, Elizabeth, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Stewart, live on Route 2, entered the Army last month. He is training with Company K of the division's 28th Regiment. Stewart was a farmer before entering the Army.

Garden Time

By Robert Schmidt

Anyone who tries to grow tomatoes in the South is concerned with the problem of wilt. There are two kinds of wilt which commonly affect tomatoes—fusarium and bacterial wilt — two different organisms which are quite common in garden soils of this state. They are both carried over in the soil from year to year.

Fusarium wilt can be effectively combatted by the use of wilt resistant varieties such as Homestead, Southland, Jefferson and other new introductions. Marglobe and Rutgers are still very popular varieties but seem to have little resistance to the present strains of fusarium wilt. There are at present no varieties available which are resistant to bacterial wilt. That is why, when you plant a variety recommended to you as wilt resistant, the plants may all die of wilt. Bacterial wilt is commonly known as Granville wilt where tobacco is grown.

It is a well-known fact that the early tomato blossoms or blossom clusters often fail to set fruits. This may be due to a number of factors but is usually due to cool temperatures early in the growing season when the first two clusters of blossoms appear. It has been found that applications of certain plant hormones to the blossoms will cause fruits to set. In many cases these fruits are seedless or almost seedless. Experiments have shown that, in the case of tomatoes, it is only worth while to spray the hormones on the first two or three clusters. These hormones are available at any seed store under trade names such as "Blossom Set," "Sure Set" and "Fruitone." They should be used according to the directions given by the manufacturer, otherwise they may cause damage or heavy wrinkling of the tomato fruits. The material should be sprayed on the open blossoms with an atomizer or fine spray. Since all the blossoms on a cluster do not open at one time it will require at least two applications for each cluster. Many commercial growers are now using fruit setting hormones successfully and there is no reason why they should not be successful in home gardens, especially in cool growing seasons.

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