

Bear Grass Post Ends A Good Year

The Bear Grass Airplane Observation Post recently completed its first year of operation, Chief Observer J. Rossel Rogers declaring that the faithful citizens of the community had cooperated splendidly to make it a most successful one. Inspecting the post a few days ago, St. Sgt. James R. Brand reported it was well organized and was being perfectly.

The post was organized the latter part of July, 1942, and was placed in operation the early part of August with T. C. Hickman as chief observer, and Garland Whitley and W. A. Brown as assistants. An abandoned store building was first used, but with the approach of cold weather, the arrangements were found not very satisfactory and the observers decided to build a tower. The people of the community contributed freely of their time and means, and by early November the new building was made ready for occupancy, but delay in handling priorities left the post without lights until January.

In February of this year, Miss Naomi Brown was appointed a delegate to the Aircraft Recognition School at Virginia Beach. Since that time she has served the post as its recognition officer. The post was operating very successfully until Principal Hickman ended the school term, but Mr. Rogers accepted the troublesome task and Lester Terry was named as his assistant. They have ably carried on the work since that time.

Last month the people of the community raised money for paint, and Garland Whitley painted the structure, making the post one of the most attractive in the county or section. At the present time the post has about 42 regular observers, each serving four hours every week on an average. Chief Observer Rogers states that the observers have been faithful indeed, that when one could not meet his regular appointment he would find a substitute to carry on a work outlined and rated important by the United States Army.

'43 Robinson Crusoe



U. S. MARINE Corps flier, Staff Sgt. William I. Coffey, Jr., of Chicago, Ill., is shown at a Pacific naval base after he had been missing 72 days. Engine trouble forced Coffey to parachute from his plane to a South Pacific island. He lived the life of a Robinson Crusoe until rescued by a Navy plane. Official U. S. Navy photo. (International)

Things To Watch For In The Future

An emulsified oil with which to lay the dust on airport runways, incidentally killing weeds. . . Plastic nozzles for fire hose, later to be adapted to garden hoses. . . Soap-washcloths, made of high wet-strength paper impregnated with soap which provides suds. . . A new vegetable, developed by Dutch agriculturalists, which is a cross between a beet and a carrot, containing three or four more times as much Vitamin C as either.

Sgt. Francis Peel has been transferred from Camp Sutton, Monroe, N. C., to Seattle, Washington.

Know the AMERICAS

A SAINT OF THE AMERICAS: ROSE OF LIMA (1586-1617)

Isabel Flores was born in Lima, Peru, in April, 1586. "The young capital, then the most important European city south of Havana, had only fifty years before." Gaspar Flores, the little girl's father had come to Peru from Puerto Rico. A "royal attorney-at-law," he was very poor, when, at the age of fifty-five, he married Maria de la Oliva, born in Lima, a woman of keen mind but quick temper. They had eleven children.

The child who was to be called a saint was named Isabel after her grandmother, but when she was three months old, her mother beheld the baby's face glowing in the semblance of a rose and decided that from that day on—she would call her Rose. The girl's loveliness was locally famous by the time she was five and as she grew even more beautiful, the family began to dream of having her make a brilliant match which would undoubtedly help the Flores' economic status. But Rose had other plans; she wanted to dedicate herself completely to God and become a nun. To that, Father and Mother Flores objected firmly. If their daughter would not marry advantageously, she must at least stay home and make up for her "selfishness" by laboring for the support of the household. Denied the peace of the convent, Rosa was to toil constantly in the midst of a noisy, unsympathetic family. Her exquisite embroideries and laces became very much in demand as did the extraordinary beautiful and fragrant flowers that seemed to bloom naturally under her care.

Rosa sought refuge in the garden as much as she could. There she built herself a little cell, there she spent her few hours of leisure singing hymns to the accompaniment of her guitar, there too, she was alone to practice the austerities which she believed would atone for the sins of the world. She fasted strenuously; under her hair she wore a spiked crown that pricked her forehead painfully; binding her waist with heavy chains, she padlocked the last link and threw the key into a well.

When Rose was twenty she put on the white habit and black mantle of the Third Order of St. Dominic of Guzman, joining thus an order which would permit her to be a nun yet live outside the walls of a convent. In spite of her innumerable occupations she still found time to help the poor. A small room in her house was set apart as "Rosa's hospital" and there she brought miserable creatures, forsaken in illness and in poverty. Ravaging fevers, ulcerous sores, the frightful diseases of the time, nothing was too much for the brave girl. She nursed back to life beggars and servant girls alike.

She found solace in the contemplative hours in which she experienced mystical visions. The miracles she wrought, her powers of prophecy became such that her fame as a saint grew constantly. The Flores family was terrified of Inquisition investigation. But peace was soon to come to the tired body, the long-tortured soul. In August 1617, Rosa became the victim of a mysterious illness. Knowing that the end was near, she asked her parents blessing and begged forgiveness for the trouble she had given. Early after midnight on the 24th of August, she died, at the age of thirty-one. As soon as Lima heard of Rose's death, great crowds came to see her in her coffin. So fiercely did the mob cry: "Saint! Saint! Blessed one of Peru!" during her burial, that the singers had to get very close to the altar to be heard. Everyone in Lima, libertine or devout cried: "Rosa be our intercessor, speak for America, be Victim of America."

Now that centuries have passed, that Rosa has been made a saint, her feast is celebrated on the 30th of August. On that day, amidst the reverent tumult of processions, or garlands, arches and festoons of roses, Lima may be truly said to be "all roses and all Rosa's."

Home from New York Ensign Billy Clark, stationed in New York for the present, is spending a few days at home.

U. S. RANGERS LOOK OVER DEAD AT SICILY PASS



DEAD ITALIAN SOLDIERS line a curving road near Butera Pass in Sicily after a night battle. A small detachment of American Rangers climbed a nearby fortified cliff at night and surprised the Italian garrison defending the pass. Two of these Rangers are shown questioning a native the next day. (International)

Bear Grass Observation Post



Completing its first year of operation recently, the Bear Grass Observation Post ranks with the best in this section. It has experienced "trying" times, no doubt, but in the final analysis, the people of that community would rally to its support to keep the watch unbroken night and day. The above picture, taken by "Doc" Eugene Rice, shows the post and reflects the interest and pride the observers take in its maintenance and operation.

Experts Working On Granville Wilt

Tobacco seed from varieties resistant to Granville wilt will not be available for 1944 plantings because the strains now under test have not been thoroughly tried out for quality, says Howard R. Garriss, Extension plant pathologist at N. C. State College.

According to the pathologist, the Tobacco Experiment Station has developed some strains from a South American variety of tobacco that show a high degree of resistance to Granville wilt but they are not yet satisfied with the quality of the cured leaf.

The N. C. Experiment Station, in cooperation with the Bureau of Plant Industry, has been working on resistance to Granville wilt for several years but this season they are testing the strains in a number of sections throughout the belt. Just as

Gardens

There will be a new Victory Garden fertilizer next year, a 5-10-5 replacing the 3-8-7 used this year, reports Dr. E. R. Collins, in charge of Agronomy Extension at State College.

Garriss says that the growers, who are cooperating in the tests, have been asked not to save any seed from the heads of plants resistant to Granville wilt.

He reports that if whole communities or areas should plant these seed it would have had a detrimental effect because they might wake up and find that their growing tobacco of undesirable quality—a type of leaf not wanted by the buyers.

The experimenters say: "We would hate to kill the goose that laid the golden egg." In other words, seed cannot be officially released until desirable quality has been combined

with resistance to the wilt. Garriss calls attention to the fact that breeding for resistance to one disease does not mean that the strain will be resistant to all diseases. The only disease resistant varieties of flue cured tobacco now available for commercial use are the 400 variety bred for resistance to black root rot, and Strains 1, 2, 3 and 4, bred for resistance to black shank.

Home from Fort Bragg Pfc. Edgar Gurganus was home from Fort Bragg for a few hours last Sunday.

Informative Box Score On Inflation

Factors Toward Inflation
1943 income payments (estimated) 140 billion dollars (all-time high).
Money in circulation April 30, 1943 2-3 billion dollars (all-time high).
Corporate profits first quarter 1943 (estimated), 1.8 billion dollars (after taxes).
Farm income first six months 1943 6.7 billion dollars (1.9 more than same period in 1942).
Salaries and wages first months 1943 (exclusive of farm workers), 47.8 billion dollars (11.7 more than corresponding period in 1942).
1943 war expenditures (estimated), 100 billion dollars.
June war expenditures, 7.2-3 billion dollars (4 per cent rise over May).

Factors Against Inflation
Two oversubscribed War Bond campaigns, 31.5 billion dollars (all-time high).
1943 Federal tax yield (estimated) 32 billion dollars.
1943 income tax yield (estimated) 13 billion dollars.
27 million persons making payroll savings, 4.6 billion dollars.
Consumer credit reduction, Sept., 1941 through April, 1943, 4.5 billion dollars.
Insurance holdings to be added in 1943 (estimated), 4.5 billion dollars.
City cost-of-living cut in June, 0.2 per cent drop since May (first month to show reduction since year before Pearl Harbor).

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