

Local Man In The "Hobby Business" In A Large Way

T. P. Wood Plants Bulbs By The Thousands And Does Other Things

T. P. Wood, employe in the local office of the Virginia Electric and Power Company, has developed a "hobby business" into big business here. Little noticed by the general public locally, his activities were "aired" in an article by Miss Margerie Lindsay in the Silver Anniversary Edition of "The Vecovian", just recently released. The story follows under the title of "T. P. Mixes His Hobbies".

If you want to pick up a varied education the easy way, just talk to Tighman P. Wood for a while. In the past few years he's become an expert on several hobbies—flower growing, breeding dogs, parakeets, and canaries.

"T. P." is a meter tester in the Williamston Meter department and a very busy man. His big business currently is raising Dutch iris and gladiolus. While he claims that he needs to install an irrigation system to do it right, he seems to be very successful

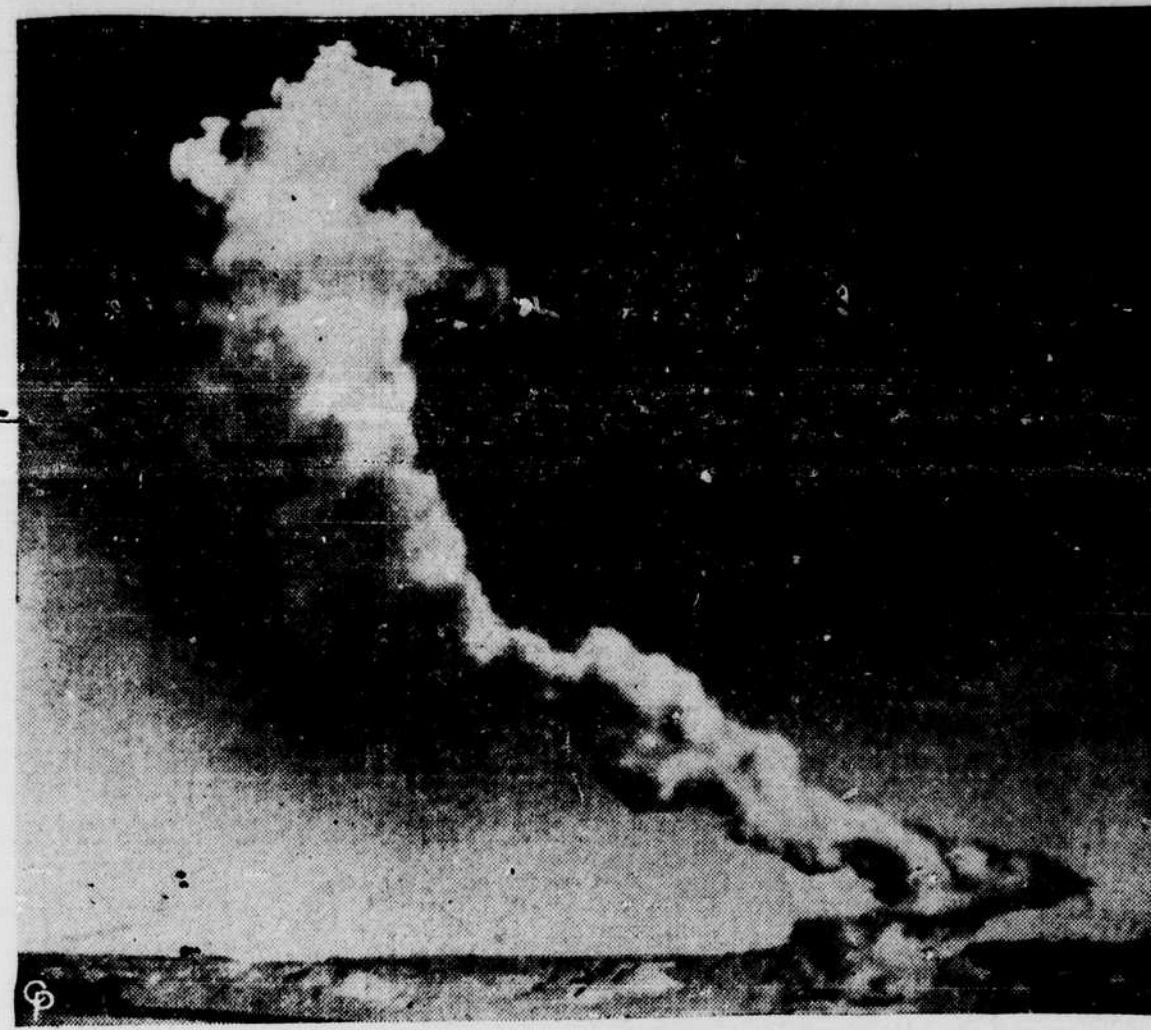
relying on rainfall. "T. P." planted about 5,000 Dutch iris bulbs this year, part of which he raised himself, the others bought from a Dutch bulb grower at Terra Ceia, N. C. His iris were of blue, yellow, and white varieties. "T. P." has been raising flowers for about 4 years. He starts planting glads in March and continues at two-week intervals until the middle of August. This year he planted between 25,000 and 30,000 bulbs which were bought from dealers all over the United States, and about 8,000 of them were imported from Holland. Some of his blooms are gorgeous—the florets measuring six or 7 inches in diameter. Currently, he is growing 15 or 20 varieties, including both commercial and exhibition types. Among the whites and creams are White Gold, Oriental Pearl, Leading Lady, and Silver Wings. Burma is a beautiful deep rose, Elizabeth the Queen is a lavender, and he also likes Purple Supreme and a blood red—Mansoor. One year he had glads blooming during Christmas week, but the blooming season depends upon cold weather. The work doesn't stop when the flowers are cut, as the bulbs are dug up about six weeks afterwards and are dried out in trays. After four weeks, they are shocked of the old mother bulb and bullets, dusted with five percent DDT, and stored in a dry place in trays, four bulbs deep.

"T. P." sells all his flowers by wholesale lots to florists. Finding time for all his activities seems to be his problem. Usually, he gets up at 5:30 A. M., and to get his quota of sleep he must be in bed by nine o'clock at night.

Dogs are one of his oldest hobbies. At present he is breeding Brittany spaniels, which is the only breed of spaniels which will point birds like either a pointer or setter. They range in color from orange and white to liver and white, have longer hair than a pointer, but are shorter haired than a setter. The dogs are natural retrievers. "T. P." has three of the dogs now—a brood matron and two pups. His dog had eleven pups last March, but he sold all except two. Before raising Brittany spaniels he bred English setters.

His newest venture is raising shell parakeets (love birds) and canaries. The shell parakeets derive their name from the fact that the feathers on their wings are shell-shaped. Their present popularity is due to the fact that people can take them when they are ready to leave the nest, tame them, and teach them to talk. A

A-Bomb Explosion Forms Z Pattern In Sky



Dissipated by high winds, the mushroom formed by the explosion of an A-bomb over the Nevada test area turns into a Z-shaped cloud. This second blast in a week was much greater than the one set off on Sunday. The flash was clearly visible in Las Vegas, eighty miles away.

tame bird will perch on the finger or shoulder and can be taught to speak up to 100 words. The birds breed about nine months each year and lay from 3 to 8 eggs in a clutch. Love birds differ from other birds at this point, as the female starts setting as soon as she lays her first egg, then lays an egg every other day. The clutch hatches in the same order approximately 18 days later—one bird every other day. The male bird feeds the female during the incubation period. Parakeets are raised in cages—one pair to each cage, or in colonies of several pairs in a large pen. Their colors range thru shades of blue, yellow, and white.

"T. P." now has eight canaries, which are more difficult to raise than parakeet. They are bred, one pair to a cage, from March thru June, and are yellow or cinnamon colored. Some breeders are trying to produce red canaries by crossing the South American siskin with canaries, but T. P. breeds for singing qualities only. The average life span of a canary is

'Nickels For Know-How' Sample Ballot

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Ballots like the one shown here will be used in the "Nickels for Know-How" referendum in which farm people will decide whether they are to contribute five cents per ton on feed and fertilizer to support expansion of agricultural research and teaching the State. All persons who use feed or fertilizer, including wives and husbands as well as 4-H, FFA, and NEA members with crop or livestock projects, are eligible to vote. The plan must be approved by two-thirds of those voting to become effective. Proceeds would be turned over to the Agricultural Foundation, Inc., at State College to promote research, education, and extension work for the benefit of farm people.

FIRST TANNEL ENTRY



First North Carolina beauty to enter the 1952 Maid of Cotton contest is honey-haired Norma Kay Fie of Valdese, N. C. The attractive, green-eyed contestant is 20 years old and 5 feet 5 inches tall. She is a former student at Mitchell College in Stateville, N. C. The Maid of Cotton contest is open to any girl born in a cotton-producing state, who is between the ages of 19-25, has never been married, and is at least 5 feet 5 inches tall. Entries do not have to be sponsored by any group or organization. Winner of the contest will be selected Jan. 3. Immediately afterwards, the Maid of Cotton will set forth on a six-month international tour to promote cotton industry and fashion message to major cities in the U. S., France, and Canada. At the close of the tour, the Maid will be presented a streamlined new 1952 Ford convertible by the Memphis (Tenn.) District Ford Dealers in recognition of her service. Entry forms for the contest are available from the National Cotton Council, Box 13, Memphis, Tenn. Contest deadline is midnight, Dec. 1.

Workers Get Estate Of New York Factory Man
McGraw, N. Y.—A total of \$100,000 left by F. A. Purchas to the 187 employes of three factories was recently divided. Workers with more than ten years' service received \$1,000; those with five to ten years, \$500; and those with a year and a half to five years, \$250.

about 10 years. It's hard to believe, but T. P. hunts in his spare time. Luckily, the bird hunting season comes at a time when his flower rush has eased a bit. His love of hunting probably accounts for his start in dog breeding. In the past, he has also raised bantams, ducks, pheasants, quail, chickens, and rabbits.

ing ground and lighted up the sky early this year, because last Sunday's test was held in daylight.

The earlier ones were staged at dawn when the flash could be seen for as far as 500 miles.

Most observers agreed, however, that the latest test was not as strong as the earlier one, because the shock waves were felt only slightly by persons only about 30 miles from the firing range.

The cloud sent skyward by the blast was clearly visible here, but no shock waves were felt. In the tests last January and February, shock waves broke windows in downtown Las Vegas stores.

Troops did not participate in the test, but it was indicated that the world's first atomic combat maneuvers involving foot soldiers were not far away.

No test was scheduled for Monday, but it was believed the AEC would test another atomic weapon Tuesday.

Speculation that the next test might involve the 1,200 paratroopers standing by for their first close meeting with atomic weapons was strengthened by the arrival here of congressional and military observers.

Representative Walter Baring (D) of Nevada, observed Sunday's test, and Senator Pat McCarran (D) of Nevada, also was in Las Vegas, presumably to witness a test.

Chartered airliners and military transport planes carrying military observers were arriving here throughout Sunday and it was understood more congressional observers, members of the AEC and high-ranking military officers from Washington were expected to arrive soon.

The atomic weapon to be used in the troop maneuvers probably will be one ready for tactical use on the battlefield, such as a compact aerial bomb or an artillery shell with an atomic warhead.

Max Miller, editor of the Las Vegas Review Journal, was set at a vantage point only about 30 miles from Sunday's blast and felt nothing.

He said the flash of the bomb was so brief he would not have seen it if he had blinked his eyes at the wrong second. He described the cloud from the bomb as a "purplish boiling mass."

The smoke rose to form a towering purple toadstool, and Mr. Miller said he heard a roar like thunder two minutes and 10 seconds after seeing the greenish flash of the bomb.

About an hour before the atomic detonation, a huge cloud of black smoke was seen rising from the firing area and it was assumed the AEC had followed its usual practice of setting off a

non-nuclear charge before the atom explosion.

About six airplanes then began circling the firing range. A red-tailed B-29 from Kirtland Air Force base, N. M., and atom-bomb loading center, flew directly over the test site, and five minutes later, the blast rocked the desert.

Christmas trade 5 per cent above 1950's seen by credit executive.

Woman Photographer, 90, Continues About Her Work
Macomb, Ill.—Mrs. Laura B. Gaite, 90, believes she is the oldest active photographer in the nation. In her 69 years as a photographer, she has taken an average of 500 children pictures a year. She also has taken many 50th wedding anniversary pictures of couples whose wedding pictures she has made.

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With two months to spare, motorists on Martin County highways and streets have already this year had more wrecks, injured and killed more people and caused more property damage than the record shows for all of 1950.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

43rd Week				
Accidents	Inj'd	Killed	Dam'ge	
1951	6	3	0	\$ 1,515
1950	6	0	0	845
Comparisons To Date				
1951	205	106	5	\$47,010
1950	139	58	3	30,410

Atom Bomb May Provide Support For Foot Soldier

Involving Foot Soldiers Not Far Away

Results of the second atomic explosion in the current series of tests on the Nevada desert indicated today that atom scientists have developed a compact aerial bomb that can be used to support troops on the battlefield.

The Atomic Energy Commission set off the seventh nuclear blast at the Frenchman Flat provisory ground a few days ago, apparently by dropping a bomb from a B-29 Superfortress. The detonation sent a purple cloud mushrooming 30,000 feet in the air.

The detonation was neither as great as those held at Bikini Atoll in the South Pacific nor as tiny as the "baby A-bomb" blast set off here last week, indicating it was a medium-size atomic weapon that could be used on the battlefield.

It was difficult for observers to determine whether the explosion was a powerful as the five that rocked the desert prov-

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