

**Qualla PTA Holds Last Meeting Of Year, Scout Troop Honored**

The Qualla Parent-Teacher Association held its last meeting of the year on Wednesday night, April 19, at the school. Mrs. Helen Cathey, president, was in charge. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. J. L. Hyatt. The room count showed a tie between Miss Cathey's and Mrs. Martin's room in parents present.

Following the brief business session Mrs. Cathey introduced Mr. Bill Ensor of Cherokee who was in charge of the program. Mr. Ensor gave some very interesting facts concerning the origin of Boy Scouts of America, the aims and purposes of the organization, the different ranks, etc. He then presented the charter for the newly organized troupe, which is being sponsored by the Qualla PTA, to the president of the Association, Mrs. Cathey. The troupe will hereafter be known as Qualla Troup, No. 18, Daniel Boone Council, Boy Scouts of America.

The following officers of the Scout Troop were introduced: Scout-master, John S. Hyatt; assistant scout-master, James Ridgeway; and troupe committee, Emerson Cathey, chairman, Buford Cabe, and Howard Reagan.

Eleven boys are eligible for membership and were presented membership cards. These boys

**TOBACCO PLANT SITUATION IN NORTH CAROLINA**

The tobacco plant situation is serious in many areas of the state. The plant scarcity is most evident in the Eastern sections because it is now clear that the present stand on the beds is all there will be this year in time to do any good. While in the middle and old belt and in the burley area the growers are still hopeful that more plants will appear on the beds where the stands are light. This is not likely unless seed has been added to the bed recently and unless water is supplied to keep the upper surface of the soil moist.

Every effort should be made by the growers to nurse and protect the plants they have left against dry weather, blue mold and insects.

**WHAT CAN BE DONE NOW**  
Water beds where the plants are small or just coming up at least every other day. The equivalent of 1-4 to 1-2 inch of water at each application is fine on beds at this stage. Plants that are well set should be watered 2 or 3 times per week with 1-2 to 1 inch of water to keep the plants growing. (It will take a little over 5 barrels, 280 gallons of water, to supply 1-2 inch to 100 square yards). Apply water just ahead of the blue mold treatment insofar as possible. Many growers have underestimated the dry conditions of the soil with strong winds taking the moisture up immediately after each shower. In many cases light showers fell immediately after the seed were sown and some of the plants came up, others that were sprouted dried out and died. Water at seed germination time is important. Larger plants are being lost now where beds are located on dry thirsty soil as a result of the drought.

Blue mold has been unusually active in view of the dry weather. As water is applied or when rain comes, efforts to control blue mold will need to be intensified. Many growers have confused cold injury with blue mold and have consequently been discouraged in continuing the treatment.

Good results with FERMATE are in evidence everywhere that the growers are applying the treatment liberally, carefully, frequently enough and with the right equipment. Growers are strongly urged to continue their blue mold control program, strive to get the best coverage possible and use liberal applications of material, especially when conditions are favorable for blue mold development.

The midge and crane larvae, flea beetle and white grub have contributed to poor stands in many cases. They are still active in certain areas. The midge larvae, flea beetle, and crane fly larvae can be controlled with DDT. The white grub can be controlled with the use of Parathion (observe precautions in applying this). Keep a close look for the vegetable weevil worm that feeds on the leaves and apply DDT for control. Keep on the look out for plant aphids in the bed (see your county agent for details).

**U. S. DEBT NOW AVERAGES \$2,875 PER PERSON**

**TOTAL DEBT IN U. S. \$429,400,000,000**

**\$2,875 FOR EACH MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD**

<b>CORPORATION DEBT</b> \$112,100,000,000	<b>GOVERNMENT: FEDERAL AND STATE, LOCAL</b> \$232,700,000,000	<b>UNINCORPORATED BUSINESS AND INDIVIDUALS</b> \$84,600,000,000
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THE TOTAL DEBT in the U. S., including government, business and individuals, is higher than at any previous time, according to the Commerce Department's compilation for the beginning of 1949. The total is fourteen billion above the previous year. The federal government's share is \$216,500,000,000, which is more than half of the grand total. And, it is pointed out, the deficit is expected to increase. (Central Press Association)

are Harold Stillwell, J. D. Sea-Buddy Gass. At the conclusion of the meeting the PTA members and guests were invited into the lunch room where the hospitality committee of the month served ice cream, cake, hot chocolate, and coffee.

**HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?**

**PERSONALS**

Mrs. W. F. Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor of Kannapolis and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Koonce of High Point were called here Saturday on account of the illness and death of Mr. Albert L. Freeze. Mrs. W. F. Taylor is a sister of Mr. Freeze.

J. B. Case and children, Peggy and Lawrence, and Miss Earleen Hurst spent Sunday in Hendersonville visiting relatives of Mr. Case.

Mrs. J. F. Freeze and Pat Montague returned Monday night from Kannapolis where they attended the funeral services held for Mr. Albert L. Freeze.

Mrs. P. C. Scroggs, Mrs. Kieth Scroggs, and Miss Rebecca Scroggs, all of Hayesville, were guests last Friday of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Scroggs.

Little Miss Sandra Shattles, daughter of Mrs. Harvey Seay Shattles, Bryson City, underwent a tonsilectomy April 25.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cordell and young son of Evansville, Ind., will be the week-end guests of Mr. Cordell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cordell, at Jarrett Springs Hotel, Dillsboro.

Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Jarrett of Charlotte, Mrs. Clyde Jarrett of Andrews, and Mr. and Mrs. Rob-

**YOU'RE TELLING ME!**

By WILLIAM RITT  
Central Press Writer

MOSQUITOES, we read, avoid salt water. Thank goodness for that—just think how salt would make them extra thirsty for their favorite nectar.

Multi-colored jackets for men are nothing new. In fact, the style harks back to Biblical Joseph's famous cloak.

A push button war, observes the man at the next desk, no doubt would be run by rule of thumb.

In China, according to Factographs, the monkey is the symbol of high official rank. Over there, too, it seems, folk don't

think too much of some of their big shots.

Birds can be controlled by radar—news item. What a handy little gadget for a hunter to have at the muzzle of his shotgun!

Penguin eggs have been from the Antarctic to E. add to its food supply. cold storage variety, no doubt.

The transportation business certainly is buzzing in the tipodes these days. Sixty million bees have so far been shipped from Victoria to western Australia.

Co. in Chattanooga, Tenn., will be in charge of the demonstration.

**Words of the Wise**

All men feel something of an honorable bigotry for the objects which have long continued to please them.

— (William Wordsworth)

Last year, 99 per cent of the corn acreage in Indiana, Illinois and Iowa was planted to hybrid corn. The average yields per acre in those states ranged from 50 to 60 bushels.

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