

### Tenth Of Army Were Never In The Fourth Grade

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Secretary of War Patterson disclosed recently that about 10 per cent of the men inducted into the army during the Second World War had not gone beyond the third grade in school.

For such men, the Secretary told the Tennessee Educational association, the army has developed visual teaching methods, enabling illiterates to learn to read, write simple letters and do elementary arithmetic in from four to twelve weeks.

"Since June 1, 1943, when special training units for illiterates were established, 290,000 men have received this training," he said. "Of this number, almost 90 per cent graduated as literate at fourth grade level and went on to further training."

"If after three months a man cannot make the grade he is discharged from the army," the Secretary added.

Patterson described education as "the hope of the world in every sphere of human activity" and education in the army "as one of the fine ingredients of world peace."

He said the War Department learned the importance of education during the war "when we found that military effectiveness and education were inseparable. In the very midst of war, the army became one of the great educational institutions of the United States."

Mrs. J. H. Way, Jr., has returned from a three-weeks visit with her son and daughter-in-law, Lt. and Mrs. Joseph H. Way, in Pensacola, Florida.

Mrs. J. E. Whisenand of Swannanoa, spent the Easter week-end with her daughter, Mrs. Sam Lane in Hazelwood.

### Wellco Employees Stage Tacky Party



The above group were snapped during a tacky party recently given by the Wellco Employees club at the Waynesville armory, when all guests were in costume. In addition to the employees and the officials of the company a number of others were included in the affair.

In the picture above reading from left to right are: Hendrick Caldwell, Mr. Frances Wright, Miss Pauline Swase, Edward McRorie, Miss Evelyn Moody, Mrs. Joan Staff, and Johnny Norris.

### Mrs. Rufus H. Blackwell Honors Daughter-In-Law With Large Tea

Mrs. Rufus H. Blackwell was hostess of a large tea on Tuesday afternoon from four to six o'clock at her home, Birchwood Hall, as a courtesy honoring her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Paul Blackwell, who before her marriage last September was Miss Pamela Blackburn, of Blakelown, Worcestershire, England.

Receiving with Mrs. Blackwell and her daughter-in-law were the former's daughters, Mrs. Mary Frohm, of Bristol, Tenn., and Mrs. James Michaels, of Durham, Mrs. Kimball Barber, recent bride, and Mrs. David Hyatt and Mrs. Lochlan Hyatt, who have both recently come here to reside from Newport News, Va.

Among those assisting in receiving and serving were: Mrs. William Medford, Mrs. Rufus Siler, Mrs. Hugh Massie, Mrs. J. Harden Howell, Mrs. John M. Queen, Mrs. Bonner Ray, Mrs. Walter B. West, Mrs. F. H. Marley, Miss Mattie Moody, Miss Mary Anne Massie, Mrs. John Allen, Mrs. Jimmie Boyd, Mrs. H. L. Boyd, Mrs. David Stentz, Mrs. Ben Sloan and Miss Elizabeth Ray.

During the afternoon a musical program was presented by Mrs. L. G. Elliott and Mrs. Fred Martin, soloists, and Mrs. Troy Wyeche and Miss Nancy Killian, pianists.

The residence was arranged throughout with quantities of spring flowers. In the reception

hall bowls and vases of gladioli and tulips in shades of pink were used. In the living room bowls of white flowers lent a decorative note.

In the dining room a color motif of yellow was used. The tea table was covered with a lace cloth and centered with an arrangement of yellow tulips and ferns, with the appointments in yellow. Each plate bore a miniature corsage of white flowers tied with yellow ribbons.

Around one hundred and twenty-five guests called during the hours designated.

### Mrs. Howell Gives C.A.R. Easter Egg Hunt At Windover

Mrs. J. Harden Howell, director, entertained the members of the Joseph Howell Society of Children of the American Revolution with an Easter party and egg hunt at Windover on last Wednesday afternoon for both the senior and junior groups. She was assisted in entertainment and serving by the senior members of the society.

The following program was presented: A sketch of the life of President U. S. Grant, whose birthday falls in April; piano selection by Elizabeth Barber, "The Little White Bunny and Why He Came," by Norma Brown, told for the juniors. Carey Howell and Elizabeth Barber served as flag bearers.

Following the program an Easter egg hunt was enjoyed on the lawn, after which ice cream, cakes and candies were served in the dining room, which was decorated in Easter motif.

Special guests were Mrs. David Stentz and son, David Stentz, Jr., and Mrs. George Stentz and daughter, Susan Stentz.

### Farm Questions and Answers

QUESTION: What is the deadline for making suggestions for the 1947 Triple-A agricultural conservation program in this state?

ANSWER: State Director Tom Scott of the AAA says that all such recommendations must be in the Raleigh office by May 1 in order to receive consideration. He adds that conservation payments to N. C. farmers under the program have totaled \$34,288,000 between 1936 and 1944.

QUESTION: What is the best practice to follow in growing red cedar trees?

ANSWER (Attention J. B. Hansen, Spring Grove, Va.): Red cedar, to be used for Christmas trees and posts, should be planted six feet apart in seven-foot rows. Crops such as soybeans may thus be cultivated between the rows for the first two years of the trees' growth. This spacing also allows sunlight to reach the bottom of the trees, keeping lower limbs green.

Mrs. Henrietta Klutz and daughter, Miss Jane Klutz, spent the Easter week-end in Winston-Salem, where they formerly resided.

Larry Williams, who is employed by the Internal Revenue Department, spent the week-end at home.

Number of families assisted last year (Haywood county) with: Installing water systems 11; Providing needed storage 25; Rearranging kitchen 23; Remodeling their homes 13; Making slipovers 20.

### When Your Back Hurts - And Your Strength and Energy Is Below Par

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### Household Suggestions

By RUTH CURRENT N. S. State College

To get the best use from fat in cooking as well as to save it for use again, heed the "no smoking" rule. When fat reaches the smoking point, it starts to break down chemically and three unfortunate things happen: (1) the flavor of the fat and of the food cooked in it is damaged, (2) food fried in smoking fat may have an unhappy effect on the digestive tract, (3) fat that has reached the smoking point will turn rancid more quickly than fat which has not smoked if saved for use again.

To prevent fat from smoking, keep heat low when melting it for sauce or pan-frying. Cook meat at moderate temperature which is best for the protein as well as the fat. Remember, fats vary in the amount of heat they can stand. Butter, oleomargarine, drippings and olive oil all tend to smoke quickly.

Hosiery hints: Ravel some yarn from an old stocking to get the best possible mending thread for snags and runs in hose. The stocking yarn is of lighter weight than ordinary mending thread, and will be less conspicuous. Thread from old nylon stockings if anybody has them old enough to be retired makes the best and strongest mending, but a heavy, not-so-sheer rayon stocking gives an excellent thread for mending.

"If each American family would save just half a slice of bread a day, the savings would amount to half million loaves of bread daily," says Dr. Hazel Stiebeling, chief of the Bureau of Human Nutrition and Home Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Removing the stems of strawberries before washing causes some loss of vitamin C.

Rose-growing is a \$3,000,000 annual industry in East Texas.

### Beef Specialist



HARRY M. HAMILTON of Boone, Watauga county farm agent for the past seven years, has been appointed sheep and beef cattle marketing specialist with the N. C. Department of Agriculture. Hamilton, a 1935 graduate of VPI where he specialized in animal husbandry, will be in charge of beef cattle projects for the Agriculture Department in Northwestern North Carolina.

### Penny Brothers To Sell Farm On Jonathan Creek

J. C. Penny of the Penny Brothers auction organization was here this week, and announced the first sale of the season would be held the latter part of May, when N. W. Garrett's 281-acre farm on Jonathan Creek would be sold at auction.

The Penny Brothers organization conduct many sales in this area every year, and plan to spend considerable time here this season.

Sixty-five per cent of the total tonnage of overseas shipping for war purposes consisted of gasoline, oil and other petroleum products.

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### Home Agent Gives History Of Movement

MARY MARGARET SMITH

"Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World" is the theme for National Home Demonstration Club Week (May 5th-12th), to be observed in Haywood county as a part of the national celebration.

Home Demonstration work is an educational program carried out in rural homes and communities by approximately 3,000 Home Demonstration agents, joint employees of the State Land Grant Colleges and of the United States Department of Agriculture. Home Demonstration work, like 4-H club work and other phases of the cooperative extension program in Agriculture and Home Economics, is financed by the County, State and Federal government.

The scope of Home Demonstration work has been expanded at the request of rural women to embrace every phase of rural family life. In addition to food and nutrition, clothing, household management and home furnishing, and handicrafts and recreation, rural families are asking home demonstration agents for help with the solution of problems in such fields as health and medical care, housing, farm and home financial planning, work simplification in the home, consumer education, child care and parent education, community welfare, and civic responsibilities.

Home Demonstration work was organized in North Carolina in 1911 with one state agent. Fifteen counties were organized by 1912. Today (1946) there are 100 white home demonstration agents and 41 Negro home agents in the state, with 54 white assistant home agents and two Negro assistants. There are 2,175 home demonstration clubs in North Carolina with 55,185 members enrolled.

Various projects have been carried throughout North Carolina in 1945.

**Foods and Nutrition**  
In foods and nutrition, club women received information on well planned meals from pantry supplies and making uncommon vegetables popular, food production, garden insect control, food conservation and storage.

**Food Preservation**  
In 1945 home demonstration club members in Haywood county canned 630,000 quarts of fruits, vegetables and meats. They cured 182,800 pounds of meat, froze 87,050 pounds of fruits, vegetables and meats.

**Clothing**  
In clothing, home demonstration club women received information on construction, selection and buying. Demonstrations were given on selecting patterns for figure types, You and Your Appearance, and Know Your Fabrics. Coat making was demonstrated at a special interest meeting.

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