

Chinquapin Chats

BY: VIDA MELLO

Wouldn't you know, "old Mr. Ground hog" would bring us this bad weather for the rest of the winter? Chiquapin and vicinity are still suffering from the worst sort of colds and flue it has had in a long time. Here's hoping all that are sick will soon be ready for spring.

Mrs. Cyrus Batchlor and Mrs. Bilbro Bostle of Beulaville left last week for Fla. where they are visiting their sister, the former Mrs. Bertha Sloan and escaping

the bitter colds and rain here. Mrs. Elliott Pickett has just returned from a visit with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brant of Ulma, S. C.

Miss Elin Ann Dall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Dall spent the past week-end with her parents, returning to Wilmington Sunday, where she is in training at J. W. M. Hospital.

Little Jerome Parker, 6-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parker celebrated his birthday last week with several of his little friends, and woke up next morning with a good case of measles—but is patiently nursing them.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cavenaugh of Wilmington and family visited his sister last week. Mrs. Norma Lanier who has been down with flu.

Mrs. Ethel Bland of Harroll's Store visited her daughter and family recently. Mr. and Mrs. Will Futrel, leaving from there for Lompo, California to visit her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Warner, where her grand daughter has been stricken with Polio. It's hoped the child will be able to return home with her grandmother and mother for a visit.

Mrs. Myrtle Futrel is visiting her daughter Mrs. Ben Hall in Ahoakie who has been seriously ill recently. Her stay is indefinitely.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Easter were visitors of Mrs. Norma Lanier last week several hours en route to Wallace and other business.

Miss Dot Shipp who is in charge of our School Lunch room has been seriously ill with flu but is expected out again this week.

Mrs. Haywood Sounders of More Head City visited her mother last week, Mrs. Norma Lanier, taking care of her while in bed with flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Futrel and family recently spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Futrel.

Mr. and Mrs. Paisley Rouse who have both been down with colds and flue are able to be up and about again.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parker were some of those who visited at the home of Mr. Joe Rouse at Charity in the hours of death of Mrs. Rouse, last week.

The Rev. L. A. Taylor of Wilmington held service at the Presbyterian church last Sunday A. M. with a nice attendance. The Rev. Honeycutt—out of town visiting pastor will hold service the 3rd Sunday night at 7 P. M. The Rev. Dudley of Wilmington, N. C. offers to fill the absence of a Pastor the fourth Sunday, regular meeting. Here's hoping all members will attend and visitors are welcomed. Members are still expecting a regular Pastor.

The young people, R. A.'s and G. A.'s all met at the Baptist church last Thursday P. M. with a good attendance despite the weather we've been having. An interesting program was had and some refreshments served at the close of the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Sanderson and family made a pleasure trip to Smeal's Ferry last Sunday—and some business and brought home plenty of big nice oysters. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rivenbark



Red-Throated Loon
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The fact that a bird has a wide range for its species does not mean necessarily that it is correspondingly well known. The red-throated loon ranges during the year from the Aleutians to Greenland and south to Florida and lower California and yet most people go through their lives without ever seeing or hearing one of these birds.

The red-throated loon, with a length of 27 inches overall, is some 5 inches shorter than a full grown common loon. It lacks the conspicuous black head and neck band of the common loon though it is white beneath and has the breast striped with black and white. The throat of the red-throated loon has a conspicuous chestnut tinge at its lowest edge. In winter the bird is dusky above. The sexes are colored alike.

Breeding of the red-throated loon takes place from northern Alaska and the western Aleutians south to northern British Columbia and east to Greenland, Newfoundland and Quebec. It also breeds in Europe and Asia. Our winter range of the species extends south to Florida and the region of Lower California nearest to the United States, for the most part.

The red-throated loon has been suspected of feeding on fish eggs and it is known to make a large part of its diet of fish which it catches by diving and pursuit underwater. Because of these habits it has been considered as undesirable a business trip to Wallace last week, where they did some shopping.

Miss Nellie Sanderson spent the week-end with Miss Gloria Maresky last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland visited with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Alton Lanier last week-end.

able but what would a summer be in the wilds of Canada or northern United States without the opportunity of listening to some loons "talk things over" on the other side of the lake in the middle of the night.

During migration the birds have a remarkably strong direct flight. If through accident or otherwise they happen to come to earth in migration they probably will end their days where they come down since they cannot take off except from water. In New England the southern migration is about at its height in October. A poet has concisely described the overground migration of the bird as the sure swift flight of loons. Words would hardly improve this description.

The nest is nothing but a mere depression hidden on the bank of a lake or stream. Sometimes it is lined with finer grasses. It must be close to the shore because the birds are almost helpless on land. In the water they more than make up for this land handicap. There are usually 2 eggs each about 3 inches long highly variable in color and either spotted with drab brown or plain.

Both sexes take part in the 4-week incubation period and the downy chicks are dark gray and drab. The young take to the water soon after they are hatched but they are guarded jealously by the parents who become greatly excited when any sign of danger is to be found. In spite of the noisy behavior of loons at some times they may vanish from sight quickly when they wish to do so.

The National Wildlife Federation and similar conservation organizations are greatly interested in

Industry Cites CP&L For Honor

Carolina Power & Light Company is one of five power companies in the nation being considered for the annual Charles A. Coffin award the most coveted honor in the electric industry. It was revealed today in New York City by B. L. England, president of Edison Electric Institute.

The five were singled out for outstanding achievement in 1935 from a total of 23 previously cited by a nominating panel representing every section of the United States. In addition to CP&L, they are Arkansas Power and Light, Detroit Edison, Electric Energy Inc., (a five-company syndicate) and Pennsylvania Power and Light.

The reviewing committee said of Carolina Power & Light Company: "Vividly redemonstrating the basic private utility concepts of community service and public responsibility—an able aggressive management led its organization in a highly successful campaign of civic betterment and state development, meanwhile extending to a large new territory the benefits of better electric services at substantially lower cost."

This alluded to sponsorship of the "Finer Carolina" contest, careful observations of all forms of wildlife about whose genuine value there may be any question. The red-throated loon would come under this heading unquestionably.

—E. Laurence Palmer

merger of Tide Water Company into its system and reduction of rates in the old Tide Water area. Similar references appeared last week in the citation of Louis V. Sifton, president of CP&L, as winner of the N. C. Society of Engineers' award for "outstanding engineering achievement" in 1932.

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