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**At Home On The Farm With
The City Cousin**

All this talk about providing starving rats with more than 200 million bushels of grain this coming year, set me thinkin' about "The Case of the Farmer Whose Poultry Industry Was Wiped Out By Rats."

If you want to know something about the destructive potential of the little animal that causes so much ruckus on Tar Heel farms, stop off in the Gumberry Community of Northampton County and talk over it with Edd Buffalo.

Edd's a Negro farmer who built a brooder house early last Spring. And, with no hint of the disaster that was to befall him, he purchased 160 baby chicks. Into the brooder house they went.

"Four days later," the would-be poultryman relates, "all the chicks were doing nicely except 15 weak ones that I considered a normal loss."

"And then what happened?" I ask.

"Well," says Edd, "on the fifth morning I went out to the brooder to stir the fire—and there wasn't a chick to be found."

When I asked him what in the world could have happened to the biddies, the tired Negro farmer stopped and thought a bit before going on:

"At first we thought it was thieves—figured somebody stole 'em—but late that same afternoon, while I was takin' a friend to see the brooder house, I changed my mind—"

Anxious to hear what had happened, I urged the man to hurry along to the point.

"I heard a little chreep! chreep!

—real weak, you understand—coming from under the floor of the building. We got down there and found—"

"Yes? What did you find—" says I impatiently.

"One hundred and five dead chicks!"

"Is that a fact?" Then he went on to tell me how rats had carried every one of the chicks through a small hole in the concrete floor where it had not settled properly. Just to see what would happen, Edd poured some hot lye water down the rat run. The net result of this operation was one large rat, very much in a hurry.

If this was the only rat involved in the loss of the chicks, he was responsible for more than \$25 damage.

Right now, Edd's of the firm belief that every farmer should inspect his out-buildings for rats each year!

**4-H Club Winners
To Attend National
Club Congress**

Twenty-four delegates will represent North Carolina at National 4-H Club Congress when it convenes in Chicago, November 30, says L. R. Harrill, State 4-H Club leader for the State College Extension Service.

Expense-paid trips to this big 4-H event were awarded those boys and girls for the outstanding work they have done in their 4-H Club projects, Mr. Harrell said. Records from more than 1,200 county champions, competing in the various State-wide contests, were reviewed to determine the winners. Winners in other projects will receive Saving Bonds, cash awards, and gold watches.

During the week of Congress, North Carolina delegates will join in the recreation, banquets and conferences with delegates from the other 47 states, Mr. Harrill said.

Winners of the expense trip and the projects they completed are: Imogene Rayfield of Anson County, Better Methods Electric; Bonnie Jean Moore, Surry, Canning; Carolyn Smith, Cherokee, Clothing; Sophia Perry, Bertie, Dress Revue; Jane Alexander, Gaston, Farm Safety; Frank Johnson, Cumberland, Field Crops; Helen Miller, Forsyth, Food Preparation; Dollie Ann Hedgecock, Guilford, Garden; Frances Lancaster, Edgecombe, Girls Record; Gene Dull, Davie and Daphion Galloway, Montgomery, Health; Jean Jordan, Wake, Home Improvement; Bobby Lee Cockerham, Surry, Poultry; Billy Bryan Cansler, Iredell, Soil Conservation; Dennis Harrell, Guilford, Tractor Maintenance; D. G. Harwood, Jr., Stanley, Dairy Production; Frances Lancaster, Edgecombe, Martha Ann Washam and Doris Nell Davis, Mecklenburg, Dairy Foods Demonstrations.

Also winning a free trip to the Congress will be State winners in Sweet potatoes, corn, cotton, tobacco, and peanuts. These will be announced at an early date, Mr. Harrill said.

**Speaking Contest
Praised By Banker**

Warren S. Johnson, president of the North Carolina Bankers Association, expressed feeling today that he was anxious to have the Soil Conservation Speaking Contest enlarged to such an ex-

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Members of the Royal Family of His Highness Amir Saou bin Abdullah bin Jelewi, Amir of Hasa Province, Saudi Arabia, on board the cruiser USS Toledo, commanded by Captain A. J. Deiser, USN, of Leland, Michigan, (center), during the call of the Amir on Admiral Richard H. Conolly, USN, Commander, Naval Forces, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean, at Ras at Tanura. The Toledo was flagship of Admiral Conolly during his visit to the Persian Gulf. The Toledo later departed for Japan to relieve the USS Fall River as flagship of Rear Admiral A. M. Bledsoe, USN, Commander, Cruiser Division One. (Official U. S. Navy Photograph)

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State will participate.

The contest is sponsored by the N. C. Bankers Association and this year, for the first time, is open to high school students in every county of the State.

In 1945, when the first contest was held, contestants from only 12 counties were permitted to compete. This move on the part of the State Bankers Association met with such success and became so popular that in 1946, the contest was extended to permit entries from 45 counties.

Mr. Johnson, in a letter today to J. Frank Doggett, in charge of Soil Conservation for the State College Extension Service, said, "I know of no other movement of greater importance to our agriculture than soil conservation. Particularly is this true at present when the reduction in acreage of tobacco, peanuts and other money crops will have a direct effect on the farmers income. Improvement of the soil, thereby increasing production per acre, is in my opinion the most logical method for keeping the farmers income up."

"I purpose, as president of the Bankers Association, to present this matter at each group meeting to be held between now and the date of our convention and impress upon them the necessity of supporting this soil conservation program," Mr. Johnson said.

The contest is open to all high school students, boys and girls, rural and urban. Each contestant must write his or her speech, but may receive help from anyone or any source. The subject of the speech will be "Soil Conservation and Its Relation to the Economy of North Carolina"; however, the words "Soil Conservation" may be replaced with a practice more important in the contestants community.

Church Directory

Raeford Presbyterian Church

W. B. Heyward, Pastor
9:45 A. M.—Church School
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship
7:30 P. M. Evening worship.
7:30 P. M. Wednesday No Prayer Service—Choir Practice
9:30 A. M. Thursday, November 27th, Thanksgiving Service.

Parker Methodist Church

Rev. P. O. Lee, Minister
11:00 A. M.—Sunday school.
12:15 P. M.—Regular worship services each first and third Sundays.

Pittman Grove Baptist Church

Rev. Taylor, Pastor.
10:00 A. M.—Sunday school,
11:00 A. M.—Worship service each 1st and 3rd Sunday.
7:00 P. M. Thursday—Prayer meeting.

Antioch Presbyterian Church

J. W. Mann, Pastor.
10:00 A. M.—Sunday school.
11:00 A. M. Morning Worship

Bethel Presbyterian Church

10:00 A. M.—Sunday school.
Ryan McBryde, Supt.

Philippi Presbyterian Church

3:00 P. M. Sunday School
3:45 P. M. Worship Service

Raeford Methodist Church

Rev. P. O. Lee, Minister
9:45 A. M.—Church school.
11:00 A. M., Morning worship,
6:00 P. M., Meeting of the MYF.
12:15 P. M., Worship service at Parker's
7:00 P. M. Wednesday, Choir rehearsal

Tabernacle Baptist Church

E. B. Booker, Pastor.
10:00 A. M.—Sunday school,
11:00 A. M.—Morning worship,
1st and 3rd Sundays.
6:00 P. M.—Training union,
7:00 P. M.—Evening Worship,
2nd and 4th Sundays.
7:00 P. M. Thursday—Prayer service.

Raeford Baptist Church

J. D. Whisnant, Pastor
9:45 A. M.—Sunday school.
11:00 A. M. Morning Worship
6:00 P. M. Training Union
7:00 P. M. Stewardship Service
7:30 P. M. Wednesday Prayer Meeting.
9:30 A. M. Thursday, November 27th, Thanksgiving Service at Presbyterian Church, Rev. W. B. Heyward Preaching

Spring Hill Baptist Church

J. D. Whisnant, Pastor
10:00 A. M.—Sunday school.
6:30 P. M. Training Union
7:30 P. M. Wednesday Prayer Meeting
10:30 A. M. Thursday November 27th, Thanksgiving Service at Montpelier Presbyterian Church.

Shiloh Presbyterian Church

10:00 A. M. Sunday school.

Community Chapel Methodist Church

Rev. G. W. Crutchfield, Minister
Sunday School each Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, Mrs. H. W. Ellis, Superintendent.
Preaching services each second and fourth Sunday afternoons at 3:00 o'clock.

Dundarrach Presbyterian Church

Rev. J. W. Mann, Pastor
2:30 P. M.—Sunday school.
3:15 P. M.—Preaching every 2nd and 4th Sunday.

Ashley Heights Baptist Church

Joseph F. Woodson, Pastor
10:00 A. M. Sunday School
11:00 A. M. Morning worship
6:00 P. M. Training Union
7:00 P. M. Evening worship.
7:30 P. M. Wednesday, Prayer Meeting.

Lumber Bridge Presbyterian Church

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