

Poole's Medley

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The wets say "Prohibition does not prohibit", so why repeal? Were they to confess that they wanted to make money by selling intoxicants, they would not be respected citizens.

A.B.C. stores pretend to mean Alcoholic Beverage Control. That word "control" has wrapped many a man's honest judgement. Fact.

The Aberdeen and Rockfish Railroad for some years, you remember, had its terminal at Hope Mills, and during that time, they ran an excursion from Aberdeen to Fayetteville, to a Fourth of July celebration. There was said to have been fifteen thousand people visitors in Fayetteville that day.

There were two military companies guests of the city, and an added attraction was the fireworks that night. It was 10 o'clock that night before the train left Fayetteville, and the Fayetteville Observer reported that there was not a single arrest for drunkenness that day.

There were more arrests made in Fayetteville last October for drunkenness than was ever known there, so said the Fayetteville Observer, and that paper charged it to a lack of wine and beer. I believe it should have been charged to an excessive use of alcoholic drinks. Alcohol is a habit forming drug, and the dirty stuff has a way of picking the nicest, clean-

est, cleverest of fellows for its victims.

It is being discovered that Alcoholics Anonymous is not now sufficient to care for the victims of King Alcohol, as useful as that organization has proven to be. Other organizations must be found to assist in this rescue work.

Martin McLeod, of lower Montgomery county, was 6 feet, 8 inches tall. He moved to Robeson and lived the remainder of his life at Alma.

Pete Bowden, born and reared near Timberland, Hoke County, was six feet, ten inches tall when he left here for East Cumberland County when he was 18 years old.

John Dawkins weighted 375 pounds when he was 18. He weighed 550 when he was fully grown. He ditched in Drowning Creek swamp for a living.

Sheriff Reddin and a man named Ingram, of Randolph weighed 350 pounds. Reddin looked very tall, but no one noticed that Ingram was just as tall.

John Batten, in Montgomery county, built his residence over a good sized creek, and lived more than fifty years in that house.

Folks made cane mills of wood, altogether, and the rollers creaked loudly when they ground cane on them. They had to run the cane through the mill two or three times.

I never knew eggs lower than four dozen for a quarter, nor higher than 20 cents a dozen before World War 11.

Robert W. Quillen, of South Carolina, died last Wednesday, at the age of 61. He was a noted writer, and wrote truth.

I remember way back when I was given a piece of home made syrup cake for a Christmas present. We tried to get each other's "Christmas gift".

If you had nothing better you would enjoy corn popped in the embers on the hearth, eaten while it was hot.

I was told some of our neighbors used homemade soap to shave, and used a shuck instead of a brush to lather his face.

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State College Hints To Farm Homemakers

Possibly not enough homemakers are aware of their prestige in affairs financial. These statistics should bolster us: women control 70 to 80 per cent of the nation's wealth; they own 50 per cent of the stock in large corporations, 57 per cent of savings bank deposits and make 42 per cent of all income tax returns; they do 85 per cent of the buying for home and family, and directly influence the other 15 per cent. With that much money passing through their fingers in one way or another, it's up to the homemakers to accumulate as much financial wisdom as they can for this big responsibility they carry in getting their money's worth.

Occasionally starch sticks to your iron. This happens most frequently when ironing curtains or loosely woven materials, and it's due to the fact that there's not enough material to absorb the starch. A very fine non-abrasive cleaner or some fine steel wool rubbed lightly over the hoe will remove all of the starch. If you have trouble with starch sticking on the iron from regular cotton garments, it may be due to the fact that the water was not boiling rapidly before pouring it into the starch. This is important as starch not thoroughly cooked before going into the fabric will cook when it contacts with the heat of the iron and then peel off the clothes and cling to the hot iron.

Sprinkling starched clothes for ironing is very important if you want the finished garment to look right. Heavily starched clothes should be dampen than lightly starched or unstarched clothes. It is important to sprinkle the

Farmers' Cash Receipts Higher Than Last Year

North Carolina farmers are receiving more money for both their crop and their livestock enterprises this year, says Moyle S. Williams, farm management specialist at State College.

As reported by the Bureau of Agriculture Economics, cash receipts from farm marketing during the first eight months of 1948 were \$81,000,000 higher than in the corresponding 1947 period, Williams said. The total was \$394,666,000 in 1947 and \$275,472,000 in 1948.

Livestock receipts increased only slightly, from \$101,728,000 in 1947 to \$109,587,000 in 1948. Crops jumped from \$292,938,000 in 1947 to \$365,905,000 in 1948.

For the nation as a whole, cash receipts from farm marketing during the first eight months of 1948 were \$1,019,587,000 higher than in the corresponding 1947 period, Williams said. The total was \$4,394,666,000 in 1947 and \$5,414,253,000 in 1948.

Receipts from crops accounted for 66 per cent of the total, and receipts from livestock accounted for 34 per cent. In North Carolina, the crop percentage was 77 and the livestock percentage 23.

Williams asserted that despite the increase in gross income, many North Carolina farmers received lower net incomes because of an increase in production costs.

"Prospects point to a continuing high cost of production, with the exception of feed costs," Williams said. "Farmers who have been most efficient in use of the factors of production have maintained high net incomes. Prospects for the rest of 1948 and into 1949 emphasize the importance of increased efficiency in North Carolina farms."

Total agricultural exports for the year are expected to reach 3.4 billion dollars as compared with 3.9 billion in 1947.

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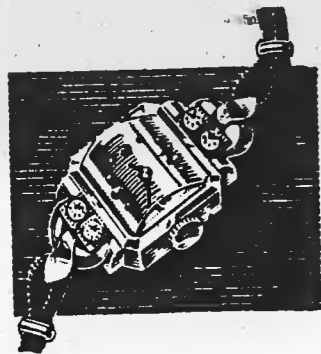
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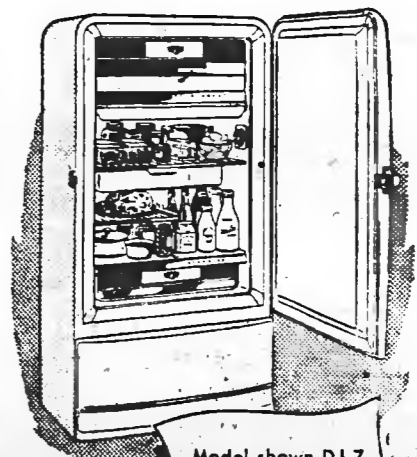
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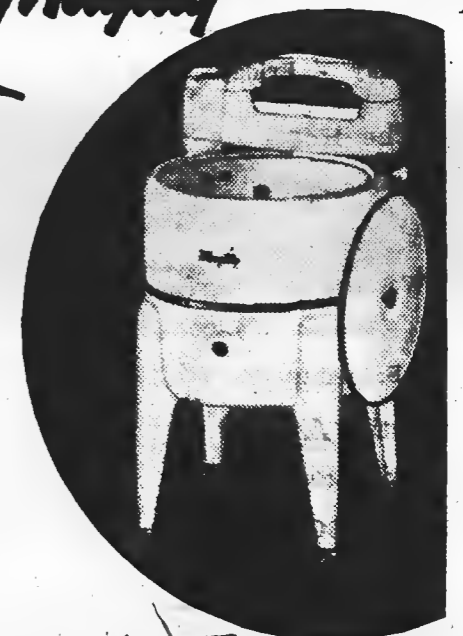


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