

Poole's Medley

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I remember that the Charleston earthquake came on August 31, 1886, but I hit the wrong key and made a 4, and I made a 6 with a pencil, but the 4 showed up in the Medley. I must see the key on the typewriter and give it a solar plexus.

I hope there is not a man on the face of this earth who is as ugly as some of the pictures in the daily papers of prominent ministers and others.

Circumstantial evidence shows that 60 names on White's logbook are found among certain classes of citizens of Robeson which are not like any other names found elsewhere.

It is a strange thing how fond some people who come to town are of driving in on Edinboro Ave. and they come that way even if they get in the mire.

A French explorer, or some one else just as good, explored the east coast of North Carolina and discovered the Cape Fear, and the river of the same name, in 1580.

The gallant Sir Walter Raleigh gained the esteem of Queen Elizabeth because he used his topcoat to keep her out of a mudpuddle; she aided him in shipping 108 men (I do not know how many women and children) to take shipping to the coast of North Carolina, and landed them on Roanoke Island.

That colony was lost, but the late Hamilton McMillan wrote a history which proved to Hamilton and me that what was left of that colony are now in Robeson.

Whether McMillan was right, it matters little, but he has made a better showing than any other historian. And those people mentioned are good farmers and are industrious, which has never been said of any other Indians.

An all season show is a better money maker than locating lost colonists, so those Indians who do not like to be called Croatan will stay like they are.

The inhabitants of the world, the heathen world in particular, do not like America. And, I believe that is due to jealousy. American beats all in charity.

In reading the Bible, you will find that a war was almost a continuous thing. And the bad part of it is they went to war for the booty they captured.

Penmanship is an acquired art. You learn to make ten different marks, and these parts are used in the making with your pen the letters of the alphabet.

There are forty-two sounds in the twenty-six letters of the alphabet, and you learn well these letters and their sounds. Remember, a letter is the character representing the sound of the human voice used in speaking.

There are 26 letters in our al-

phabet, and one hundred and twenty in the Chinese alphabet. Aren't you glad you are not a little Chinese child?

The news of today shows that children are being arrested and jailed for stealing, which was unheard of in my youth.

And gambling has grown into a monster crime. Law enforcement officers are being accused of assisting gamblers in their wicked work.

This old world is rotten as Satan wants it. The only hope for the world is through Christianity.

Hiking Along

—By—
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A column devoted to the fields and streams and woodland of this section.

Well, the old "Rabbit Hawk" is back with us for the winter, in fact, I saw my first this season several weeks ago near the State Forest. This is the hawk that flies low to the ground, skimming just a few feet above fields and hedgerows in search of food. The approved common name for this bird is "Marsh Hawk," and both male and female are easily identified by the conspicuous white rump that can be spotted for some distance, when the bird is in flight.

The food of this hawk is varied and consists, among other things, of rats, mice, frogs, snakes, insects and chipmunks. Occasionally it feeds on poultry, but this is the exception rather than the rule. Of 392 stomachs of Marsh Hawks examined by eight reliable observers, only 10 had recently fed on poultry and game, such as grouse and young wild ducks. These birds, in the vicinity of Thomasville, Ga., when overwintering, feed extensively on the cotton rat, a mammal quite destructive to quail eggs. Si, like many of our hawks, the Marsh Hawk does more good than harm and thus merits protection.

The adult male of this hawk is a pale bluish-gray with a white rump and belly and a gray tail barred with black. The female

and immature male are dark brownish above with a white rump, and are generally light brownish streaked with darker brown below. The tail is relatively long in relation to the overall length of the bird. This hawk prefers, for resting, stumps, fence posts and even the ground, and is seldom seen soaring in the sky.

While the Marsh Hawk breeds throughout Canada and the United States, it does so only rarely in the southeastern States. It spends its winters south to Panama and the West Indies. Its range in North Carolina includes the entire state, but it is quite rare in the summer. However, it is a common winter visitor to this part of the state, and one has but to be observant while riding past fields and marshes to see this hawk in its characteristic graceful flight.

Driving License Renewal Required

Motorist who obtained renewal of their driver's license in 1947 under the re-issuance program and whose birthdays fall early in 1951 will be required to obtain second renewals in the next few months, the Department of Motor Vehicles reminded persons in that category today.

Motorists who are uncertain about the expiration date of their licenses should refer to the lower right hand corner of their present license cards. These motorists will be permitted to seek second renewal 30 days in advance of the expiration date, which falls on their birth date. The majority will have surnames beginning with A or B, but a few will fall in other alphabetical groups.

Under the driver's licensing program, licenses expire on the birthday of the motorists four years after re-issuance. Since the re-issuance program began last July 1, 1947, some motorists will not have held their licenses quite four years, the Department pointed out, but in setting up the re-issuance schedule, it was necessary to place the expiration date on the birthday nearest July 1. Expiration date for these motor-

ists will fall on their birthdays exactly four years from the 1951 renewal.

The Department requested that motorists seeking second renewal bring their present licenses with them to their examining stations. The license will be accepted as evidence that the applicant has passed the road test and he will be required to take only the rules of the road, eye and road signs phases of the examination. The number of present driver's license will be his permanent license number.

A space will be provided on the new license cards for blood type, which will be placed on the card upon presentation of evidence of blood type. Since the inclusion of this information is a public service and voluntary with the applicant, failure to present this evidence will not be reason to deny issuance of the license. The Department stressed.

Church Landscaping Circular Published

The State College Extension Service announces publication of a new 12-page illustrated circular intended to provide practical help in improving the appearance of church grounds.

Entitled "Landscaping Church Grounds," the circular was pre-

pared by John H. Harris, extension landscape specialist. It covers such subjects as parking space, driveways and walks, improving old cemetery lots, and planning new cemeteries. Drawings are used to present examples of the principles stressed.

Harris emphasizes that the value of initial good planning may be lost unless arrangements are made to maintain the grounds in good condition. "Maintenance," he says, "is where most of us fall down—we do a good job of landscaping and then go home and forget it. In a few years, it all has to be done over again."

In brief foreword Harris says he at times is "depressed" to see "so many unattractive rural churches" in North Carolina. He asserts that a church and its grounds should reflect God's handiwork, and he adds that "a well-kept lawn, trees, and shrubs will make any church building look better."

Pastors, church building committees, and other interested individuals and groups may obtain a free copy of the publication from the county farm agent or by writing the Agricultural Editor, State College Station, Raleigh. Ask for Extension Circular No. 357, "Landscaping Church Grounds."

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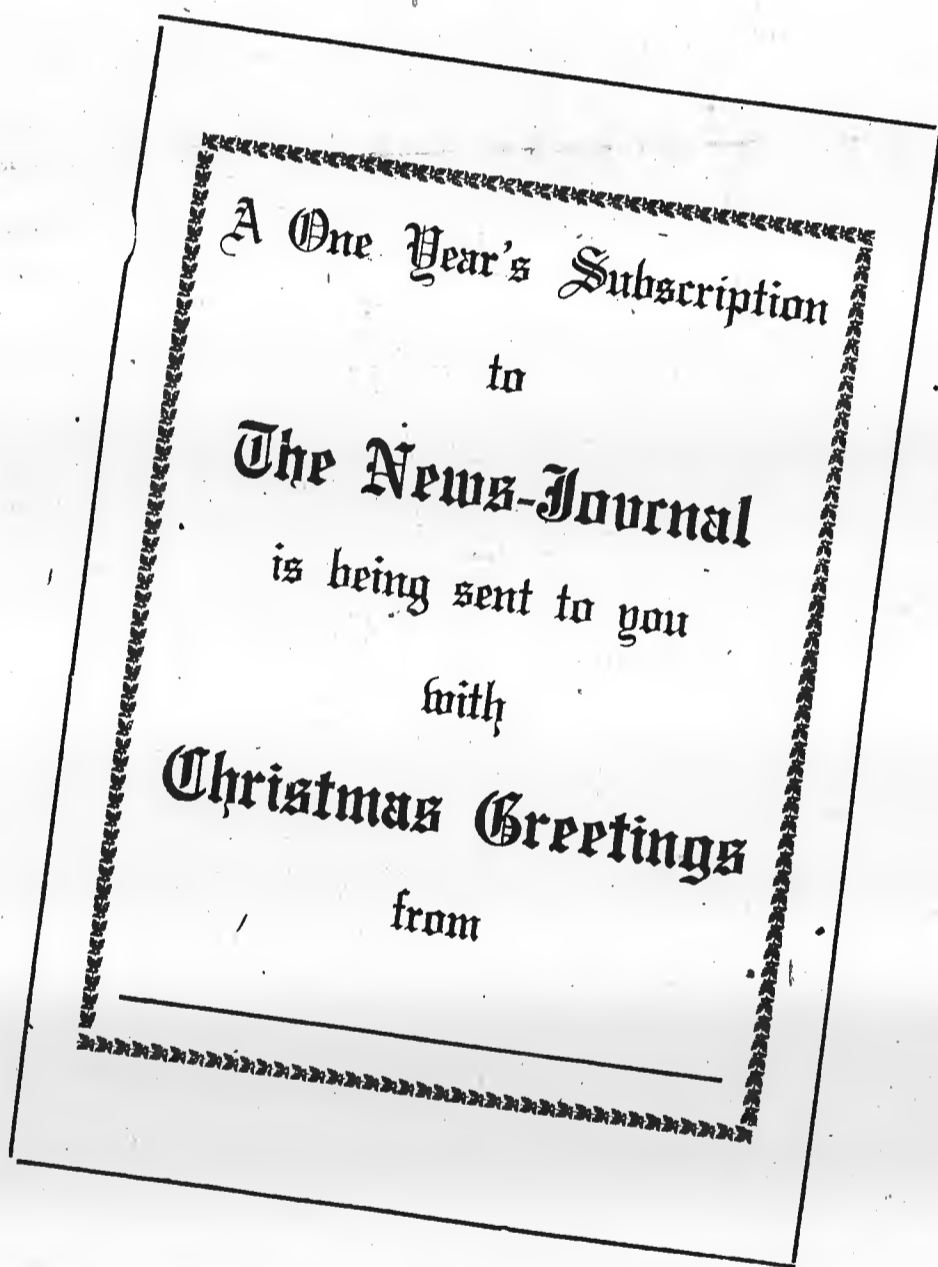


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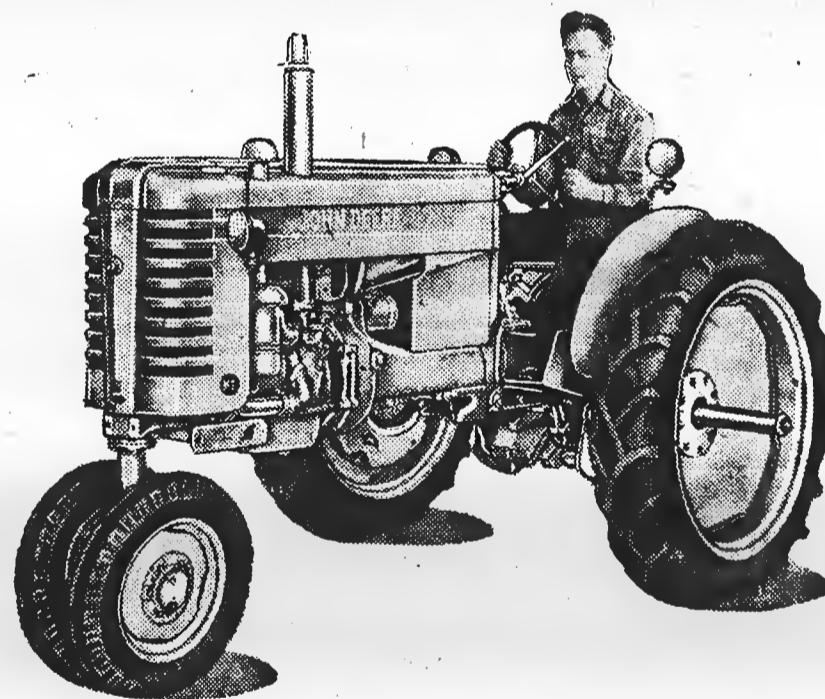
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