

ROCKFISH NEWS

By Mrs. A. A. Melms.

Miss Lillie Wood visited her niece, Miss Thelma Andrews the past week end, also her aunt, Mrs. S. E. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wood and family and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bartlett, all of Greensboro. On the return trip she stopped in Asheboro for a short time.

Mrs. W. H. Bazzaree and sons, Billy Ruster and Franklin, of Covington, Va. are spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bruton. On Tuesday

Mrs. Bazzaree and Mrs. Belle Ritter visited their sister, Mrs. J. H. Baker in Goldsboro.

D. P. Gillis and granddaughter, Linda Warwick spent the past week end in Kernersville with M-Sgt. Clyde E. Gillis and family.

Mrs. L. B. Bundy, Mr. and Mrs. William Wright and Miss Dorothy Bundy visited Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hair at Fayetteville Sunday.

Mrs. Dick Neeley and Miss Caroline Parker gave their mother, Mrs. Louis Parker, a surprise on her birthday, June 17, by inviting a few of her friends to "come chat with her" awhile that afternoon. Those who went from Rockfish were Mrs. F. P. Bethea, Mrs. Marshall Ray, Mrs. Mary McInnis, and Miss Eloise McGill of Lakerim, who was Mrs. Ray's guest for the day. Mrs. W. T. Boseman was invited but was unable to go as were some others.

Mrs. John Scull of Wayside completed the group who went to wish Mrs. Parker a happy birthday and many happy returns of the day. Mrs. Neeley and Miss Parker added real sparkle to the occasion when they served dainty cheese crackers, nuts, candies, birthday cake and punch.

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Ritter and Mrs. Belle Ritter spent Monday with Mrs. Lona Smith and family at Maxton.

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W. W. Wright of Raleigh is spending a few days with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Brock visited Mr. Brock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Colin Brock at St. Pauls Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Bundy, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bundy, L. B. Bundy and son, Tommy, went on a fishing trip to Snead's Ferry Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Meggs

and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. English Sunday.

On Monday Mrs. Pearl Howell and Pete Howell of Raeford, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Howell and children of Nashville, Tenn., Walter Howell of Bluefield, West Va. and James Howell of Fayetteville visited in the home of Mrs. Pearl Howell's daughter, Mrs. P. C. English, and Mr. English. This was the first time in several years all the family had been together.

Last Thursday Rev. D. E. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Long, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Faircloth, James Gibson, Daniel Berry, Elbert, Bruce and Ham Dees went deep sea fishing in Little River, S. C. They caught some fish and reported a very enjoyable trip.

Rev. D. E. Miller, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist church, is taking a two week's vacation. He and his family expect to leave this week for New Windsor, Maryland, where they will visit relatives for a few days. Rev. Tom Walters of Parkton will fill Mr. Miller's pulpit Sunday morning. There will be no night service.

The training union at Tabernacle church won the gold cup, given by the district training union group for the highest attendance at district meeting.

The boll weevil will have to find a well protected "home" this weather, or he will be cold.

People enjoy a pause in the cotton dusting since the rains, as well as the weevils.

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

QUESTION: When will the peach harvest reach its peak in the Sandhills?

ANSWER: Heaviest commercial shipments are expected to be made from July 15 through August 5, although some varieties began ripening early in June. Incidentally, G. C. Klingbell, extension horticultural specialist at State College, says this year's peach crop in the Sandhills is the finest produced in many years,

since growers have done an excellent job of controlling insects and diseases. Klingbell advises housewives planning to can peaches to do so during periods of peak production, since there is little likelihood that prices will drop later.

QUESTION: Have antibiotics in swine feed been tested in North Carolina?

ANSWER: Yes. Preliminary tests at the Experiment Station in Raleigh have shown that antibiotics are promising. Normal pigs have gained 10 to 15 per cent faster when an antibiotic was included in the feed. Now the scientists are continuing the tests on actual farms. Eleven farmers with a total of 257 pigs are participating in the demonstrations. State College specialists warn, however, that antibiotics are a supplement and cannot replace normal rations.

QUESTION: How large is the dairy industry in North Carolina?

ANSWER: Tar Heel dairymen produced 1,668,000,000 pounds of milk in 1950 and sold it for \$86,914,000. Average production per cow has risen from 4,030 pounds in 1945 to 4,510 pounds in 1950. Much progress has been made in dairying in the past few years, but the State still spends millions of dollars for milk brought in from other areas.

Circular Published On Grain Diseases

The State College Extension Service announces publication of a new circular intended to help farmers in identifying small grain diseases.

The 32-page circular, entitled "Small Grain Diseases in North Carolina," was prepared by J. C.

Wells, extension plant pathologist, and T. T. Hebert, research assistant plant pathologist for the North Carolina Experiment Station. It is illustrated with 20 photographs, including two full-color pictures on the front cover.

Wells and Hebert point out that small grain yields are rather low in North Carolina, although thousands of acres of land are devoted annually to these crops. One reason for the low yields, they say, is that disease often cause heavy losses.

These losses can be reduced, say the authors, by following such approved practices as using

disease-resistant varieties, treating seed before planting, and following crop rotation and sanitation practices. However, success in using these practices will depend on correct diagnosis of the various small grain diseases.

Leaf rust is listed as the most important disease of heat in North Carolina, with the annual loss from this source estimated at 10 per cent of the total crop.

"Small Grain Diseases in North Carolina" is issued as Extension Circular No. 347. Single copies may be obtained from the local county agent or by writing the Agricultural Editor, State College Station, Raleigh.

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