

Interesting News Items From Four Oaks Section

Pvt. and Mrs. Charles E. Massengill and son, Charles, have returned to Miami Beach, Fla., after spending three weeks with relatives.

Mrs. Joe Driver of Raleigh spent the week end with Mrs. W. M. Stanley.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Reynolds of Elm City spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Moore.

Miss Hilda Barbour of Raleigh spent the week end at home.

Co-Hostesses At Bridge Party

Mrs. Wade Stanley and Mrs. Lester Huber entertained at a dessert bridge party Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. Stanley.

Five tables were arranged for play, the home was decorated throughout with lovely spring flowers. After the guests assembled delicious home made cake, coffee and nuts were served. After three progressions Mrs. John Henderson was presented high score award, a crystal ash tray. Mrs. J. T. Hatcher won second high, a pair of vases. Miss Jessie Hines won the traveling prize. Mrs. Joe Bouldin, a recent bride, also was remembered with a gift.

Entertains At Fish and Hamburger Supper

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cannady entertained with a fish and hamburger supper at their outdoor fireplace in the grove last Wednesday afternoon in honor of their son, Ralph Cannady, Jr., of the Merchant Marine, who is home on leave. Those present were: Seaman and Mrs. June Sures, Cpl. and Mrs. Ed Wellons, Sgt. James Wellons, Merchant Seaman Nathan Upchurch, Harvey Price, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sures, Mrs. Hugh Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Austin, Edward and Wilbur Austin, Misses Francis Steed, Annie Laurie Denning, Alma Lewis, Pat Gordon, Virginia Upchurch, Mrs. John Henderson, Mrs. Wade Strickland, Mr. and Mrs. William Sanders, Billy Sanders, Maurice Cannady, Bill Cannady, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lewis, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cannady, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Lewis and daughter, Pat, of Smithfield.

Micro News

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gaddy of Raleigh were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gaddy Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Crumpler of Wilmington visited Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Crumpler during the week end. Pfc. Elton Corbett of Camp Stewart, Ga., spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Corbett.

Misses Pauline and Ellien Stancil of Elm City, visited friends here Monday.

Mrs. Velmon Atkinson of Jacksonville, Fla., visited Mrs. Louise Peacock Sunday.

Misses Bessie Mae White and Ruth Hill spent the week end in High Point with Mrs. Jennette Winstead.

Millard and J. D. Stancil William Pittman and Cleon Creech went on a fishing trip near New Bern Saturday.

Lt. (jg) L. C. Davis, Jr., of Camp Bradford, Va., Miss Bonnie Davis of Wilmington spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Davis, Sr.

Seaman Nolan Pittman of Bainbridge, Md., Miss Erymine Pittman of Goldsboro, spent a few days this week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Pittman.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Pittman of Norfolk, Va., visited Mr. and Mrs. Gurney Pittman Thursday.

Seaman Irvin Jones of Norfolk, Va., Mrs. D. H. Jones of Hamlet, spent the week end with Mrs. C. L. Batten.

Miss Ethelene Davis visited her brother, Ralph, in Smithfield last week, who has recently returned from overseas. He is now employed by Overby's Funeral Home.

Lt. James Batten, who has recently returned from the Pacific, is spending a 21 day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Batten. He addressed an interested congregation at the F.W.B. church Sunday evening telling some of his experiences.

Mrs. Pike Hostess To Woman's Society

The Woman's Christian Society of the Methodist church met at the home of Mrs. F. A. Pike on May 23rd. Mrs. L. J. Worthington presided and Mrs. Dora Gilbreath had charge of the program. Topic: "The Sanctity of the Christian Home". There were nine members present and at the close of the meeting refreshments were served.

Honored On Birthday With Dinner

Mr. J. W. Fitzgerald was honored Sunday on his 73rd birthday with a dinner. The table was centered with

a lovely birthday cake with candles. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Fitzgerald and daughter Barbara of Goldsboro, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fitzgerald and children of Kinston. The honoree received nice gifts.

WEEKLY SERMON

The Works and the Word of God

By the Rev. Harold L. Lundquist, D.D., Member of Faculty, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago

Consistently beautiful and beautifully consistent is the revelation of God, whether it be in the glory of His works, in the perfection of His Word, or in His gracious dealings with man.

The spiritually-minded man sees God in all of His works, whereas the blind materialist sees only matter and natural laws which he may use or abuse. He makes of God's creation things for his own comfort or for the destruction of his fellow men, not recognizing "the Creator, who is blessed forever." This is serious, for in so doing the unbeliever has "changed the truth of God into a lie" (read Rom. 1:20-25).

"The heavens declare the glory of God." The sun in all its glory and power and the starry stillness of the night "utter forth a glorious voice," as Joseph Addison expresses it: "Forever singing, as they shine, 'The hand that made us is divine.'"

"No man living beneath the copes of heaven dwells beyond the bounds of God's court preachers." Those who do not hear or heed these voices are described by Paul as having their foolish hearts darkened: "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools" Rom. 1:21,22).

Nature, however, gives only a limited revelation of God, showing His existence, power and wisdom; but to really know Him we must see God's perfection revealed in His Word. Nowhere in the book of nature is it written that God is a Redeemer, a cleanser from sin, a restorer of the soul. That truth is found only in His Word - the Bible. What folly, then, for sinful men who need redemption to see God only in nature, but never look into His Word or go to church that they may hear His truth proclaimed.

The final and perfect revelation of God is in His Son, Jesus Christ, the Redeemer. The great reward of knowing God's Word is that we may learn of God's grace through Christ. Man is a sinner; sometimes he sins unwittingly and ignorantly; sometimes deliberately and in presumption; and sometimes in both ways. What shall he do with his sin? God's Word says to bring it to God in repentance and prayer and accept the cleansing Christ has provided.

But God's grace not only cleanses, it keeps us. He is able and willing to make not only the words of our mouths, but the very meditation of our hearts acceptable in His sight. That means holy living. There is nothing more needed in our day than a revival of Christian living in the daily responsibilities of life. Personal purity of heart and motive, recognition of God's Word in thought and life - these things will make the believer upright, and reflect honor and glory on the Lord who is his strength and his Redeemer.

MORE PEACHES THIS SEASON

Raleigh May 22.—Production of North Carolina peaches will total about 2,528,000 bushels, six per cent less than last year's crop but 34 per cent more than the 10-year average, Frank Parker, head of the Statement of Agriculture Statistics division, estimates.

"The early April freeze caused severe damage in the central and upper Piedmont counties, except in very favorable locations," said Parker.

He asserted that "growers in the northern Piedmont section expect about 15 per cent of a crop as compared with 33 per cent in the central portions of the State."

Parker said that in the Mt. Airy commercial region the outlook is poor, with some orchardists reporting complete failures and others anticipating only a light to fair set of fruit. Productions prospects are good in the lower Piedmont and Coastal Plain areas.

In the Sandhill region, where the major portion of North Carolina's commercial peaches are grown, early April cold weather thinned the unusually heavy set of peaches and caused an abnormally heavy drop, but left a "very good" set of peaches, well distributed on most trees, according to Parker.

"Although the heavy drop saved many growers the expense of thinning, the picking up of the drops which helps control wormy peaches has been a tremendous task for the limited labor force," said Parker.

SWEETHEARTS IN SERVICE

My dearest left for the Navy today, But my heart is with him, though he's far away.

I really hated to see him go, But I knew someone had to fight Tojo,

And so now the best that I can do Is hope that war will soon be thru.

It seems that I can almost hear him say, "Be true, darling for I'll be back some day,"

And memories of him fill my heart, And I still love him though we're far apart.

I'll be true and waiting for his return,

For then our troubles will all adjourn. Our home will be happy with children's faces bright,

And the kids will holler "daddy" As soon as he's in sight.

Of course they'll love him and be proud of him too.

Because he fought for the red, white and blue.

Oh, that my friends are worth fighting for; It's worth that and ten times more.

So listen, young girls, here's some advice, Be true to your lover,

You may never love twice. Be true while he's gone and pray for him too,

'Cause, remember he's fighting for me and for you.

And when it's all over, and the battle is won, You'll never regret what you have done.

I know waiting is hard, but I think it's best, If you're sure that you love him above all the rest.

You know that some day, too, not far away, He'll be coming back to you and the good old U. S. A.

He'll be very glad to see you, and be proud of you, too, Because you've been waiting, faithful and true.

So let's be true, girls, whatever the cost, Let's keep the home fires burning for our loved ones across.

Let's keep them burning bright, because he's fighting for justice and the right.

MY MOTHER

Who cradled me when I was young, And sang to me those baby songs? My Mother!

Who led my way in childhood dreams, Wrapped sore toes and all those things? My Mother!

Who cares at all when I feel blue, And prays to God to keep me true? My Mother!

Who sacrifices all she has, To give me every advantage? My Mother!

Who watches over my sick bed, And stands by me till pain has fled? My Mother!

Who answers my every call, And makes me love her best of all? My Mother!

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Whose lovely hands are worn with care; Whose silvery hair makes her so fair? My Mother-in-law!

Who took me in as if her own, And stood by me as years have flown? My Mother-in-law!

Who nursed baby when I was sick? No other person would I pick! My Mother-in-law!

Who gave me her most precious gift, Whose sincere blessings to me drift? My Mother-in-law!

Whom do I love so very much, That I can never thank enough? My Mother-in-law!

MRS. THELBERT BROWN
Smithfield, N. C.

IN MEMORY OF J. T. BROWN

It was in the month of May, That they laid dear brother beneath the clay.

It was so hard to see him go, Although he's better off, we know. He's gone to a better resting place, And some day we hope to see his face

Among the others, who have done their best, And are now taking their heavenly rest.

Brother was good and kind and true In everything he had to do. We truly think he's there among The angels in their heavenly home.

And now the time is drawing nigh When we shall join him there on high. We know he's waiting on the shore Where once we meet—we'll part no more.

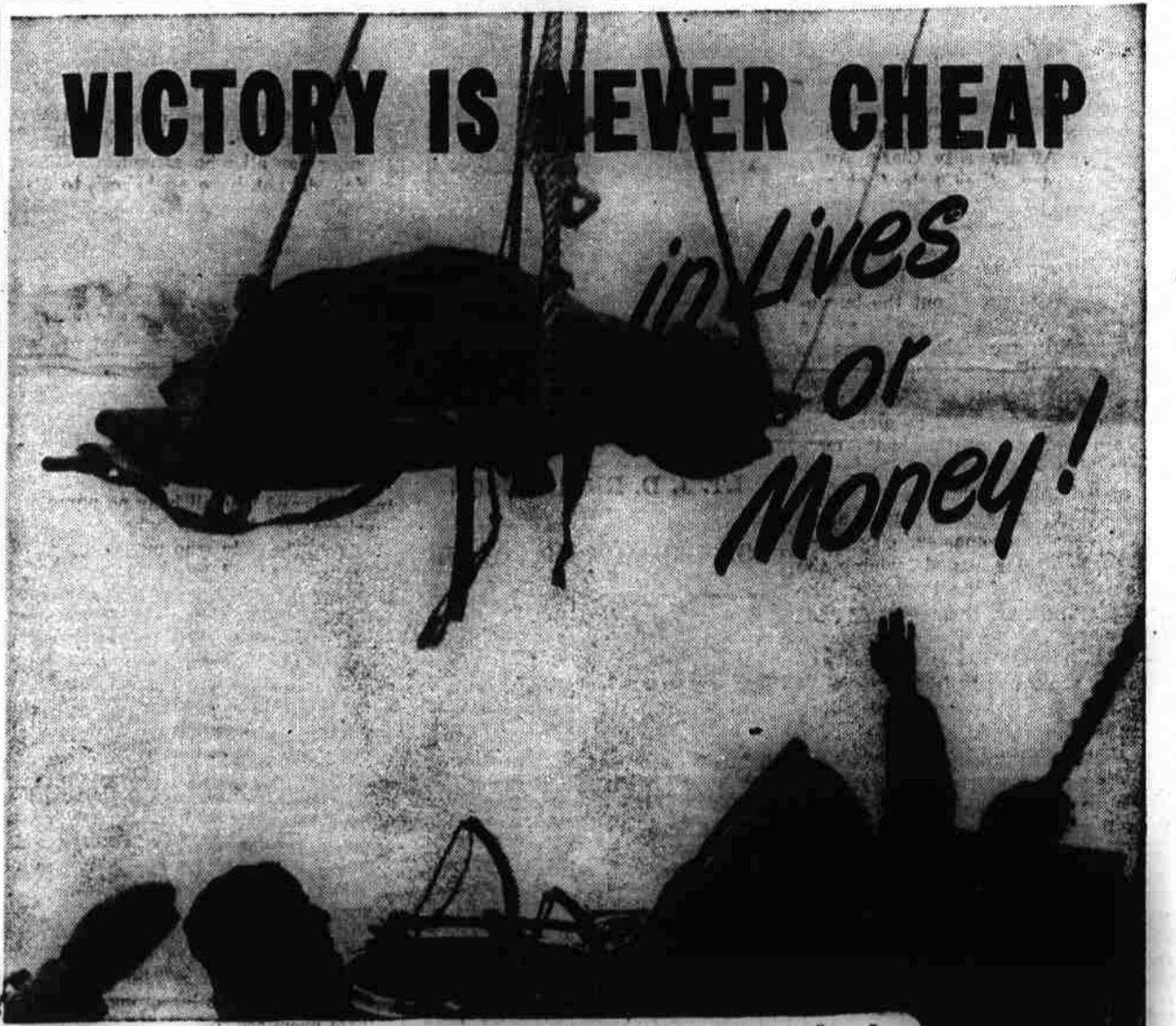
Written by his sister, IVA MAE BROWN
The AAA asks North Carolina farmers to save as much as possible of their 1945 crop of crimson clover for seed harvesting.

Increase In Potato Crop Is Foreseen For State

Reports from commercial early Irish potato growers in North Carolina, as of May 1, indicated that about 4,160,000 bushels of potatoes will be harvested from the 1945 crop, according to the crop reporting service of the state department of agriculture. The report also said "a crop of this size would be 33 per cent more than was harvested last year."

Jack Batchelor of Halifax County is grazing 125 pigs on 15 acres. He seeded 3 bushels of oats, 25 pounds of lespedeza, and 3 pounds of rape in early spring, says Jack Kelly of State College.

Officers in Greenville, S. C., are looking for a prowler who on Saturday broke into Brandon Methodist church there. He stole a drape from the picture of Christ, a table scarf and five Bibles.



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