

OLD FORT NEWS

Conservation News

By L. B. HAIRR

J. M. Nelson of Greenlee community, E. T. Lawing of Glenwood, D. T. Elliott of Old Fort, and many other McDowell county farmers, cooperators of the Catawba Soil Conservation District, harvested their lespezoza hay last week. These men say they do not plan to pull any fodder or corn tops this year, because their lespezoza will make about enough feed and it is of a much higher quality.

The annual lespezoza have a very important part over a wide territory in checking erosion and gradually improving worn land with a very small outlay of cash. At the same time, lespezoza will pay its way in hay, pasture, and seed.

F. D. Gleen of Marion Rt 1 and G. Burgin of Marion Rt 4 cut their alfalfa for hay last week. Mr. Burgin states that this was the fourth time that he has cut his alfalfa this year.

Mr. Glenn and Mr. Burgin both say they are well pleased with the quality and quantity of hay that they harvested.

A Word From The Wise

is not always sufficient. But will try.

"Lose an hour in the morning and you'll be all day hunting it." Bishop Whatley.

"If you lose your temper, it is a sign that you have wrong on your side."—Chinese Proverb.

The only way to make a "come back" is to go on.

When you buy things for a song, watch out for the accompaniment. You'll never stumble on anything good while sitting down.

Real intelligence is like a river; the deeper it is, the less noise it makes.

"The triumph song of life would lose its melody without its minor keys."—Mary Clark Leeper.

From Sylvania News.

Because of the famous "gunpowder plot" of 1605, a ceremonial search of each building of parliament is made every year.

Social Security Provides Benefits For Dependents Of Deceased Veterans

Thousands of survivors of World War II veterans not otherwise covered by the law will be eligible for old-age and survivors insurance benefits under an amendment to the Social Security Act, it was announced today by D. W. Lambert, manager of the Asheville office of the Social Security Administration.

The veteran must have been in active military or naval service on or after September 16, 1940. He must have had at least 90 days of service, or, if less, such service must have been terminated as a result of service-incurred or service-aggravated disability. The law applies only to veterans who die or have died within three years after their discharge and who were discharged within four years and one day after the termination of the war as determined by Presidential proclamation or resolution of Congress.

The law does NOT apply to veterans who died while in service. Nor does it apply to those who were dishonorably discharged. If survivors have been awarded or are receiving compensation or pension (compensation or pension does not include National Service Life Insurance) by the Veterans Administration, they are not eligible for benefits under this provision of the Social Security Act.

Payment of benefits is not automatic. A claim must be filed at the nearest Social Security Administration field office. Survivors of veterans of World War II who have died since being discharged should write the Social Security field office in Asheville, and furnish a copy of discharge papers immediately.

Training of homing pigeons starts when they are about four weeks old.

An unabridged dictionary printed in Braille requires thirty-two volumes.

National Wildlife restoration week was first proclaimed by President Roosevelt in 1938.

More than 200 different languages are spoken in India.

Marion Schools Opened Sept. 12 For Fall Term

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. For The 1946-47 Term

MARION—Marion city schools will begin the 1946-47 school term Sept. 12. H. F. Beam, city school superintendent, has announced registration will begin at 9 a. m. Thereafter schools will open at 8:30 a. m.

Repairs at the various buildings in the city system are nearing completion and they will be ready for occupancy by the opening date unless unforeseen difficulties arise Mr. Beam said.

Several vacancies still exist on the faculty roster, but several applications have been received and the superintendent said he hopes the faculty may be rounded out by the opening date.

All principals have begun work with office hours from 9 a. m. until 4 p. m. Parents are invited to discuss any school problem with the principals at their convenience.

An enlarged attendance is anticipated by school officials and plans are under way to provide for an increased enrollment.

Presbyterians Prepare For "Rally Day"

"Religious Education Week" Sept. 29 Through Oct. 6 "Rally Day" Oct. 6

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept.—September usually is regarded as Religious Education month in the Sunday schools of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, with main emphasis laid on the bringing back into the schools all enrollees after the summer vacation period, said the Rev. Alex R. Batchelor, Richmond, Va., director of Sunday school administration on the staff of the Executive Committee of Religious Education. The build-up of the month will be climaxed in "Religious Education Week," Sept. 29 through Oct. 6. The Reverend Mr. Batchelor is urging all Sunday school superintendents to appoint committees early in order that "full value may be gained." Sunday, Sept. 29, is "Promotion Day" in the Sunday schools, and on this day too, teachers and officers of the school may be formally installed for the new term.

In the interest of "Rally Day," to be observed in Southern Presbyterian churches Sunday, Oct. 6, the director is suggesting that elders and deacons of local churches plan to visit every home on their church rolls Sunday afternoon, Sept. 29, to distribute Token cards for the observance of the following Sunday of World-Wide Communion Sunday. These cards are to be deposited in the offering plate to register attendance at the communion service. This plan, too, will build the Rally Day attendance, the Rev. Mr. Batchelor points out.

The theme for Rally Day this objective is to demonstrate "to children and young people that year is "Teach All People." One adults also are interested in Rally Day and in the Sunday school," he said. "Every effort will be made to have large attendance at Sunday school; but also to bring all members into the regular worship service as participants in World-Wide Communion service."

The religious education committee is asking adult classes throughout the Assembly "to enter heartily into the promotion of Rally Day, that they may encourage large attendance of the parents of the children, and to demonstrate, through their presence their participation in the program, and their offering, the fact that Sunday school is a fine, wholesome thing not just for children, but for all people." Some definite goal for progress should be set, such as a new outpost school, or worship center, in an outlying area, the Rev. Mr. Batchelor said.

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ROD AND GUN

By Tom Walker Looking Better

With a break in the heavy rains that have planged fishermen throughout the summer and a fall-like nip beginning to freshen the early morning air, business for anglers is looking up.

Reports of good catches and good prospects are coming in from scattered sections of the State, and those who tink there's nothing to beat fall fishing appear to have a good outlook ahead.

D. B. Bell, fish and game protector in Lenoir County, reports that several nice catches of bream and white perch were taken from Contentnea Creek last week. Bass also are showing an inclination to bite.

Protector Charles W. Ormand of Kings Mountain says that good catches of crappie are being taken from Lake Lure. Two fishermen he checked the other day had a score on their string that averaged about a foot in length.

Protector S. Clair Lewark of Currituck County reports that the past several days have brought a set-up in sport fishing in his section. And the fishermen are doing pretty well. Black bass catches are extremely good, Lewark says, and perch also are being taken.

Protector Joseph D. Withers of Mecklenburg County writes that waters in his district, Lincoln, Gaston, Cabarrus, and Mecklenburg counties—are in good condition for fishing now. Bass are striking well, he says, but few panfish are being caught.

A report of one of the best catches of the season from Rockingham—a bass weighing 11 lbs., 26 inches in length, that was taken by Danny Gardner from Lledbetter Pond. Gardner says it took him 15 minutes to wear down the big boy, and he gives considerable credit to the boat handling of Grady Cockman, who maneuvered the craft for the lucky angler during the battle. Another good one is an eight-pound bass taken by Fred Dixon of Raleigh from Oliver's Lake.

Experiment Pays Off A shot-in-the-dark experiment by Donald Stubbs, superintendent of the Fayetteville Fish Hatchery of the Division of Game and Inland Fisheries, will pay off this fall in the form of several thousand bream fingerlings to be distributed by the hatchery this fall.

After the bass spawning period this summer, Stubbs removed the bass stock from the hatchery's No. 1 pond and put into it 20 female bream. He called on the Hoffman Hatchery for the loan of 10 male bream, which were put into the pool with the gals.

The result is that the pond now has a sizeable supply of bream fingerlings—a late July crop which is now upwards of two inches in length, and an August crop an inch or so in length.

About Distribution With Autumn distribution drawing near, here's a reminder for those who want to apply for fish from the State's hatcheries: don't forget the priority system which it has been necessary to put into effect because of the heavy demand.

First priority will be given to publicly owned or leased waters

A Warehouse For Old Fort

Farmers Federation Opened A Warehouse Here August 24

The twenty-fifth warehouse of the Farmers Federation opened for business on Saturday, August 24, at Old Fort. This warehouse will serve a section of McDowell county which could not be readily served from the Marion warehouse.

Grady Walker will be McDowell County Manager of the Farmers Federation. At Old Fort, he will have as an assistant manager John Neil Pyatte.

The McDowell County Committee, headed by Winslow Burgin, has been clamoring for a long time for a headquarters at Old Fort; and for some time the Farmers Federation has been looking into the situation. The opportunity came a few days ago when the Old Fort Feed company decided to sell out. The Farmers Federation was able to lease the building and warehouse right on main street. This is an excellent location and will help strengthen the business of the Farmers Federation in McDowell county.

PUBLIC REACTION TO COLOR TELEVISION

C. B. S. reports that at a television demonstration before ninety owners of black and white television sets and one-hundred and one persons who had at least seen a black and white demonstration, the reaction was decidedly favorable. 82 per cent of the individuals present said the demonstration was beautiful. 18 per cent believed it to be "brilliant and easy to see."

Set owners maintained they would pay 34 per cent for color in a medium-sized set; 28 per cent more in a large set. Non set owners said they would be willing to pay 49 per cent more for color television.

From Sylvania News

Swifts and swallows are the acrobats of the bird world.

which are open to anglers under State regulations. Second priority goes to semi-public waters—that is, waters which are owned or controlled in part privately, but which are open to public fishing a fee.

Last in line are private streams and ponds. Persons interested in stocking these should try to obtain them from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, from the Atlanta office which serves this section. The State will assist the applicant wherever possible, in obtaining the stock from a Federal hatchery.

Under the priority policy established by the Board of Conservation and Development last spring, the Division is authorized to release fish to stock private ponds only after the needs of public remain as surplus at the State waters have been met, and fish hatcheries. In this event, fish will be released to persons having an the payment of their actual production cost, based on an approved schedule of prices.

Information about applying for fish to stock waters may be obtained by writing to the Division of Game and Inland Fisheries, Raleigh.

Federal Aid Increased

An apportionment of Federal aid funds under the Pittman-Robertson act which is nearly double that of the past year has been announced for North Carolina by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife

In the fiscal year which started July 1, North Carolina will get \$35,616 of Federal aid, as against an apportionment of \$18,699 in the previous year. Federal aid is being used on six wildlife investigation projects in the State.

The Federal grant, like the only other source of revenue for the Division of Game and Inland Fisheries, license fees, is sportsman's money. Money apportioned under the Pittman-Robertson Act is derived from the Federal tax sporting arms and ammunition, and goes to states on the basis of land area and numbers of hunting license holders. The states are required to put up 25 per cent of the cost of projects operated under the act.

McCracken New State Director

Ernest C. McCracken Appointed State Director of U. S. Employment Service

RALEIGH, Sept.—Ernest C. McCracken, assistant State director of the U. S. Employment Service for N. C. has been appointed State Director to succeed R. Mayne Albright, resigned, and Robert M. du Bruyne, chief of Program and Methods, succeeds McCracken as assistant State director, it is announced by John Francis Foy, regional director, USES, Washington. The appointments are effective October 1.

The appointments were made in Washington, but after assurance that they are acceptable to Col. Henry E. Kendall, chairman of the Unemployment Compensation Commission of North Carolina, and other State officials, since the USES, under congressional direction, is to return to the State UCC on November 15.

Mr. McCracken has a splendid background for his duties. He joined the Employment Service in 1937 as interviewer in the Waynesville office, later was transferred to Raleigh and served for periods as training supervisor, field supervisor and as chief of the Planning Section. Mr. McCracken was called to Washington in 1942 as assistant regional representative of Region IV, during which he served for a few months as acting State director for the USES in West Virginia.

Upon return he served for about a year as assistant State director, was commissioned as an Ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve in August 1943, and was promoted to Lieutenant (jg) during his service of two and one-half years. He was assigned to the Fourth Naval District, comprising Pennsylvania, Delaware and southern New Jersey as assistant to the district civilian personnel director and was stationed at Bethlehem, Penn., most of the time. He resumed his post as assistant State director in February after release from the Navy.

Mr. McCracken is a native of Haywood County, graduate of Western Carolina Teachers College at Cullowhee and spent four years as teacher and principal in the Waynesville Schools before joining the Employment Service.

Mr. du Bruyne, new assistant State director, also came up through the ranks of the Employment Service. He joined the UCC late in 1937 as a claims interviewer at Rockingham and served later as field investigator in Asheville. After transfer to the Employment Service, he served as manager of the Lenoir, Fayetteville and High Point local offices, and was promoted to field supervisor and area director for the War Manpower Commission. Mr. du Bruyne was transferred to the State office in August 1943, as chief of placement and has served as assistant Director, and Acting

DEW DROPS

It may be called mother tongue because father never gets a chance to use it.

Did you ever ride on top of the busses in New York City? Do you know what they call the people who do? Why—passengers of course.

If one and one are two—what are two and one—(Shoe Polish)

Every father should say—I do not care to go astray my boy may follow in my way.

It is knowledge to know it is wisdom to know how.

Purpose of the commandments is not to provide salvation but guilt.

Be sure your sin will find you out.

Christ's supreme concern is for the righteousness of the heart of the individual.

Scripture-Prayer Stimulates Devotions In Fairview School

The adoption of the Scripture-Prayer plan in Fairview School, Buncombe County, was used by Principal F. B. Mann as an opportunity to reorganize and strengthen the morning devotions. It was arranged that the several classrooms should have the devotional period at the very opening of school, with the monthly Scripture-Prayer verses repeated prayerfully at the start of the period.

A teacher of one of the older and larger classes reports that the use of the verses as they are repeated sometimes by individuals and sometimes in unison, has definitely brought a deeper interest in the devotions; that the verse are being firmly rooted in memory and that the members of the class are forming the habit of prayer through the medium of Scripture.

The Scripture-Prayer chart for use in schools may be obtained by applying to the religious department of the Farmers Federation.

Most polls are simply a laborious method of obtaining information already well-known to informed observers.

Ten inches of snowfall equals one inch of rain in water count.

State director, following Dr. J. S. Dorton's resignation as W M C State director and pending Mr. Albright's return from military leave.

UCC Chairman Kendall expressed entire satisfaction over appointments of Mr. McCracken and Mr. du Bruyne to key positions in the Employment Service and the assurance of continued close cooperation until and after the US ES returns to State control on November 15.



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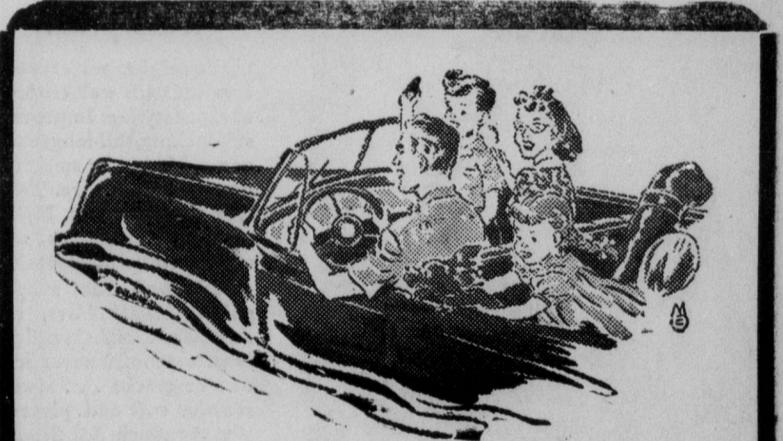
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