

ed last week from a week's vacation in Miami, Fla. They report a very enjoyable trip down through the citrus belt and the return trip up the east coast of the state. They were quite surprised to learn that we poor souls up here in the mountains were freezing to death while they were swimming under warm sunshine, but were more surprised to see so much snow still on the ground when they returned. A lot of snow is probably old hat to Bob Imbt, for he hails from up in the Pennsylvania Dutch country where it snows "knee-high to a giraffe," and man, that's deep!

GARDEN TIME

by M. E. Gardner

The annual banquet for the Swannanoa Cub Scouts was held Monday night, Feb. 22, at the Community Clubhouse in Grovemon.

American Home Club
The American Home department of the Swannanoa Women's club held their monthly meeting Tuesday night, Feb. 23. Mrs. Fred Iron and Mrs. Thad Burnette, Jr., were co-hostesses. The ladies viewed a special film at Skyland Motel in Asheville, and then went to Beaver Lake to see the beautiful new home of Mr. and Mrs. Thad Burnette, Jr., where they were served refreshments. Mr. and Mrs. Burnette are former residents of Grovemon.

Sick List
George Dunlap has returned to St. Joseph's hospital for more treatment.

Miss Ruby Penland has also been in St. Joseph's.

Mrs. George Penley is recuperating at home following a stay in Memorial Mission hospital.

Mrs. Leroy Thomas is a patient at Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem. Mrs. Thomas suffered a broken hip from a fall on ice.

First Presbyterian News
A joint covered dish supper meeting of the Men and Women of the Church was held Monday evening, Feb. 22. Dr. W. W. Pharr led a study of Genesis chapters 3 and 4.

First Baptist News
A workshop for Sunbeam leaders of southwide and state Baptist Associations was held in High Point February 11 and 12. Mrs. Abbie Louise Green, who is the Southwide Sunbeam leader, was in charge of the workshop. Five ladies from the Buncombe County Baptist association attended the meetings. They were Miss Vonnie Lance, president of Buncombe County W. M. U.; Mrs. L. M. Beeton, Buncombe Sunbeam director; Mrs. Chas. W. Smith, representing Swannanoa church; Mrs. Dennis Melton, representing Merri-

mon Ave. Baptist church; and Mrs. A. T. Usher, who represented Black Mountain First Baptist church. The ladies reported the session very interesting and informative. Also, they deemed it a great privilege to be able to attend such a worthwhile meeting.

Monday, Feb. 29, marks the beginning of the Central Training school, which will be held at the First Baptist church in Asheville and will run through March 4. Nightly study session will last from 7:00 until 8:45 p.m. Wednesday and Friday nights, special 15 minute assemblies will

be held with Dr. Herber F. Peacock and Dr. W. H. Williams as speakers.

The Rev. John Bowden, pastor of Enka Baptist church, delivered the message to the Swannanoa First Baptist church Sunday, Feb. 21, while Rev. Charles W. Smith was at Enka giving a special talk on the Forward Program to the Enka Baptist church congregation.

The monthly meeting of the Brotherhood was held Tuesday, Feb. 23, at the church. New officers were elected for the coming year.

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Perhaps a good beginning would be to define variety, strain and hybrid. A variety is a group of closely related plants, of common origin, having similar characteristics—Homestead tomatoes, Golden Delicious apples, Japanese Convex leaf holly, etc.

A hybrid is the first generation progeny (family) resulting from the crossing, in the flower, of different varieties or strains. To produce a hybrid, the parents are carefully selected with a definite objective in mind such as disease resistance, color and size of flower in plants grown for their bloom, and many other factors. When seed is produced, the progenies must be grown, selected and tested before they are released as named varieties.

A strain is a special type which has been selected from a variety. These types, or strains, must be superior in one respect or another to the variety. Some good examples occur in the apple and are called color strains or bud sports. Starking and Richard are strains originating from the (Red) Delicious. Blaxtayman and Stayman originated from the Stayman Winesap. Red Rome from Rome Beauty and many others.

Many of you are familiar with the Louisiana strain of the Porto Rico sweet potato which was selected from Porto Rico. More recently a new variety was developed which was named Goldrush. Now we have Copperskin Goldrush which is a strain selected from Goldrush. The skin color is better and the C. U. Goldrush will outyield Goldrush under certain conditions of environment.

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In last week's column, we note of the very low barometric pressure that was associated with the intense snow which dumped the blanket of snow on us. I also mentioned the fact that it had been late summer or early fall, the presence of a hurricane would have been a hindrance. We thought it was bad weather and it was but what happens? Old Nature uncorks a real "storm" of a storm and it is howling through here with snow flakes as large as eggs. The barometric pressure registered an even lower reading than the previous week. The wind was so strong it could just as easily have been a hurricane. It was a large metal porch lamp completely off of a trailer just up the street. The wind also played with television antennae and either broke-off or bent about a dozen big trees in the neighborhood. The trees probably wouldn't have blown over so easily if it had not been for unusually high moisture content of the ground around here. I certainly hope that we have already had so much precipitation this year, won't be deluged with rain when garden planting time is around, as was the case last year.

Winter Olympics
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