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burg and Mrs. Yates Smith of Gastonia are spending a week in the Thornburg cottage. Mr. Wayne Chastain brought a very fine message on Sunday evening at our church. On account of hurricane Donna our church-community picnic has been postponed until Oct. 1.

group conference in the W.M.U. of the association. On Tuesday night we were at the Weaverville church, on Thursday night at Swannanoa church; and on Friday night we were at the Oakley church in Asheville. These conferences were to help the committee chairmen and leaders to give special attention to better ways of doing the work. Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Thorn-

**RIDGECREST RAMBLINGS**

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What gives one more zest for work than these brisk early morning hours! There is just a hint of what is around the corner. We begin the fall cleaning. Closets must be cleaned out to be sure there is nothing left there that may start a fire. Many of us are too careless about accumulated newspapers and magazines. I try to discard all newspapers except a few on my back porch that I use for starting fires in the fireplace. There are so many people who could use good magazines. I hate to throw away anything that might be useful to anybody else. This is also a good time to clip off the seed pods of troublesome weeds like Spanish needles, beggar louse, and another kind that has two spurs to hold by. I do not know the name of that one. I have rid my place of cockle burrs by pulling them up before they had time to mature. Soon all dead canes of raspberries and black berries must be taken out. That is the meanest job I have; and I usually put it off as long as I can. Away down home in Warren county I am sure the cotton fields are beginning to turn white. On some of the larger farms the big cotton picking machines will be at work; but there will still be places where the "hands" go out in the early morning as soon as the dew is off, with their tow sacks on their backs. Up and down the long rows they go all day long, stopping only long enough for dinner. Some of the best pickers will have between two and three hundred pounds by sundown. I was never able to get more than sixty-five pounds — but then I was only nine years old. It was a great sight to see Papa coming with the two horse wagon to the field to weigh each person's picking before putting it all in the big wagon. What fun it was to sit on the soft cotton and ride with him back to the house. We hardly ever had supper before dark. It took all the time between sundown and dark to get the farm chores done. The cow had to be milked. My task was to "keep the calf off" and what a task it was for he was hungry, too. The horses had to be fed, the slops carried to the pigs. The chickens were fed and the eggs gathered. Once Mama started to put her hand in a nest and there curled up was a black snake. He had beat her to the nest and had swallowed all the eggs in that nest. At the end of the day what a wonderful supper awaited us: country ham from our smoke house, vegetables at that season they would be corn pudding, tomatoes, cornfield peas, always homemade molasses, hot biscuits and buttermilk. Nobody ever thought

of not liking this or that. I never remember hearing Mama begging any one of the ten children to eat. What a wonderful life it was. I just wish all children today could have a life like this for a while. My heart goes back there; and how I would love to walk again along the lovely country lanes. Our church officers for the new year have been elected and are ready to take over their responsibilities the first Sunday in October. They are: treasurer, Mrs. Leonard Biddix, church clerk, Mrs. E. E. Brown, auditors, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Biddix, Paul Turner, John May, trustees, C. S. Gill, A. L. Biddix, C. V. Gray, E. E. Brown; house and grounds, W. L. Snypes, Paul Turner, E. E. Brown, Herman Saunders; deacons, Paul Turner, W. L. Snypes, James Peck; organists, Mrs. E. F. Hardin, Mrs. Charles Jolley, Mrs. Oswald Smith; pianists, Mrs. Wayne Chastain; librarians, Mrs. B. S. Meeks, Miss Grace Meeks; communion, Mrs. R. W. Turner, Mrs. Herman Saunders, Miss Alice Turner; baptism, E. E. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. John May; flower committee, Mrs. E. Y. Moore, Mrs. Fred Burnett, Miss Sandra Wright; Fellowship, Mrs. Tom E. Walters, pastor, chairman of deacons, S. S. Superintendent, T. U. director; ushers, S. C. Gill, Earl Gray, E. E. Brown, Wilford Johnson.

S. S. superintendent, John B. May, Adult dept., Mrs. Neils Larsen; Young Peoples' dept., Miss Alice Turner; intermediate dept., Mrs. John May; Junior dept., Mrs. E. H. Snypes; primary dept., Mrs. Della Hurst; beginner dept., Mrs. Leonard Biddix; nursery, Mrs. Alma Allison; cradle roll supt., Mrs. E. E. Brown; Vacation Bible school principal, Mrs. Neils Larsen; training union director, Paul Turner. The intermediate G. A. met with their leader, Mrs. Hardin on Monday after school. The topic for this meeting was "Good Will Centers." Ann Moore had charge of the meeting. It was in the form of a panel discussion. Miss E. B. Blount their adviser met with them. After the meeting the group celebrated the birthdays of two of the members—Carolyn Franklin, and Marie MacLachlan. In the decorations, the colors green and white, the colors of Girls Auxiliary were used. The lovely birthday cake was decorated with dolls in green and white. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Fisher and daughter Suzanne, from Orange, N. J., spent Tuesday night at the Hardin home. Mrs. Fisher is a niece of Mr. Hardin. The Fishers are missionaries under the American Baptist Board and are on their way to San Salvador where Mr. Fisher will be manager of one of the Mission schools. Mrs. Fisher is a daughter of Rev. Shields Hardin, brother of our E. F. Hardin. For 17 years he has been pastor of the First Baptist church of Orange, and has recently gone to the First Baptist church of Toledo, O. The Fishers were accompanied as far as Greenville by David Hardin, who will be a freshman at Furman University this year. Miss Mada McCutchan and her brother the Rev. Mr. McCutchan, one time Presbyterian missionaries to China now living in Kentucky, and Miss Helen Bailey on furlough from the Philippines were visitors in Mrs. Ralph Truesdell's home Wednesday. Miss Bailey's American home is Woodfield, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Truesdell, Jr., from Hyattsville, Md., were visitors with Mrs. Truesdell on Monday and Tuesday. Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Hughes from Greer, S. C., spent some time with the Brockmans last week. Over last week-end Mrs. Brockman's two sisters and their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert White, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thurston and Libba were with her. They are from Greenville, S. C. Over the long week-end the Hatcher's went to visit in Charlotte. Friends came for them and brought them back. On Sunday they were in Allen Street church where they were members in 1934-35. Monday evening Mrs. Hatcher met with the circle that is named for her and told them about her South American trip and the Baptist World Congress at Rio. Not long ago Miss L. C. Wells from Morristown, Tenn., was Mrs. Hatcher's guest for two days. Miss Wells was a missionary in China and Taiwan for 40 years. She and Mrs. Hatcher were students at the Biblical Seminary in New York City in 1909-1911 and had not seen each other since those days. The Ridgecrest W.C.T.U. will meet at the Hatcher home at 10 a.m. on Thursday of this week. We will all bring a covered dish. Rev. A. T. Usher from Black Mountain will have charge of the devotional and Rep. Gordon Greenwood will be the speaker for the occasion. We hope to have a good representation as this is the last meeting for the year. Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Morris came home last Friday after a long hospital stay in Raleigh. Mr. Morris is much improved after an operation. Their son-in-law, Dr. John Lewis, pastor of the First Baptist church in Raleigh, brought them home and returned that afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Crowder from Lattimore returned to their home after a week in their cottage here. The Snypes families had their yearly reunion at Morganton on Sunday. They had a good crowd in spite of the rains and tables were groaning with their burden of good food of all kinds. Doris Snypes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Snypes, has just returned home from Pennsylvania, where she has been taking a special course in Psychiatry in the Torrance State hospital. After

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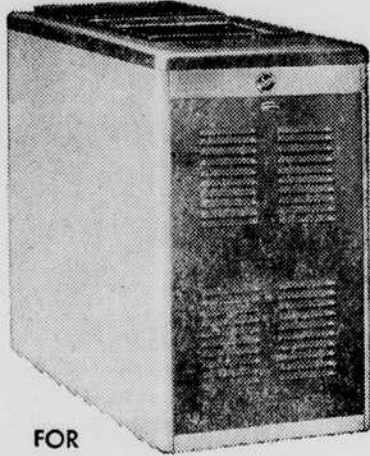


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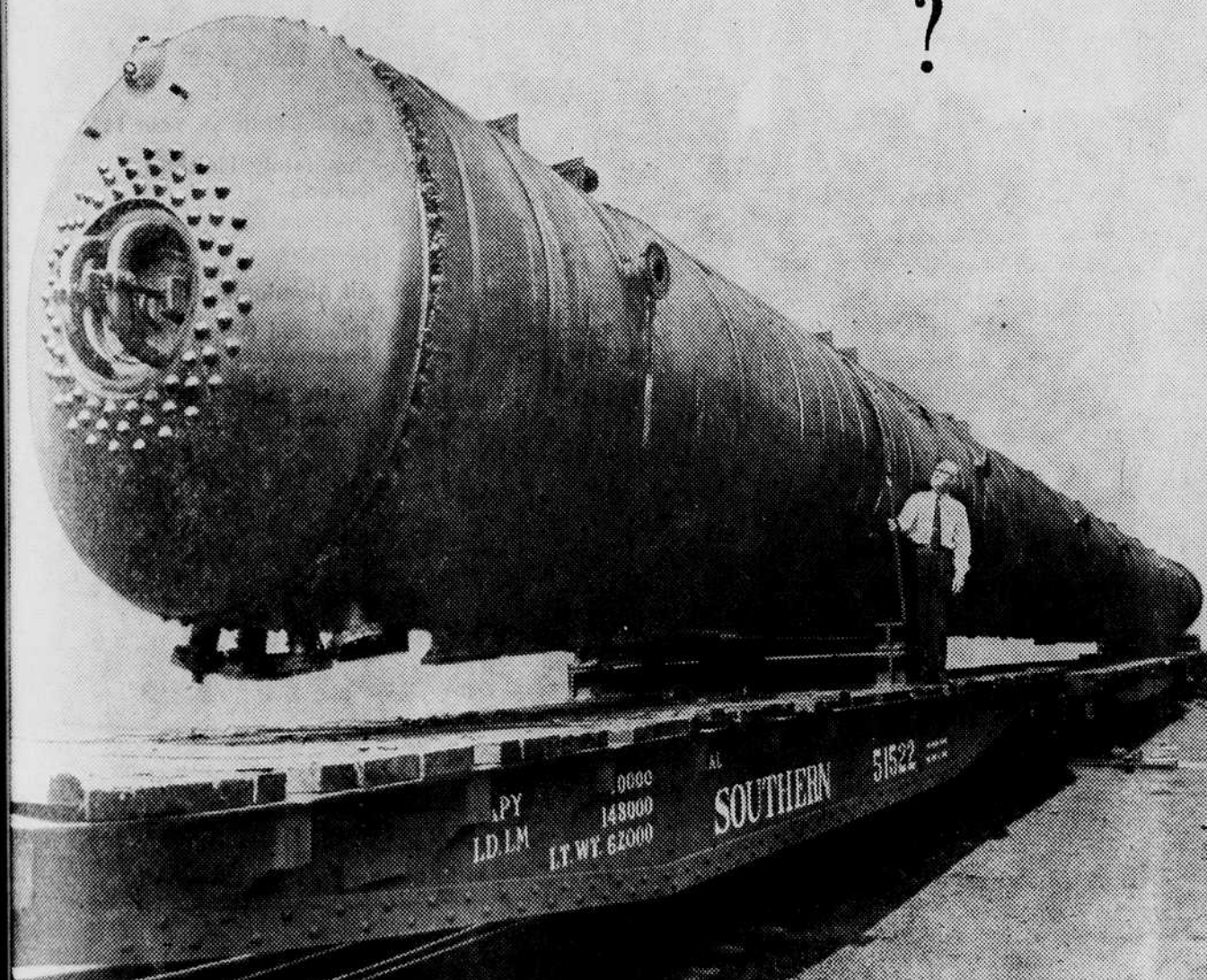
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