

### Black Locusts Are Soil Aides And 'Legumes'

HIGH POINT, April 1.—Two totally different types of locust will be busy in North Carolina this spring. One is the little insect with "W" etched on his wing which makes his appearance once every seven years. The other is the black locust tree which is gaining in importance as a factor in erosion control.

"The black locust tree is a legume," says Charles H. Flory, chief forester of the Soil Conservation Service, "and, as such, shares in the soil improvement qualities more often associated with other members of the family, such as the lespedeza and clovers.

"It has the same nodules on its roots, which produce nitrogen fixing bacteria, thereby adding this valuable chemical element to the soil. It has a strong spreading root system, which holds the soil in place and keeps it from washing away. It can be found growing on steep banks along railroads and highways and is usually the only tree that will grow in such places and readily check erosion.

"In addition, the wood of the black locust is heavy, exceedingly hard and very durable. The heart-

wood remains intact within the soil from fifteen to thirty years or more. As a result, it has a widespread use as fenceposts, crossties, grape stakes poles and insulator pins. In addition to its valuable soil erosion qualities, it brings the farmer, when it has attained its growth, a good revenue."

At the average rate of growth in the Piedmont counties of North Carolina, Mr. Flory says, fence posts can be cut when the tree is from ten to twenty years of age.

The black locust makes rapid growth on good soils but will also grow on rather rocky, or sterile, eroded soils. On fair soil, the tree should reach, in fifteen years, an average height of twenty to thirty feet and a diameter, outside the bark at breast height, of three to five inches.

The black locust is not fire resistant, Mr. Flory warns, so the greatest care should be taken to prevent fire from running over the ground where the tree is planted.

### Camps Creek Folks Home For Holidays

(Special to The Star.) CAMPS CREEK, Apr. 1.—Miss Louise McCraw of Mars Hill is spending the spring holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McCraw.

Misses Grace Scruggs and Clara Dell Stroup of Bowling Springs college were week end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McCraw.

Mrs. S. Bridges is on the sick list at this writing. Mr. and Mrs. John Humphries of Greenville, S. C., Mrs. G. C. Humphries and R. C. Humphries of Cherokee, S. C., visited Mrs. S. Bridges Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Swafford Davis, Misses Lois and Helen Price of Cliffside, Della and Woodrow Hamrick of Grassy Pond, Juanita White of Gaffney, S. C., and Roland Hamrick of Greenville, S. C., were week end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Hamrick.

### Proceeds Of Dance For Flood Victims

A dance will be held at the Thompson building Thursday night, April 2, with music by Raymond Lindsey and his orchestra.

The proceeds of the dance are to be placed in the "flood sufferers" fund and will be sent at once to the stricken territory.

### Claim Processing Tax Is Returned

NEW YORK, March 30.—Leaville McCampbell, head of the cotton textile firm which bears his name, released for publication a letter sent to Senator George W. Norris, which states that cotton processors have passed on to their customers over three-fourths of the benefit of the impounded and unpaid AAA taxes.

McCampbell offered figures to show that \$19,976,172 was all that remains with the processors, "instead of \$97,000,000 as estimated by Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace."

His letter submitted other figures to show that the industry "has absorbed the major part of \$182,913,000 in processing tax already paid, no part of which has been refunded to the government." And added that "instead of receiving an outright gift of public money as Secretary Wallace said, the processors are still heavy losers."

### Winter Snow Falls Totaled 9.8 Depth

RALEIGH, April 1.—The Weather Man at the United States Weather bureau here Saturday looked back on a "tough winter" as the first week of spring ended.

The weather was rough, the records show, but only a few new records were set.

December had record snowfalls, three snows making up 9.8 inches, the heaviest in a month in Raleigh since records were started in 1887. The city had its first "White Christmas."

January was the "wettest" first month of the year in 41 years, with 6.62 inches of precipitation, 2.96 inches above normal. The average for the state was 7.79 inches, heaviest in 50 years.

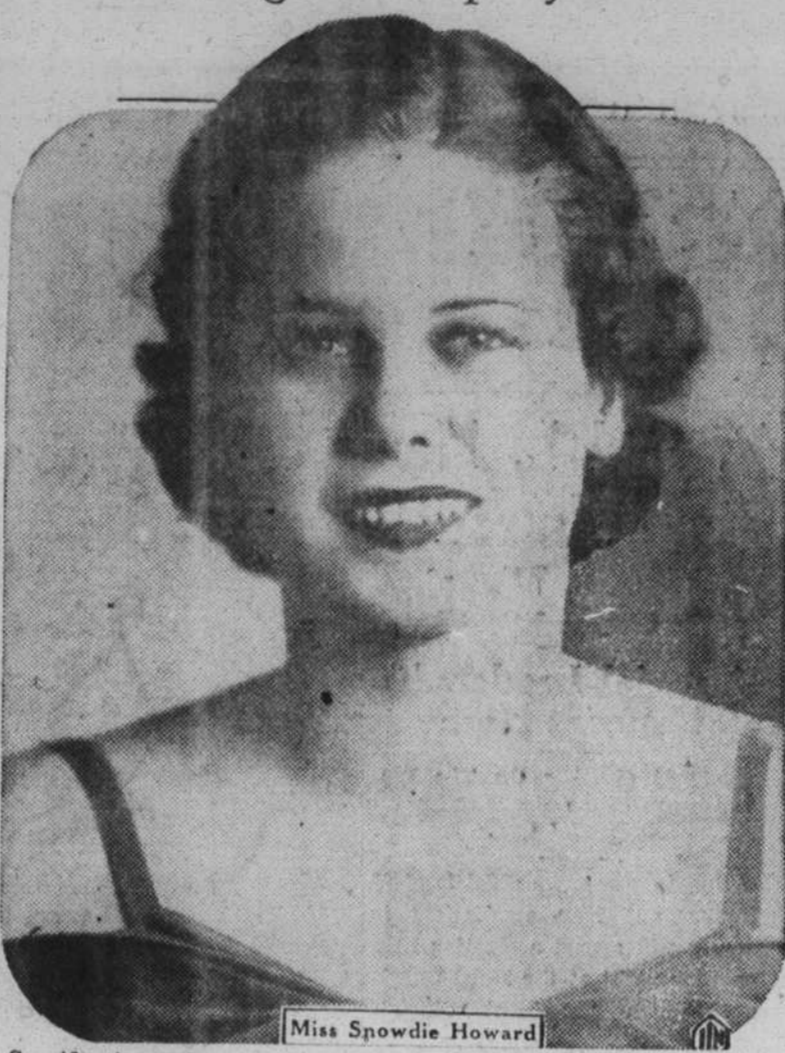
### Court Of Honor On Monday Evening

The regular April court of honor for the Shelby District of Boy Scouts will be held Monday night at 7:30 in the Sunday school rooms of the Central Methodist church. Scouts who expect to receive awards are asked to send applications on time and to be prepared.

### Card Of Thanks

We wish to thank all the friends and relatives for their kindness and sympathy during our great sorrow.—Katherine Wilson White.

### Meets Engineers' Specifications



Miss Spowdie Howard

Specifications of engineering students at Louisiana Tech were filled in every detail by attractive Miss Spowdie Howard of Lake Providence, La., who was chosen campus queen to reign at the annual undergraduate celebration.

### Peacocks Slayers Make Confessions

CHICAGO, April 1.—The Cook county grand jury started the four confessed teen age slayers of Dr. Silber C. Peacock along the road of swift retribution demanded by Prosecutor Thomas Courtney Monday by voting a murder indictment against them.

Less than two hours and the testimony of a half-dozen witnesses intervened between the grand jury's convening and its return of true bills naming Robert Goethe, Durand Nash, Emil Raecck—all 19—and Michael Livingston, 17, as perpetrators of the brutal "mercy call" slaying last January 2.

The four Sunday night signed confessions of the crime before an informal "jury" of 10 prominent citizens, a move instituted by the prosecutor to insure against pleas of distress when the case comes to trial.

### Shower Is Given For Grover Bride

GROVER, April 1.—Miss Terah Ferree and Mrs. D. S. Shepard entertained at a party and shower at her home here Saturday afternoon in compliments to Mrs. Luther Martin, bride of March.

Mrs. H. L. Beam presided at the register and invited the guests to register, and Miss Ferree was director of a series of entertaining games and contests. A contest on questions about the bride; to be answered by titles of popular songs, was won by Mrs. Charlie Martin and Miss Esther Martin working together.

Little Walter Shepard presented the shower gifts to the bride as the hostess passed refreshment plates of congealed salad, sandwiches and other party delicacies. Those assisting the hostesses in serving were Mrs. Andrew Watterson, Mrs. Charles Martin, Mrs. Mills Camp and Miss Esther Martin.

A number of guests from outside the community who enjoyed the affair included Miss Martin, from Gaffney, Mrs. A. J. Spake, Miss Katherine, Elizabeth and Ruth Spake, and Miss Jewell Long all of Shelby and Mrs. Tom Wallace of Dallas.

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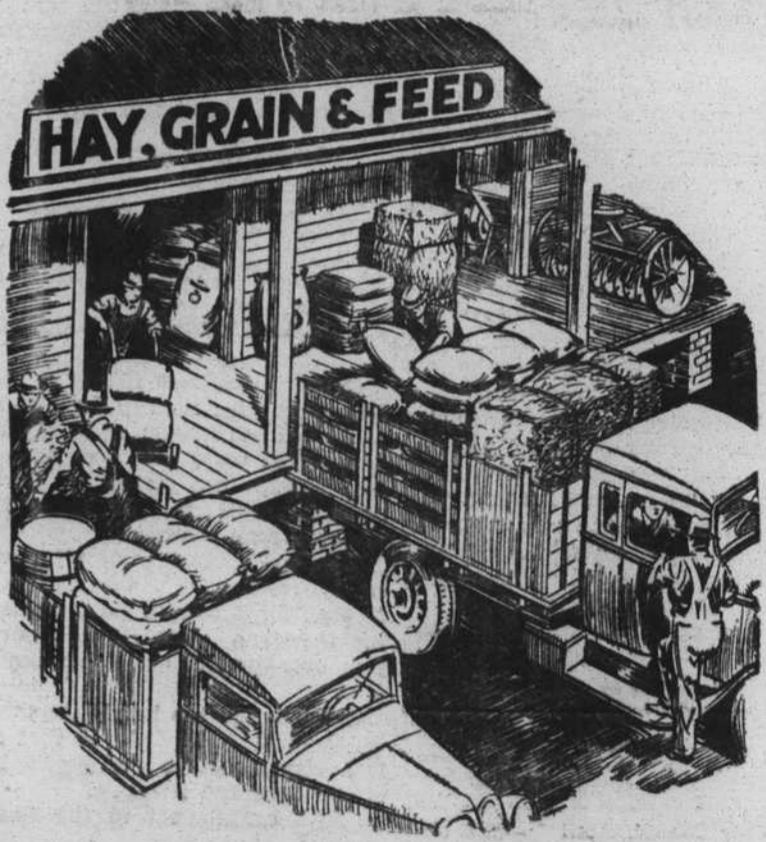
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