

## THIS BUSINESS OF Living

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### A GREAT TIME TO LIVE

1940 has gone to take its place in history as one of the awful years the human race has ever known. And we have already begun to live in 1941. That it promises still more disaster and change, no one will deny.

Philip Reed, Chairman of the Board of the General Electric Company, said recently, "Atlas has lost his balance, and as he struggles for a new firm foothold, the world careens." But in spite of the terror and destruction we see about us—in spite of the difficulties that lie ahead of our own great nation, it is a great time to be alive. We live a lifetime in a month and what used to be a century of history is made in a year. Old things are passing away so rapidly that we can hardly believe it. New things are bound to come to take their place.

New things and better things; not a return to the oppression and the slavery of the dark ages. This is the thing we must believe in and must work for if we are to keep our own balance and do our part in keeping the United States strong and free. We must not, like frightened children, try to hide our heads or cower in a corner until the holocaust passes, but again quoting Mr. Reed, "Should we not count ourselves fortunate to be living and able to take some small part during these crucial years?"

As women we will not be called upon to train for an active part in the defense of our country. Not many of us will even have a chance to help produce the materials for this defense. But there is something that as women, we invariably do and it is important at this time that we do it wisely and well. That is help to create public opinion. It matters terribly in these days what the wives and mothers of the men of this nation believe in. Do we believe in our American freedom which rests on a tripod of (1) civil and religious

liberty—which means our right to say and read and write what we please and to attend the church we choose; (2) representative democracy—which means we elect the men who govern us; and (3) free, private enterprise—which means we have the right to work at the job we wish and build a business if we please!

Or do we think perhaps the dictators of Europe have found a better way of running a country?

First of all, we must make up our mind which way of life is best for us and for our children. And having decided, we must talk and act, aye, and pray each day of 1941 in such a way that our influence will be on the side of freedom, hope and advancement for the individual. If we make a daily effort to serve the cause of freedom, we'll stop being afraid and discover that this is the most remarkable time in all history to be alive!

### They Say:

W. M. Angle, President, Stromberg Carlson Telephone Manufacturing Company: "It is of absolutely the highest importance at this time that in the interest of the defense program there be harmonious relations in the manufacturing industry between employers and workers, that disputes and strikes be kept at a minimum, and that jurisdictional strikes be avoided altogether. And as never before the proper administration of the Wagner Act is of surpassing importance."

Will Durant, Philosopher: "Only with a tightening of our spiritual belts can we face the hard choice of 1941, and play an effective part in the drama of our age—the conflict between individualism and communism, between Christianity and a militaristic paganism, between democracy and dictatorship, between suiciding Europe and the resurrected East."

## Cotton Seed Should Be Cleaned, Graded

Maximum yields of cotton can be secured only where there is a sufficient number of strong healthy plants per acre, evenly distributed in the row. For this reason, P. H. Kime, agronomist and cotton breeding specialist of N. C. State College, emphasizes the importance of cleaning and grading cotton seed.

Two of the principal causes of a poor stand of cotton, he says, are low germination and low quality of seed. Low germination of the seed may be caused by weather damage in the field, heating of the cotton seed in storage, or damage to the seed after ginning.

Continuing, Mr. Kime said that cotton picked while green or damp and stored in tightly packed bins will often heat enough to seriously injure germination. Cotton seed which contain a high percent of moisture when ginned will also heat if stored in bulk.

Another cause of low germination is light and immature seed. Cleaning and grading cotton seed will remove light-weight immature seed, burs, poorly ginned seed, black seed, "If you saved your own planting

and foreign material. seed," the agronomist stated, "then clean and grade them and by all means have a germination test made in time to buy good seed in case yours do not germinate well. If you are buying from a neighbor, require that a germination test be made before you accept them. Seed handled through regular trade channels carry a tag showing the germination and purity."

The State College specialist also recommends that seed be treated with Ceresan. There are certain diseases which cause young cotton plants to die, especially during cold cloudy weather. Dusting the seed with Ceresan will kill the diseases on the seed and protect the seed from diseases of the soil, he says.

### CHAPANOKE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Towe and son Bill, of Wilson; Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Towe and son, Darden, of Charlottesville, Va., and Carey Quincy, of the U. S. Navy, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Quincy.

Mrs. Z. W. Evans, of Chowan County, spent Friday with Mrs. J. C. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dawkins, of Kentucky, and Mrs. E. A. Morgan, of Cumberland, spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Elliott.

Miss Sarah Elizabeth Elliott has

returned to Greenville to resume her studies at E. C. T. C., after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Elliott.

Mrs. Earl Wither has returned to her home here after spending the holidays with her parents in Chowan County.

John Asbell and sons spent the week-end in Edenton with Mr. and Mrs. George Asbell.

Mrs. Mollie Trueblood and son, Tim, spent Christmas Day in Norfolk, Va., with Mr. and Mrs. Davis Trueblood.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Bell spent the holidays visiting with their children in Norfolk, Va., and Elizabeth City. Miss Ruth Wilson has returned to W. C. U. N. C., Greensboro, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Elliott and children, Sarah, Minnie and Lorenza, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gregory, at Woodville.

Mrs. John Asbell spent Monday night at her home here, returning to Norfolk, Va., Tuesday afternoon.

Sylvia, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Asbell, who is in Norfolk, Va., for treatment, is doing nicely and expects to be home soon.

Mrs. John Asbell had as her guests Monday afternoon Mrs. Eula Ferrell, Mrs. C. P. Quincy, Mrs. J. C. Wilson, Misses Louise and Susie Mae Wilson and Miss Janet Quincy.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Stallings spent the week-end in Portsmouth, Va., as guests of Mrs. Stallings' sister, Mrs. Roy Branch.

### BURGESS CLUB MEETS

The Burgess Home Demonstration Club held its December meeting on Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Whedbee. The meeting was opened with a Scripture reading by Miss Frances Maness, after which the club members repeated the Lord's Prayer in unison.

The following program was presented: Song, "Joy to the World," by Mrs. Sidney Layden, Mrs. Josiah Proctor and Mrs. Winston Lane; Song, "Santa Claus Is Coming," by Howard Ward, Sidney Layden, Nan Ward and Bob Layden; Reading, "Symbols of Christmas," by Mrs. Tommie Mathews, and a chorus, "Silent Night."

Games and contests were then enjoyed with Miss Maness winning the Santa Claus contest; Irwin Whedbee winning the suitcase race, and the fruit cake in the cake walk contest was won jointly by Miss Maness and Shelton Davenport.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Whedbee, Miss Frances Maness, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Whedbee, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Rountree, Mrs. A. L. Overton, Mr. and Mrs. Walton Lane, George Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Proctor, Mrs. Annie Lane, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Basnight, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Layden, Mr. and Mrs. Winston Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Layden, Mrs. Tommy Mathews, Mrs. Seaton Davenport, Mrs. C. H. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Parker, Myrtle Whedbee, Marshall Harrell, Doris Jean Rountree, Dorothy Whedbee, Mary Ann Rountree, Clarence Whedbee, Melvin Harrell, Delsie Whedbee, Lauder Copeland, L. C. Proctor, Jr., Della Overton, Edna Lane, Sidney Layden, Jr., Elizabeth Lane, Curtis Lane, Bob Layden, Robert Lee Lane, William White, Lucy Mae Lane, Howard Ward, Mary Proctor, Nan Ward, Annie Lou Lane, Wilson Rountree and Nancy Lane. Fruits and candies were served.

### WHITESTON NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Hobbs and family, of Winfall; Mr. and Mrs. Asa Winslow and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Winslow and daughter, of Norfolk, Va., spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie E. Winslow.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Winslow, of

Belvidere; Mrs. Mary Williams and Herbert Williams were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Williams on Sunday.

Miss Madge Lane, of Belvidere, and Miss Louise Morgan, of Winfall were week-end guests of Miss Clemma Winslow.

Miss Martha Lane, of Charlotte; Miss Doris Lane, of Louisburg College, and Miss Miriam Lane, of Norfolk, Va., spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. John T. Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Williams spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Lambe, of Tyner. Misses Adalia and Mary Leland Winslow, of Belvidere, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Lane on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Caddy and daughter, Elizabeth, of Hertford, visited Mr. and Mrs. John T. Lane Sunday afternoon.

Miss Florence Winslow, a student at E. C. T. C., Greenville, and Miss Lillian Winslow, of Washington, D. C., spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Winslow.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Lane and Miss Lucille Lane spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Outlaw, at Drivers, Va.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie E. Winslow on Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wiles, of Culpepper, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene White, of Northwest, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Winslow, Eva Rae and Norma Winslow, and Mrs. Sammie Winslow, of Belvidere.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Howell, Miss Alma Howell, of Hertford, and Miss Clara Swager, of Switzerland, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Lane Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Walker and son, Jimmy, visited Mrs. Mary J. White and Mr. and Mrs. Archie White during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Winslow, of Petersburg, Va., spent the week-end as guests of their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Winslow, of Washington, D. C., are spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. U. Winslow.

Merrill Winslow, of Petersburg, Va., spent the week-end with his wife here.

### There's Specie Of Pine For Every Area In State

Choosing the kind of trees to be used in making a forest planting is much like selecting a piece of farm machinery, says R. W. Graeber, Extension forester of N. C. State College. A lot depends upon the kind and condition of the soil, and the purpose for which it will be used.

Trees vary in growth habits according to soil, climate, moisture, and degree of fertility. For instance, the white pine does best in the mountains, the longleaf pine in the sandhills, the shortleaf pine in the Piedmont, and the loblolly pine in the Coastal Plain.

Graeber pointed out that every farm needs fence posts. "If you don't have a suitable supply of durable wood," he says, "perhaps an acre or so of black locust will meet this problem and at the same time, with its strong spreading root system, be of much help in checking erosion. Even the bees will be happy with your choice, as the locust flowers are a source of good quality honey."

In a further discussion of the type of forest planting to make, the Extension specialist said: "Much of the idle land in our State is mighty poor; yet one of our better pines will grow in every section. Pines will furnish us with lumber for constructing the farm buildings and for repairing those we now have, and with fuel wood for heating our homes, cooking our meals, and for curing tobacco in the flue-cured areas."

"Fuel wood is an important crop, since we as farmers use each year a stack of wood four feet wide, four feet high, and 7,000 miles long. Then, too, pines will produce an income from the sale of such products as pulpwood, poles, piling, and saw logs."

### HURDLETOWN

Mrs. Z. D. White and son, Stewart, spent the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Earl Smith, at Berea.

Vivian Hurdle, of Norfolk, Va., spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hurdle.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stallings had as their guests on Friday Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stallings, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Stallings, Mrs. O. K. Twine, Mrs. J. V. Roache, Miss Shirley Hurdle, Wilton Stallings, of Atlanta, Ga., Vick Stallings, Jr., T. M. and Roscoe Stallings and Amy Vann Roache.

Miss Myrtle Howell, Wilbur and Joseph Sumner, of Norfolk, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Sumner and children, of Hertford, spent Christmas with Mrs. Nellie Sumner.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stallings and son, Ernest Carey, and Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Stallings spent Thursday at Winfall as guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Roache.

Thomas Hurdle, U. S. A., Fort Meade, Md., spent the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. Tom Ward and children visit-

ed Mrs. N. S. Hurdle Thursday afternoon.

Miss Maggie Lane spent Saturday night with Miss Lena Baccus.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Morgan and children, of Cumberland, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stallings Friday evening.

Miss Leona Baccus visited Miss Eleanor Jordan, of Snow Hill, during the holidays.

Misses Maggie and Bessie Anne Lane visited Miss Shirley Hurdle on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Z. D. White returned home Saturday morning after spending some time with her brother, Ambrose Turner, of Sandy Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Roache and daughter, Amy Vann, and Vick Stallings, of Winfall; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stallings and Ernest Carey Stallings were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Stallings Christmas Day.

Miss Shirley Hurdle spent Sunday with Misses Maggie and Bessie Anne Lane.

Hillary Scaff spent Thursday night with Eugene Hurdle.

Mrs. Nellie Sumner and Mrs. J. H. Scaff visited Mrs. C. M. Hurdle on Thursday afternoon.

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