

THIS BUSINESS OF Living

BY
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God HAS Blessed America

If you were standing somewhere outside the world and were told you could choose any country on earth to live in, which one would you, as a woman, pick? Where would you find the greatest amount of personal freedom for yourself . . . the widest range of opportunities for your children . . . the highest standard of living for your family and the most recognition for you as an individual?

The answer is not hard to guess. You would choose America! Everything about this big, new country has combined to make it serve the individual in his or her "pursuit of happiness." Its vast wealth . . . its variety of climate . . . and above all, its form of government "of the people, by the people and for the people" makes this the best country in the world for women.

The state, in our democracy, exists for the sake of the individual and not the individual for the sake of the state, as in a totalitarian country. The result is a nation of independent, hopeful, ambitious, fearless men and women and rosy children who look forward to a life of the kind they choose to live.

And perhaps that is the most important thing about America in these fearful days. If your son wants to go into business, he may do so. If he wants to be an electrical engineer that, too, is all right. But in a totalitarian country all boys must be fitted into the same pattern. If you have a short wave radio set you and your friends can listen to programs from all over the world. In dictator ridden countries they must listen only to the programs approved by the state. You read what you please and can get hold of. You say what you please, "right out in meetin'" if you have the courage to stand up in front of your club or your school or Sunday School. In dictator countries you may be arrested for the things you say, even to members of your own family in the privacy of your own home. You can go to church if you like and to what ever church you choose. In totalitarian states religious freedom is a thing of the past. You can save money . . . if you can, at least a little of it almost every month, while in dictator countries more and more of it is confiscated by the state. Probably you have a car and so where you please. Only a few of the very rich women of a dictator country have cars and even

they can't go where they please.

And—very important, too—you standard of living is such that you can buy more of the good and necessary things of life than people in other lands. Better goods, and more of them—and a wider choice of goods—all made possible by a free system of industrial enterprise unlike that in other lands.

It's a great country we live in—broad in fertile acres—rich in resources and a free government, blessed by God!

Former Perquimans Man Dies In Texas

Word was received here last week of the death of W. A. Holley, former resident of Perquimans, but who for the past number of years has been residing at Brownsville, Texas. Death occurred at the late home.

WHITESTON CLUB MEETS

The Whiteston Home Demonstration Club met Thursday night, March 6, with Mrs. Ellis Stallings at her home. The meeting was called to order by the president and the club members sang "America, the Beautiful," after which the Collect was repeated. The secretary called the roll and read the minutes of the February meeting.

During the business meeting Miss Frances Maness explained the new Cotton Stamp program and the garden programs.

Mrs. Ellis Stallings gave an interesting and helpful reading on Spring Styles.

Miss Maness' demonstration was on curtains and draperies, showing various materials and correct ways to hang them.

During the social hour Miss Della Winslow conducted a contest on "What His Wife Should Wear." The contest served fruit and candy.

Those present were Mrs. Jarvis Overman, Mrs. Arba Winslow, Mrs. Mercer Winslow, Mrs. Charlie Baker, Mrs. DeWitt Winslow, Mrs. Leonidas Lane, Mrs. Roy Winslow, Misses Lucille Lane, Della Winslow, Lena Winslow, Frances Maness and Annie Winslow.

Superior people are necessary, but we common folks don't like for them to keep reminding us of their superiority.

State Now Tops In Yam Growing

Raleigh, March 12.—North Carolina now holds the rank of Number One sweet potato producing state in the Nation, W. T. Wesson, junior, statistician of the State Department of Agriculture, said today.

"Farmers achieved first place in sweet potato production despite the fact that the 1940 crop of 7,104,000 bushels was the smallest since 1936 and more than 21 per cent under the 1939 crop of 8,674,000," he added. "The 1940 acreage was reduced by four per cent compared with 1939 while the per acre yield last year of 96 bushels was 16 bushels under 1939."

He explained that "normally, 50 per cent of the State's sweet potato crop is used on the farm, 33 per cent is sold and the remaining 12 per cent is used for other purposes."

Growers during the five-year (1934-1939) period, sold an average of 2,722,000 bushels of sweet potatoes a year and consumed 4,630,000 bushels a year in the farm household, while the average gross income over the same period was \$5,228,000 per year.

"The sweet potato is strictly a southern crop and in North Carolina is grown primarily in the eastern counties, where the light soil is best suited for production," Wesson added. The counties leading production are: Columbus, Johnston, Davidson, Duplin, Sampson, and Robeson.

"The value of the State's 1940 sweet potato crop was estimated at \$5,328,000, or five per cent less than the value of the 1939 crop of \$5,606,000. North Carolina farmers received an average price of 75 cents per bushel last year compared with the 1939 price of 65 cents per bushel. The decline in value of last year's crop is accounted for by the production decline in 1940 compared with 1939."

"For the United States, the 1940 production was estimated at 61,998,000 bushels or about 17 per cent smaller than the 1939 production of 72,679,000 bushels. Last year's decline in production resulted from a smaller acreage harvested in 1940, accompanied by reduced yields in many of the sweet potato producing states."

HONORED AT SHOWER

Miss Blanche Cartwright and Mrs. Lela Mae Winslow delightfully entertained on Wednesday evening at their home on Route Three, Hertford, at a miscellaneous shower honoring Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Cartwright, who were recently married. Mrs. Cartwright was formerly Miss Frances Perry, of Woodville.

During the evening games and contests afforded much amusement, with Mrs. Ralph Harrell, Mrs. Elmer Wood, Mrs. Floyd Matthews, Miss Eleanor Eure and Miss Maxine Harrell winning prizes.

The honorees received many useful and beautiful gifts which they graciously acknowledged.

The hostesses served ice cream, cake and salted nuts.

Those present and sending gifts were: Mesdames George Jordan, Carson Jordan, Ashby Jordan, Will Everett, Elmer Wood, Mary Keaton, J. T. Wood, E. D. Matthews, Floyd Matthews, Marvin Benton, Mason Sawyer, John Harrell, Benjamin Smith, Roscoe Smith, Robert Perry, J. H. Harrell and Annie Lane, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. Moody Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. George Eure, Mr. and Mrs. William Whedbee, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Cartwright, Misses Eunice Harrell, Maxine Harrell, Ida Perry Matthews, Maude Cartwright, Hazel Matthews, Eleanor Eure, Lucille Dale, Elizabeth Dail, Evelyn Harrell, Elizabeth Lane, Lucille Cartwright, Barbara Lee Sawyer, Jean Whedbee, Marjorie Whedbee, and Vernon Harrell, Ronald Harrell, Curtis Eure, Martin Sawyer, John Marvin Benton, Mrs. Lela Mae Winslow, Miss Blanche Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Cartwright, Jr.

MRS. JACKSON HOSTESS TO HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The Chapanoke Home Demonstration Club held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 4, at the home of Mrs. G. W. Jackson with Mrs. W. T. Lewis presiding. Mrs. C. P. Quincy gave a talk on Fashions, and Miss Frances Maness gave a timely and interesting demonstration on Window Curtains and Draperies. Mrs. Johnnie Bray discussed several subjects of interest gathered from a meeting which she recently attended in Hertford. Mrs. A. R. Cooke led a contest and Miss Beulah Bogue won the prize.

The hostess served dainty refreshments to the following guests: Mesdames J. C. Wilson, C. P. Quincy, John Asbell, Emmett Stallings, A. R. Cooke, Tullie Russell, J. A. Bray, Grace Lockett, Elihu Lane, W. H. Overman, W. T. Lewis and R. L. Stallings, Misses Frances Maness, Alice Ferrell, Margaret Bogue, Ruby Lane and Beulah Bogue.

Mrs. W. T. Lewis will be hostess to the club in April.

Ginnings BY COTTON JOE



It takes an honest man to be a good cotton farmer . . . somehow the soil has a way of catchin' up with them that ain't honest. An' it helps to have gumption too — enough gumption anyhow to buy what he grows.

Put Farm Machinery In Shape, Says Weaver

Occasional bright sunshiny days remind farmers that spring and the 1941 cropping season will soon be here. D. S. Weaver, head of the agricultural engineering department at State College, says now is the time to get the farm machinery needed for spring and summer work in good shape.

Waiting until the machine is needed is very poor business, he states. It takes a little while to order and obtain repair parts, and, consequently, this job can best be done at this season before the rush begins.

Weaver says every good farmer has a shop where minor repairs to plows, combines, tractors, and other equipment can be accomplished quickly and economically. With the number of blacksmith shops in the communities diminishing, it is more and more important that the farmer make his repairs in his own farm shop.

The coming of electricity into rural areas through cooperative lines not only provides light for dark winter days, but furnishes a source of power for such operations as sawing, drilling, and grinding.

The State College engineer reports that numerous farmers make an inventory of needed repairs to machinery at this season. They line up their equipment and go over it, piece by piece, with a memorandum pad and pencil in hand. Each working part is examined for breakage, damage, and need of sharpening. After a list of all the repairs has been made, it is easy to check those which require the purchase of new parts, and to begin actual work on those that can be repaired in the farm shop.

"The efficiency of a farmer," declared Weaver, "is largely determined by the quality of tools he uses. Blunt-edged tools cannot result in quality work or efficient use of labor."

FRANCE'S RAGGED REGIMENT OF AVENGERS

How miserable mendicants of France's once-gay capital have banded together in their twilight world and have pledged their lives to sabotaging German rule. A thrilling article in the March 23rd issue of

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WOODVILLE NEWS

Chester Bogue, of Suffolk, Va., was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bogue, last week.

Maurice Bogue, of Fort Bragg, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bogue, this week. Mrs. C. P. Banks and Miss Mattie Banks, of New Hope, Misses Wilma and Ruth Banks, of Greensboro, were guests of Mrs. C. A. Bogue on

Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Matthews were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Whedbee Sunday. Misses Mildred and Beulah Bogue attended the show at the Carolina Theatre, Elizabeth City, Thursday. W. E. Bogue, Miss Margaret Bogue, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bogue, of Woodville, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Sharber and Charles Bogue, of Newland, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carson Spivey Sunday.

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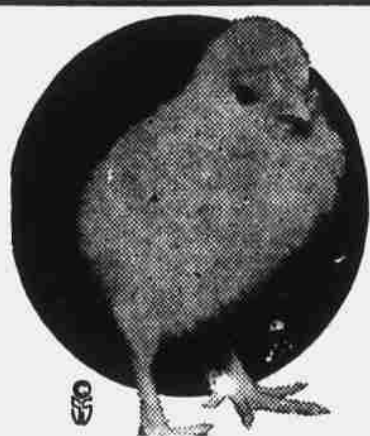
All candidates who wish to run for the offices of commissioner or mayor for the Town of Hertford must file their notices of candidacy on or before April 17th. The filing fee is five dollars, which is to be paid to the Town Clerk at the time of filing notice of candidacy.

The primary for the Town of Hertford will be held on April 28, 1941. The General Town Election will be held on May 6th.

The number of commissioners to be elected will be four.

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By W. G. NEWBY, Clerk



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