

Patterson Grove News

By Alice Burton, 7th Grade,
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Mr. and Mrs. Earl Falls announce the birth of a son, Robert Earl, Sunday, April 10th.

A large number of people visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Huffstetter's tulip garden last weekend. They have a large variety of tulips and

Miss Maggie Lee Carroll visited her cousin, Mr. Mitch Johnson in a Charlotte hospital last Thursday. While she was there the Charlotte Observer's candid cameraman snapped her picture.

Mr. Frank Ware has been confined to his bed for several days.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Burton and family Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Greene and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Greene of the Phenix Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Neeley and daughter, and Mrs. Ruby Coffee of Fort Mills, S. C.

The Goodwill Flyers of New York were at the Herd's airport Sunday. Among those who took an airplane ride for the first time were Misses Kathleen Goforth and Willodean Throneburg.

Makes A Living On 26 Acres of Land

J. R. Puckett, of Charlotte, route 9 Mecklenburg County, has answered the question as to whether a man can make a living on 26 acres of land.

True it is that Mr. Puckett does not have all of the luxuries that a more extended holding would allow but he has a neat farm home, a good barn, 50 hens, three milk cows, two mules, four hogs, a garden and a soil that is gradually becoming more fertile through the years. The secret is that his land is entirely covered with green crops through the winter, the fields are well terraced and there is a balance of soil improving and cash crops on the limited acreage.

I have been living here 45 years, Mr. Puckett said, and have been maintaining the home for my mother. I am now working in cooperation with the Soil Conservation Service in this area and they have helped me recently in building better terraces and in planting certain pasture and soiling crops. Last year I had four acres in cotton on which I made a bale or more per acre; six acres in corn with an average yield of from 30 to 40 bushels; five acres in wheat from which I sold \$90 worth last season, and 3 or 4 acres of oats used for feed.

Mr. Puckett's wheat, by the way, weighed 61 pounds to the bushel in spite of the poor season. He has all of his cotton land covered with bur clover. His pasture is seeded to a mixture of orchard grass, red top, red clover and alsike clover. Lespedeza has been seeded in the small grain and Austrian peas is used as a winter cover crop. Phosphate and limestone has been used on much of the land and strip cropping is followed on the steeper slopes.

Honored On Birthday

Misses Ruth and Lillian Moss were dinner hostesses on last Friday evening at 8:30, honoring Mr. David Ware, of Gastonia, on his birthday anniversary.

Covers were laid for Mr. David Ware and Mr. Cecil Rogers of Gastonia, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Yarboro, Misses Ruth, Lillian and Marie Moss of Kings Mountain.



Houser Candidate For Clerk Of Court

E. A. Houser, Jr., of Shelby, is a candidate for Clerk of the Superior Court of Cleveland County. Mr. Houser is 38 years old and a native of Cleveland County. He has had several years experience in accounting which will enable him to serve in the office he seeks.

Mr. Houser attended Trinity College, now Duke University, and the University of North Carolina. He served in army air service and is a former commander of the Shelby Legion Post.

Mr. Houser was in Kings Mountain last week, shaking hands and meeting some of the voters in this part of the county.

Poultrymen Urged To Retain Layers

Selling off laying hens in the face of advancing egg prices during spring months is a common practice among North Carolina poultrymen, according to C. F. Parrish, extension poultry specialist at State College.

Strict culling is nearly always profitable, but disposing of the entire flock when the price of hens begins to increase usually results in an ultimate loss.

Parrish suggests that poultrymen go through their flocks and select and sell the birds that are not laying, those that have become broody, overly heavy hens, or those that give indication of laying only a few eggs a week. Then the better hens can be retained in the flock until late summer or early fall. In fact, it is always a good practice to keep good, heavy-laying hens any year. A bird that will produce 18 to 24 eggs a month during the spring will make a return above feed costs even though the price of eggs falls as low as one cent each.

Because spring is a busy time for the farmer, many feel they cannot give their flocks the proper attention. Parrish suggests that the flocks be turned over to the children, who will soon be out of school. Besides giving them something definite to work with, they will have a chance to make several dollars before they return to school in the fall.

Move landscaping of farm homes has been done in Rutherford County during the past winter than in any two seasons heretofore, says the county agent.

Farm Questions Answered

Q.—What is the best fertilizer for early sweet potatoes?

A.—Where the early crop is grown on sandy soils a mixture of three per cent nitrogen, eight per cent phosphoric acid, and eight per cent potash, applied at the rate of 1,000 to 1,200 pounds an acre is recommended.

One-half should be applied before planting and the remaining fertilizer put on as a side application soon after the plants are well rooted. Lime is not recommended for sweet potato soils, nor should stable manure be used in the ridge.

Q.—Why is it that my broilers do not feather out properly?

A.—Early feathering is an inherited characteristic and, while diet and humidity are related to feathering, if this factor is not established in the breeders it is difficult to bring it out by careful management. If the trouble is consistent in a number of lots of chicks, it would be best to discard the breeding stock, be sure that the parent flock has this characteristic as well as size and shape so necessary in broiler production.

Q.—How can I control blight on my apple trees?

A.—Recent experiments have shown that one pound of copper sulphate, also known as bluestone, and two pounds of chemical grade hydrated lime in fifty gallons of water applied when the trees are in full bloom, will give definite benefits of

DIXON NEWS

(By Charles E. Stewart)

There will be all night prayer meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Green Saturday night April 16.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Randall and family of Gastonia were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Whitney Wells Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Gore of near Kings Mountain spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Gore.

Mr. Harley Wells of Fort Bragg is home on a thirty days furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Painter and son Charles, and Mrs. Theodore Moss of Kings Mountain were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Gore Sunday evening.

Way Stewart who has been ill with tonsillitis last week is much better at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hambright and daughter, Alleene, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stewart Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Childers and child Greg spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Farris.

A 4-H recreation school will be held in Kinston on May 9 to 12. Club leaders from surrounding counties are planning to attend.

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