

**BARKING SKETCHES OF OAK GROVE NEWS**

By Mrs. William Wright

Mr. Jack Ware and T-Sgt. Walter Ware spent the week end in Maxton, N. C. visiting in the home of their sister, Mrs. W. F. Stone, Jr. and Mr. Stone.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Champion had on their guests during the week end Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bridges and daughters, Carolyn Ruth and Janice of Kings Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. James S. Ware were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvannus Greene and daughter, Mary Elizabeth, of Shelby.

Mr. Menzell Phifer of Kings Mountain and Miss Pauline Ware spent Sunday afternoon in Hickory with friends.

Mrs. Edith Harmon of Gaffney, S. C., spent Tuesday with her sister, Mrs. Ethel Randall and Mr. Randall. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bell are announcing the birth of a son, Mickey Eugene, November 6th.

Mrs. Horace Bell and daughter, Carolyn and Nancy, and the scribe were visitors in Gastonia Friday.

**SOIL CONSERVATION NEWS**  
J. S. Ware, Patterson Grove community, has seeded a mixture of small grain and Italian rye grass as a winter cover crop. The alfalfa which Mr. Ware seeded several weeks ago is well established with an excellent stand.

Frank Ware, also of the Patterson Grove community, has seeded out in his leavedeza sericea water disposal area which he will harvest for hay next spring. This practice will not injure the stand of sericea or its effectiveness in controlling erosion in the water disposal.

In 1944, William A. Wright of Oak Grove community worked out with the Broad River soil conservation district a soil conservation farm plan for his farm. The plan called for a natural draw to be seeded to sericea and to be used as a terrace water disposal area. This area also be a source from which an income could be harvested in the form of seed and hay. Mr. Wright says: "Where you have sericea you don't have any soil washing away. This year I have harvested hay from my meadow strip and intend to harvest seed from its present growth. Sericea is a fine crop and I plan to seed a sericea border strip around all of my fields, wide enough to at-

**LOOKING AHEAD**  
by **GEORGE S. BENSON**  
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**London Today**

England suffered much during the war. Many blocks in the heart of the great city of London, completely razed by the Nazi "Luftwaffe," remain unrepaired. All parts of the city sustained scattered damage from the raids. They took much punishment bravely, and they are industriously setting about to repair their country.

Perhaps it is partly Britain's proximity to continental troublemakers and the consequent disaster, although some of these trouble spots have been pawned as well as threat during her history, that gives the people such an awareness of foreign relations. They have learned the defenses that are usually provided by a good foreign office, and have developed shrewd international statesmen. There is little apparent disunity in their foreign policy. Nonetheless, war came to them.

**Price Records Must Be Kept, Says OPA**

RALEIGH. — Businessmen in North Carolina whose prices were formerly under government control must retain their records for one year after the date on which that commodity or field was decontrolled, OPA District Director Theodore S. Johnson announced today.

Records of prices paid and received invoices, bills of lading and other pertinent information concerning prices, previously required by OPA orders, must be kept available "for the businessman's own protection as well as for possible use" by OPA," Johnson stated.

Veterans Administration has completed arrangements to provide special orthopedic footwear for veterans with service-connected foot disabilities.

**Record Corn Crop Expected**

RALEIGH. — The State Agriculture Department finds that indications point to a State corn crop of 56,706,900 bushels this year. This is a crop two per cent larger than the 55,650,

600 bushels grown in North Carolina in 1945 and 17 percent larger than the 10-year average of 48,367,026 bushels.

The 1946 yield, estimated at 26 bushels per acre, is one bushel larger than the record high yield production last year.

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Mrs. Edith Wright was the Tuesday guest of Mrs. H. T. Wright.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

**A Lesson In Conservation**

We were sitting on Bill Webster's porch the other night, chatting over a glass of beer—when the talk turned to forest preservation, soil erosion, and other things that affect a farming community.

Judge Cunningham speaks up: "It's all right to worry about conserving our natural resources," he says, "but there's a far bigger question when it comes to conservation—and that's preserving our democratic way of life, our sense of personal freedom, our respect for one another's rights."

From where I sit, the Judge is right. All America's great resources, our abundant natural wealth, are lost the minute we lose the right to work them as free people in a free land!

Whenever you see or hear of an encroachment on our rights—whether it's the right to free speech, or the right to vote as we see fit, or the right to enjoy a friendly glass of beer in licensed, law-abiding places... watch out!

Joe Marsh

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construction in Britain is moving slowly. A long time will be required for complete rebuilding, even of her damaged streets and destroyed buildings. Materials are short, and rationing diverts most materials into home building, which is proceeding slowly also.

**Rationing Slow-Down**  
Most Britons feel that rationing of materials has slowed production. The government is meticulous about "filling out forms" and the proper different type of building material. Sometimes brickwork must stop because the bureau controlling glass has not approved and returned the forms for buying windows.

The London press announced while I was there that building contractors were being granted extra gasoline rations because of the additional travel required to get their numerous forms filled out and circulated to wholesalers and retailers, which they found necessary to do in order to complete a building.

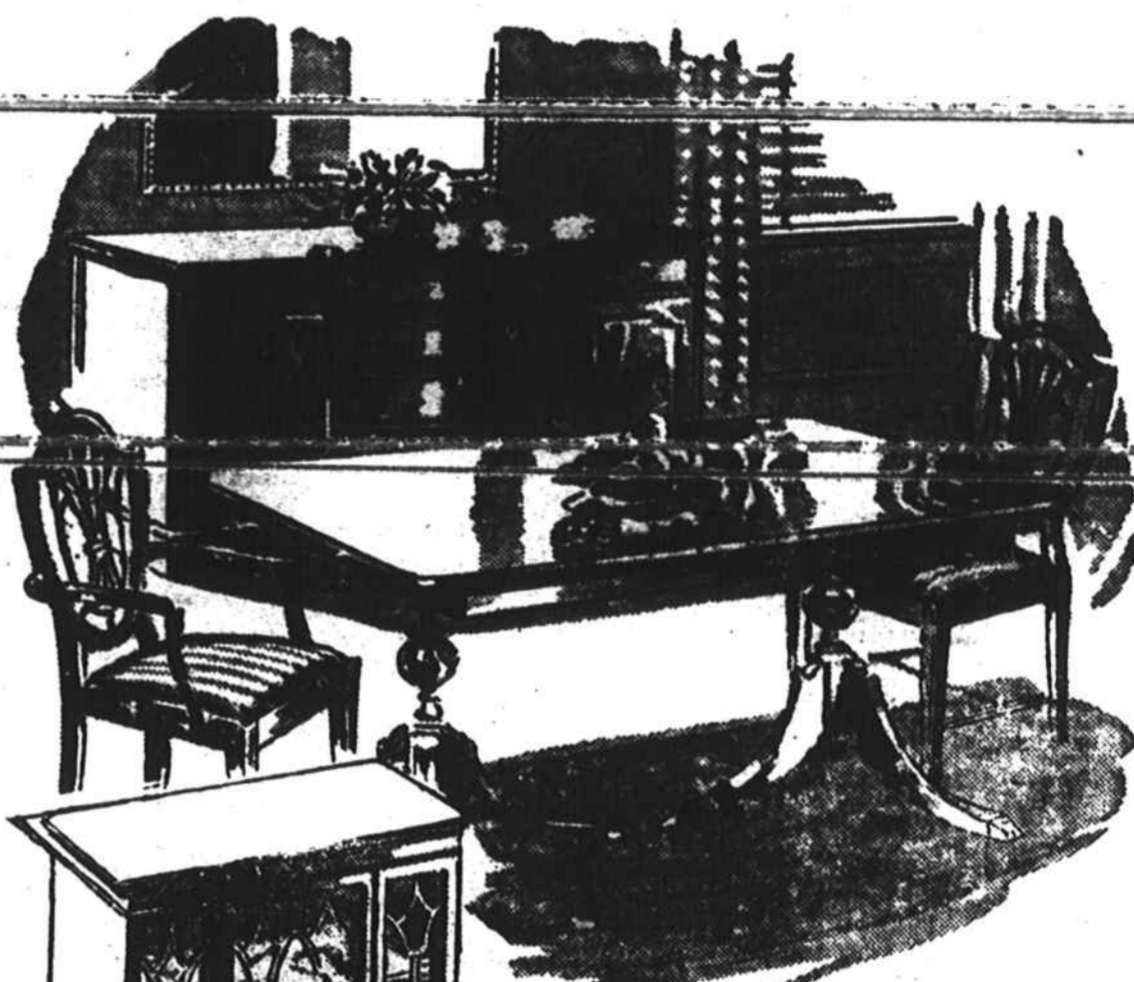
All rationing seems to move slowly. For instance, I had to obtain food points to give the hotel for the week I was in London. Upon the advice of the hotel manager that I should report at the rationing office when the doors opened at nine o'clock, I arrived at 8:45 and found a long queue already waiting. Eventually I found myself in a special room for foreign visitors, with only a few of the waiting applicants, and had to wait only about an hour. The speed of the ration clerks reminded me of some of our own paid clerks during the war: it was evident they were not paid by the number of customers they served and that they had no fear of competition.

**Queues and Bread**  
England is experiencing a greater shortage of food, clothing, and gasoline than during the war, and therefore rationing has not been eliminated. On the contrary, some items are now rationed which were not under rationing during the war. Queues of from 50 to 300 people were constantly on the streets, at most all hours, waiting to get rationed articles.

I was actually hungry every day I spent in England. Bread counts as one of the three courses available for a London dinner, and if bread is ordered this eliminates either the soup or sweet. During my last day in London a hotel waiter was fined \$30 for inadvertently putting a roll on the table for each of two men who had not ordered bread. They chanced to be inspectors.

In crossing breeds of chickens for broiler purposes, the poultry producer should be sure to use only breeding stock that will give the desired type of broiler.

The athletic program in Veterans Administration hospitals is designed to hasten the return of veteran-patients to normal life.



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