

# Young Extension Program Taking Hold In Columbus C'ty

## Progress In Columbus Began In 1953 With Coming Of Spaulding

WHITEVILLE — John M. Spaulding, a native of Columbus County, accepted the job as Negro County Agent in 1953. There had not been any Negro Extension Workers in the county prior to Spaulding's coming in several years.

Columbus County is located in the Southeastern District, bounded by Robeson, Bladen and New Hanover Counties. It also joins the state of South Carolina. The county is noted for its tobacco, sweet potatoes and sweet potato products. Columbus Co. is the third largest county in the state with a total population of approximately 50,621 and a total Negro population of 17,160. There are 18,114 farm families and 37,160 persons engaged in agricultural or other work. The average size of farms in Columbus County is 10.4 acres with the average cropland of 19 acres per farm. The average number of persons per farm is 2.6. The average size of farms and the number of persons per farm are about the same. White and Negro families make up 27 percent of the population in the county in the state with a total

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Five cured tobacco accounts for approximately 75 per cent of the farm income in the county, however, many of our Negro families find jobs at the tobacco markets, potato markets, canneries and many of the women work in Whiteville as domestic workers.

Sweet potatoes are considered one of our cash crops too. In addition to the 75 per cent income that comes from tobacco, the county is also suitable for the growth of many other farm crops and commodities, namely, sweet potatoes, strawberries, corn and other small grains, peanuts, cotton, soybeans, pecans, cattle, hogs and poultry.

Columbus County is also located in an area where the farmers can grow a good year-round garden, and this is being emphasized more and more.

In 7 of our organized communities you will find Home Demonstration Work with 135 members being carried on by local adult leaders with Dorothy Valentine as Home Demonstration Agent. Miss Valentine came to the county as Home Agent on September 17, 1955. She was the first Home Agent the county has had in 31 years. She is a native of Due West, S. C. and a graduate of A and T College in Greensboro, N. C.

Community Development Clubs have been started in 3 of the communities, namely, Mt. Olive, N. C. and Hillsboro. This program is being carried on by the Farm and Home Agents and agricultural workers. Although Community Development is relatively new in the county, it is not surprising to drive through the communities and notice the well-constructed painted mail boxes and signs, beautiful lawns and well screened houses and good outdoor sanitary toilets as a result of the Community Development Organization.

Recently 6 families enrolled in the farm income contest and much progress is being made as a result.

4-H Club work in the county is also making headlines with 13 organized clubs in the county with 1,000 4-H Club members. Monthly educational demonstrations are carried to the schools. Recently 4-Hers engaged in the District Dairy Cattle Show. They are also making plans for their poultry show and sale and their State Fair exhibit. Adult leaders again play an important part in the making an important part.

### Cary News

By MISS MAE N. HOPSON

CARY — Revival services were held the week of August 26th at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church. The guest speaker for these services was the Rev. J. R. Burt of Raleigh. There were twelve added to the spiritual side of life. Rev. Isaac Lee is pastor.

Sunday, September 1st, the Rev. J. M. Burrell, pastor of the Congregational Christian Church, delivered a very spiritual message at the Sunday morning services. This message was taken from Acts 19th and 20th verses. "He said unto them, etc. Theme: 'Do you have the Spirit?' The audience was very much inspired by this great message. Visitors were Miss Carolyn Bullock, Maxine Bine and Theresa Kearney of Greensboro and High Point, and Mr. James Beckwith of Richmond, Va.

PERSONALS  
Mrs. Alma Jones and Mrs. Lillie Mae Coad and little daughter, Linda, have returned home after spending some time in New York visiting Mrs. Jones' son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Jones, Jr. and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Ann Pollard of 202 Ferrill St. has returned home after spending the week in Wilmington with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Pollard.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Morgan of Green Level Road, had as their recent guests their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Morgan, Jr. and children, David and Robena, of Maryland, and a nephew Mr. Howard Turner, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Miss Sallie E. Jones has returned home after attending summer school in Indiana at the University where she has resumed her duties at Goldsboro, where she is a member of the faculty of Dillard High School.

Mr. Tommy Cotton of New York has returned home after visiting his brother, Messrs. Clarence and Charlie Cotton of 391 South Walker Street.

Master Raymond W. Baze and little sister, Gwendolyn, of Newport News, Va. have returned home after spending their summer vacation with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hopson and other relatives.

Mrs. Estelle W. Burrell of 815 North Academy St. has as her guest her brother and sister-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. A. L. White of Morganton. While here they motored to Rocky Point, visiting their mother, Rev. and Mrs. George White.

After spending the summer with her aunt, Mrs. Benetta Statten Boyd of 2015 Oakley Road, 207 Boyd St. Miss Benetta Statten has returned to New York, N. Y.

After spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Woods, Mrs. Beatrix Brandon and little daughter, Devana, have returned to their home in New York.

While on furlough, A. C. Lather, W. Powell of the U. S. Air Force, Dover, Delaware, was the weekend guest of Miss Marion Fay Morgan in Brooklyn, N. Y., where she is spending the summer with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Mason.

Master Roland Mason of Brooklyn, N. Y. has returned to his home after spending the summer with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Evans on Green Level Road.

DEATH  
Friends here are in sympathy with the families of Dr. David A. Blake of Chicago, Ill. for the passing of his wife, Mrs. Grace Blake recently. Also the Evans family in the passing of their brother, Mr. Price Evans, who also died in Chicago, Ill. Both are formerly of this community.

A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK  
There is therefore now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

## Whiteville Superintendent Tells Of Growth In The City's Schools

WHITEVILLE — The educational story of Whiteville's city school is one that is proudly told by L. E. Burton, superintendent. He begins by saying that he has his principal to thank when he was interviewed by the school news.

Commercial courses are offered along with other college preparatory courses.

Central has a full-time librarian and is one of the few schools that have a public school music teacher. Mr. Belton has a full-time secretary. The extra-curricular activities include basketball for girls and boys, baseball for boys and intramural sports. It is reported to have a well rounded athletics program together with a chess club, a band and a commercial club. A new bus has just been purchased and the band was recently equipped with new uniforms.

There are 37 teachers on the faculty and an enrollment of more than 1,000. The school offers courses of science including biology and chemistry. The science department is one of the best equipped in this section. It also has a full-time agricultural program along with a fine Home Economics department.

Junior Haywood Taylor of 510 Lindsay St., Greensboro, N. C. It was little Percilla's first week in school where she, along with several other kids must walk a mile (more or less) to school due to some kind of a law which prohibits children in her section from riding the school bus.

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found a man to replace Brown. He soon struck up on J. E. Belton, who had been in Duplin County for 12 years and headed the school at Weaheav for five years. He took over the reins at Central High here two weeks ago. He was born in Rock Hill, S. C. and is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University. He also holds a Masters degree from the University of Michigan.

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The physical plant represents 30 classrooms, located in 6 buildings. A new lunchroom with a seating capacity of 200, was opened during the 1956-57 session. A new gymnasium has increased the possibilities of athletics. A new primary building was also opened during the last school year with six rooms. Additional ground has been bought and further expansion is in the making.

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### Hillsboro News



**JOHN ROBERTS MCCAULEY**  
HILLSBORO — Little John Roberts (Joe Louis) McCauley, 12, was seriously injured Tues. Afternoon in mid-town Hillsboro when he attempted to cross the street behind a passing truck that obstructed his view of the approaching car driven by Mrs. Dorothy Ellison of Etland.

John is in a serious condition and not expected to live. He was a seventh grade student at Central High School and son of Mrs. Gary McCauley.

**LITTLE PERCILLA JONES KILLED ON HIGHWAY**  
Little Percilla Jones, a six year old first grade student at Central High School was struck down Monday evening around four o'clock as she attempted to cross the busy highway number 70 on her way home from school.

The death car was driven by

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